

JAARVERSLAG / ANNUAL REPORT



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Forewords

WE DID IT!

2014 was our best year! After so many years struggling for our rights of identity, finally, in January 2014 Indonesian government represent by Directorate General of Immigration issued a circular letter stated that ALL Indonesian citizen have rights to renew their expired passport regardless of their immigration status under the state of destination.

Such achievement would not be gained without the struggle of all fellows as well as the good intention of our ambassador , Retno Marsudi. She brought our issue to the Directorate General and they discussed the regulation. Identity rights is human rights , we have rights of our passport. Without passport we are not recognised as Indonesian nor citiaen of any states, we are vulnerable to any kinds of exploitation. Therefore we are glad that we are recognised as Indonesian and get protection from our country. And this year, since we are recognised as citizen of Indonesia, we could VOTE in presidential election of Indonesia. A rights that we did not get since long time ago. To vote our president!

All of the achievements cannot be accomplished without the bless from God, the support from our family, our networks, friends and also the support from MAMA CASH. We are grateful for your support and we thank you therefore.

Indonesian Workers in the Netherlands: Work for Better Life

Working in the country where social and cultural life is so different is such a challenge. It has to be faced with strong determination and will. Despite the bitter struggle to gain euro, Indonesian migrant workers in the Netherlands still have a moment to make their own happiness and build community as their own family. Through IMWU organization, we have campaigned our right on having decent work and treatment as well as shown our existence. We are here and we are helpful.

Hereby, we present our activity as the portraits of our struggle to get a better life.

IMWU NEWS



Indonesian Undocumented get passport as the renewal of an expired one!

Finally, after more than 10 years, the undocumented Indonesian migrants in the Netherlands could get a passport as the renewal of an expired one. Before, Indonesian embassy will only

issue a travel documents which aims only for the return to Indonesia. Such travel document can barely be used as an identity card. Therefore, a lot of undocumented Indonesian migrants faced difficulties to identify themselves when they go to hospital, school or to send money via western union or money gram etc.

Since its establishment, IMWU NL struggle to get a passport for Indonesian undocumented. The issuance of travel document is not in line with the regulation. After some tense dialogue, lobbies to the embassy in The Hague and the government in Jakarta, and with all supports also a good intention, finally, last February, the Directorate General of Immigration issued a circular letter approving the issuance of passport for ALL Indonesian citizen including those who are undocumented in other countries.

Find our struggle:

<http://www.majalahsedane.net/2012/08/kemerdekaan-yang-semu-passport-sebagai.html>

<http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:http://www.majalahsedane.net/2013/10/siapa-sih-yang-mau-jadi-undocumented.html>

<http://picum.org/en/news/blog/35627/>

We are Indonesian, Our Delightful Achievement

Having Indonesian passport is not merely being acknowledged by a piece of document, but it is more than that. It is a proof that we are Indonesia who has right to take part in the general election of the Indonesian parliament and Presidential Election. Our voice is heard and counted! It's a great achievement for us!

Many thanks we presents to our great ambassador Ms. Retno Marsudi for helping and supporting us in reaching our goal in the Netherlands as a part of Indonesian people. We pray for your new duty as Minister of Foreign Affairs in the new President Joko Widodo's cabinet called "Kabinet Kerja" (Working Cabinet).



A warm and great congratulation is dedicated to the former ambassador as her new duty as Minister of Foreign Affairs. Hope we can still together build Indonesia good name in the world. Thank you for helping us in achieving our right as Indonesian.

See our link:

<http://news.detik.com/read/2014/09/16/175830/2692055/10/2/imwu-berharap-dubes-retno-marsudi-jadi-menlu-wanita-pertama>)

IMWU DOCUMENTARY FILM PROJECT



Through film we tell our story

In 2015, IMWU will present a documentary film telling about the hard struggle of Indonesian migrant workers in the Netherlands. Working together with Indonesian artist, Irwan Ahmet and team, we package successfully all informative, even dramatic, experience about the life of undocumented migrant worker.

The main goal of this film is to derive people consciousness and also government attention that we are here and exist.

To know more about this film, please see this link

<https://dispereertniet.wordpress.com/>



Deep Condolence, Our Pray for Them

We never know what God plans to us. Here, we give our deep condolences to our beloved ones, our friend, partner, brother and sister.

Supartini, the victim of MH17 crashed plane. Kindly find more information in these sites:

<http://www.kindo.hk/blog/?e=760>

Sarah van Walsum, Associate Professor Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Thank for all your help to us.

