

**Report on the Mini Launch of ILO Project on Mobilization and
Capacity Building of Teachers' Union and Wider Trade Unions in
Combating Child Labour in Indonesia
Papua Room, UNDP Office
Jakarta, 4 March 2009**

1. Introduction

The ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labor is currently implementing the Project of Support to the Indonesia Time Bound Program for the Elimination of Worst Forms of Child Labor which is supported by USDOL. The Project aims at creating supportive policy environment as well as withdrawing and preventing child labour through provision of direct services. To complement this Project of Support, IPEC of ILO HQ has managed to mobilize additional support from Japanese Trade Union Confederation – RENGO to intensify its work in combating child labor with trade unions in Indonesia, especially teachers' trade union. The activities that are to be implemented from July 2008 to June 2011 will focus on mobilization and capacity-building of Teachers' association and wider Trade Unions in Indonesia.

With the endorsement of National Steering Committee and an Action Program that has been agreed by PGRI (Teachers' Association of Indonesia Republic) as implementing partner, the ILO-IPEC held a mini launch for the project on March 4, 2009 at Papua Room, UNDP Office. The launch was meant as an awareness raising activities in which stakeholders were invited to the launch to be informed about ILO-IPEC activities with trade unions in Indonesia. The launch also aimed at mobilizing support to the elimination of the worst forms of child labor in Indonesia from various stakeholders, especially trade unions in Indonesia.

2. The Launch

The launch was attended by around 70 persons representing government institutions, international organizations, trade unions, employers, NGOs, Universities, and Media (see list of attendees). The launch was opened by Mr. Alan Boulton, Director of ILO Jakarta. In his opening speech Mr. Alan Boulton admitted the important roles of teachers and their organization as a powerful agent of social change in communities to ensure that children remain in school and that as a trade union, teachers organization can interact with various organization and established a network that can bring a bigger impact to create a better future for the children. Mr. Boulton also emphasizes that teachers' organization could influence relevant education policies that will contribute to the reduction of child labour. ILO records for example that in May 2007, a PGRI national campaign ended with the Indonesian Constitutional Court instructing the government to fulfill its commitment to spend 20 per cent of the national budget on education. PGRI also initiated national protests demanding that the government allocate the agreed

budget to the education sector and lower education fees which often prohibit children from low-income families attending public schools.



Mr. Alan Boulton, Director of ILO Jakarta is delivering his speech

At the project launch Mr. Sulistyo, President of PGRI stated his concern on the education world in Indonesia especially as a significant numbers of teachers, especially teachers teaching in private schools (these schools are usually run by foundations) and non permanent teachers are still paid far below the minimum wage. These of course have impacted on the quality of teaching and the low quality of teaching led to the high rate of drop outs. Mr. Sulistyo also informed that PGRI is advocating 12 years basic compulsory education as national policy. With 12 years of compulsory education PGRI believes that the problems of child labourers will be mitigated. Internally, according to Mr. Sulistyo, PGRI has put actions against child labor as one of their program.

Mr. Djufnie Ashary, the vice president of Confederation of Indonesia Trade Unions, where PGRI is affiliated also stated his concern about child labour issue as part of labours concerned in general. Therefore, CITU will fully support and secure the implementation of the project for the sake of the labours and their family as part of its participation in the elimination of child labour. Mr. Ashary is also looking forward that through this project all trade unions can work together and establish a network to strengthen the efforts to eliminate child labour in Indonesia.



Ms. Unifah Rosyidi, PGRI's Vice President for the International Cooperation informs the attendees about the activities to be implemented by PGRI under the project supported by ILO-IPEC and RENGO

The launch was marked by signing of a placard entailing "Reaching the Future without Child Labour: All Teachers Combating Child Labour in Indonesia." The placard was signed by ILO, represented by Mr. Alan Boulton, ILO's Director and PGRI, represented by Mr. Sulisty, President of PGRI. The signing of the Placard was also representatives from Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, employers' association, and CITU.



Left to Right: Mr. Djimanto, Secretary General of Indonesian Employers Association, Ms. Ms. Wahyu Indrawati, Head of sub-directorate of Industrial Relations representative of Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration, Mr. Alan Boulton, Director of ILO Jakarta, Mr. Sulistyo, President of PGRI and Mr. Djufnie Ashary, Vice President of the Confederation of Indonesia Trade Union to which PGRI affiliates, showing to the audiences the signed placard entailing “Reaching the Future without Child Labour: All Teachers Combating Child Labour in Indonesia.” The signing of the placard symbolizes that they are supporting the works of combating child labour by PGRI.

3. Media Coverage

The launch gained media attention as in the below list:

N o	Name of Media	Date	Title	Web address
1	The Jakarta Post	March 5, 2009	ILO, Teachers to Fight Child Labour in Indonesia	http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/article/12018.html
2	The Jakarta Globe	March 5, 2009	ILO and Teachers' Union take aim at child labour	http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2009/03/05/ilo-teachers-fight-child-labor-ri.html
3.	CRI.cn	March 5, 2009	ILO, Teachers to Fight Child Labour in Indonesia	http://english.cri.cn/6966/2009/03/05/2021s460664.htm
4.	The Bangladesh	March 5, 2009	ILO, Teachers to Fight Child Labour in	http://www.thebangladeshtoday.com/economy.htm

	Today		Indonesia	
5.	Suara Karya	March 5, 2009	ILO-PGRI kerjasama perangai pekerja anak (ILO-PGRI work together on actions against child labor)	http://www.suarakarya-online.com/news.html?id=221809
6.	Bisnis Indonesia	March 5, 2009	70% pekerja anak di perkebunan. Perusahaan besar tidak berani pekerjakan anak (70% child labor is in agriculture. Big companies do not have courage to employ children)	http://www.bisnis.com/servlet/page?_pageid=127&_dad=portal30&_schema=PORTAL30&vnuw_lang_id=2&ptopik=A17&cdate=05-MAR-2009&inw_id=660269

4. Participants

70 people attended the launch, consisting of:

- a. 38 from trade unions (Confederation and Federation)
- b. 5 government official (ministry of Manpower and Transmigration and Ministry of Education)
- c. 1 from employer organization
- d. 3 from international organizations (UNESCO, NZAID and Dutch Embassy)
- e. 1 from University
- f. 7 from NGOs
- g. 9 from mass media
- h. 6 from ILO Jakarta