

Implications of COVID-19 Pandemic on Cross-Border Migration and Socioeconomic Status of border residents (A case study in the border of Entikong and Jagoi Babang, West Kalimantan, Indonesia with Sarawak, East Malaysia)

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ABSTRACT

The emergence of the corona virus in early 2020 has had a serious impact on the life of both state and society. Consequently, every country in the world imposes restrictions on mobility to various other countries and even locks down their country from outside residents. This policy has been implemented since the stipulation of Covid as a pandemic by WHO in March, 2020. Indonesia is one of the countries that is concerned about preventing the spread of Covid-19 through the stipulation of Presidential Decree No. 11 of 2020 concerning the Determination of Public Health Emergencies against Corona Virus Disease 2019 (on March 31, 2020). One area in Indonesia that is considered potential for the spread of the corona virus is the border area, West Kalimantan is one of them. This study was only carried out in Entikong and Jagoi Babang. The data collection methods used were in-depth interviews and observations. Meanwhile, the data analysis method is done qualitatively. The results showed that the Covid-19 pandemic had implications on decreasing volume of cross-border migration due to temporary closure Pasar Serikin in Malaysia territory. It was also found that quite a number of border residents have switched jobs, lost their jobs spontaneously and some have even been forced to engage in drug trafficking through the border of Indonesia, Malaysia. Besides, people income decreased drastically. While on education, there was steadily changes on learning methods, teacher and student are practiced both offline and online.

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