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Pick-up and drop-off services are facilities to bring vulnerable people closer to vaccination locations

COVID-19 RESPONSE

The second wave of COVID-19 pandemic beginning in mid-May 2021, led Indonesia to an alarming increase in the number of COVID-19 positive cases. As of July 11, 2021, Indonesia was in the 8th position of countries with the highest number of cases in the world.

	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	ACTIVE CASES	DEATH	TOTAL POSITIVE RATE
July 11, 2021	2.527.203	376.015	66.464	17,3%
	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	ACTIVE CASES	DEATH	RECOVERED
Dec 31, 2021	4.262.720	4.292	144.094	4.114.334

(Source: perupadata)

As of December 31, 2021, YAPPIKA-ActionAid and partners had distributed 55.812 doses of vaccine.

Taking into account the never-ending pandemic, difficult access to health services, and a large number of deaths, YAPPIKA-ActionAid determined to carry out a second response to the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the most effective responses was to assist the Indonesian government in accelerating vaccination. YAPPIKA-ActionAid focused on ensuring the fulfillment of the rights of marginalized communities, including women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups to quality and inclusive vaccination services.

Since August 2021, YAPPIKA-ActionAid with the government and civil society organizations had collaborated to ensure even distribution of vaccinations. The collaboration to accelerate vaccination was carried out in five provinces, namely Central Java, Special Region of Yogyakarta (DIY), East Java, West Sulawesi, and Central Sulawesi.

YAPPIKA-ActionAid Inclusive Vaccinations



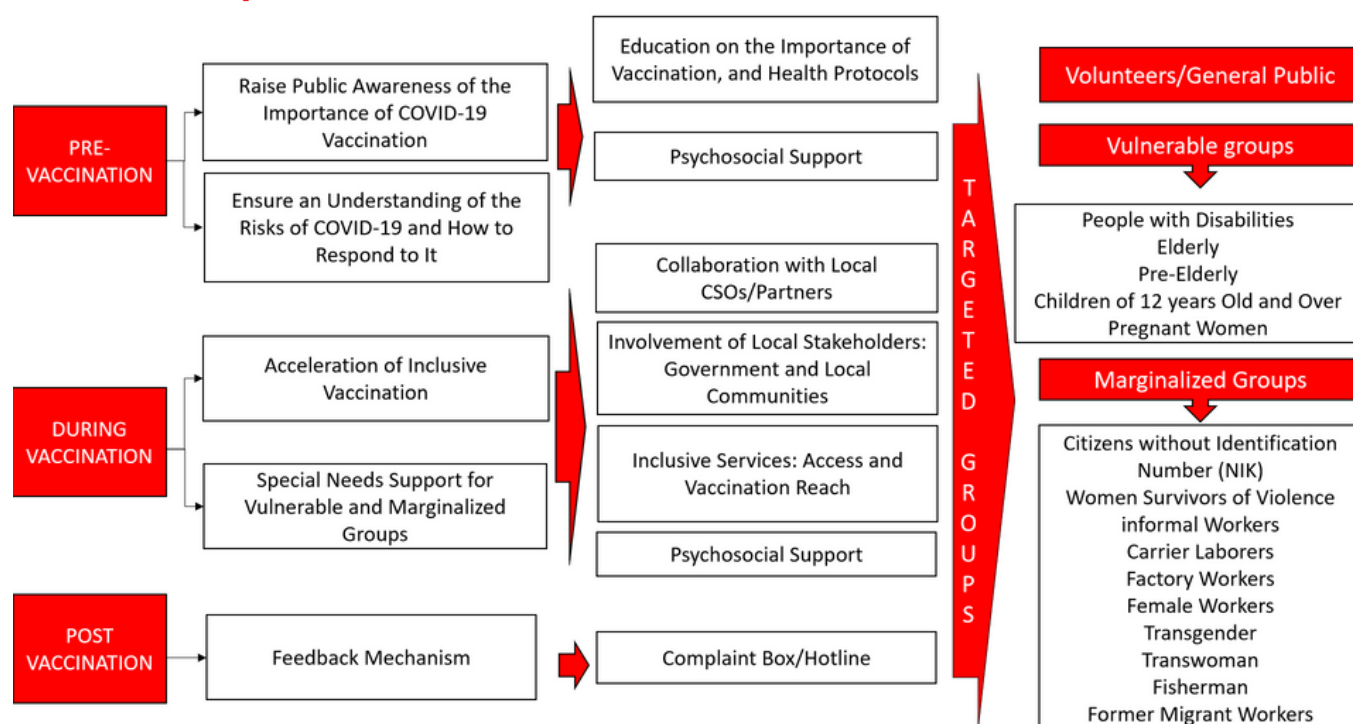
Provision of assistive devices in the form of wheelchairs for the elderly with walking difficulty at a vaccination center, carried out by YAPPIKA-ActionAid's partners in Semarang, Central Java

