

Indonesia launches innovative smoke-free area dashboard to protect public health

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Smoke-free area dashboard can serve as the much-needed information system for monitoring

Indonesia has made remarkable strides in adoption of smoke-free policy. As of June 2023, a total of 456 cities and districts, equal to around 86% of 520 cities and districts in Indonesia, have adopted smoke-free policies. But the actual implementation of these regulations leaves much to be desired. One major stumbling block is the lack of measurable data and monitoring tools that would guarantee the effective enforcement of these policies.

To improve the policy enforcement, the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Indonesia and World Health Organisation (WHO) Indonesia have joined forces to create an innovative tool called the smoke-free area dashboard.

This web-based platform was developed to monitor and visually represent the progress of smoke-free policy implementation at city/district levels. The dashboard comprises of four assessment components: regulation, inspection, enforcement, and compliance. Each of these components contributes to a score that determines the overall implementation rank for every city and district. This dashboard has a companion mobile application called Monitor KTR Indonesia, designed specifically for the smoke-free task forces. This app allows officials to record inspections, enforce regulations, and evaluate compliance with smoke-free policies.

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