Live Learning Experience: Beyond the Immediate Response to the Outbreak

Equity and Access in times of pandemic

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#BeyondTheOutbreak
How is the COVID 19 emergency affecting inclusion and accessibility in Banjarmasin?

The City of Banjarmasin conduct Large-scale Social Restriction (or PSBB) to prevent massive outbreak of COVID-19. It limits access to all public facilities including public transportation, schools and workplaces; it also restricts congregations for religious purposes, sports, applying protocols for limitation of services like restaurants, malls, also activities like construction. Now the city has reduced the number of public activities significantly, the situation also poses threats to livelihood and economic condition of the most vulnerable groups in the city. Daily workers, many of them are informal, have lost sources of income. In the public health sector, Banjarmasin’s long-term commitment towards groups like PWDs, elderly have prepared the city to act on a targeted action.

We are implementing the strict health protocols and make sure people are staying at home. In response to this health protocol, the City of Banjarmasin collaborate with state-owned companies, schools and universities, micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), and community-based organisations, to produce our own hand sanitizer and face mask -- including see-through face mask for persons with hearing impairment, and distribute it to citizen of Banjarmasin.

The vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities, elderlies, and urban poor, affected by the outbreak face financial issues, therefore the City of Banjarmasin with support from multi-stakeholders prepare Social Safety Net through distribution of assistance e.g. Direct Cash Assistance (BLT) and basic food. To ensure food supply, particularly during Ramadan, the City of Banjarmasin, together with the community, provide public kitchen for residents in need.
Beyond the immediate response to the Outbreak

1. Fostering the **strict health protocol** based on Ministry of Health’s guideline in everyday life of citizen of Banjarmasin and continue campaigning ‘stay-at-home’ during the large-scale social restriction.

2. **Dissemination of information**: timely and factual update of situations using digital technology: official website (corona.banjamasinkota.go.id) and social media.

3. Learning from this current crises, we believe that it is crucial to fostering **data-driven approach** to initiate reliable development planning and budgeting in the future, from reactive to proactive urban development and crisis management.

4. Uncovering new opportunities as **form of resilience**, we could see how the **collaboration** has been supporting each other in the city in a time filled with uncertainties, and how this collaboration is helping us to plan for the future, our New Normal.
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