The COVID-19 pandemic not only threatens human's physical and mental health globally, but also hampers access to livelihoods for vulnerable and marginalized groups. Supporting accelerated vaccination is YAPPIKA-ActionAid's effort to increase resilience and to protect the rights of the vulnerable and marginalized groups.

The biggest challenges in distributing vaccinations in Indonesia are incomplete administrative data and public's low literacy related to the importance of COVID-19 vaccination.

"When data on the diversity of disabilities is not available, the special needs to be facilitated are not known either. For example, when certain people with disabilities line up for a long time, they will get exhausted more quickly and have the potential to experience tantrums, and not all people with disabilities (such as physically disabled) have their own assistive devices such as crutches or wheelchairs. YAPPIKA-ActionAid collaborated with organizations of people with disabilities and other partners to ensure that vaccinations activities were able to identify the special needs of various vulnerable groups, including conducting pre-vaccination psychological support activities as a hoax counter, providing assistive devices in the form of crutches, wheelchairs, sign-language interpreters, and transportation facilities for special groups such as people with disabilities and the elderly," explained Indira Hapsari, Coordinator of Humanitarian Response & Resilience YAPPIKA-ActionAid.

Steps of YAPPIKA-ActionAid Inclusive Vaccination





Village midwives carrying out door-to-door inclusive vaccination in Brebes District

YAPPIKA-ActionAid focused on reaching vulnerable and marginalized groups such as people with disabilities, the elderly, children of 12 years old and over, women informal workers, women survivors of violence, transgender people, people with mental health disorders, and people without Identity Card (KTP). to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

YAA prioritized inclusive services to these community groups because of their higher level of vulnerability compared to other groups, as well as their limited accessibility to various public services. The COVID-19 vaccination is expected to increase their resilience both physically and mentally.

To date, YAA has carried out inclusive COVID-19 vaccination reach with partners in several provinces including Central Java (Semarang City, Brebes District, Jepara District, Kendal District),

Special Region of Yogyakarta (Yogyakarta City, Kulon Progo District, Gunung Kidul District, Bantul District), East Java (Sidoarjo District and Jember District), and Central Sulawesi (Palu City and Sigi District).

Update on Vaccination Reach as of December 31, 2021

Month	Province	Vaccination Reach	Number (Dose)
August	DIY	2.583	2.635
	East Java	52	
September	Central Java	251	2.254
	DIY	2.003	
October	Central Java	12.450	27.160
	DIY	14.710	
November	Central Java	1.179	19.376
	DIY	17.339	
	East Java	858	
	Central Sulawesi	907	
Desember	Central Java	1.896	4.387
	East Java	2.184	
	West Sulawesi	788	
Number of Vaccines Distributed (Dose 1 and Dose 2)			55.812

COLLABORATION TO ACCELERATE INCLUSIVE VACCINATION



YAPPIKA-ActionAid (YAA) partnered with organizations and communities at the local level to strengthen community participation in accelerating vaccination.

