

PORTFOLIO

CENTER FOR REGULATION POLICY AND GOVERNANCE (CRPG)

IBN KHALDUN UNIVERSITY

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CRPG is an independent, not for profit organization legally stands under the Ibn Khaldun Education Foundation, and affiliated to Ibn Khaldun University, Bogor. Ibn Khaldun University was founded in 1959 by a group of Bogor scholars. Since then until today, Ibn Khaldun University continues to provide quality education for Bogor generations.

CRPG is working on research, consulting and training, on all aspects related to policy, regulation and governance. It was founded in 2013 by the initiative of the first doctorate lecturer of Law at Ibn Khaldun University, Mohamad Mova Al'Afghani, PhD. CRPG was established as a response to the need for research based policy and action plan, with a goal to contribute in building pillars of good governance in Indonesia. In the years to come, CRPG will also strengthen its work on evaluation and execution of development projects as a mean to assess and execute policy as well as to suggest policy improvements.

Mission and Philosophy

CRPG mission is to apply research excellence in the process of formulating policy and executing action plan, as an effort to support good governance practices in all sectors. We believe that research-based policy and action plan will provide firm ground for decision making and can deliver expected results, when executed accordingly. CRPG highlights the importance of methodology in conducting field studies, reviewing, collecting data set and translating research into action plan, policy and regulation.

Scope

CRPG undertake projects related to policy, regulation and development, in various sectors, including, but not limited to; water sector, food and nutrition, transparency/ access to information, law, forestry, agriculture, geography. Projects requiring interdisciplinary approach and combination of methodology in different sciences are encouraged.

CRPG research work is channeled through studies, consultancies, training and community service. Results of our projects are advocated and disseminated directly to policy makers, or published as policy brief, popular articles and scientific articles.

Resources

Our consultants are academically trained researchers with vast experiences on the field of their expertise. The center has a doctorate researcher in law, a PhD researcher in fishery and nutrition, a geographer, an anthropologist, two masters in nutrition and food safety and a social development expert. The center's secretariat is located at Ibn Khaldun University, Bogor. We share the office management with the university administration. The center support distance working and efficient on the spot meeting.

Projects

Since its establishment in 2013, CRPG has been mandated by international and national donors. CRPG has gain recognitions from Australian Aid and Open Government Partnership (OGP) and national institution, namely Jakarta Water Sector Regulatory Body (JWSRB). The donors have trusted CRPG with important mandates because of the unique expertise we offer, and the consultants' credibility in previous work which have advanced the establishment of the center in short period of time.

Two evaluation projects are still ongoing and an evaluation project was recently completed. We describe the projects mandated to us, below;

- Evaluation of the sustainability of community based water and sanitation policy and regulation (AIIRA). Sponsored by Australian Aid, the project was started in February 2013, ending in February 2015. CRPG is using interdisciplinary approach to evaluate the current state of community based water and sanitation. Numerous NGOs, INGOs and government agencies conducted livelihood projects with focus to improve the condition of water and sanitation in less developed area in Indonesia. However, little is known about the sustainability of such project. AusAid is funding CRPG to evaluate the current state of the water and sanitation in Ende, East Nusa Tenggara and Lamongan, East Java. The methodology used in this evaluation are; in depth interview, legal analysis, focus group discussion, multi-cited ethnography and literature review. There are five researchers involved in this study; two law and regulation experts, a human geographer, an anthropologist, a water engineer as well as two technical assistants. Field research was conducted in East Nusa Tenggara and East Java. The project is a collaboration between CRPG Ibn Khaldun, UNESCO Center for Water Law Policy and Science, University of Dundee, UK and the National Planning Agency, Republic of Indonesia.
- Evaluation of country performance (Indonesia) in the execution of Open Government Partnership (OGP) action plans 2013-2015. Sponsored by OGP Washington DC office, the project started in April 2014, scheduled to be finalized in April 2016. OGP action plan is a government program for public participation and transparency/access to information in the government. OGP has requested CRPG to evaluate Indonesian government performance in

implementing OGP action plan 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. CRPG works closely with the OGP funding recipient Unit Kerja Presiden bidang Pengawasan dan Pengendalian Pembangunan (UKP4). The 2013-2014 evaluation includes various sectors, such as forestry, water sector and mining. Method used in this evaluation are in-depth interviews (to stakeholders from 13 ministries/ related government agencies) and qualitative content analysis of government documents. The evaluation project is exclusively mandated by OGP to CRPG.

- Evaluation of Jakarta water sector regulation for the Jakarta Water Sector Regulatory Body (JWSRB) 2014 (recently finalized). The JWSRB requested the CRPG to review and provide recommendation on applicable water regulations in Jakarta. The project started in August and was just completed in November 2014. Jakarta water sector regulation was considered old, and the implementation was considered unsatisfactory. JWSRB was looking for expert recommendation based on the evaluation of the current regulation. Method used in this evaluation were regulatory analysis and focus group discussion (FGD). CRPG has successfully completed the evaluation and provided JWSRB with useful recommendations.

Publications

We are running a blog on policy and regulation, please visit <http://blog.crpq.info>. Three scientific publications on community based water and sanitation management are in press. Popular articles were also published in the national media. Some of them were;

- MM Al'Afghani, Constitutional Court's review and the future of water law in Indonesia, Law Env't & Dev. J. 2, 1
- MM Al'Afghani, The transparency agenda in water utilities regulation and the role of freedom of information: England and Jakarta case studies Journal of Water Law 20 (2-3), 129-143
- MM Al'Afghani, Anti-Privatisation Debates, Opaque Rules and 'Privatised' Water Services Provision: Some Lessons from Indonesia, IDS Bulletin 43 (2), 21-26
- MM Al'Afghani, Safeguarding Water Contracts in Indonesia, Law, Environment and Development Journal 3 (2), 148

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