Digitising social protection system: Insights from Indonesia

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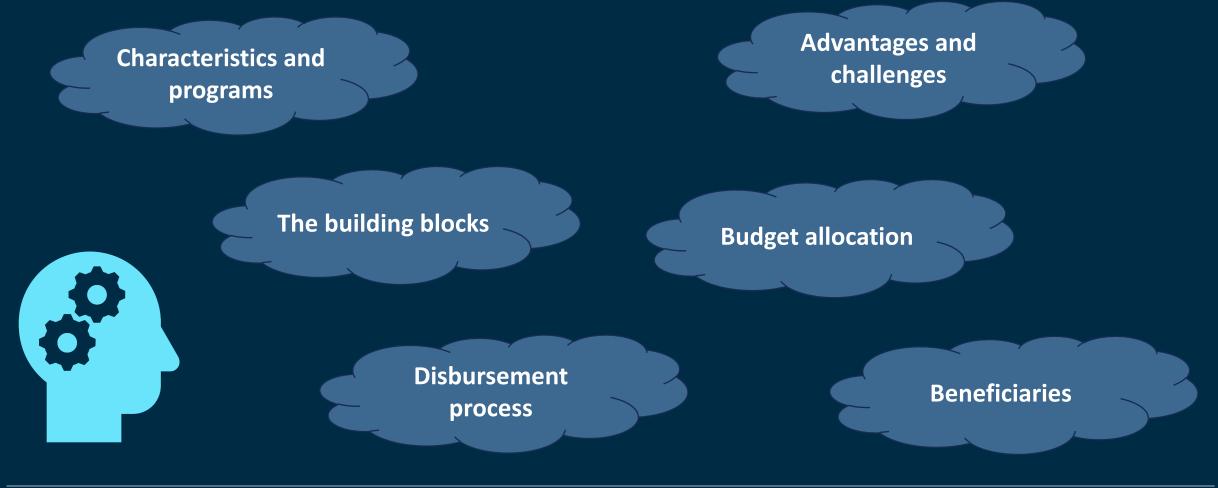




Agenda



Background: Social Protection and Digitisation





Social Protection

Characteristics and programs

Cash Transfer: direct cash transfers, unconditional or conditional

Social Security: unemployment, disability, retirement pensions

Social Assistance: food, welfare, housing, childcare

Healthcare Subsidies: insurance premiums, medical vouchers

Maternal and Child Support: well-being of mothers and children

Education: grants and Scholarships

Characteristics

- Targeted beneficiaries
- Direct assistance
- Poverty alleviation
- \circ Social inclusion
- Economic stability
- Humanitarian response

Employment: job training, upskilling, job channelling

Elderly Support: pensions, social care services, home assistance

Housing: public housing projects, housing loans, tax exemptions

Energy and Utility: subsidies for electricity, water bills, cooking gas

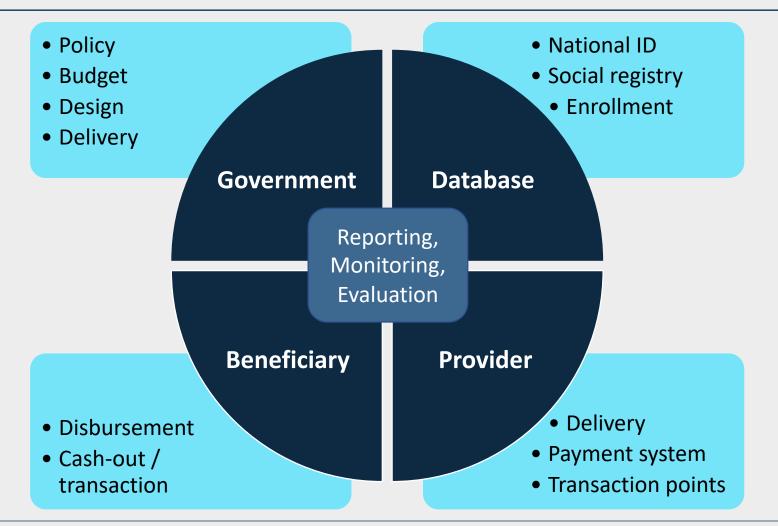
Agricultural: fertilisers subsidies, price support, access to credit

Disaster Relief/Emergency: assistance during natural disasters or emergencies.