CENTRAL JAVA

YAA in partnership with PATTIRO Semarang, LRC KJHAM, and Sahabat Difabel Community succeeded in mapping the potential for accelerating inclusive vaccination in Central Java. Starting with collaborating with local communities, namely Dewi Shinta, Mik Semar, Sahabat Difa Jepara, Fatayat NU Kendal, Lazis NU, Cinta Duafa, and Tamanggede Village Women's Community. In Brebes District, YAA collaborated with the Gebrak civil society group and Komunitas Brebes Bersama (KOBBER) and earned support from the health office, midwives, cadres, and volunteers at the village level who also helped educate and ensure that the elderly was willing to be vaccinated. On October 14, 2021, special vaccination activities for the elderly were carried out in 297 villages in Brebes District.

SPECIAL REGION OF YOGYAKARTA

YAA collaborated with IDEA and the DIY PRB Forum and had received support for vaccination participants reach from the Kebaya (Keluarga Besar Waria Yogyakarta) Foundation, OHANA, PKBI DIY, Victory, Yakkum, and Yasanti since August 5, 2021. In the process of IDEA accelerating vaccination, collaboration with SONJO (Sambatan Jogja) was also established, to carry out the jimpitan (voluntary) vaccination on October 14, 2021, which prioritized vulnerable and at-risk communities. Innovation was carried out by prioritizing mutual cooperation and the spirit of helping others so that local wisdom can be optimized in handling COVID-19.

EAST JAVA

YAA partnered with the Yayasan Prakarsa Swadaya Masyarakat (YPSM) and Perpenca Foundation for the implementation of Jember disability vaccination on August 30, 2021, and received support from the LP2M Jember State University (UNEJ), UMC Clinic (UNEJ Medical Centre), Indonesian Philanthropy, health office, social affairs office, GERKATIN, NPCI, and humanitarian volunteers in Jember District. In addition, YAA also partnered with IKA-UNAIR and PALUGEDE to provide vaccination support for the elderly in Sidoarjo District.

CENTRAL SULAWESI & WEST SULAWESI

In Central Sulawesi, YAA collaborated with Fatayat Nahdlatul Ulama, supported by the Indonesian National Madrasah Teachers Association, Central Sulawesi, the Head of the Office of the Religious Affairs of Sigi District, and other parties, to accelerate vaccination targeting madrasah students in Palu City and Sigi District on December 13, 2021. Meanwhile In West Sulawesi, YAA worked with YASMIB to reach the elderly, people with disability, women and children around Mamuju District by carrying out vaccinations at the Papalang District Office on December 8, 2021.

INITIATORS OF CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY



The acceleration of COVID-19 vaccination carried out by YAPPIKA-ActionAid and partners could not be separated from the involvement of community volunteers. In the DIY area, the Kebaya (Keluarga Besar Waria Yogyakarta) Foundation is one of the communities actively involved in organizing inclusive vaccination participants at GOR Amongrogo Yogyakarta on August 23, 2021.

The following is a brief conversation with Jeny, a trans woman who is active in the Kebaya Foundation. Jeny explained that the Kebaya Foundation had mobilized 84 members to participate in vaccinations and 16 of them did not have a Citizen Identification Number (NIK). The Kebaya Foundation is one of the communities involved in the implementation of vaccines facilitated by the DIY Health Office and a network that cares for vulnerable and marginalized groups. In Indonesia, the NIK is the main requirement to gain access to various public services, including the COVID-19 vaccination.

Jeny urged the general public and marginalized groups in DIY not to be afraid to get vaccinated to protect their health. "Stay healthy, stay strong. Let's get vaccinated, my transwomen friends, don't be afraid because this vaccination is safe," said Jeny, closing the conversation.

Not only Jeny from the Kebaya Foundation, Nuning Suryatiningsi from the OHANA (Organization Harapan Nusantara) Association also organized and advocated for the rights of people with disabilities groups in DIY. Nuning or usually called Ning, together with some colleagues from OHANA formed a coalition with other civil society organizations to accelerate vaccination reach. They took a special approach to reach vulnerable and marginalized groups.



