

Dear Reader,

This edition of *Jurnal Perencanaan Pembangunan* features eight articles that reflect Indonesia's evolving development priorities across sectors such as fiscal decentralization, social protection, productivity, spatial planning, and mental health. These studies highlight the interplay between economic equity, institutional design, and public well-being.

Spanning regions from Alor to Jambi and Pekanbaru, the articles emphasize the importance of inclusive, adaptive, and evidence-based public policy. They contribute valuable insights into local development dynamics and offer recommendations aligned with Indonesia's long-term vision toward 2045.

The issue opens with an evaluation of Special Financial Assistance (SAF) in Alor (2019–2022), showing improved livelihoods and access to basic services for the poor. Two articles on Pekanbaru's Kaca Mayang Green Open Space highlight its role in reducing stress and promoting social cohesion, while also calling for better public space governance.

Another study assesses the Special Allocation Fund (DAK) in the social sector during COVID-19, underscoring the need for stronger local capacity and adaptive fiscal policy. An article on state-market synergy finds that programs like PKH and JKN reduce poverty but require better coordination and digital integration.

Further, one article identifies resource misallocation—especially in SOEs—as a major productivity challenge. Reform is essential to raise the Total Factor Productivity. An article shows an evidence-based policy in the development of aloe vera. Lastly, a study on Jambi's fiscal imbalances recommends enhancing local revenue autonomy through improved tax governance and Law No. 1/2022.

Together, these articles offer valuable guidance for building a more inclusive and resilient Indonesia.

Happy reading,

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