





28 SEPTEMBER MOVEMENT YOGYAKARTA, INDONESIA

CARING FOR THE 28 SEPTEMBER MOVEMENT

The widespread of the Global Action for Safe and Legal Abortion September 28th inspired the September 28 Movement in Yogyakarta. Since 2011, Samsara initiated a movement to join the 28 September global campaign in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Altogether with feminist in Yogyakarta we carried out street campaigns, online talkshow and movie screening in a small group since the public discussion on abortion was still limited. While in the Reproductive Health Law number 61/2014, abortion is allowed under two exceptions; if the pregnancy is caused from a rape or if the pregnancy threatens the women.

Throughout the widen the year, we consolidation to raise awareness and participation from a bigger community. We tried to use a bigger issues to reach a wider support.. By using a tagline called "Support women's choices over their bodies", each year more than 100 person participate in the campaign. We named our movement "Gerak 28September" (28 September Movement). A movement that become a space for every no matter their gender, sexual person, and issues background orientation campus and women collective.

Gerak 28 September vision is 1) to support women who experienced an unplanned pregnancy to choose many choices for their body, including safe abortion; 2) mobilizing solidarity from the community to decriminalize and destigmatize abortion. To implement those vision we organize campaign through social media, network, and create an open discussion on abortion and SRHR topics with other organisation.

The spirit of the "September 28th Movement" are 1) giving support to women who experience unplanned pregnancies and their choices including to access safe abortion, 2) mobilizing solidarity from the wider community for decriminalization and destigmatization of abortion. To achieve this focus, we actively campaign through social media, network, and open discussion rooms with networks for the issue of safe abortion and SRHR by engaging in various activities and discussions of communities. organizations and individuals in Yogyakarta holding regular education and Summarizing workshops. the context, the choice of the September 28th Movement 2019 theme is "Move Together Support The Women's Choice Over Their Bodies" because it is still relevant to the situation in Indonesia related to safe abortion and SRHR.



SEPTEMBER 28TH MOVEMENT 2019 AGENDA

DISCUSSION MY AUTHORITY

We organize groups of students in some colleges to raise the SRHR discourse on campus. Campus became our strategic space to open the discussion since many issues on unplanned pregnancy, violence against women and sexual violence happens among students in recent years. We saw this problem as an impact from the lack of sexual education in our formal education.





COMPETITION SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR)

This competition targeted students to exercise their knowledge on SRHR. Up to 14 teams that consist of 3 members participated in the competition. Through an interactive games and case analysis that being judged by an expert in SRHR, we want to promote a more interactive way on SRHR and at the same time raise their eagerness to learn more about SRHR.

WORKSHOP GLOTH MENSTRUAL PADS

The September 28 Movement cooperates with Harapan Fian. b.i.y.u.n.g needleandbitch to organize a menstrual cloth pads workshop on September 20 2019. The workshop participants originates from Harapan Fian community, a community for marginalized children and women and others who are interested in joining. The purpose of our workshop is to help us understand the benefits of utilizing menstrual cloth pads namely to reduce plastic-based menstrual pads waste that are amassing daily on earth. Furthermore, the materials used on cloth menstrual pads minimize the harmful effects to the health of the female reproductive organ. Maintaining reproductive health while preserving nature, why not?





THEMATIC DISCUSSION HOW OUR LAW WILL CRIMINALIZE OUR BODY

The presence Draft of Indonesian Penal Code evoked massive protests from civil society and students. This draft contains articles that increasingly restrict sexual and reproductive health rights as well as information on sexual and reproductive health, even it's penalize women who have abortions. The presence of the bill restricts women and every person to authority of their bodies. collaborating with Yogyakarta Legal Aid Organisation, this discussion raise a fruitful discussion about the future of law in Indonesia.

SCREENING FILM 4 MONTHS, 3 WEEKS, AND 2 DAYS

The September 28th Movement collaborates with PLUSH in holding the screening of "4 Months, 3 Weeks, and 2 Days" on September 25th. The film was awarded Palme d'Or award at the Cannes Film Festival. We chose this film because it illustrates how access to safe abortion is very important for women. The screening was followed by a discussion of the film.



SOLIDARITY NIGHT SEPTEMBER 28TH MOVEMENT

The peak event of the series of activities of September 28th Movement. Coinciding with International Safe Abortion Day on 28 September. The September 28th movement consisting of diverse collectives and networks held a solidarity night as a form of support for the female choice of their bodies. In the event, we and every person attending declare our insistence and demand to destigmatize abortion and as a respond to Indonesia Criminal Law Code Draft—that potentially criminalize abortion and women having abortions and even for rape victims. This solidarity night was enlivened by several activities namely; art exhibitions about women and body autonomy by young artists, the quiz contest finals, poetry reading performance, music, performing arts, and reading joint statements, as well as opening various interesting booths.





Gerak 28 September

Since 2012, people all over the world celebrating September 28 as the day of the uterus freedom that demand the access for safe and legal abortion for all. Years went by, but in many countries the situation remains horrible. In Indonesia, having authority over our own body seems to have become a great challenge. Stigma and moral judgement is still strong and it's getting worse with the release of the Draft of Indonesian Penal code.

Meanwhile, Indonesia already have several regulations that allowed abortion only for 2 exceptions; if the pregnancy is caused from a rape or if the pregnancy threatens the women. The release of the draft become a contradiction with the existing regulation, such as PP 61/2014 about Reproductive Health and The Ministry of Health Regulation 3/2016 about Training and Management of Abortion Services For Indications of Medical Emergency and Pregnancy Due to Rape. This conflicted regulations could be harmful for women who need access to safe and legal abortion. The situation could getting worse, since until today, abortion is excluded from a health care and also considered as a criminal and immoral action that against the religion.

By analyzing those situations, in September 28, 2019, as a collective we stated that:

- 1.We demand every person and group in the society to support women's choices over their hodies
- 2. We demand for a comprehensive sexual education
- 3.We demand the government to fulfill the safe, legal and accessible abortion service with a feminist approach
- 4. We demand for the legalization of the Draft of Sexual Violence Elimination
- 5.We demand for the revision of many problematic articles in the Draft of Indonesian Penal Code. and
- 6.We condemn many repressive actions done by the state that happened to many social activists in recent demonstration which increasingly suppress the safe space and democracy that supposed to be the right for every person

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