Social Protection

The building blocks



Adopted from the World Bank Social Protection System Building Blocks



Social Protection

The stages and disbursement process

Government	Service Providers	Disbursement Points	Beneficiaries
Policy	• Cash	• Cash-out (bank, ATM)	Individual
 Budget 	Non-cash	• Payment	Family or Household
 Implementing agency 	Vouchers	Retail commerce	• Elderly
• Targeting	In-kind/goods	Service outlets	Disabled people
Enrollment	• Services	House delivery	Community
	Subsidies		• Students
RegulationNational ID	Social regisDigital infra		•
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Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation

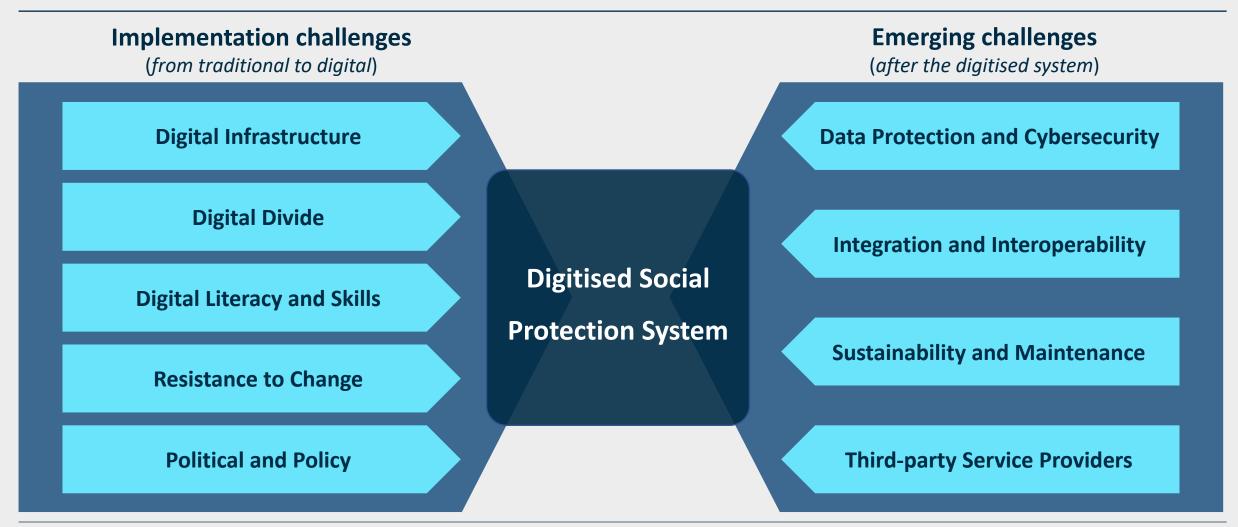


Digitising Social Protection The Advantages

	Spin-off	
Efficiency and cost savings	✓ Formal identities	Macro-level
Accuracy Transparency and accountability Fraud prevention	 ✓ Financial inclusion ✓ Digital inclusion ✓ Gender equality 	 ✓ Poverty alleviation ✓ Economic resilience ✓ Public trust
		✓ Political stability



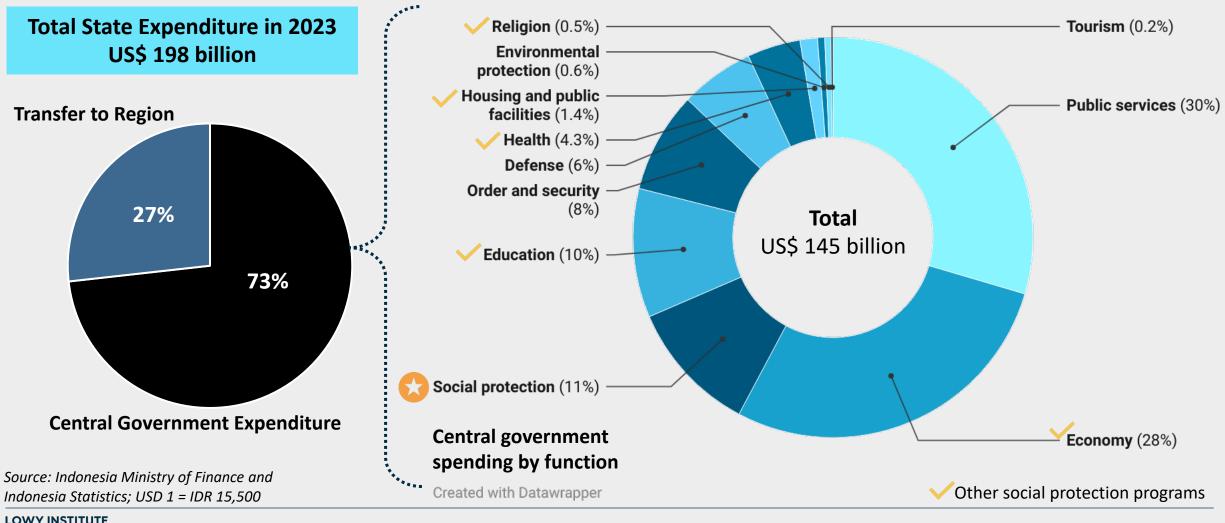
Digitising Social Protection The Challenges