See

<http://www.vu.nl/nl/nieuws-agenda/nieuws/2014/okt-dec/in-memoriam-sarah-van-walsum.asp>



Slamet Heri Sutardjo, the founder of IMWU NL, the 1st Chairperson of IMWU NL, Our beloved Brother.

We keep struggling for you and for us.

UNDOCUMENTED ISSUE

We are not a criminal

Finally, The proposal to criminalize the undocumented is 'out of the table'. The political parties VVD and PVDA agreed to withdraw the proposal. We hail this decision with a joy and happy tears. No one wants to be undocumented.

It is our great pleasure that in future we can work without worrying our status and doing our best to help people with our capability as well as improving our welfare. The Alliance of Human Rights for the Undocumented (AHRU) which IMWU NL is part of, organized a discussion day which raised up the theme on 'Is criminalisation of undocumented migrants over, now the proposal of law is off the table?'

Find more news: <http://m.nos.nl/artikel/630578> ,
<http://www.hartvannederland.nl/top-nieuws/2014/illegaliteit-wordt-niet-straftbaar/> ,
<http://www.volkskrant.nl/vk/nl/2686/Binnenland/article/detail/3626235/2014/04/01/Straftbaarstelling-illegaliteit-van-tafel.dhtml>

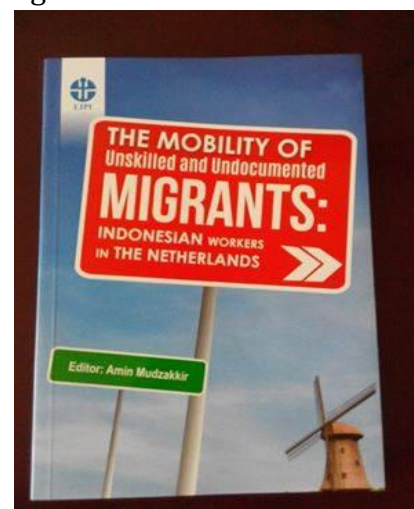
The Story



We are a phenomenon. Scholar researcher from LIPI (Indonesia Knowledge and Research Organization), Amin Mudzakkir, has conducted comprehensive research of the mobility of the unskilled and undocumented migrant in the Netherlands. This research is intentionally to draw Indonesian government's attention to

aware about the real living of Indonesian people in European country, who apparently is lack of their attention. For more information, it is available on this link
<http://interseksi.org/report/undocumented-migrants-cerita-orang-indonesia-di-luar-negeri/>

The story is available on this book



Now we can send our money, safely and economically.

Together with BNI, IMWU facilitates all members to have their BNI account to get the benefit of safe money transfer system. It is such a financial literacy to all members so that they can manage their money well.



EMPOWERMENT

To keep our spirit on, we consistently seek knowledge and useful information for supporting our work and life here. IMWU NL as the place to organize Indonesian migrant workers community, needs to persistently provide information to improve members' capacity and information literacy, particularly about living in the Netherlands.



Law information night with our lawyer, Seth Paul, about the tips what to do and what NOT to do while working in the Netherlands

And commemorating Women International Day, IMWU NL had an honor to be invited and gave presentation in the event of Stichting DIAN, Indonesian women organization.

We support also the campaign against abuse and torture to women and all migrant workers in the world:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=634579649912774>





Information night on access to health care and inviting Dokters van de Wereld to give explanation on the rights for the undocumented. It was held in Amsterdam and Rotterdam

Collaboration with Indonesian embassy, IMWU NL publishes information books of the rights to health care, education and legal aid. It is freely downloadable on our website www.imwu-nl.com.



Our successful story that we have made more than 150 members from Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague are well informed to that many important basic right. We have also police officers from the Police

Department on National Level who explains about the right to declare any inappropriate behaviour towards us as undocumented worker.

We learn to Speak Dutch

To improve members' proficiency to speak Dutch, IMWU NL conducts routinely Dutch language course in Amsterdam and The Hague. We believe that by having basic capability to speak Dutch, it will be so helpful for members to get better job as well as to gain engagement with employer.

Pocket Book

Many thanks to Yasmine Soraya, Muhafidah Janariyah and Ajeng Amoe, and also Joss Wibisono and Koes Komo for the contribution in editing and issuing this book.

It can be said as 'small bible' for domestic worker to know their rights as workers in the Netherlands.



VISIBILITY

To show our existence, IMWU NL join actively potential events as the medium for delivering the message that we are here, Indonesian people who are undocumented. We dare to speak our right, our struggle, our sadness, our happiness to all because it is us who work in the Netherlands for one mission, to get better life for our beloved family.



