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UN - Indonesia Take Stock of Joint Commitment to Leave No One Behind

Annual Bappenas - UN Forum identifies opportunities for future engagement based on the lessons learned and best practices under current partnership framework

JAKARTA, 12 NOV 2020 – The United Nations (UN) team in Indonesia together with the Indonesian Ministry of National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas) met virtually today to take stock and to reflect on the progress of the jointly implemented partnership framework - the United Nations Partnership for Development Framework (UNPDF) 2016-2020. The Bappenas – UN Forum on Development Cooperation provides an avenue for a strategic dialogue and close coordination between the Government of Indonesia and the UN in the context of development cooperation.

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic halting and reversing progress on poverty eradication, food security, gender equality and thereby potentially hampering the achievements of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, participants to the Forum (officials from Bappenas, line ministries, UN agencies and other relevant stakeholders) reflected on ways to weather this storm and recover better together, while leaving no one behind.

In opening remarks, the Minister of National Development Planning/ Chairperson of National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas), H.E. Suharso Monoarfa highlighted: “The Forum is a great opportunity for the Government of Indonesia and the United Nations to discuss challenges and opportunities to recover better from the COVID-19 pandemic and at the same time accelerate the progress on national development priorities and the SDGs 2030”.

Addressing the Forum, UN Resident Coordinator in Indonesia, Ms. Valerie Julliand emphasised: "Given the ambition, complexity and interconnectedness of the SDGs, inclusion, acceleration, and financing will remain essential in the 10 years left to achieve these goals. No one should be left behind, and everyone has a role to play."

At the Forum, the wide-ranging partnership between the Government of Indonesia and the UN have been discussed. This included among others, strengthened collaboration between the two parties and particularly the alignment of the National Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMN 2020-2024) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2021-2025; SDG progress acceleration; ensuring that no one is left behind; and COVID-19 response and recovery.”

Note to editors:

Some of recent example of UN in Indonesia's initiatives in [responding to COVID-19](#) and leaving no one behind:

- UNDP delivered half a million surgical masks valued USD 183 thousand to the Indonesian Government to help protect medical workers.
- WHO and Ministry of Health distribute COVID-19 test kits that can conduct around 108,900 tests to laboratories across the country in the national COVID-19 lab network.
- UNAIDS raised funds to distribute food packages and rent allowances to over 2,000 members of marginalized groups in Indonesia.
- Over 400,000 items of personal protective equipment and 2,000 litres of hand sanitizer were distributed by the IOM to health workers in emergency hospitals and regional general hospitals across the country.
- More than 600 youths from around the country participated in a UNICEF's U-Report poll on mental health & COVID-19 pandemic and organized biweekly online sessions providing mental health and psychosocial support for young people.

About the UN-Indonesia Cooperation Framework

The current five-year partnership framework which will end this year has focused on four main areas: i) Poverty Reduction, Equitable Sustainable Development, Livelihoods & Decent Work; ii) Equitable Access to Social Services and Social Protection; iii) Environmental Sustainability and Enhanced Resilience to Shocks; and iv) Improved Governance and Equitable Access to Justice for All. Gender and youth are cross cutting themes across the four areas. Meanwhile, its successor – the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for 2021-2025, which has already been signed between the Government and the UN in April 2020, will commence implementation by January 2021.

As a result of the reform of the UN Development System, the UNSDCF has been positioned as the single most important UN country planning instrument, responding to national priorities and in support of the 2030 Agenda, with a more robust planning process from which UN Agency country programme priorities are derived.

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