



DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM

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MIGRANT FORUM



Advocating for the Rights of Indonesia's Migrant Workers – 2018/19 Module 2, 6-9 September 2018 Jakarta, Indonesia

1. Program Overview

The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) in partnership with Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA) and Serikat Buruh Migran Indonesia (SBMI) are facilitating a capacity building program for migrant worker advocates, *Advocating for the Rights of Indonesia's Migrant Workers*. The 25 plus participants come from different communities and organisations across Indonesia. The program is being delivered through 5 x 4-day modules, with assignments between modules. The 2nd module of the program was held in Jakarta from 6-9 September 2018.

The yearlong program is designed to build knowledge, skills and networks to enhance and support civil society advocacy for the promotion and protection of the human rights of Indonesia's migrant workers. The program strategy is based on DTPs broader theory of change, recognising the critical role of civil society advocacy in influencing government policy and practice. The programs enable the sharing of good practice from other countries of origin and destination, and the development of links with advocates along different migration corridors.

Participants: A majority of the 25 plus participants in the program participants are women, many of them current or former migrant workers/domestic workers. The participants represent NGOs, trade unions, migrant worker networks, domestic workers, legal professionals and media from across Indonesia. (See Annex – I for participants list)



2. Module-2 Content

- **Migrant worker advocacy in Malaysia.** Malaysia is a key destination country for Indonesian migrant workers. Participants had previously raised concerns about the increasing numbers of deaths of migrants from one province in Indonesia – NTT/West Timor. Sumitha Kishna Shaanthinni, Malaysian lawyer, coordinator for Migration Working Group (and DTP alumna) shared the work civil society in Malaysia to protect the rights of Indonesian migrant workers. Sumitha highlighted the different laws and policies and gaps in the legal framework in Malaysia. Sumitha emphasised that Malaysian advocates needed information and documentation on cases if they were going to take them up. She agreed to look more into the cases of deaths but asked for more information and shared a template form for case documentation. Going forward participants of the program will share cases with Sumitha and the Migration Working Group and develop more collaboration on policy advocacy along this critical migration corridor.

- **ASEAN and Migrant Workers.** Lily Purba, DTP alumna and recently Chair of ASEAN's Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) reflected that CSOs/NGOs had not engaged effectively with ASEAN mechanisms and the potential to seek action and to highlight issues and cases through ASEAN – especially given Malaysia and Indonesia are members.

Sumitha emphasised this highlighting some of the different mechanisms as the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights, the ASEAN Migrant Labour Forum and the ASEAN Consensus on the Rights of Migrant Workers. ASEAN provided an opportunity for more collaboration on advocacy across borders.



- **National Level Priorities and Engagement.** It had been intended that participants would meet with Commission IX of the Indonesian Parliament, but this was not possible. Instead participants, facilitated by Dina Nuryati (DTP Alumna and SBMI Board Member) discussed focus areas for shared advocacy going forward and shared tips, lessons learned and good practice in engaging government officials at different levels throughout Indonesia. Participants decided to have a shared focus on the consolidated service centres that were meant to be working to help migrants across Indonesia – although responsibility for them was currently divided between central and provincial governments.

- **Migrant Voices and The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).** William Gois, Regional Coordinator for Migrant Forum in Asia drew on his role in leading global civil society engagement with the development of the GCM. The GCM, when adopted in December 2018, will be a non-binding agreement – to be implemented by all governments. He emphasised the critical role of migrant workers and their advocates if the GCM was to be more than just a better management system for global migration. The human rights of

migrant workers are acknowledged in the preamble of the GCM but not explicitly in its 23 Objectives. Advocates will have to ensure that these objectives are implemented in a way that is consistent with human rights standards. Most participants had little knowledge of the GCM – and revealed that none of the GCM documents have been translated into Bahasa Indonesia.

- **Video Advocacy – Telling Stories for Change.** Participants watched the short film *A Dream Of A Misty Land* – produced by and starring DTP participant and recipient of the US State Department’s Anti Trafficking Heroes Award 2018. It was a good introduction to the sessions with Arul Prakash of WITNESS on how to communicate human rights through images, videos and stories. His practical sessions showed how modern mobile phones can be a powerful tool for human rights. He emphasized the need for clear objectives, identifying the target audience to reach and the need for a simple message. Participants put their knowledge and skills into practice – working in groups developing short films on their concerns to share on social media platforms (Facebook etc). Integrating content from the module, one video focused on the GCM.