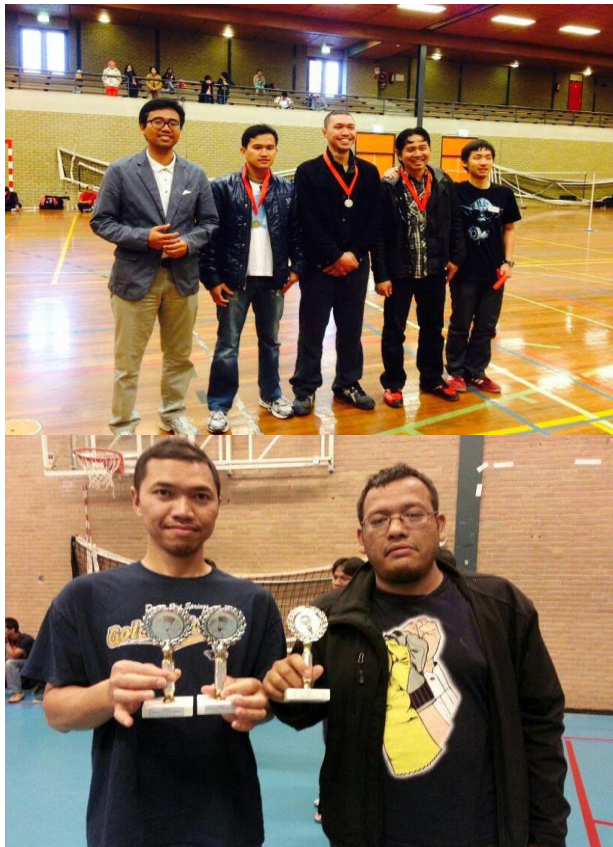
Faisol Iskandar, vice chairman of IMWU NL gives his speech about health access for undocumented worker on 18 January 2014 in Indonesian Diaspora Network event. Together with Michiel Al from FnV Bondgenoten, we do discussion talking about the importance of trade union for migrant workers, and with Richard de Fretes and Simon Ririsasa about the demand of domestic worker in the Netherlands.

In 'not-serious' matter, we participate in PASAR MALAM Amsterdam organized by Amsterdam Production House and Stichting Nusantara. The event was success, a lot of visitors and IMWU NL achieved contribution from the organisers as much as 250euro.





Additionally, as the community of worker, IMWU NL is also involved in volley tournament organised by IOM to commemorate MAY DAY. This event is also engaged other organizations in such as the Hague Wereldhuis, Fillipinos organisation LSE, Vluchtelingen. It is a moment where we have a time to strengthen our network as well as our solidarity.



For managing our connection with Indonesian student, IMWU NL also sent its delegation to participate at a Badminton tournament in Maastricht organized by PPI (Indonesian student association) Maastricht and won the second place of Maastricht Miriam Habibie Cup .

The same victory happened for our delegation at Groenscup competition organized by PPI Groningen. We are the 2nd place of volleyball and Badminton competition.



Furthermore, IMWU NL was taking a part also at Indonesian Diaspora Network Europe Summit on 31 May-1 June 2014 in The Hague. Some representatives from Indonesian Diaspora Germany, Poland, Belgium etc attended the summit.

For more information please kindly refer to <http://indonesiandiasporanl.wix.com/english>

It is really important for us to share experiences in other countries and to find recommendations of some action plans for the future activities.



IMWU NL was also attending PICUM (www.picum.org) General Assembly represented by Hafizh Atfin. This annual event delivered the campaign of terminology to use the word 'undocumented' or 'irregular', instead of using the word 'illegal'. (Picture by PICUM). For the report of Hafizh Atfin ,please kindly refer to: [http://www.imwu-nl.com/informasi/Report GA PICUM 2014.pdf](http://www.imwu-nl.com/informasi/Report_GA_PICUM_2014.pdf)

MIGRANT (DOMESTIC) WORKERS ISSUE

DOMESTIC WORKERS ISSUE



Last January 2014, Domestic Workers Netherlands (Alfa Hulp, Thuiszorg, Home Cleaners) from FNV and RESPECT met Kalsbeek commission from ministry of social affairs discussed the position of domestic workers in the Netherlands and the proposal to ratify ILO Convention 189. And last March, the report is finally out.



The report and the advice are purposed for better position of domestic workers particularly the alfahulp / home cleaner and child care at home. The commission shows in the report the consequences to the government in giving more protection to these workers as well as to ratify ILO

convention. The advices are also to use the paycheck system (Belgian system) or tax deduction system if Netherlands want to ratify such convention. At the end, the commission suggests to have a public debate to discuss further about this issue.