Budget Allocation

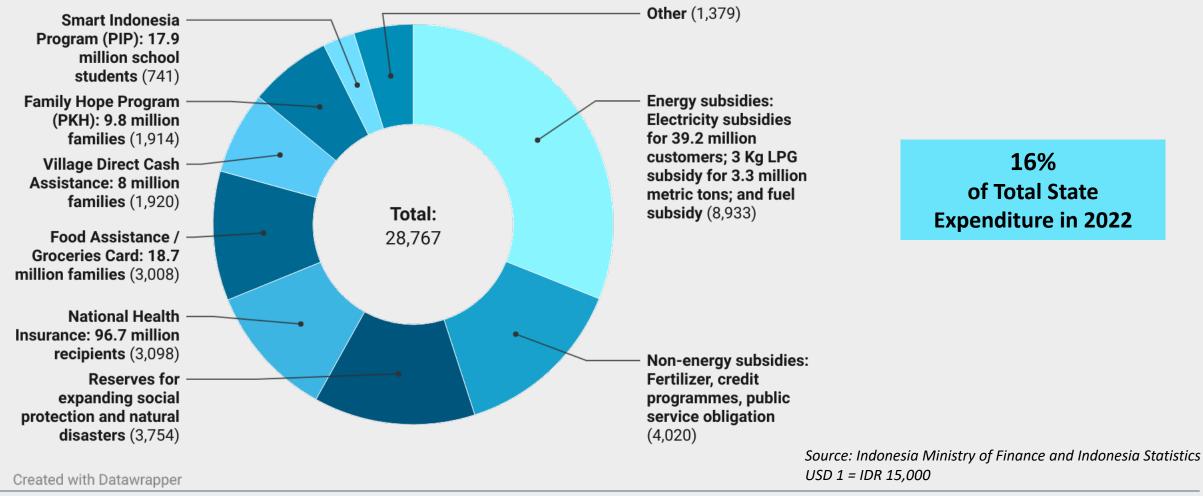
Social protection programs are spread across various functions/ministries





Budget Allocation Social protection programs in 2022 (US\$ million)





