

Challenges to the Quality of Education in Indonesia during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Millennials stay resilient in difficult times



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What is a University? What is Education?

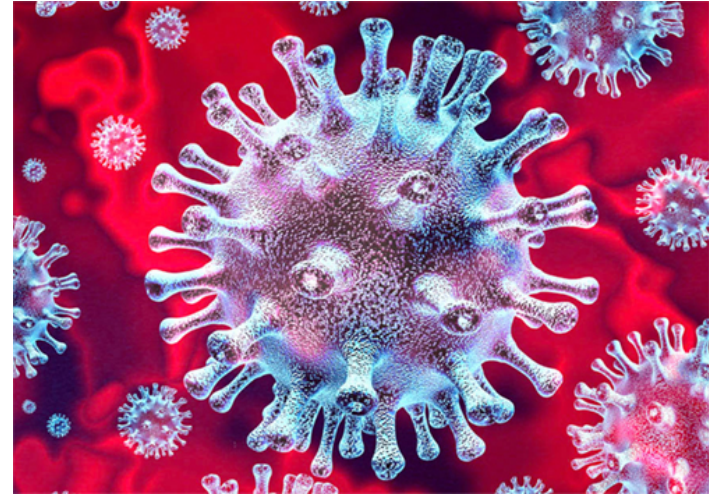


1. Transfer of knowledge
2. Training skills
3. Apprentice system
4. Formation of personality and attitudes
 - Science, knowledge
 - Professional training, skills
 - Investigative spirit
 - Service to society
5. Participation in a community of scholars and professionals
6. Focus on place and contribution of science, medicine, and technology to Indonesian society
7. Service to society

Education at times of a pandemic

What has changed?

- Teaching moved online
 - Social aspect diminished
- Students are affected
- Teachers are affected
 - Decrease in social interaction
 - Social isolation
 - Stresses increase in households
 - Grief: death, personal losses
 - Anxiety
 - Depression
- Social calling of a university



Stress ...

- Student mental health
 - Increasing concern worldwide
 - ... and now THIS!
- Individual perspective
 - Individual circumstances
 - Individual vulnerabilities
 - Interventions at an individual level
 - Resilience
- Community-level interventions
 - Academic community
 - University community
 - Morale
 - **How to counter social isolation**



What can we do?

- **Morale**
- Trust in leadership
- Trust in training: preparation for the future
- (Perception) of social support
- **Support the student community**
- Counter social isolation among students (and staff)
 - Ingenuity required!
 - Decrease hierarchy – social distance between staff and students
 - Support student initiatives
- Spirit of inclusion, tolerance
 - No place for hate-speech, discrimination, etc.



The calling of a university

- **Knowledge, skills**
- In Indonesia today
 - Science is ignored
 - Hoaxes are increasing
 - Lack of leadership in Indonesia
- **Knowledge vacuum**



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Solidarity and cooperation must define the battle against COVID-19

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World Health Organization's regional director

The lingering question is why Jokowi only let the public learn of his anger after 10 days. The public, as well as experts, have criticized the way his ministers, especially Health Minister Terawan Agus Putranto, have handled the biggest public health crisis of our time from the very beginning.

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Indonesia's health minister asks Muslim clerics to pray against coronavirus

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Ministry claims 'antivirus necklace' prevents COVID-19, experts beg to differ

Tri Indah Oktavianti and Kharishar Kahfi

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Indonesia minister in row over eucalyptus necklace Covid-19 claim

Experts decry claim that necklace of eucalyptus can help prevent transmission of virus

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Indonesia was in denial over coronavirus. Now it may be facing a looming disaster

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The government had been in denial. Terawan dismissed as “insulting” a report by Harvard University researchers saying Indonesia must have unreported cases. As recently as last Friday, another minister was still arguing the virus cannot survive in tropical climates.

Almost no one thinks Indonesia is handling the COVID-19 pandemic well.

Until early March, the government claimed it had no cases of infection, something the eccentric health minister, Terawan Agus Putranto, attributed to prayer. The home affairs minister urged the public to eat more bean sprouts and broccoli, while President Joko Widodo (Jokowi) sang the praises of jamu, traditional herbal remedies.

<https://theconversation.com/indonesia-was-in-denial-over-coronavirus-now-it-may-be-facing-a-looming-disaster-135436>

1. Address knowledge vacuum in Indonesia

- **Social calling of a university**
 - Make all knowledge and insights available
 - “Popularize”
 - Communication
- New skills needed
 - **Past**
 - Newspapers, government officials
 - **Today**
 - Social media (students have very good insights)
 - Counter hoaxes
 - Credibility deficit
 - Politicians
 - Business
 - Academics?
 - Negotiation of medicine and religion



2. Design creative solutions

- Staff *and* students

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No Idul Adha prayers at Istiqlal amid COVID-19 concerns, ministry says



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“Ghosts” guarding neighborhoods



3. Community support (social calling)

1. University community

- Student community

2. Yogyakarta, Indonesia

- What we know:
- Disease affects the poor and disadvantaged groups disproportionately
 - Poor: no social distancing in the *kampung*
 - Homeless people
 - Groups suffering from social stigma (mentally ill)
- COVID
 - Staying at home best with a large house (middle class)
 - Internet access essential
 - Access to medical care
- Inequality (statement from Intellectual Public Forum, Kemendikbud)

3. Indonesia

Responding to the Crisis

- 1. Address knowledge deficit
- 2. Design creative solutions
- 3. Strengthen the community
 - University
 - Immediate community
 - Indonesia
 - Focus on social justice
 - Focus on disadvantaged groups
 - Poor
 - Discrimination/stigma



Conclusion

- Challenge: COVID
- Many problems in universities
 - Limited functioning
- Focus on calling
 - What can we do?
 - What should be done?

