

VILLAGE OF CARE FOR MIGRANT WORKERS (DESBUMI): LOCAL INITIATIVES TO PROTECT INDONESIAN MIGRANT WORKERS, A COLLABORATION BETWEEN CSO AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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General Overview

- **The feminization of migration:** The demographics of female migrant workers are ever increasing and becoming more vulnerable to gender-based violence.
- The legal framework for labor migration policy in Indonesia:
 - Does not effectively protect women migrant workers. In fact, it is exploitative towards women
 - High-cost migration scheme and a monopoly by private sectors
 - Scheme is centralized and “gender-blind”
 - Continuing the impunity
 - The migration scheme nearly ends up with the practice of trafficking and slavery
- The number of Indonesian citizens who became victims of modern slavery in 2014 increased by more than 300%! In 2013, the number was 210,970, and in 2014 it rose to 714,300 (GLOBAL SLAVERY INDEX reports 2014, Walk Free
<http://www.globalslaveryindex.org/country/indonesia>)
- The Total of Remittance in 2016 is about USD 8.860 Billion
- Corruption

Failure to Implement Protection

- Protection is understood partially and in an ad hoc manner, "***case by case approach***"
- It is often too REACTIVE, or even late



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Why do villages become a start?

- **Villages as the first area of recruitment due to:**
 - ◆ The lack of commitment: no data, village apparatus as brokers
 - ◆ The weakness of potential victims (poorness, limited education, limited information, limited employment access, women, drop-out, domestic violence, child marriage, divorce)



The Momentum

Momentum

- Village Law as a legal basis
- The ratification of migrant workers convention (the Law No. 6/2012) as an instrument of human rights enforcement for migrant workers and members of their families
- The goal of sustainable development (SDGs)
- Developing the suburb areas (fighting against a centralized migration scheme and private monopoly)
- The obligation of "State of Presence" (Nawacita)

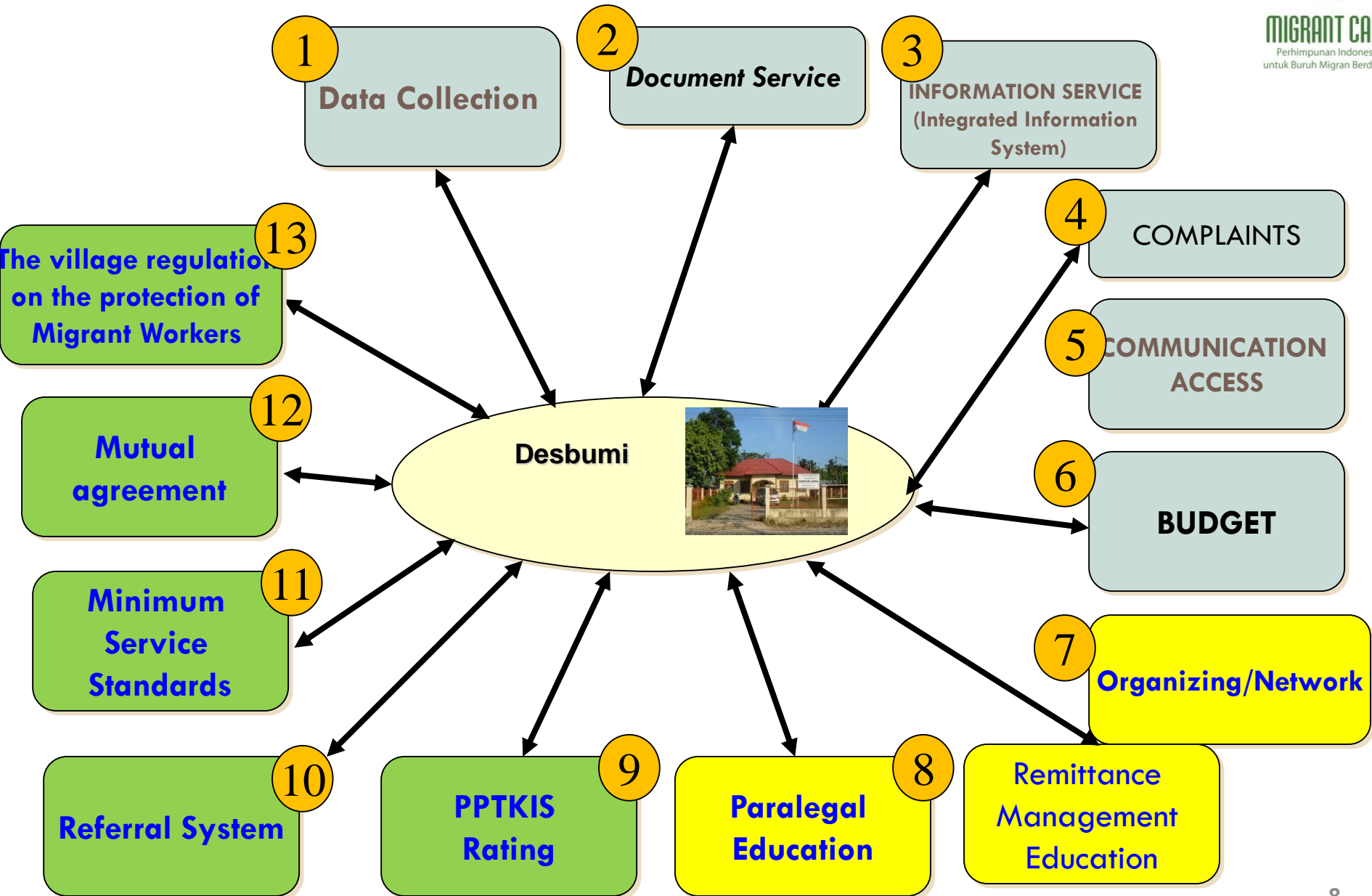
Village Law As Basis

- ❖ Village as an public administration and service for society
- ❖ Promoting the economic welfare for society
- ❖ Utilizing the village fund
- ❖ The convenience, availability and accuracy of Access to information
- ❖ The democratization of village governance
- ❖ Demanding the participation of society

Why Village of Care for Migrant Workers (DESBUMI)?

