

## **Youth, Education and Employment in the Eastern Indonesia**

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### ***Abstract***

This study aimed to collect information on the problems of youth in Indonesia, particularly the relationship between youth education and employment and their response to the problems. Based on an analysis of Indonesia's census data and a study conducted in nine provinces in Indonesia, we concluded that compared to other provinces in Java, problems of youth education and employment in Eastern Indonesia were serious and specific. Employment of adult females is associated with lower enrollment and higher labor force participation for young women relative to young men. Limited job opportunities, educated-unemployment and unfair recruitment which are considered common issues in Indonesia, in the Eastern Indonesian provinces, also become political issues, particularly after decentralization.