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Foreword

Indonesia's youth have the potential to contribute to an increasingly prosperous future for Indonesia and to make an impact on the world stage. Investing in youth education, health and wellbeing is an important focus for national development and the youth monograph provides data and evidence about the situation of youth that will be used for the development of a National Youth Strategy in Indonesia. It aims to contribute to informed discussion and debate about some of the key areas in which youth related policies are likely to be reviewed.

Making extensive use of data from the 2010 Population Census and other authoritative official statistics, the monograph provides a contemporary profile of the circumstances of youth in Indonesia today and how their circumstances have been changing over time. Major areas of concern covered include their historic and future growth in number, as well as their levels of educational participation and attainment, labour force activities, patterns of family formation and other aspects vital to their individual wellbeing and to Indonesia's future prosperity.

The theme of World Population Day in 2014 is 'Investing in Young People'. Adolescents and youth are central to the future development agenda. A safe and successful and healthy passage from adolescence into adulthood is the right of every child. This right can only be fulfilled if families and societies make focused investments and provide opportunities to ensure that adolescents and youth progressively develop the knowledge, skills and resilience needed for a healthy productive and fulfilling life.

It is with pleasure that we present this monograph, Youth in Indonesia. We hope that it will serve as a valuable reference for youth advocates, government, academicians, development partners, civil society, and other stakeholders in developing and implementing policies and programmes that will support Indonesia's youth and the country's future development.

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