

## **POTADS Indonesia Annual Report for APDFS 2018**

1. In 2018, POTADS activities are growing rapidly as a result of Activities and Information Center establishment (Henceforth is called PIK, the short form of the term in Indonesian: Pusat Informasi dan Kegiatan-PIK) throughout Indonesia.  
POTADS, originally located in Jakarta - the capital city of Indonesia - currently has 9 PIKs in Bandung, Yogyakarta, Surabaya, Padang, Medan, Bali, East Kalimantan, Lampung.  
Recently, in September 2018, POTADS established a new PIK in South Kalimantan.
2. In March 2018, all eight PIKs of POTADS celebrated the World Down Syndrome Day concurrently. Potads members in each PIK enthusiastically cherished this special celebration.
3. POTADS held an annual workshop attended by all PIKs after celebrating the World Down Syndrome Day, aiming at discussing issues, problems, activities, progresses, and any other things that make PIKs make yearly to gather all PIK, to facilitate discussions about issues, problems, activities, progress, and other things to make all PIKs stronger and align towards POTADS' goals.  
POTADS has organized two workshops. The first workshop was held in Jakarta in March 2017 and the second workshop was held in Yogyakarta in April 2018.
4. POTADS did a breakthrough by collaborating with schools and public health centers to provide information sessions on Down's Syndrome.  
The objective of the info sessions is to introduce Down's Syndrome to elementary students, the primary target of the program, so that they are well informed and understand what Down Syndrome is. POTADS has been organizing such visit regularly to public elementary schools, providing Down's Syndrome info sessions followed by musical performances of Down's Syndrome kids such as solo keyboard and group percussions (djembe). Students attended the sessions were enthusiastic, able to develop empathy, and becoming more aware about Down's Syndrome. After attending the session, it is expected that they are able to correctly respond to kids with Down's Syndrome. Meanwhile, the info sessions at public health centers are aimed at mothers attending monthly public health services with the hope that they could inform wider circle of their community about Down's Syndrome and advocate for better appreciation towards kids with Down's Syndrome.

5. POTADS has published 2 books entitled "Merawat Bayi dengan Down's Syndrome (How to Take Care of Babies with Down's Syndrome)" and "Terapi Untuk Anak dengan Down's Syndrome (Therapies for Children With Down's Syndrome)". The third book is in progress and will be about "Masa Sekolah, Pengembangan Bakat dan Remaja Down's Syndrome (Schools and Talent Development for Teenager with Down's Syndrome)". These three books are written in Indonesian language and planned to be merged into a package to provide relevant and complete A-Z information about the development of people with Down's Syndrome.