Strategic Review of Food Security and Nutrition in Indonesia: 2019-2020 Update

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Review objectives

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Assess the current state and progress of national and local-level policies & programmes

Identify the gaps in policy, strategy, data availability and analysis and programmes

Assess the impacts of COVID-19 on food security & nutrition and identify the gaps in the Govt's responses

Provide measures required to accelerate progress towards achieving SDG 2 by 2030

Review method

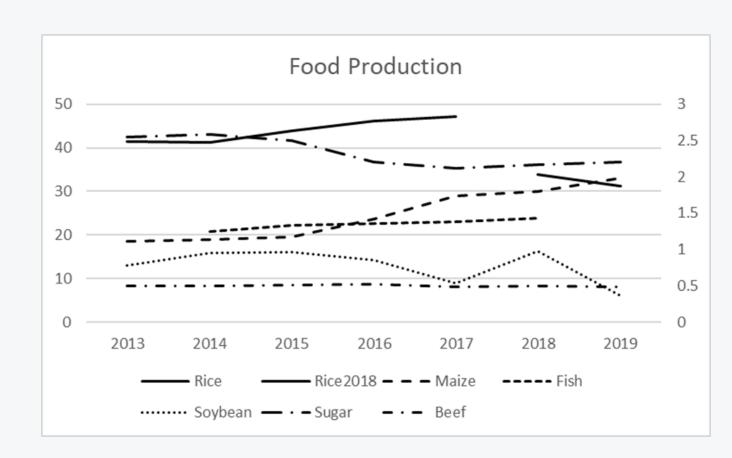
- Interviews and FGDs in Jakarta
- The latest secondary data available, including
 - Riskesdas
 - Food production and consumption patterns (BPS, BKP, Kementan)
 - Susenas
 - Other relevant data
- Fieldwork in NTT and East Java
- Updates on relevant policies and programmes

Analysis of Food Security and Nutrition Situation



Indonesia's performance in raising food production is mixed at best

- Decline in rice productivity
- Gaps in some commodities
 - Import dependency for certain soybean, sugar, beef
 - The rising demands for fruits and vegetables

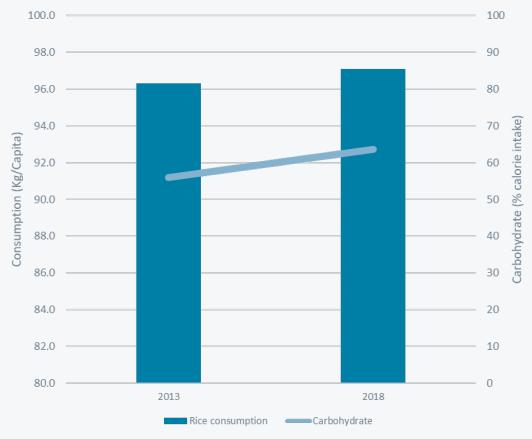


The number of undernourished people is still large and food intakes are far from ideal

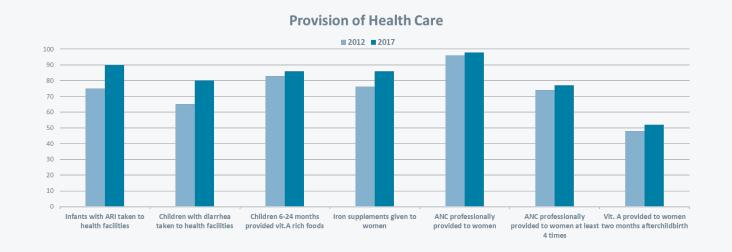
Despite increases in food access

- Around 20 million people are still at the risk of hunger
- Carbohydrate still dominant
- Protein consumption increased, but remains unequal between income groups
- Fruits and vegetables consumption is low by international standards

Rice/Cereal Consumption



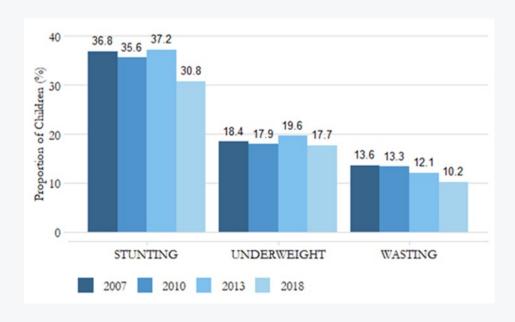
To improve food utilization, access to health care, clean water and sanitation needs to be improved



- Proportion of women receiving and consuming Vit. A is low (52 %)
- 28 % of children were infected by *helminth* in 2015
- Basic vaccinations decreased between 2012 to 2017