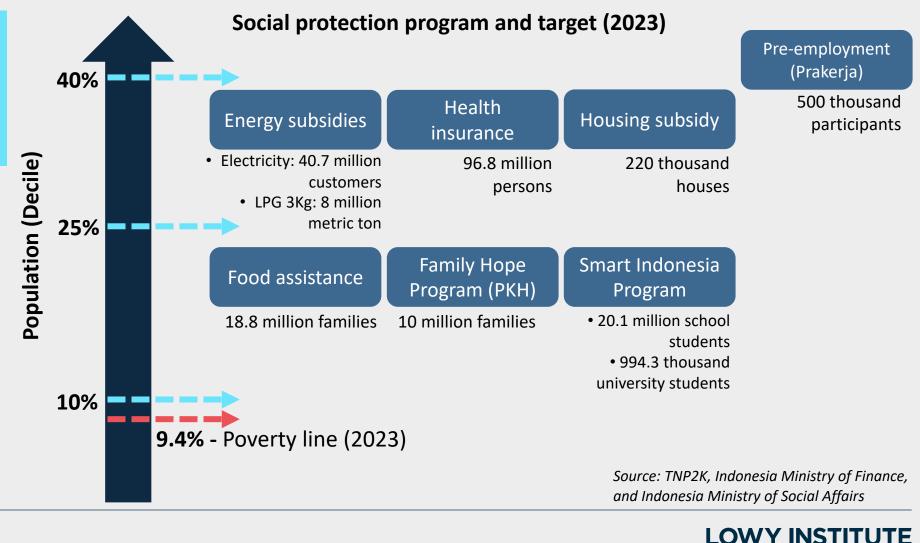


Target Beneficiaries

40% of population with the lowest socio-economic background

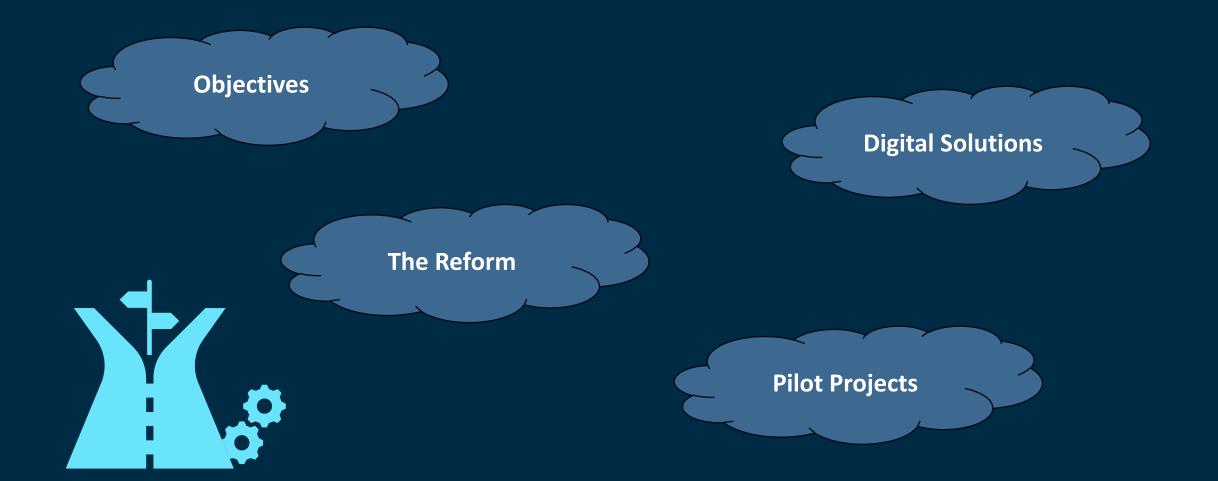


Indonesia social registry: Unified social protection beneficiaries' database, Data Terpadu Kesejahteraan Sosial (DTKS).





Journey: Digitising Social Protection

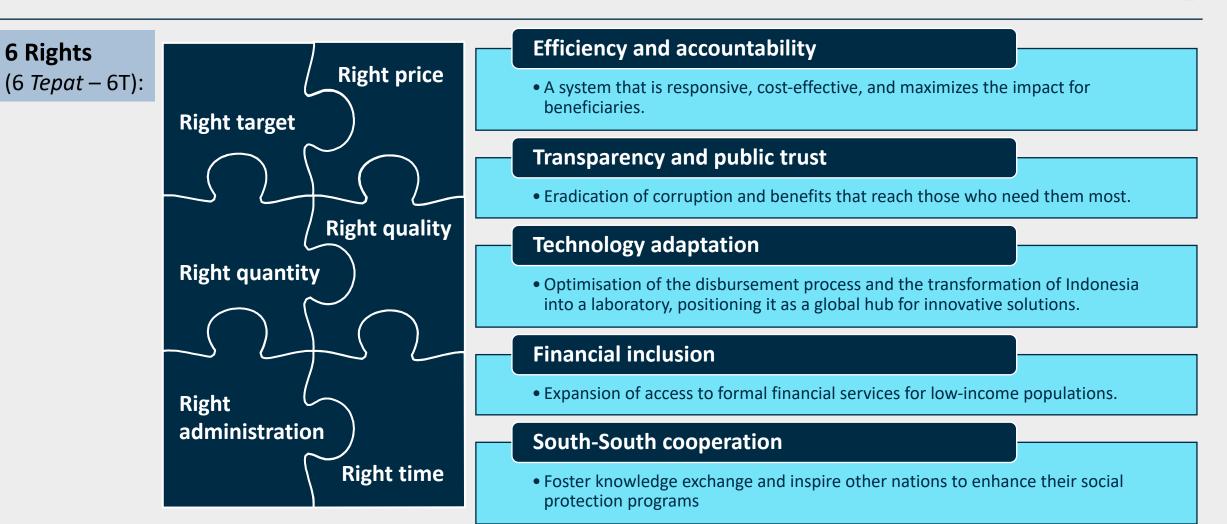






Reform Objectives

Indonesia's motivation for digitising social protection





Reform Strategy

New cabinet's support for social protection reforms, 2014





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Reaching out: President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo (second left) visits evacuees of the Mt. Sinabung eruptions in Karo regency, North Sumatra, Wednesday. The visit was Jokowi's first official trip after being sworn in on Oct. 20.

