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Group 5 parallel session: The Power of Youth and Women's Collective Action in Advancing Gender Equality and Social Inclusion

30 March 2022, 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM

Host: Global Affairs Canada and the Hivos Foundation (Humanist and Social Innovation)

The session will discuss the collective struggle of young people and women, including women with disabilities, in creating an equal and inclusive world. The discussion's issue champions will share stories of how they advocated for and countered gender-based violence at various levels, including in grassroots communities, on university campuses, and in other academic institutions. Gender-based violence enhances inequality and adverse circumstances for women, young people, children, and people with disabilities, especially women with disabilities who have experienced exclusion, discrimination, and marginalization.

To realize an inclusive and equal Indonesia, the collective action of young people, women, and women with disabilities is a potential that needs to continue to be cared for and strengthened at various levels. History proves these collective actions to be pioneers in creating an inclusive environment and movement. With an open, educated, creative, and insightful mind, they are the drivers of social inclusion and diversity. During the pandemic, these organizations continued to move to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women, young people, and girls in Indonesia.

Initiatives to support the work of civil society organizations and women's and youth organizations to ensure the rights of women, young people, marginalized groups, and those vulnerable to gender-based violence have been widely carried out by various development partners. The session will address youth-led initiatives and women's groups, including women with disabilities, in advocating for their rights, as well as eliminating gender-based violence to build an inclusive environment for all.

Guide Questions:

1. What is the collective movement of young people, deaf feminists, and women in pushing for an inclusive environment and gender equality today?
2. How are the principles of equality and inclusiveness integrated or applied in the efforts of young people, deaf feminists, and grassroots women?
3. What are the challenges for a collective of young people, deaf feminists, and grassroots women to foster an inclusive and equal environment?
4. What support and role can governments and civil society play to bring about a greater movement to foster an equal and inclusive world?

5. What can young people and women do to be pioneers in campaigning and creating an inclusive and equal world?
6. What are some channels that can be used as a space for expression of young people and women to voice thoughts, knowledge, and aspirations to fight gender exclusivity and inequality?

Coach: Zahra Zulfi, Women's Solidarity

Issue champion:

1. Eva Nurcahyani – Founder of the Circle of Feminist Studies and a member of the We Lead/Women's Voice and Leadership Consortium.
Topic: Building synergy and collective strength of young women in the advocacy of Permendikbud, as well as controlling its implementation for the prevention of sexual violence in universities.
2. Nissi Taruli Felicia, Co-Founder and Coordinator of the Themis Feminist Community Partnership
Topic: Dynamics of deaf feminist struggle in educating and providing learning access for Deaf, fighting injustice, and fighting for gender equality.
3. Nunik Sri Harini – Legal Empowerment and Women's Participation Program Manager of PEKKA Foundation
Topic: The struggle of activists and paralegal women heads of families in abolishing child marriage.
4. Ikrana Ramadhani – Facilitator of the CREATE Hivos Program in Makassar, South Sulawesi
Topic: Voicing and building high school-level youth awareness about gender equality and tolerance through artwork.

Logistics:

- Method: talk show, no presentation. If needed, you can use a poster photo.
- The committee will provide Vv English-Indonesian translators, sign interpreters, and closed caption text