Find the full report here: <http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten-en-publicaties/kamerstukken/2014/03/28/aanbiedingsbrief-rapport-commissie-dienstverlening-aan-huis.html>

Thus, it links to the campaign of domestic workers recently in the Netherlands. Kalsbeek Commission was formed by Ministry of Social Affairs to provide research and advisory to Minister about domestic workers status in the Netherlands (ILO Ratification Convention 189). The research has been conducted in collaboration between the Commission. IMWU NL took active participation as well as other migrant organizations through FNV and Respect NL. (see https://www.facebook.com/imwu.nl/media_set) . The result of this research is published in our newsletter on IMWU website (see <http://www.imwu-nl.com/.../Newsletter%20Jan-Mar%202014%20IMWU....>) Unfortunately, it still has no discussion to follow up this research, because in fact, many migrant workers – including undocumented workers – work in the domestic sector. Therefore, this campaign should be intensively performed. Keep fighting!

Respect networks in other hand tried to approach Bram van Ojik, MP from Groenlinks party to deliver the issue and the demand of (undocumented) migrant domestic workers.

We want ratification of ILO convention 189!

Meanwhile, the struggle goes on! Together with the cleaners FNV Bondgenoten, Domestic workers were doing actions. The Alliance of Human Rights for the Undocumented (AHRU) which IMWU NL is part of, organized also performances for the employers of domestic workers.

IMWU NL also giving its solidarity to the struggle of domestic workers in Indonesia: IMWU NL had an opportunity to attend ETUC conference on European network for assistance for integration of migrant workers and their families. ETUC has an idea that every country should have an information point for migrant workers and their families. We support this idea since there is a need of information for migrant workers.



IMWU Participation

IMWU NL participated in celebrating the International Domestic Workers Day. We participated in Domestic Workers Poetry project by [Mark Nowak](#) on June 15, 2014. The poem by [Ajeng Amoe](#) is written on the walls of a building on Governor's Island in New York City (not far from the Statue of Liberty).

Thank you [Mark Nowak](#), [Marissa Begonia](#) and all [J4dW](#) fellows. In solidarity to all domestic workers in the world!!

Please also refer to <http://culturestrike.net/run-of-the-house>

IMWU Fun Training of Art

For the New Year, IMWU has different style to celebrate it. The event is not only to have fun in party but also to have a workshop by Mark Nowak, an award-winning American poet, as well as cultural critic, playwright and essayist, from Buffalo, New York. While having fun, IMWU members obtain also delightful knowledge to stimulate the sense of art within their routine activity. It can be a

good way to balance the mood as the motivation to work. All members are free to make some poems as the delineation of their feelings and emotion.

<http://www.doorbraak.eu/commissie-kalsbeek-negeert-positie-van-illegale-huishoudelijk-werkers/> .

IMWU Fun Dinner Time

Moreover, Celia Mather, our old friend, and Anna Basten from Effat were coming to the Netherlands for the steering committee Domestic workers in Europe. We are grateful to meet them and delivered our aspirations and sharing our stories. Friends from IMWU NL, FILMIS, OKIA, and other supporters were enjoying this informal dinner and discussion.

Celia Mather is our old friend, not only with the previous generation but also with IMWU NL. She wrote the story of Slamet Hery , our first chairperson. Please find the article here

<http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/archive/a-migrants-tale-in-his-own-words/>



Domestic Worker Campaign and Participation



Involve in demonstration Domestic Workers Netherlands FNV Bondgenoten on 19 November 2014 in front of Tweede Kamer in The Hague. Here, IMWU Participation is also intended to support domestic worker in all countries to have their rights as the workers.

PRT Tidak akan Diam (Fight for Domestic Worker)

We will consistently support all domestic workers to get their rights and their protection from any kind of exploitation behaviour because of undocumented status.



SOLIDARITY



IMWU NL gives our solidarity to Erwiana, an Indonesian domestic worker in Hongkong and Satinah in Saudi Arabia. Erwiana got abuse from her employer and tried to send her back home to Indonesia with improper compensation. Our fellows in Hongkong place a demonstration and we give our solidariy from the Netherlands.

Satinah, she is accused to death of her employer. She will be executed last 3 April if she is not paying 5 million real. The migrant organisations and activists call Indonesian government to pay the money and protect Satinah since she did the crime to defend herself. IMWU NL also send some contribution to support Satinah

We vote for their justice!

http://www.amnesty.org.au/action/action/34223/?utm_source=int2014&utm_medium=email-sf&utm_content=take+action

Cooking Time



IMWU NL gives also solidarity to the Worl house (Wereldhuis) the Hague, by cooking for information night about care for the undocumented (thuiszorg for the undocumented).

