



Gender-Sensitive Participatory Budgeting Processes: Experience from Solo, Indonesia

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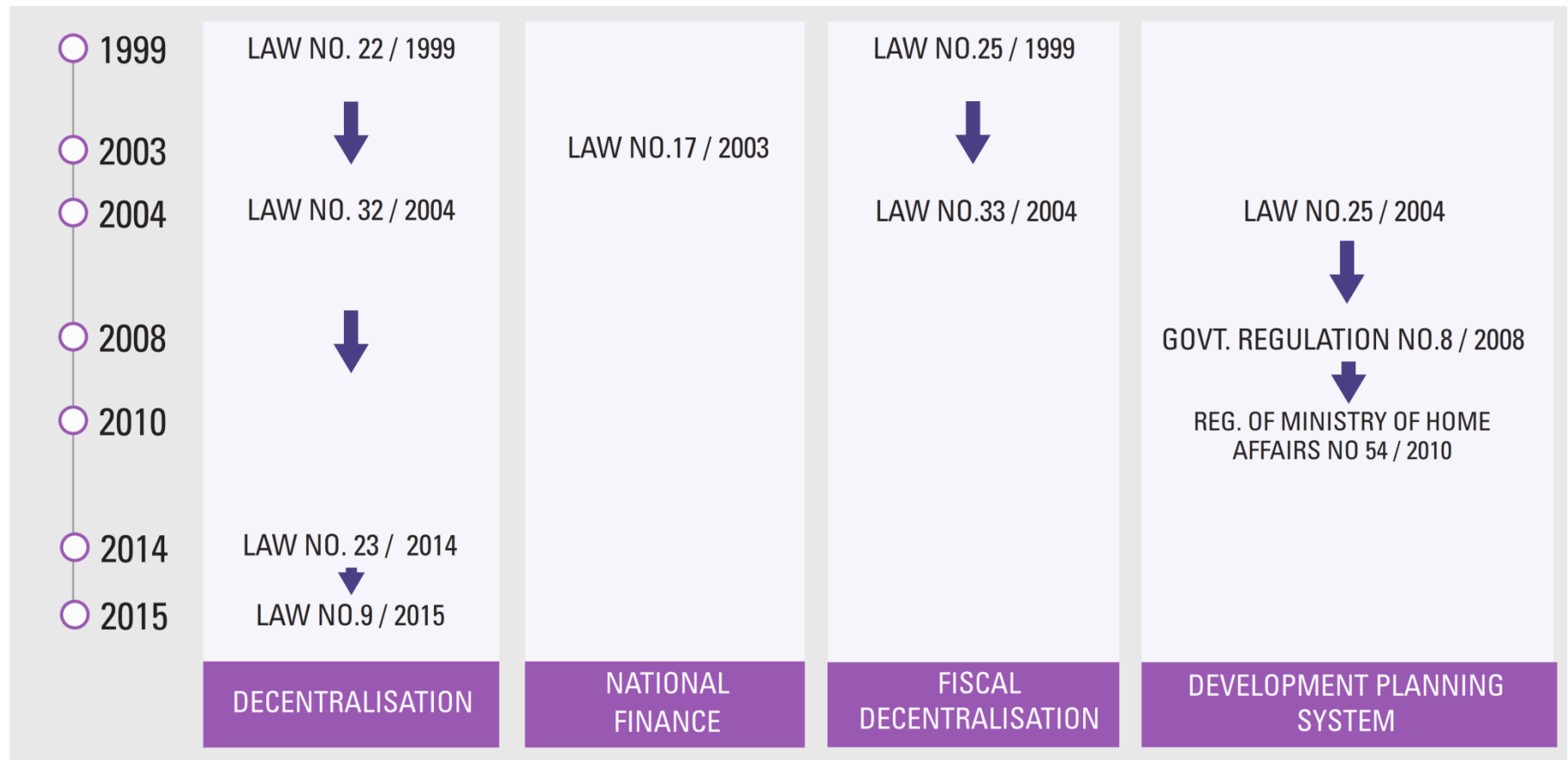
SOLO, INDONESIA



Area	: 44.04 km ²	# Kecamatan (District)	: 5 kecamatan
Population	: 562,269 (2017)	# Kelurahan (Neighbourhood)	: 51 kelurahan
Male	: 276,685	# RW	: 605
Female	: 285,584	# RT	: 2,711

