

CSOs and NGOs Working for the Rights of Migrant Workers¹

Name of Organisation: Serikat Buruh Migran Indonesia -SBMI, Indonesia

Website of Organisation: <http://sbmi.or.id/>

Facebook of Organisation:

<https://www.facebook.com/serikatburuhmigranindonesia/>

Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: Yes



Previously known as the Federasi Organisasi Buruh Migran Indonesia (FOBMI), Serikat Buruh Migran Indonesia (SBMI) is a trade union of migrant workers and their families. SBMI was established by one of DTP alumna, [Dina Nuriyati](#). Dina was the Chairperson from 2003-2005, and is now an Advisory Board Members of SBMI.

SBMI's mission is "to educate Indonesian migrant workers and their families on their rights, well-being and dignity." SBMI conducts education programs to strengthen and improve the bargaining position of migrant workers and their families and advocates on their behalf as well. They aim to build productive economic policies for migrant workers as well.

SBMI handles cases or complaints of migrant workers and or his/her family. Complaints received are investigated and cases undertaken by the SBMI cover the pre-placement, place and full-time placement of migrant workers. SBMI also revises policies, laws and regulations that are against migrant workers. To strengthen the position of migrant workers, SBMI advocates for the recognition of migrant workers in organisations and this has included revising the law on the Placement and Protection of Indonesian Migrant Workers.

SBMI hosts education programs aimed at building critical awareness and awareness of migrant rights. SBMI provides regular training on pre-departure protocols, safe migration practices, prevention strategies and services for victims of trafficking, paralegal training, training on human rights and financial management. SBMI provides participants practical guide that can easily be applied by migrant workers and their families.

SBMI also has a reintegration program that focuses on empowerment through partnerships with Civil Society Organizations, government organizations and international organizations.

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¹ The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2800 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP (www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote the rights of migrant workers more broadly.