

2020: KSI Year in Review

Better Policies Better Lives



The Review



Jana Hertz
Team Leader,
Knowledge Sector Initiative

Greetings,

The outbreak of COVID-19 in Indonesia in March 2020 underscored the importance and relevance of Knowledge Sector Initiative (KSI)'s core mandate – evidence-based policymaking. KSI responded to the sense of urgency around COVID-19 and implemented a “whole of programme” response to COVID-19, pivoting resources to COVID-19 related research and policies. In doing so, KSI together with our stakeholders, intensified efforts to ensure that a healthy knowledge and innovation ecosystem would be in place to respond to future pandemics and other pressing global issues affecting Indonesia. This was done through support for the Indonesian knowledge and innovation ecosystem blueprint led by the Ministry of National Development Planning (Bappenas), Ministry of Research and Technology/National Research and Innovation Agency (Kemenristek/BRIN) and Ministry of Administrative and Bureaucratic Reform (KemenPANRB)).

Regarding research funding, KSI supported the effective management of endowment funds through clearer understanding of the separation between investment and programmatic research funds for Indonesia's research endowment fund. Furthermore, KSI supported collaboration between the government and Policy Research Institutes (PRIs)/ Civil Society Organisations through technical assistance for increased utilisation of the procurement regulation (Swakelola Tipe III) for this purpose.

In the Knowledge Collaboration and Management programme area, KSI supported Bappenas in developing the Knowledge Management blueprint which will be used as a reference for Bappenas Knowledge Management implementation. The evaluation results from the 2019 Indonesia Development Forum (IDF) demonstrated high levels of collaboration at the forum and significant indications of ongoing collaboration after the

forum. To maintain knowledge collaboration during the pandemic, Bappenas has kept the momentum going through the online RIDF (Road to IDF). Meanwhile, as KSI support to KRISNA development planning and budgeting database is phasing out in 2020, Bappenas is in a strong position to adapt and replicate the policy analysis dashboards for additional directorates and implement sustainability recommendations.

Knowledge Production is paramount for a healthy knowledge and innovation ecosystem. Policy Research Institutes (PRIs) were productive, producing over 350 knowledge products on COVID-19 alone and with all institutes reporting policy influence from the policy research in their respective sectors. PRIs along with the Indonesian Young Science Academy (ALMI) conducted joint advocacy for streamlining research permits and ethics clearance for international research collaboration. In the meantime, Kemenristek/BRIN continues to promote more GESI research.

KSI's public outreach has become a trademark feature of its work, especially the series on COVID-19. KSI is addressing a knowledge gap by “agenda setting” - bringing important topics to the attention of the public and our targeted stakeholders through top-tier national media, high-level webinars, KSIxChange & KSI4RDI (Research, Development, and Innovation).

In the final year of implementation, KSI will focus on institutionalisation of the knowledge and innovation ecosystem blueprint in support of Indonesia's trajectory to a knowledge economy, as well as the sustainability of knowledge-to-policy reforms, contributing to a healthy knowledge.



Research Governance and Funding

Research Governance

Study on effectiveness & efficiency of Balitbang budget informed Ministry of Finance (Kemenkeu) decision on refinement of R&D planning & budgeting process



Research Funding

In 2020, nine organisations, with links to KSI, received Swakelola Tipe III contracts. These contracts were awarded by, among others, The Ministry of Education and Culture (Kemendikbud), The Ministry of Social Affairs (Kemensos) and Bappedalitbangda of South Sulawesi



Consensus building and visioning for the Indonesian knowledge and innovation ecosystem for public policy concluded in a **draft blueprint for the knowledge and innovation ecosystem**.

Knowledge and Innovation Ecosystem

The draft-blueprint is led by **three key ministries** (Bappenas, Kemenristek/BRIN, and KemenPANRB) as well as **key non-state actors** such as PRIs and the private sector.

Indonesia Maju 2045

Sub National

Stakeholders in South Sulawesi (local government, universities, and NGOs) agreed to collaborate on a value-chain study of the silk commodity as part of a pilot knowledge to policy project for post-COVID-19 pandemic economic recovery

Research Incentive

16 PRI partners and ALMI formulated a position paper on the arrangements for the ethics clearance process, streamlining international research permits and research data management. The position paper was submitted as an input to Ristek/BRIN for the deliberation of RPP Penyelenggaraan Iptek, one of the implementing regulations of UU Sistas Iptek (Law on National System for Science and Technology).



