



Preface

Indonesia reported an escalation in COVID-19 daily confirmed cases from the early period of the pandemic on 2 March 2020 to the end of 2020. On the other hand, social activity restrictions tended to be relaxed to drive economic recovery. The change of conditions over time in the prolonged pandemic most probably changed the impact of the pandemic on older people.

In our previous study – ‘Older People and COVID-19 in Indonesia’ first-round phone survey – we found that older people are one of the vulnerable groups in this pandemic. The high fatality rates amongst older people in Indonesia are closely related to their comorbidity. Unfortunately, despite the need for health consultation and routine medicine, older people face difficulties accessing health services and experience a shortage of routine medicines they need during the pandemic. In response to the impacts of the pandemic on the economic crisis and social activity restrictions, some older people received assistance in the form of cash, in-kind, and other social support.

We conducted a follow-up survey, the second round of phone surveys, to observe the current condition of the respondents. The second survey was conducted in November 2020. Using the same instrument as the first survey round conducted in July 2020, we aimed to identify the change in the impacts of the pandemic on respondents. For this reason, we re-interviewed the respondents from the first survey round. We asked about some conditions they experienced after the first interview.

This study was initiated by Bappenas (Badan Perencanaan Pembangunan Nasional: National Development Planning Agency) and sponsored by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). Data collection, including technical support, instrument design, and basic analysis, was conducted by SurveyMETER. This report was compiled based on panel data analysis of both the first and second survey rounds. Our findings show that there were changes in several impacts felt by respondents. Since the impacts on older people are dynamic over time, support to help them cope must be responsive. As the pandemic is not over yet, a follow-up to this survey will be good.

SurveyMETER wishes to thank Bappenas and ERIA for the support provided. We hope that the result of this phone survey will be good inputs for the government and the policymakers in their efforts to improve the welfare and prosperity of the community, particularly of the older people.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ni Wayan Sriastini', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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