- Migration issues which initially start from villages are left behind and excluded from the establishment of migration policies.

Issues	Potentials	Challenges	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Villages do not have the data on their society who work overseas- The falsification of documents- The village apparatus also play as brokers- Villages do not provide information regarding safe migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Close to the society- The information sources are accurate- Village fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The hegemony of private agencies to exploit- Potential corruption- The capacity of village apparatus- The lack of public awareness of their rights- Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The change of paradigm that the village is public service or the transformation of roles- The roles that the village plays will undermine private agencies who have been more involved in recruiting migrant workers



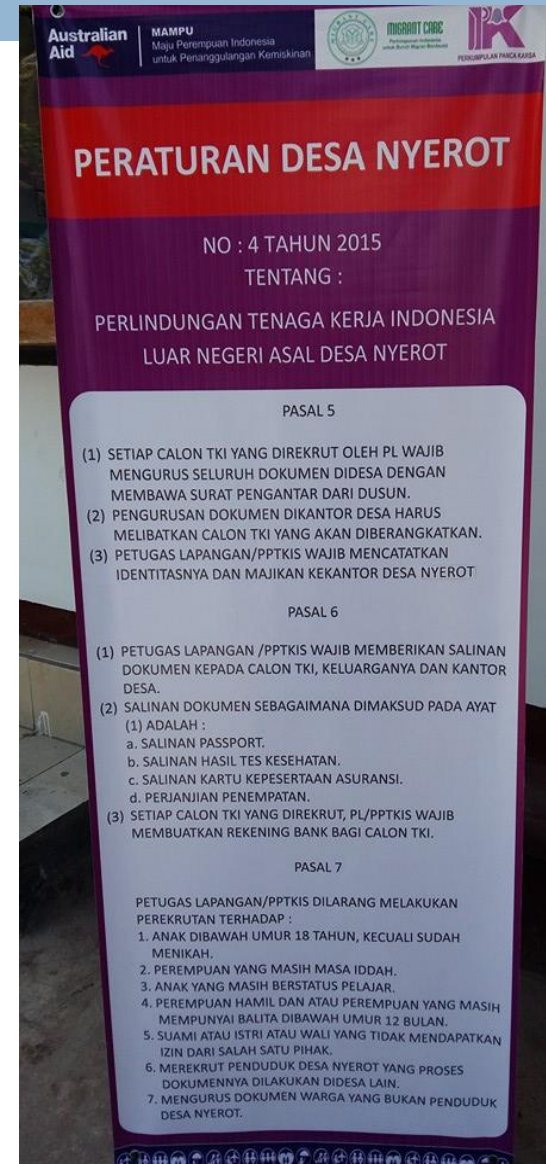
DESBUMI'S PROGRESSES



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Progres

- ❑ Building a website-based integrated village information system in 41 villages. The website includes data on active and former migrant workers, safe migration information, and village empowerment programs.
- ❑ Website: <http://mergosari.desa.id/>
<http://kuripan.desa.id/> <http://lipursai.desa.id/>
- ❑ Providing pre-departure and case handling services
- ❑ Conducting economic empowerment program for the returning migrant workers
- ❑ Organizing village budget for the protection of migrant workers
- ❑ Setting the village regulations in 38 villages
- 41 groups of migrant workers in 41 DESBUMI offices who are actively involved in advocacy and empowerment programs for their communities with 1,967 members are organized
- The civil society organization networks for migrant worker advocacy have a common agenda and become more consolidative (the revision of law, anti-trafficking, case-handling etc.)



Positive Impact of Village Services on Migrant Workers

Positive Impact

- ❑ Avoiding the accumulation of migrant workers in some shelters in Jakarta and major cities
- ❑ The placement of migrant workers overseas is more transparent.
- ❑ The family of migrant workers and the public will know and control the migration process
- ❑ Narrowing documents forgery
- ❑ Shifting the role of brokers in migrant workers placement and suppressing as low a cost structure (placement fee) as possible
- ❑ Central and local government data base
- ❑ Renewing bureaucracy
- ❑ Facilitating migrant workers placement control

Restoring the Human Rights of Migrant Workers from Villages

- ❑ Services from villages to reject private agency hegemony
- ❑ Constitutionally, the right of every person is to have a proper work. To this end, the Government must protect its migrant workers in majority situations. Here, migration is urgency, not an option.
- ❑ DESBUMI was initially built to protect migrant workers since their departure until they return home. It also encourages the active roles of local governments in establishing migration policies.
- ❑ With DESBUMI, migrant workers are expected to be more prosperous as the Government has never seriously realized their prosperity so far. (Through BUMDes, any debt is dealt with)