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Promoting Local Innovations to Improve Inclusive Development

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Kasmiasi (62) could finally smile after her name was listed in the Aceh Health Insurance Program, as well as a beneficiary of a conditional cash transfer from the Ministry of Social Affairs. A resident of Blang Kuta Dua Meunasah village, Bireuen District, Kasmiasi, can now finally access the benefits provided by the government's social security program after her Village Registration Officers assisted in obtaining an official identity card for her.

In 2017, the Village-based Civil Registration Services (LABKD) was adopted by the Bireuen District Government to deliver more accessible civil registration services, including identity cards, to its remote communities. Since then, identity card coverage in Bireuen has reached 90% of vulnerable groups and the poor, particularly women, children, the elderly and people with disabilities, according to Syarbaini, Head of the Aceh Civil Registration and Population Office. Now that they have their official card, those people also have access to basic government services.

"The (LAKBD) initiative is the realisation of inclusive development, in which all communities are included and receive the benefits of the country's development," says Suharso Monoarfa, Minister of the National Development Planning/Head of National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas).

Speaking at a webinar on Local Innovations to Promote Inclusive Basic Services for People with Disabilities in November 2020, Monoarfa also said the government must ensure that all communities, including people with disabilities and other development actors, were engaged throughout the planning, implementation and evaluation phases of development programs.

The Trenggalek District Government in East Java responded to this challenge by holding a special forum known as *Musrena Keren*. The village to district level forum provided opportunities for women, children, people

with disabilities and other vulnerable groups to make suggestions and recommendations on development programs to the local government.

At *Musrena Keren 2020*, Mochamad Nur Arifin, the Trenggalek District Head, expressed his hope for the regional apparatus to be more inclusive. According to Arifin, one of the development priorities in his region is to ensure access to education for 8,000 people with disabilities, including school-aged children.

Access to education is also an issue in the Central Java district of Pekalongan. According to the Integrated Database, 3,494 children dropped out of school in 2018, of which 5.9% were children with disabilities. However, since the launch of *KUDU Sekolah*, or Back to School Movement, by the local government in 2019, 729 students, including children with disabilities, resumed their education.

Participation and collaboration are some of the strategies being used to actualise inclusive development. "Through *KUDU Sekolah*, the government is attempting to reduce the number of out-of-school children through a penta-helix collaboration between district governments, village governments, communities, universities, and businesses," explained Nufliyanti, the Sub-Section Head of Education and Culture of the Pekalongan Regional Development Planning Agency (Bappeda).

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SUHARSO MONOARFA, MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING/HEAD OF BAPPENAS

Maliki, the Director of Poverty Eradication and Community Empowerment at Bappenas, said that Indonesia needed integrated cross-cutting services to encourage self-sufficiency in people with disabilities.

"To that end, participation of people with disabilities, coordination between central and local governments, as well as multi stakeholders engagement that includes communities, enterprises, and other development partners are the key," he elaborated.