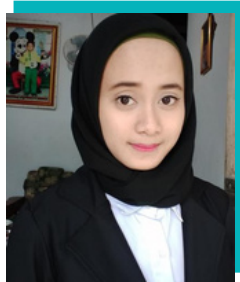


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The impact of COVID-19 on child marriage: a big challenge for the advancement of children's rights

Children, as vulnerable people, need protection in their growth. Indonesia has 80 million children. Ironically, Indonesia is in a state of underage marital emergency. Although the legal age for marrying was raised from 16 to 19, amendment of the 1974 Marriage Law. According to UNICEF, Indonesia has the world's eighth-highest number of child marriages. During covid-19, the courts received 34,413 applications between January and June 2020. Many factors that drive this, including poverty, education, religion, and sexuality stigma. Proposed measures include more comprehensive protection, specifically in the Marriage Law, Sexual Law and Child Protection Act, as well as educational approach.