

Motivation

The economic crisis in Indonesia was thought to have a substantial effect on the education sector.

Objectives

This PETS was carried out in order to collect information on changes in patterns of school enrollment, changes in the structure of fees, and to get an early assessment of the reach of the school block grant and scholarship programs.

Main findings

Parents and children are feeling the effect of the crisis one year into the economic downturn. It also reveals that government's education safety net programs to alleviate the impact of the crisis on poor parents and schools are starting to take effect even though they are still in the early stages of implementation.

Other findings

There has been an overall decrease in the average entry fees charged in 1998, and among public junior secondary schools fees fell by 50% in nominal terms. But entry, monthly, and exam fees taken together have increased in most schools especially in private schools but also in public junior secondary schools.

Sample

600 primary and junior secondary schools in five provinces

Sample design

Within each province three districts, two rural (Kabupaten) and one urban (Kotamadya) were randomly selected with probability proportional to population size. In the case of Jakarta, three Kotamadya were selected. At the district level, four sub-districts (Kecamatan) were randomly selected with probability proportional to population size. A full enumeration of schools by type (SD, MI, SLTP, MTs) was done for these four sub-districts. For each group of four sub-districts, forty schools were randomly selected by type in proportion to their actual distribution in the four sub-districts. The resulting targeted sample consists of 40 schools per district, 120 per province.

Resources monitored

Information on changes in patterns of enrollment, changes in the structure of fees, and to get an early assessment of the reach of the school block grant and scholarship programs.

Contact

Deon Filmer: Dfilmer@worldbank.org

Main report

Filmer, D. and Sayed, H. and Boediono, J. and Suwaryani, N. and Indriyanto, B. (1998) "The Impact of Indonesia's Economic Crisis on Basic Education: Findings from a Survey of Schools," World Bank, Washington DC, and Ministry of National Education, Jakarta.