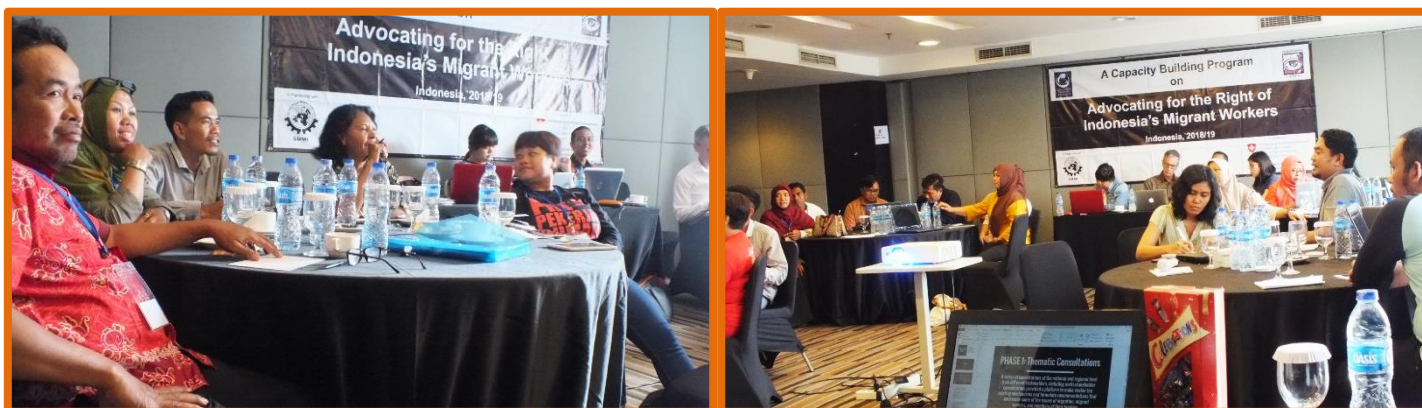


(See Annex – II for program schedule)

3. Module 2 – Outcomes and Evaluations

- There were daily evaluation and feedback sessions and participants completed anonymous written evaluations at the end of the program, as well as a group sharing. The feedback was very positive.
- Letters were written and sent by the participants to the Foreign Minister asking for the GCM and the Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Rights of Migrant Workers to be translated into Bahasa Indonesia. A similar letter on the GCM was sent to the Country Director of the IOM.
- A documentation template to enable case information to be more easily shared between Indonesia and Malaysia was circulated to participants and their organisations
- A short video on the GCM was made in Bahasa Indonesia and will be circulated with participants committed to making further short videos on the specific GCM objectives

This was the second of the five-module capacity building training program in Indonesia.



Annex - I

Name	Organisation
Agung Subastian	SBMI DPC KAB. BANYUWANGI
Anastasia Savitri Wisnuwardhani	Jaringan Buruh Migran (JBM) Migrant Workers Network
Anita Dhewy	Jurnal Perempuan
Anwar Maarif	SBMI
Bariyah	Indonesia AIDS Coalition
Dela Feby	National Commission on Violence Against Women (Komnas Perempuan)
Hariyanto Suwarno	SBMI
Nur Rohman	Pergerakan Pelaut Indonesia (PPI)
Jagad Sucipto	PERTAKINA
Maria Hingi	SBMI NTT
Muhammad Kahfi Rahmat Sampurno	Indonesia Jentera School of Law
Mustafa Kamal	SBMI
Narsidah	Paguyuban Seruni
Nur Aeni	Paguyuban Seruni
Nursalim Ibrohim	Keluarga Migran Indonesia (KAMI)
Prapti Surapti	Keluarga Migran Indonesia (KAMI) Banjarnegara
Sukarni	Komunitas Keluarga Buruh Migran
Yatini Sulistyowati	Konfederasi Serikat Buruh Sejahtera Indonesia
Jiati	SBMI DPC Malane
Yusuf Manu	Yayasan Kesejahteraan IPMAT - NTT
Mazidah Salaz	SBMI Wonosobo
Sutinah	Jala PRT
Yunita Rohani	SBMI Lampung
Yuliana M Benu	JPIT
Wina NK	Jala PRT

