Housewives Monitoring the JKN-PBI Program

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Public Consultation on JKN-PBI Monitoring Results held at the Jatinegara Kaum Urban Ward Office, Tuesday (20/3)

JAKARTA, KOMPAS – The role of women, especially homemakers, in leading life as part of society and the state is of utmost importance. This is illustrated by the local women in Jatinegara Kaum, an urban ward in East Jakarta, DKI Jakarta, when monitoring JKN-PBI, a premium waiver benefit under the National Health Insurance program, implemented in the neighborhood.

Apart from ensuring that citizens can truly access the health insurance scheme provided by the government, the monitoring activity was also meant to educate the public, especially women on the importance of reproductive health.

Monitoring was conducted by 16 housewives who joined the DKI Jakarta chapter of Sekolah Perempuan or Women’s School from October to December 2017. They came across important information on the JKN-PBI program in Jatinegara Kaum. The monitoring exercise was supported by Institut KAPAL Perempuan (Institute for Women’s Alternative Education), and the results provided valuable input for the government in implementing the program.

Findings from JKN-PBI monitoring in Jatinegara Kaum were presented during a public consultation on the results of JKN-PBI monitoring held at the Jatinegara Kaum Urban Ward Office, (Tuesday, 20/3).

The event was officially opened by Darsito, Jatinegara Kaum Urban Ward Head, and attended by Misiyah, Director of Institut KAPAL Perempuan, as well as the Sekolah Perempuan representatives in Jatinegara Kaum, Bidara Cina and Rawajati, urban ward heads, and staff members of the urban ward office, neighborhood leaders, and prominent community figures.

“It marks the first-ever monitoring conducted by the program’s own target group.”
“Today is a special day for the women of Jatinegara Kaum and all women in Jakarta. It is special because monitoring is usually performed by consultants, and academics, but now for the first time it is carried out by the program’s target group,” said Misiyah expressing her appreciation to the women of Jakarta’s Sekolah Perempuan for their participation in the monitoring process.

The women were involved from the preparatory stage, to determining the sample transect, survey and focus group discussion, as well as data verification and validation. They interviewed 249 respondents out of 826 Rastra (subsidized rice for the poor) program beneficiaries in 2017.

From the monitoring process, they gleaned important information. For example, they found that 79 percent of the people interviewed had never been admitted for inpatient treatment. Out of those who have, most reported only being admitted for less than a day. The reason being is that available hospital beds were all occupied.

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In regard to participation in JKN (National Health Insurance Program), they discovered discrepancies between the NIK, a personal identity number given to every citizen, and the health insurance ID card. Although 96.4 percent of respondents said that the NIK is already included in the health insurance ID card, the date of birth is all written the 1st regardless of the month.

Concerning reproductive health service, they found that 82.5 percent of respondents had no idea that the JKN-PBI card can be used for reproductive health checkups. Some 17 percent of respondents have used the card only because they had complaints about problems with their reproductive health.

Darsito, Urban Ward Head of Jatinegara Kaum, expressed appreciation towards the findings of the monitoring exercise. He said that the urban ward office will continue to inform the public about government programs such as the Indonesian Health Card. However, he admitted that certain
problems still persist, for example health cards with addresses that do not match. When checked, some even had no address at all. And for this, he thanked KAPAL Perempuan and Sekolah Perempuan for initiating the monitoring exercise.

In-depth data

Musriyah, the Head of DKI Jakarta’s Sekolah Perempuan, said that she was pleased with how the local women have managed to produce specific, in-depth data.

“We, the members of Sekolah Perempuan, come from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds. We show our diversity through the colorful outfits that we wear. It is to reflect how people like us, of different faiths, ethnic origins, and identities, can work alongside each other,” she said.

The purpose of JKN-PBI monitoring is to collect data on the JKN-PBI program, specifically pertaining to sensitization efforts, uptake, public service, and reproductive health services in Jatinegara Kaum. And also to provide recommendations for improving the program, particularly on better healthcare delivery in Jatinegara Kaum, and for adopting a participatory, gender responsive monitoring model that is integrated into the women’s empowerment process.
Musriyah, Head of DKI Jakarta’s Sekolah Perempuan

Yesterday, apart from a presentation on the monitoring results for Jatinegara Kaum, four women – Sariani, Sriatun, Sri Mulyati, and Yayah Setiawati – representing the monitoring team, shared their monitoring and survey experiences.

“One of the challenges in carrying out the activity for the first time was when respondents were not at home. We waited until they came back from work, visiting them again. Some still don’t understand and an explanation is needed. Others avoided or hid from us, thinking that we were there to collect debts,” recounted Sri Mulyati.

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Towards the end of the event, there was a dialogue on JKN-PBI and the implementation of government policies on health services for the citizens of DKI Jakarta.

The Secretary of DKI Jakarta’s Sekolah Perempuan, Ning Setyani, mentioned how difficult it was to convince the women to join Sekolah Perempuan. However, once they were made aware of the importance of them learning about women’s issues, many eventually decided to join.

In addition to learning more about reproductive health, the women also gained information on the need to end domestic violence, sexual abuse, and child marriage, and many other information.

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