

Advocating for the Rights of Indonesia's Migrant Workers A Special Capacity Building Program

Module – 1

June 28 – July 1, 2018, Jakarta

Summary Report

A special capacity building program focused on the rights of Indonesia's migrant workers was launched in Jakarta on June 28th, with 27 participants drawn from across Indonesia. The program aims to support advocates working for the millions of Indonesians working in countries such as Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore and across the Middle-East. It is an initiative of MFA/SBMI and DTP and will include 5 x 4-day modules over the next 12 months.

Over 50% of the participants in the first module were women, many of them returned migrant domestic workers themselves – now engaged in advocacy on behalf of others.

After welcomes from the program partners and a senior official of the Indonesian government, the participants introduced themselves and their work – highlighting some of the issues of concern – including the number of deaths of migrant workers in Indonesia, discrimination against and treatment of migrant workers with HIV/AIDS and the treatment of Indonesian seafarers.

Wahyu Susilo of Migrant Care provided an overview of current law, policy and practice relating to migrant workers, while Yuyun Wahyuningrum (DTP alumna) introduced participants to approaches on strategic advocacy, lobbying techniques and ASEAN as a forum for advocacy. Ellen Sana (DTP alumna) of the Centre of Migrant Advocacy (CMA) and former Chair of Migrant Forum in Asia was able to share valuable experience from advocacy for migrant workers in the Philippines and lead a role-play on interaction with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants.

There was very positive feedback from the participants who have now established a WhatsApp group to keep in touch between modules and to share information. The next module will be in September.

**2018 Special Program: Advocating for the Rights of Indonesian Migrant
Workers**

A Capacity Building Program

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Schedule

	Day 1 – June 28 (THU)	Day 2 – June 29 (FRI)	Day 3 – June 30 (SAT)	Day 4 – July 1 (SUN)
Morning 1 09:00 to 10:30	8.30 – 9.00: Registration Welcome Remarks – Introduction of a broad agenda of the workshop series Participants’ Introductions Participants’ expectations of course Welcome from Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Recap: <i>Participants</i> Key Issues for Migrant Workers in Indonesia, Middle East & SE Asia and Challenges for Advocacy	Introduction to Human Rights, the Rights of Migrant Workers and the Responsibilities of Government	Recap: <i>Participants</i> Building Solidarity and Sharing from the Migrant Workers Rights Movement in the Philippines Lessons from successes and failures
Facilitator(s)	SBMI, DTP, MFA	Dina Nuriyati and Bobi Anwar – SBMI	Patrick Earle, DTP	Ellene Sana, Centre on Migrant Advocacy
Tea 10:30-10:45				
Morning 2 10:45-12:30	Training outline – Objectives and Schedule Identification of Key Issues for Migrant Workers Participants Perspectives (Plus reflections on Global/Regional Context – GCM, GFMD & SDGs)	Practical Exercise What changes are needed – How would participants like to see Migrant Workers Treated – Identifying Priorities for Change – Indonesia and Countries of Destination	Using Human Rights Reporting Processes for Advocacy – Reflections from Philippines	Advocacy and Action plans for 2018/19– Strategic Advocacy: What Changes do we want? - Identifying the right advocacy targets – Stakeholder Analysis - Agreeing the Messages - Agreeing the Best Messengers Practical Exercise
Facilitator(s)	DTP/MFA	Dina Nuriyati SBMI & MFA/DTP	Ellene Sana, CMA	SBMI/MFA/ DTP
Lunch 12:30- 01:30		12:30 – 2:30 (Friday Prayer)		
Afternoon 1 1:30-3:00	The Legal and Policy Framework Governing Labour Migration in Indonesia – National/ Provincial Legislations – Role of Different Ministries and Departments	02:30 – 03:45 Influencing Government through Engagement and Lobbying – Learning from Experiences & Practical Tips - Practical Exercise	The Rights of Indonesian Migrant Workers in Malaysia - Advocacy Challenges/ Opportunities	Cont. Advocacy and Action plans for 2018/19
Facilitator(s)	Wahyu Susilo, Migrant Care	Yuyun Wahyuningrum	TBC	
Tea 3:00-3:15		03:25 – 04:00		
Afternoon 2 3:15-5:00pm	Protecting the Rights of MWs & Access to Justice & Remedy – Identifying the Gaps in Indonesia Practical Exercise	04:00 – 05:30 ASEAN and AICHR as a Forum for Advocacy for the Rights of Migrant Workers – An Introduction	Developing Collaboration on a Shared Advocacy Agenda for Indonesian MW Rights in Malaysia	Next Steps - What should be covered in the following programmes? Program evaluation Closing
Facilitator(s)	Wahyu Susilo and Dina Nuriyati –	Yuyun Wahyuningrum	TBC	SBMI/MFA/DTP
Evening	Diary Exercise	Diary Exercise	Diary Exercise	
Evening Events			Solidarity Night	