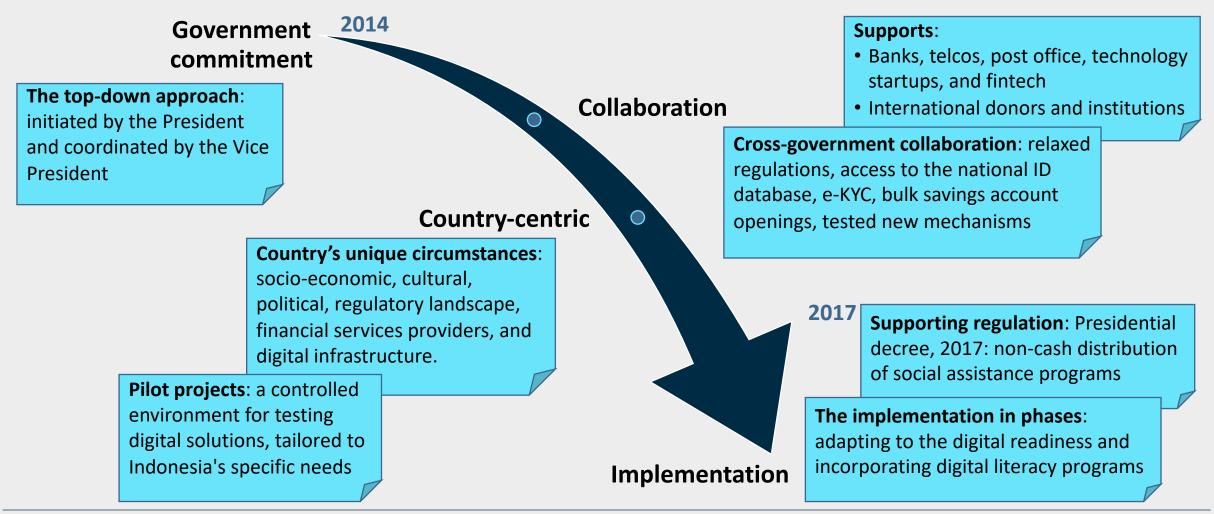


Quick-win agenda: initiating cash assistance through a savings account (bank) and mobile money (telco) Three magic cards - *kartu sakti* - at the beginning of the Jokowi era (2014): Prosperous Family Card, Smart Indonesia Card, Healthy Indonesia Card



