

Healthcare Unit



During FY2021, ERIA's Healthcare Unit completed one book and three research project reports, including 'Older People and COVID-19 in Indonesia (2022 edition)', which reports the results of a telephone survey to identify the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on older people's lives. This survey was proposed by Indonesia's Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS).

Another memorable event handled by the Healthcare Unit was the announcement event of the winners of the second Healthy Aging Prize for Asian Innovation award, which was co-organised with the Japan Center for International Exchange. Four winners were selected from 10 countries by the international advisory committee, which consisted of leading experts on population ageing throughout the region.

Through Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, the unit has been expanding its research focus to include

areas such as clinical trials. The research activities result in evidence-based policy paper recommendations after discussions with regional country experts, alongside their national health databases and published data from multiregional clinical trials, such as offers of health economic alternatives for safe travel throughout a pandemic and reviews of clinical trial regulatory frameworks in AMS, including how to improve their quality. These projects are expected to improve the capacity of clinical trials in the region and to support a region-wide network and capacity building activities to organise well-managed multiregional clinical trials for drugs and medical devices.

In addition, the unit has begun to collaborate with the World Health Organization through a secondee from ERIA, assigned to the WHO department in charge of the list of essential in-vitro diagnosis device research activities.