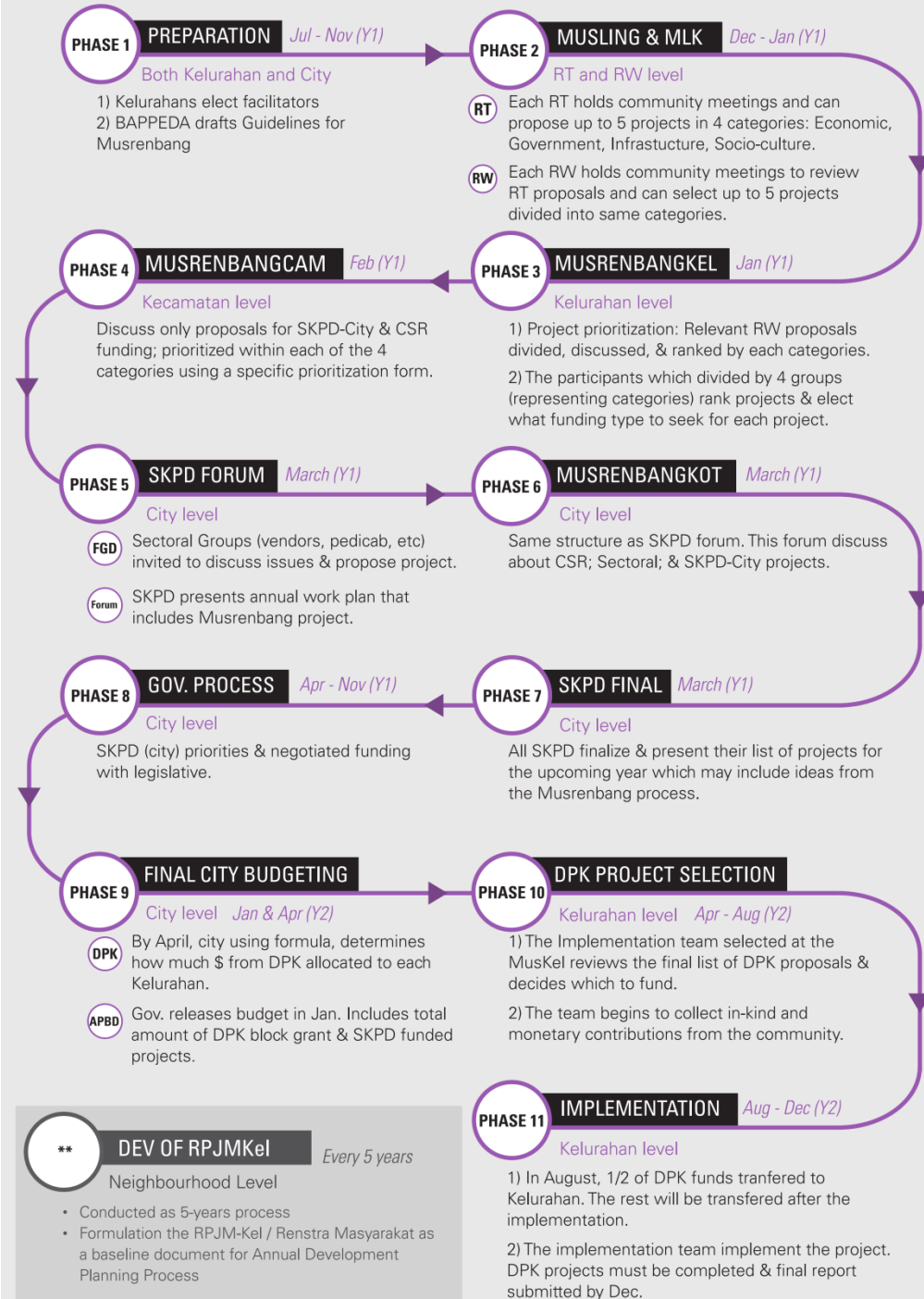
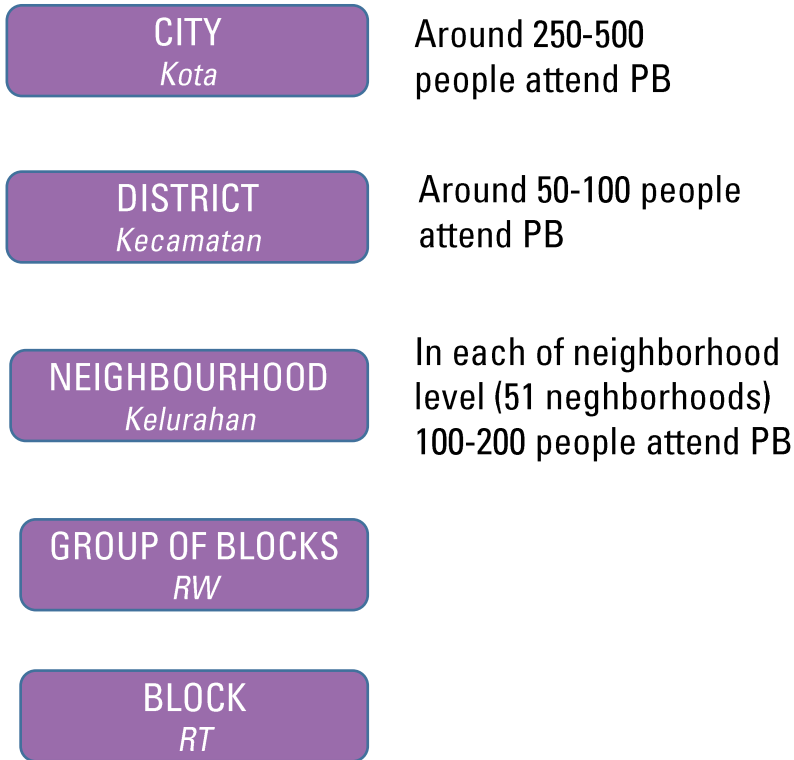
History and Regulatory Context

