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## ***Bappenas Strengthens Role as Developmental Clearing House During 2022 Working Plan Pre-Coordination Meeting***

**JAKARTA** – The Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas recently held an online Governor's Pre-Coordination Meeting (Pre-Rakorgub) regarding the government's 2022 Working Plan on Friday (5/2).

Over 400 participants attended the meeting, from both the central and regional governments, as part of a series of working visits to eight provinces that has been ongoing since October 2020. The dialogue aims to discuss the regional macroeconomic framework in 2021 as well as forecasts for 2022 in formulating strategic issues, national priorities, and proposals to accelerate socio-economic transformation and regional development efforts. The results of the dialogue will be discussed during the Governor's Coordination Meeting (Rakorgub) for the preparation of the 2022 Working Plan, which will be lead by the Minister of National Development Planning/Head of Bappenas Suharso Monoarfa.

"Considering the country's macroeconomic and fiscal conditions in 2022, the key issues that will be addressed within the 2022 Working Plan include tackling the challenges faced by poverty alleviation efforts, employment, Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (UMKM) and industries. Investments and exports will be key to our economic recovery in 2022, if we were to achieve a gross domestic product (GDP) year-on-year growth of 5.4% to 6.0%. With the prediction that the economy will be relatively free from the pressures of the Covid-19 pandemic, 2022 will be a key year for Indonesia to recover and accelerate its economic growth," Minister Suharso said.

The manufacturing industry is expected to be one of the main engines of growth, while sectors previously affected by Covid-19, such as trade and tourism, are expected to accelerate.

The Minister emphasized that health management, through strengthening the national health system, will remain the foundation for Indonesia's sustainable economic recovery and transformation. The Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas will act as a 'clearing house' to ensure that every development project implemented in 2022 promotes economic recovery in the short term and lay the foundations for further socio-economic changes in the long term.

In accordance with the 2020-2024 Medium-Term National Development Plan (RPJMN), the 2022 Working Plan itself will prioritize seven national development priority areas, with 10 major projects directly related to the plan's key areas of development, including digital transformation, increasing the role of UMKMs in the economy, the construction of industrial estates and a further 31 smelters, the development of 10 tourist destinations, food estates, renewable energy, major projects in the Papua region, strengthening and maintaining an integrated main port network, the national health system and the new State Capital (IKN) project.

Ministe Suharso also emphasized that the development projects must be carried out in accordance with the development themes, holistically by encouraging and involving further collaboration between government ministries and agencies with local governments, considering the different characteristics and backgrounds of each project and their various funding sources. Local governments are expected to contribute optimally towards achieving national priority targets in their respective provinces.

In addition, Minister Suharso also advised the heads of several regional planning boards (Bappeda), as

representatives of the central government, to pay close attention to the implementation of special allocated funds so that the national priority projects can be executed in line with the priority programs of each relevant ministry and/or agency.

"Development in the regional areas, as an elaboration of the national development effort, must move together with the same steps, the same pace and the same beat. Local governments must make an optimal contribution to setting development priorities and solving any strategic issues that they face. To make sure that this happens, we must strengthen coordination efforts regarding financing resources such as Balancing Funds and ministerial allocations to ensure the smooth development of our priority projects," Minister Suharso explained.

Chief Secretary of the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas' Secretariate Himawan Hariyoga added that in addition to being one of the initial stages of drafting a holistic, integrative and spatial Government Working Plan for 2022, the Pre-Rakorgub meeting is also an effort to implement evidence-based planning and policies while at the same time strengthening the Ministry's role as a clearing house.

The meeting was carried out online to fulfill Covid-19 health protocols. Furthermore, the Ministry's Deputy for Development Monitoring, Control and Evaluation Taufik Hanafi outlined that the preparation stages for drafting the 2022 Working Plan began with the discussion of development priorities and themes in December 2020 and continued with a series of technical coordination meetings and development planning deliberations at both the provincial and national levels.

Meanwhile, the Ministry's Deputy of Regional Development Rudy Soeprihadi Prawiradinata explained the dialogue mechanisms used in the 'regional desks' discussion, which involved members of the Provincial Bappeda, Regency/Municipal Bappeda, and also representatives from Bank Indonesia in each province. At each desk, discussions were focused on regional strategic issues that must be addressed in 2022 such as national priority programs or project plans, as well as local government support in implementing these tasks.

"With the understanding that regional development is intertwined with national development, the performance of our national development is the aggregate result of development performance and progress in all regions. The achievement of our national development goals and targets is an aggregation of the achievements of all provinces, regencies, and municipalities in fulfilling them. Thus, the responsibility to achieve national development goals becomes a shared obligation between the central and regional governments," Deputy Rudy said.

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