Care for Global Energy Crisis

IMWU NL support the energy creative in Jatiwangi Village, Indonesia (Kindly see <http://panenergi.wordpress.com/2014/06/25/pendanaan/>)

Although we keep on our struggle to get acknowledgement for our existence, we still also care to the global issue that currently happens in our society. It is energy crisis that now widely becomes main attention to all countries. To be engaged in the effort to save energy, we support the idea of Energy Village. We would like to encourage people to keep inventing, utilizing and processing renewable energy from local resources as a movement towards Village Energy. and to engage the society and other elements like government, entrepreneurs and institutions to actively involve in giving ideas, discourses and production towards the establishment of Energy Village.

Food for Ramadhan 1435 H



IMWU NL gives also its solidarity to Monthly dinner Den haag wereldhuis We cook great foods!

Juli Ramadhan feest at wereldhuis! We cook! September monthly dinner and info night!



Demonstration of Anti-Discrimination



IMWU NL also actively supports the campaign of anti-discrimination from the Netherlands police. The migrants are often captured and interrogated, although they do not behave against the law or undermine the public order.

Bowling for Charity



IMWU NL takes part in bowling for charity organized for our Phillipines friends. The money will be contributed to school in Philippine.

Be graceful and keep hoping

IMWU NL gives solidarity to refugees in the Hague whom Dutch government still rejects their request for asylum that makes their life is legally unsettled over the years.



ORGANISING & MOBILISATION

Early of the year is time for IMWU NL to gather and come together with the members. In this opportunity, we had collaboration with Indonesian election committee and held the gathering in Rotterdam, the Hague and Amsterdam.



The election committee (PPLN) gave explanation that in the election on April 5 and July 9, the undocumented could also give their voice by showing the valid Indonesian passport. The undocumented is only in the eyes of Dutch government, for Indonesian government, we are their citizens. LONG LIVE INDONESIA!

To strengthen our community, IMWU held some program to tighten our bond among member as well as to build life balance within our hectic work. Here, IMWU has routine program to give relaxation to all member and increase their creativity.

Go traveling...



Through our struggle to get recognition of our rights and existences, we held a one-day-leave event to provide all domestic workers and their

family to enjoy Giethoorn – A Venice of the Netherlands – to fill up our spirit as well as to build family relationship among migrant workers.

Let's compete



While doing relax activity, IMWU conducts also an event to improve and pull out member's creativity to picture their daily work. It is a part of IMWU effort to give a sense that domestic work is also valuable.

Kontes foto. "Ini Kerjaku!" Be proud of your work!

ASSISTANCES

IMWU NL gives assistances to Indonesian migrants in particular. We give the first aid such as giving information, references to other organization that is specialized in the case, to the lawyer, doctor/health practitioner, etc. In 2014, the list of assistances is as follows:

No.	Cases	Number of people	Notes
1.	Access to health care	43	Inc.payment etc
2.	Return	29	Referring to IOM
3.	Arrest	30	Contacting advocate, giving advices etc
4.	Passport	10	
6.	Work issue	4	School, kinderpardon
7.	Domestic violence	4	
8.	Others	6	Education, marriage, housing

At this moment, IMWU NL is campaigning on 'safe report' for the undocumented who became a victim or a witness of human trafficking or other criminal action. We experienced that our fellows, the undocumented, were arrested and deported after they provided report and testimony as a witness in regard on the case that they know of. Please find the article here: <http://www.doorbraak.eu/indonesische-migrantenvakbond-strijdt-voor-arbeidsrechten/> or here in English: <http://www.imwu-nl.com/informasi/razzia.pdf>

FINANCIAL Report IMWU NL

1 January- 31 December 2014

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Saldo	22.898,91	Office	9.907,29
Others	3.907,90		
Members	8.138		
Mamacash	30.000	Travel	2.393,08
Unrestricted income	5.626,59	Camlob	995,09
		Visibility	8.318,82
		Support & assistance	2974,44
		Volunteer	9340
		Empowerment	1490,53
		Website	969
		Organising & mobilizing	7042,99
		Financial matter	1253,08
		Unrestricted expenditure	2885,96
TOTAL	70.571,40		47570,28

IMWU NL is a self-founded organisation, established by and for the Indonesian Migrant Workers in the Netherlands. IMWU NL is aimed to promote the labour rights for all workers particularly for Indonesian workers, both documented and undocumented, in the Netherlands. We determine to eliminate human trafficking, jobs trade, abuses and various forms of rights violation and discrimination against all workers particularly the Indonesian workers in the Netherlands.

for more information please read our articles: <http://www.imwu-nl.com/> **or follow our Facebook and Twitter**

Appreciation: to all contributor of pictures to IMWU NL via facebook.

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