



Dear Readers,

The fulfilment of children and adolescent rights within the framework of national and local policies is crucial to ensure a brighter future for our young generations. Within this critical framework, one facet demands our unwavering attention – the realm of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) for children and adolescents. A collective awareness among various stakeholders in upholding this issue is vital in protecting our future generations. The synergy between government bodies, educational institutions, families, and communities is essential in creating an environment that offers unwavering support and safety for children and adolescents to access vital Reproductive and Sexual Health Education (RSHE) and youth-friendly services.

Rutgers Indonesia, steadfast in its commitment, continues to champion the engagement of diverse voices to build a community that supports the cause of children and adolescent rights.

Join us as we take stock of our progress in September 2023 – together, we can shape a better future!

Highlights of The Month



Convention on the Rights of the Child Training in Central Lombok

In supporting the integration of the Convention on the Rights of the Child into local policy, Rutgers Indonesia, through the Power To You(th) programme and the Rutgers Lombok, conducted a Convention on the Rights of the Child Training in Central Lombok from September 13-14, 2023. Various stakeholders, including the Integrated Community-Based Child Protection, the Village Children Forum, and the Village Community Empowerment Department, attended this event.

Indonesia stands as a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as per Presidential Decree No. 36 of the year 1990. Consequently, the nation is obliged to recognise and uphold children's rights as stipulated within the Convention. The purpose of this event is to encourage the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in public policies and government programmes, from the village level to the district level in Central Lombok. During the training, social actors are encouraged to analyse the current regulatory landscape and its challenges. Furthermore, discussions aim to formulate the possible future endeavour that each stakeholder can undertake. **[Read more.](#)**

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The Local Cultural Practices Workshop in Supporting Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Violence against children and women is often attributed to traditional and deep-rooted cultural factors. Hence, Rutgers Indonesia, through the Power To You(th) program and SuaR Indonesia, carried out a Local Cultural Practices Workshop in supporting Reproductive Health and Sexuality. The workshop was held on September 6, 2023, in Jember Regency. This event was attended by parents and teachers from local secondary education in Jember Regency.

The main objective of this workshop is to encourage the active involvement of teachers and parents

-in identifying local cultural norms and practices that may either facilitate or hinder the efforts to prevent child marriages, sexual and gender-based violence, and unwanted pregnancies. Participants were engaged in discussions pertaining to parenting approaches, societal values and perspectives, as well as the myths and facts associated with prevailing local cultural norms. As a result, the participants agreed that positive local and modern cultures will be preserved within a constructive framework.

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Rutgers Indonesia in Indonesia Council Open Conference 2023

We are honoured to announce that Rutgers Indonesia was invited to the Indonesia Council Open Conference 2023 (ICOC). The ICOC 2023 is a conference organised by The Sydney Southeast Asia Centre at the University of Sydney and Humanitarian and Development Studies at Western Sydney University, held from September 26–27, 2023. This event serves as a forum for the convergence of academics, researchers, and the general public across diverse disciplines who share a keen interest in cutting-edge research.

In ICOC, Rutgers Indonesia presented "Programs and Collaborations to Enhance the Well-Being of Indonesian Adolescents". This presentation underscores the critical challenges adolescents face in Indonesia concerning their access to Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education (RHSE), the significance of early interventions, and the transformative efforts undertaken by Rutgers Indonesia over the past five years.

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