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Assessing and Addressing the Effects of Trade on Employment (ETE Project)

What have we done?

After we have successfully conducted training for specialist on Introduction to Social Accounting Matrix and Multiplier Analysis on 7-11 February 2011 at Sultan Hotel, the ETE Project conducted 5 weeks follow up training session from 25 February 2011 to 25 March 2011 for the same participants, in order to promote the proficiency of participants in applying the method in their work.

The follow up training study assessing the impact of trade on employment issues include direct and indirect effects, the impact on income, on the quality of employment, on the informal economy and on men and women, which will be written by each working group. The reports will consider job losses likely to occur as a result of trade agreements. The follow up training will use quantitative techniques that had been given to participants and are most appropriate to the country situation.



The aim of this follow up training is (1) to give the participants hands on experience in using the SAM and Multiplier Analysis and (2) to write the papers that will be parts of the national study on Employment Effects of Trade in Indonesia. The paper's findings will also be used as background material to present at the PWG meeting.



The methodology of this training is based on face to face interaction which allowed a constructive communication and exchange of experience between facilitator and participants.

The obligation to make presentation and to write the report for each working group provokes participants to be more actively involved in the works by which they can gain more understanding on the issues. The facilitator is from the Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics, the University of Indonesia, Mr. Djoni Hartono.

The 3rd PWG meeting has been conducted on 28 June 2011 at TRIDHARMA Conference Room, Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration. There were around 126 participants attending the meeting, the majority coming from different Directorate Generals within the MOMT; the rest were from the National Development Planning Agency, Ministries of Trade, Industry, Agriculture and Finance.



The agenda of the PWG meeting was introduction by Mr. Djuharsa, Head of the Board of Research, Development and Information of the MOMT (BALITFO). Opening speech by

the Minister of MOMT. Presentation of "Indonesia-China Trade: What is the impact on employment?" by the Country Director of ILO, Mr. Peter van Rooij. Presentation on "Linkage of Trade Liberalization and Employment Condition in the Agricultural Sector in Indonesia" by Prof. Dr. Rina Oktaviani of Bogor Institute of Agriculture, followed by the discussion.

What next?

Mr. Chris Manning, supported by Mr. Haryo Aswicahyono will study on the impact of trade liberalization on employment in the services sector in Indonesia.