Reform Journey

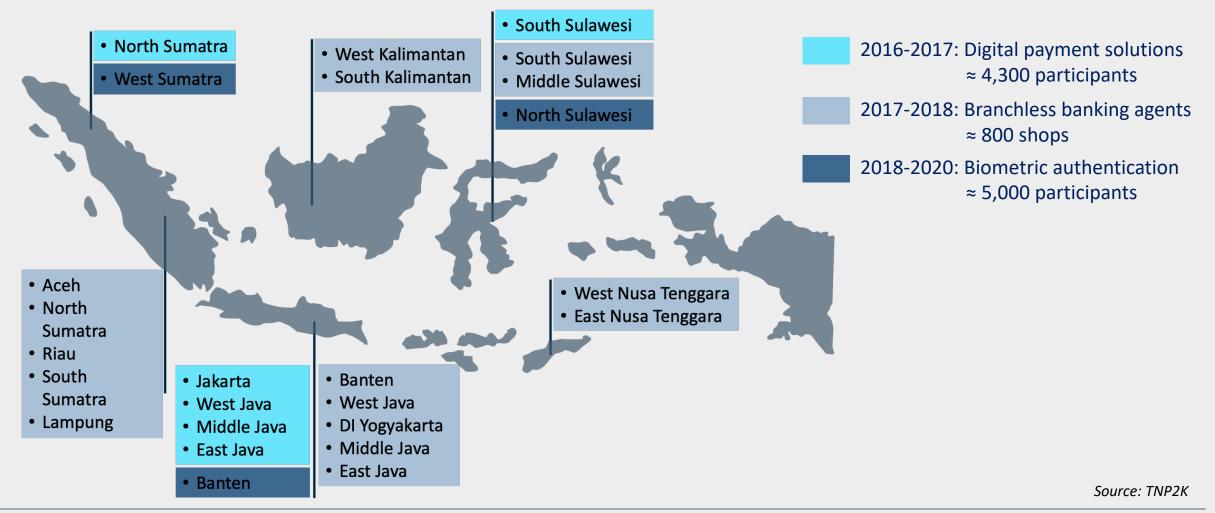






Pilot Projects Series of pilot projects and studies to test digital solutions





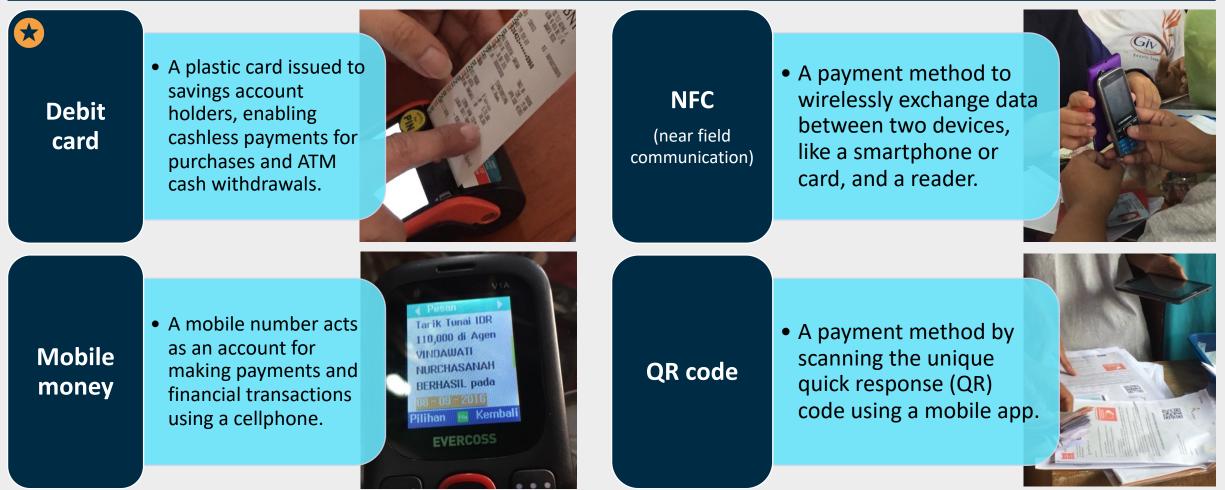


Digital Solutions

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Country-centric approach: determining the most suitable digital solution (2014 – 2017)