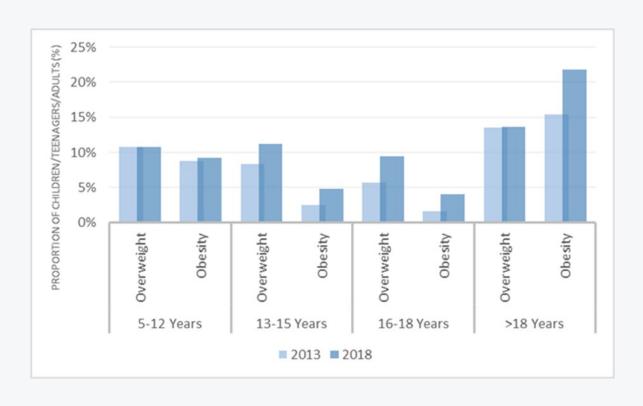
- Clean water and sanitation
 - Out of the 514 cities and districts, only 23 can be considered as "opendefecation free" in 2019
 - Access to clean and sustainable water unequal (64.2% in rural areas vs 81.6% in urban areas)

Despite improvements, stunting is still high



- The international threshold is below 20%
- Disparities prevailed between regions, and most of the districts/cities still had a high or very high prevalence of stunting

Indonesia is facing a triple burden of malnutrition



Other than undernutrition:

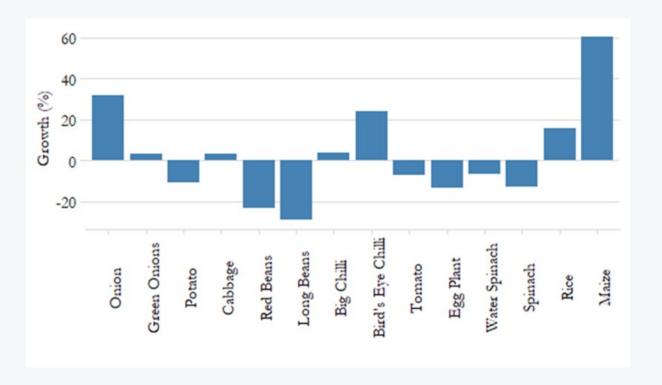
- Overnutrition has been on the rise
 - But not confined to urban areas
 - Growth rate is higher among the poorest quintile
- "Hidden Hunger" is also prevalent
 - Anemia among children under 5 increased
 - Anaemia among pregnant women also increased

Response and Gap Analysis

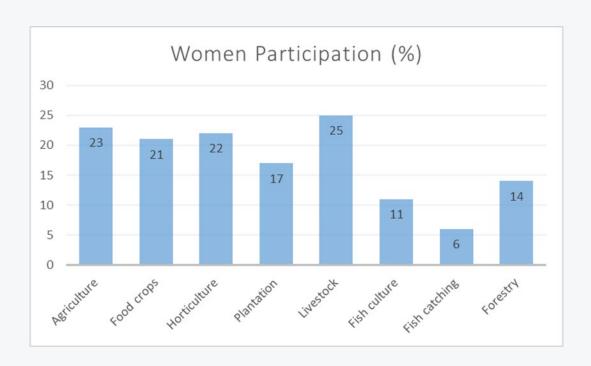


Increases in food production have been achieved at a cost

- Changes in the structure of food production
- Changes in the budget allocation



Gender inequalities persist in agriculture



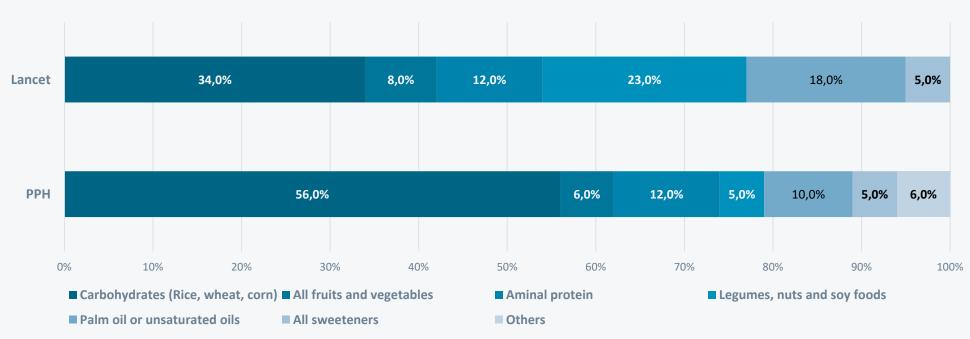
- Women's role often underrecognized
- Disadvantaged position in securing land ownership or agric. inputs/ credits

The Government relied on social affordability of food to maintain food access

- Reliance on social protection progammes (e.g.: PKH, BPNT)
- Although the program become more nutrition sensitive, challenges to increase nutritional status remain
 - Lack of knowledge and awareness about nutritious foods
 - food sold in one package so beneficiaries cannot make a choice
- Flaws in targeting (DTKS)