"Our friends in the coalition collected data, not only through links or submitting registration forms, but by communicating with everyone. So far, friends with disabilities were reluctant to register because there was no

clear information, incidentally many of the initiators of change in the community have comorbidities so they were afraid to get vaccinated," explained Ning. With the organizing from various communities, YAA and its partners in DIY obtained good enough data so that they could provide services from specialist doctor so that vulnerable and marginalized groups with comorbidities could consult before and after receiving the COVID-19 vaccination.

ADOPTING TRADITION TO ACCELERATE VACCINATIONS



Opening of simultaneous vaccination activities for the elderly in 297 villages in Brebes district

Indonesian traditions and culture are also supporting capital in accelerating inclusive vaccinations carried out by YAPPIKA-ActionAid and partners. By prioritizing local wisdom, the process of accelerating inclusive vaccination is easier to do, for example by adopting the *sambatan tradition*. *Sambatan* is a *gotong royong* (mutual cooperation) activity that is often carried out in rural areas in various areas in Central Java, East Java, and DIY. This *gotong royong* activity was carried out as a community-based approach to prioritize vulnerable and marginalized groups in rural areas.

YAPPIKA-ActionAid together with partners also mobilized village women's groups (dominated by village midwives and health cadres) to reach a wider range of vaccination participants, especially for those who have difficulty accessing vaccination centers. Several strategies for the vaccination service approach were carried out, such as visiting the elderly's house directly (door to door), collecting several elderly people in adjacent locations (communal vaccination), to visiting the elderly to their places of activity, for example to their fields or plantations.

Prior to vaccination, village midwives and health cadres faced several challenges in educating vaccine participants such as the elderly. Some of the elderly reasoned that they did not need to get vaccinated because they did not carry out activities outside the village. Some elderly people were afraid that the side effects of vaccination would interfere with their daily lives, and another challenge was the existence of false beliefs due to hoax news circulating in the community.

In addition to challenges, there are also success stories of vaccination implementation, for example, the simultaneous vaccination of the elderly in 297 villages in Brebes District on October 14, 2021. In one day, the vaccination in Brebes District could reach 11.275 vaccine recipients. The vaccination activities were carried out for less than 4 hours, meaning that every one minute they managed to vaccinate 47 elderly people.

MESSAGE FROM THE INCLUSIVE VACCINATION RECIPIENTS

Supinah (70 years old), is one vaccine recipient who was picked up directly at her home to receive vaccinations carried out by YAPPIKA-ActionAid with Airlangga University Alumni Association (IKA UNAIR) Sidoarjo Branch on November 16, 2021. Initially, Supinah was reluctant to participate in vaccinations because she had comorbidities and had difficulty getting to vaccination center.

"The doctor came to (my) house, during a consultation with the doctor I was told that if I had gastritis without bleeding, I could get the vaccine. The doctor told me to get changed and to get into the car to go to the vaccine location," Supinah explained. The pick-up service is one of YAPPIKA-ActionAid's approaches with partners to accelerate the COVID-19 vaccination.



Supinah, recipient of the elderly vaccination program in Sidoarjo Regency, East Java

"I'm happy because when I got the vaccine I did not have to line up and I received help to fill out the card because I could not write and see the writing, and after the injection I still felt healthy and did not feel any side effects," said Supinah expressing her gratitude.

Adi (39 years old), a man with disability from Jember, tried to overcome his limitations. He was determined to get the COVID-19 vaccination amidst of a lot of false information circulating among his community. Adi came along with his 10 comrades from the Association of Persons with Disabilities (Perpenca).



Adi, recipient of inclusive vaccination in Jember

"After the vaccination I did not feel any serious side effects, this vaccination is safe for people with disabilities. Hopefully after getting the vaccination my income will improve and I can carry out normal activities," he hoped.

The limited activities for people with disabilities make their level of dependence on others quite high, this also increases their vulnerability to the COVID-19 exposure.



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