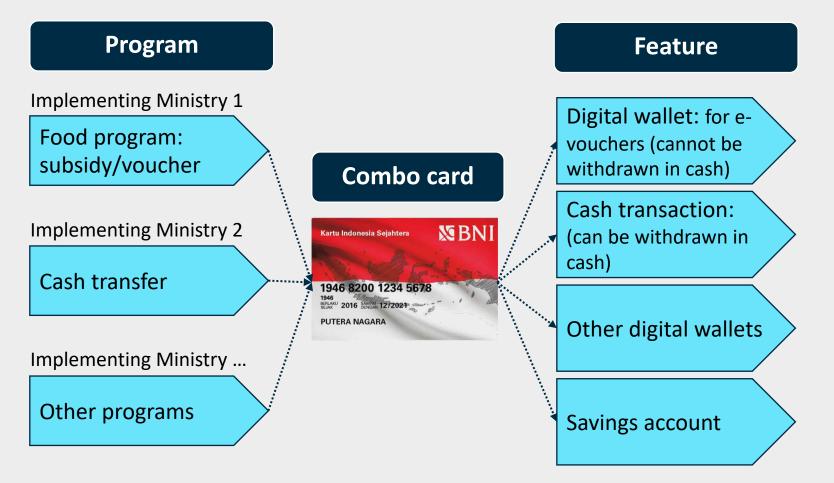
Source: TNP2K

Combo Card

One debit card for various social protection programs, 2017



Combo Card: A debit card featuring multiple digital wallets and savings account



Source: TNP2K and Indonesia State-owned banks



Findings Further reform/improvement is needed





Debit cards and PINs

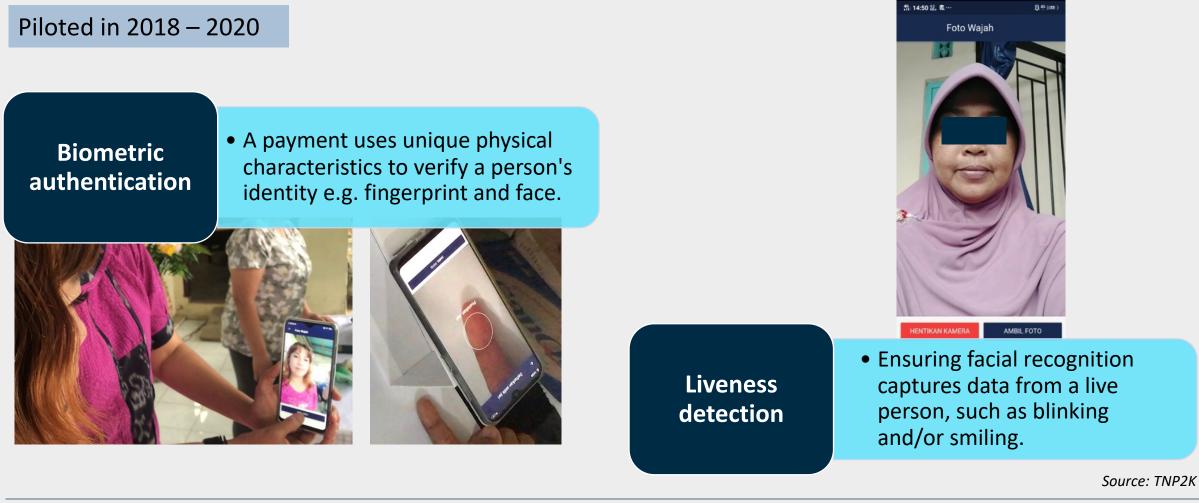
- Stacks of debit cards complete with PINs at the disbursement locations (local shops)
- Beneficiaries have difficulties remembering PINs