Knowledge Collaboration & Management

PHASING OUT

National Institute of Public Administration Indonesia (LAN) is leading the development of new guidelines to support ministries in optimizing the utilisation of the **policy analyst functional position (JFAK)**

KRISNA planning and budgeting database is used by directorates for policy analysis. **KRISNA dashboard** was well received by Bappenas for further development, along with **UI-CSGAR policy paper**. [See more](#)



The Knowledge Management (KM) initiative led by Bappenas was followed up with the KM blue-print, draft ministerial regulation (permen) KM Bappenas and design development of the Knowledge Center



IDF is fully managed by Bappenas and continues to promote knowledge-sharing and interaction. [See more](#)

98% of Road to IDF participants gained new knowledge

42% intended to follow up on an issue or person they met during the session



Knowledge Production

Advocacy for the international research permit process to support the implementation of international research collaborations managed by BRIN

PRIs produced more than **350 knowledge products on COVID-19** and 100% of Policy Research Institutes (PRIs) influenced policy processes in their respective sector, **resulting in four policy changes**

Kemenristek/BRIN continues to promote more GESI research, one of which is the launching of the call for proposals for universities

As many as **11 out of 16 PRIs** are conducting research that is sensitive to **gender equality and social inclusion (GESI)**

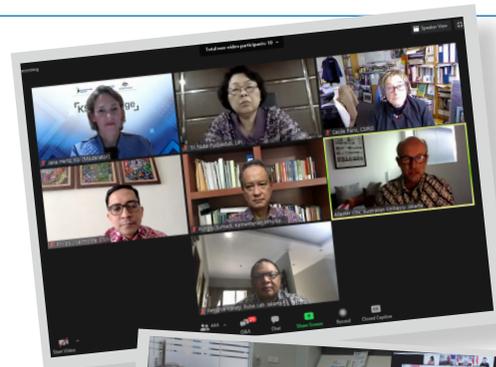




Public Discourse

Discursive commitment is built through High-Level webinars, KSIxChange & KSI4RDI which served as policy dialogues

The media can also play an active role as knowledge intermediaries, helping the public make sense of evidence-based policymaking and surfacing the existing knowledge and evidence to promote such policymaking

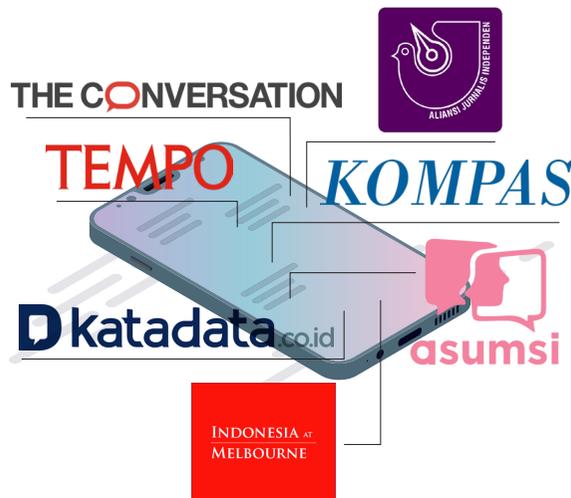


Addressing a knowledge gap by “agenda setting”, bringing important topics to the attention of the public and our targeted stakeholders through:

14 KSIxChange events in 2020, profiling 7 PRI partners, attracting 5,274 attendees and more than 352,200 views on YouTube.

12 KSI4RDI events, attended by 920 people from 9 Ministries/ Gol Agencies, 6 DFAT Programs, 10 Universities, 8 PRIs, & 8 other development partners.