Participatory budgeting practice in Indonesia based on the legal framework



PB Process in Solo

City Government Structure



Financial Dimension: City budget Discussed as PB

Different budget sources to accommodates Community Proposals in Solo:

- Block grant Around 1% of the total city budget
- Local-government budget Around 25% of the total budget
- National budget
- Other funding

Year	SOLO			YOGYAKARTA		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Total city spending (TS)	1,402,670,367,600	1,514,431,877,000	1,582,323,827,000	1,134,964,779,286	1,422,093,336,380	1,741,299,934,341
City Direct Spending (DS)	567,672,798,400	624,210,859,000	597,812,741,000	571,388,921,557	825,006,764,481	886,405,828,598
Block Grant	12,201,820,000	12,863,820,000	12,230,820,000	3,700,000,000	3,700,000,000	4,218,500,000
% BG to TS	0,87%	0,85%	0,77%	0,24%	0,26%	0,26%
% BG to DS	2,15%	2,06%	2,05%	0,48%	0,45%	0,45%



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- Since 2009, the government regulated 30% quota for women participation in PB process (both for committee and participants) and is already implemented in each level of *Musrenbang*.
 - Youth association are invited
 - Children forum are also invited.
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Specific PB Resources earmarked for women

- Budget allocated for women organization (PKK)
- Budget allocated for women issues such as elder and baby health care (Posyandu)
- Budget allocated for women who are victim of violence/abuse
- Budget allocated for women economic empowerment / job creation.



Tools and mechanism applied to enhance women participation:

Neighbourhood's women group

The existence of women group in the neighbourhood to city level (called PKK) is very significant since they enhance women's participation in public affairs.

Advocacy through NGO

There are also some NGOs who work closely in the community and city levels to foster women participation like SPEKHAM. Some of the NGOs, on some occasions, also assist women group on how advocate women issues through musrenbang.

Enforcement through government regulation

Musrenbang Guideline issued by government requires 30% quotas for women as participant and also as member of committee.

Active role of PB committee to invite women group

To enhance women's participation, committee invited women group such as PKK, Fatayat (Islamic women group), Aisyiah (Islamic women group), etc.

Obstacles of Gender balanced participation in PB Processes

SEGREGATION

- Women usually involved more on social-culture and economic faculty
- Men usually involved more on infrastructure commission.

REGENERATION ISSUE

Most of the women participants in participatory budgeting process are older generation. The regeneration process for community activism is lacking in neighbourhood level. More women involved in upper level discussion (district / city) because the existence of women organizations.

TIME FOR PB MEETING

In regards with time, most of the PB discussions happen at night (especially in the lower level). Women cannot attend meeting until late night.

PB and Women Empowerment

PB open chances for women to be actively involved in public affairs, express their opinion and claim their needs and interest.

Through the implementation of socio-economic programs, women has chances to get additional skills to improve their life

Key aspect to generate more-sensitive PB

Putting women in leadership position

Capacity building for women about innovative ideas for programs to be proposed through PB to improve their life

More active involvement of youth in the process

Capacity building to NGOs who assist PB processes, not only those who work in gender issue, about gender issues.