Source: TNP2K



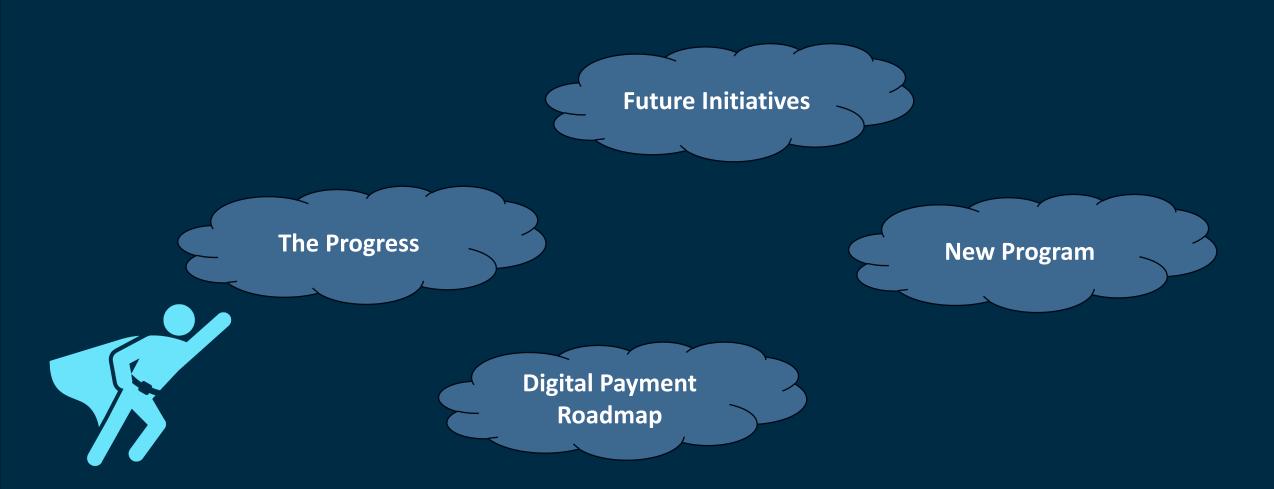
Biometric Authentication

Ensuring that only beneficiaries can conduct transactions





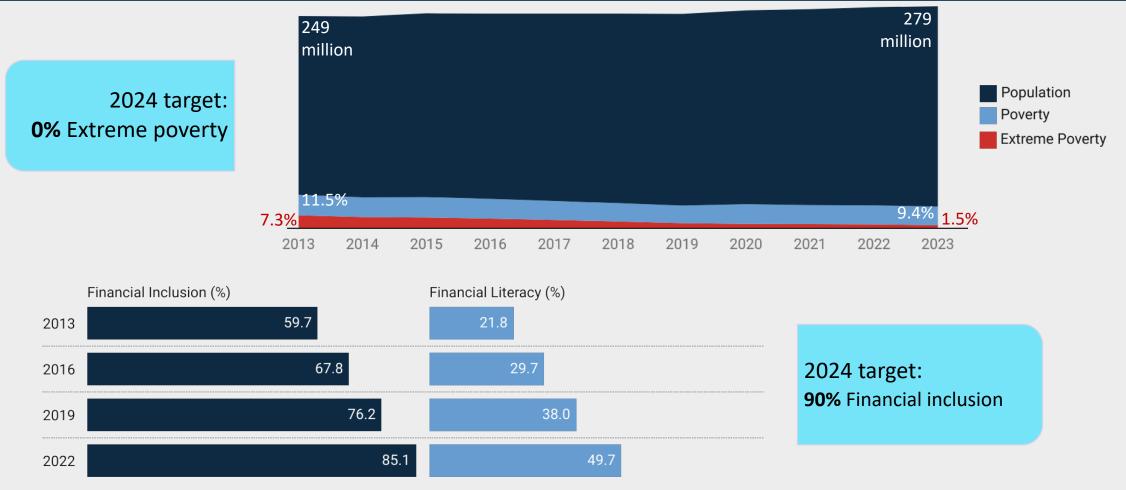
Future: Indonesia development agenda





The progress Poverty alleviation and Financial inclusion





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Source: Indonesia Financial Services Authority (OJK) and Indonesia Statistics



Future Initiatives

Indonesia's development agenda



Leveraging scope and access

- Universal Social Protection
- Gig-workers
- Climate change

Adopting a graduation strategy

- Graduation
- Re-certification
- Economic development programs

Promoting program integration

- The strategic coordination and alignment
- Program integration (across ministries)

Implementing interoperability and beneficiary-centric design

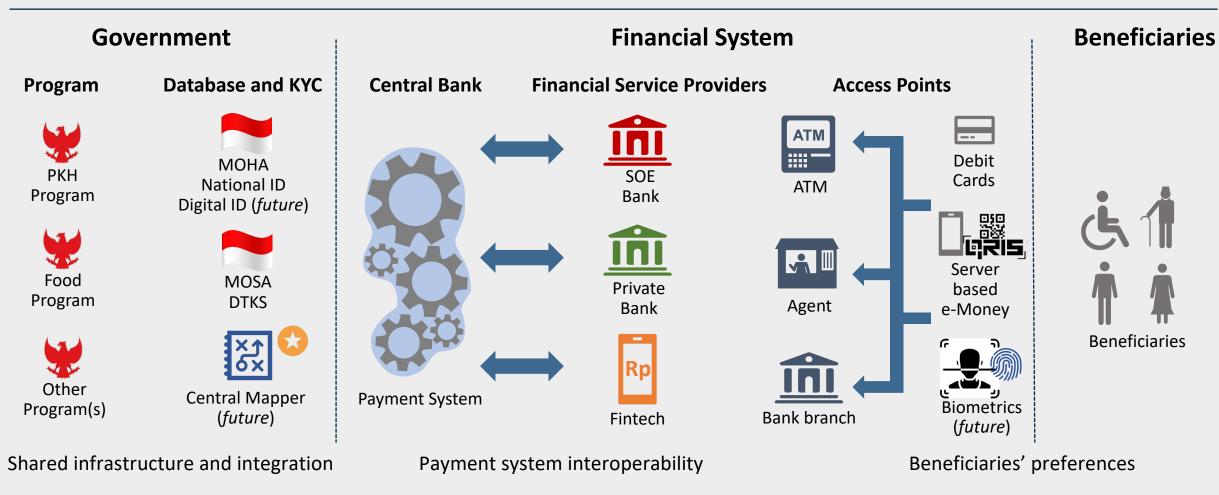
- Interoperable digital financial services
- Beneficiary's choice
- Beyond payments

Source: TNP2K



Future Disbursement Mechanism

Indonesia G2P (government-to-person) payment 4.0 roadmap



Source: BAPPENAS, TNP2K, CGAP, The World Bank



New Program – the New Cabinet Free lunch program





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Consideration and preparation

- Supporting policy
- Implementing agency
- Budget
- **Beneficiaries**
- Service providers
- Delivery
- **Risks:**
 - Audit trails
 - Quality standards
 - Corruption potential

Thank you

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