6 podcasts and video blogs (vlog) by content creators (Asumsi Bersuara and Frame & Sentences) had more than 51,823 plays and views

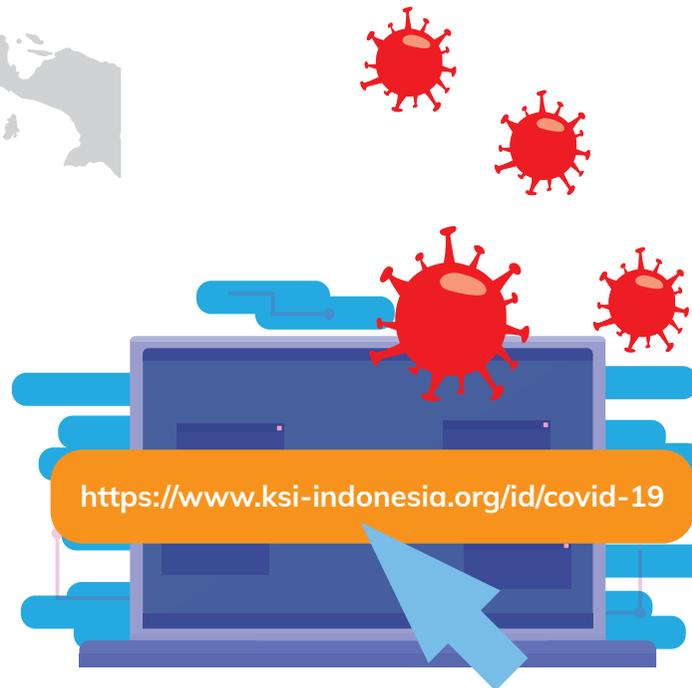


Response to COVID-19 Development Response Plan



KSI is aligned with the **Government of Indonesia's** COVID-19 policy by taking into account seven national development priorities in the 2021 Rencana Kerja dan Anggaran Perusahaan (RKAP) and 2020- 2024 Rencana Pembangunan Jangka Menengah Nasional (RPJMN)

- KSI developed a COVID-19 Resource Center that contains more than 350 knowledge products from KSI partners. Dissemination was carried out through the COVID-19 e-newsletters and compilation of policy briefs
- KSI also supported Kemenristek/BRIN in developing a Research Protocol for the New Normal so that research could continue during the COVID-19 pandemic



KSI is aligned with **DFAT Indonesia's** COVID-19 Development Response Plan to tackle the pandemic through three key focus areas: **Health Security, Economic Recovery, and Stability.**

KSI also strongly supported the two overarching objectives in the COVID-19 Development Response Plan to promote evidence-based policymaking on COVID-19 and strengthen the enabling environment to anticipate future pandemics as follows:

- Provide evidence to inform the Government of Indonesia's policy response to COVID-19
- Strengthening the “enabling environment for research and development and innovation”



FOCUS in 2021



Governance and Research Funding

Ensuring the key principles in policy research funding, inclusion of inter-disciplinary research, and research governance are being implemented



Knowledge Production

Continue providing flexible grants and technical assistance to support PRIs to influence policies and for financial sustainability activities. In addition, KSI will strengthen its support for PRI progressive policy advocacy and plan a PRI conference to share lessons learned



Public Discourse

Focusing on public outreach in order to gain awareness, change perceptions towards the knowledge sector and advocate for key knowledge sector reforms that intend to build policy community



Knowledge Collaboration and Management

Finalisation of the Knowledge Management (KM) Bappenas blueprint documents and institutionalisation of this initiative to ensure the sustainability of IDF and KRISNA



GESI

Develop lessons learned on mainstreaming inclusive research as outlined in the GESI strategy, in collaboration with other DFAT programmes



Subnational

As an example of the knowledge to policy cycle at the subnational level, support use of policy research for provincial policy development on the silk commodity value chain and documentation of lessons learned of the pilot and its dissemination in South Sulawesi and beyond

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



We would like to thank the Counsellor for Poverty and Social Development **Aedan Whyatt** for his support and dedication to KSI and also the tremendous support from K2P team member **Siti Fitriyanti**. We would like to wish them all the best and much success on their new journeys.

We would like to also welcome **Simon Ernst** to his new role to oversee KSI as Counsellor for Development Effectiveness & Sustainability. We look forward to working closely together.

Knowledge Sector Initiative

This year we bid farewell to our dedicated team members **Agnes Raras, Hubertus Gorat, Dian Novianti, Deden Zainuddin, Surya Priyono** and **Heri Heriyawan**.

We greatly appreciated all of their contributions and tremendous support throughout their journey with the knowledge sector family and wish them all the best for the future.

Knowledge Sector Initiative (KSI)

Ratu Plaza Office Tower 9th Floor, Jalan Jenderal Sudirman No. 9
Jakarta 10270 Indonesia

www.ksi-indonesia.org