Dietary diversity is low by international standards





- Ranked 102 out of 113 countries in dietary diversity (2019 Global Food Security Index)
- PPH did not provide the best dietary standard for improving food consumption patterns

An effective coordinating agency for food security and nutrition is needed

- Special agency for food security and nutrition has not materialized yet
- The Presidential Regulation No. 83/2017
 - Did not indicate how the governments at the national and regional levels should reinforce food security and nutrition institutions
 - Inconsistency in the leadership of two related key strategies or action plans

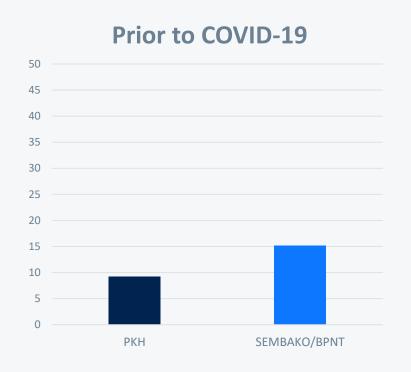
Impacts of COVID-19 on Food Security and Nutrition

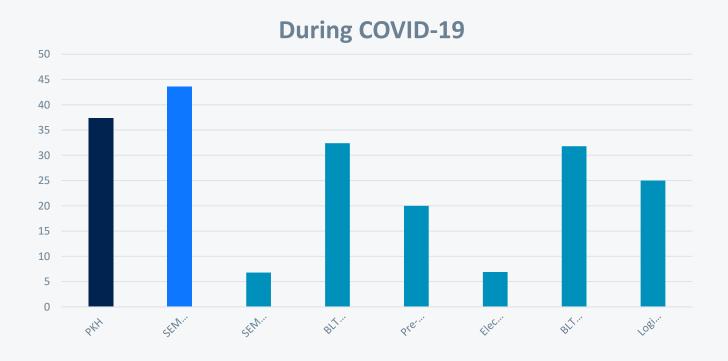


COVID-19 adversely affected food security and nutrition

- Additional challenges to maintain food supply during the paceklik period
- Deterioration in dietary quality, especially among the poor and vulnerable groups
- Disruption in health services

The Gov. expanded the coverage of social protection programs, but some problems persist





- Implementation problems ranging from delays in the delivery of the programme benefits to mistargeting
- Indonesia's budget to address the impact of COVID-19 is lower than other countries

What needs to be done

Food Availability

- Closely monitor the rice stock, and pursue a more flexible trade policy and make timely import adjustment when necessary
- Maintain farmer incentive to uphold food production
- Access to basic health care services
- Continue deworming programmes, even when schools closed
- Expand access to sanitation and clean water

Food Accessibility

- Ensure that all poor and vulnerable groups receive sufficient social assistance
- Accelerate the update and the mechanism to update the DTKS
- Important role of regional governments
- Expand the provision of supplementary foods (e.g.: fortified biscuits)
- Enhance the knowledge and awareness of programme recipients about healthy diets and how to prevent malnutrition

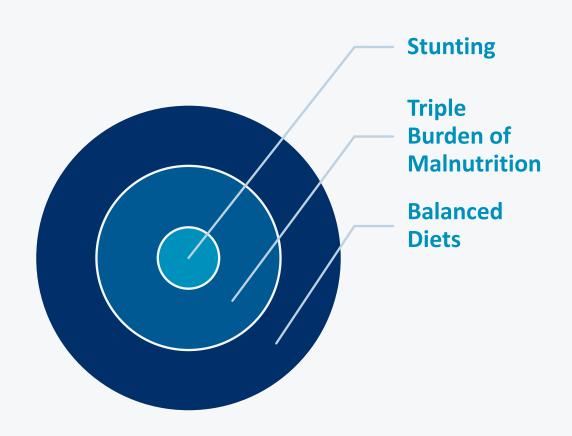
Food Utilization

Nutrition

Conclusions and Recommendations



Beyond stunting: Concluding remarks



- Despite the progress in improving food security and nutrition
 - Organizational silos between ministries prevented coordination or integration of programmes
 - Insufficient monitoring and evaluation
 looping back to programme enhancements
 - Lack of representative data in micro-nutrient deficiencies
 - Gender inequality in the agricultural sector

Recommended measures to improve food security and nutrition

Address triple burden of malnutrition and further promote balanced diets

Broader policy focus beyond stunting to address the **triple** burden of malnutrition

Promote **balanced diets** through a comprehensive approach

Improve policies in raising food production and improving access to food and food utilization

Improve access to diversified food through the development of diversified, resilient and nutrition-sensitive food systems

Ensure social protection programmes are targeting those most in need

Ensure proper utilization of food

Strengthen gender sensitivity, monitoring and evaluation, and institutional support

Address gender inequality to improve food security and nutrition

Strengthen the monitoring and evaluation system to enhance policies and programmes

Strengthen the governance of food security and nutrition or food systems as a whole

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