Annex - II

	Day 1 – Sept 6 (THU)	Day 2 – Sept 7 (FRI)	Day 3 – Sept 8 (SAT)	Day 4 – Sept 9 (SUN)
Morning 1 09:00 to 10:30	8.30 – 9.00: <i>Registration</i> Welcome Remarks – (<i>Introductions of New Participants</i>) – Recap on Module 1 – Module 2 Introduction - Introduction to the broad agenda of the workshop series – What has happened for the last two months – Recap on Key Issues	<i>Recap - Participants</i> Taking issues to different levels of government in Indonesia – Sharing experiences and practical tips on advocacy and lobbying	<i>Recap – Participant presentation</i> Making Migrant Voices Heard – Lessons and Challenges for Advocates – A Perspective from Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)	<i>Recap - Participants</i> Building Advocacy to Influence Outcomes – The GCM
Facilitator(s)	DTP/MFA	Dina <u>Nurwati</u> – SBMI	William Gois, MFA	William Gois, MFA
Tea 10:30-10:45				
Morning 2 10:45-12:30	Indonesian Migrant Workers in Malaysia– - The abuses – specific cases/issues - What/who/how are the advocates doing case work? - What can <u>advocates</u> in Indonesia do to help Malaysian advocates with effective case management and referral?	Taking issues to different levels of government in Indonesia – Sharing experiences and practical tips on advocacy and lobbying – Group work exercise	Video Advocacy – - Some Basics of Digital Safety and Security - Developing Communication Strategies	Telling Our Stories – Practical Exercise in Telling Stories and Building Support through Video
Facilitator(s)	Sumitha Kishna Shaanthinni – MWG Malaysia	Dina <u>Nurwati</u> – SBMI	Arul Prakkash, WITNESS	Arul Prakkash, WITNESS
Lunch 12:30 - 1:30				
Afternoon 1 1:30-3:00	Indonesian Migrant Workers in Malaysia– - Access to Justice & Remedy - Building Links in Advocacy – Civil Society in Indonesia and Malaysia o Challenges and Next Steps o How to build it more effectively	Building Collaboration around a Shared Agenda – Priority Issues Group discussions	Making Migrant Voices Heard - An Introduction to the Global Compact on Safe Migration – Beyond Management to Ensuring the Rights Way to Migration	Presentation and Review of Participant Videos –
Facilitator(s)	Sumitha Kishna Shaanthinni – MWG Malaysia	Dina <u>Nurwati</u> – SBMI	William Gois, MFA	Arul Prakkash, WITNESS
Tea 3:00-3:15				
Afternoon 2 3:15-4:45pm	Migrant Workers Advocacy and ASEAN plus - The ASEAN – the work ACWC & Civil Society Consensus on Migrant Workers and Implementation - ASEAN forums as avenues for advocacy and collaboration between Indonesia and Malaysia <u>Lily Purba</u> – formerly Chair of ACWC <u>Sumitha Kishna Shaanthinni</u> – MWG Malaysia	Building Collaboration around a Shared Agenda – Priority Issues for Engaging Government - Group discussions Screening of “A Dream Of A Misty Land” movie on trafficking, produced by and starring <u>Maizidah</u> Salas, DTP participant	- Using Video to tell stories and make change - Communicating Human Rights to Target Audiences - Telling Our Stories – Practical Exercise	Follow-Up Steps on GCM and CMW Concluding Observations – Drafting of Letters to <u>MoFA</u> & IOM Program Evaluations, Next Steps and Closing
Facilitator(s)	Dina Nuriyati, SBMI	Dina <u>Nurwati</u> – SBMI	Arul Prakkash, WITNESS	DTP/MFA/SBMI
Evening		Program Dinner with William Gois, Regional Coordinator of MFA	Program Dinner with William Gois, Regional Coordinator of MFA	
Evening Events	Free Time	Free time		