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Foreword

UNFPA, The United Nations Population Fund, has a strong mandate to promote women's empowerment and gender equality. Its core missions of furthering sexual and reproductive health and supporting high-quality and consistent national-level data collection are pillars of poverty reduction, gender equality and development. UNFPA works with partners in Government, the UN system and civil society to promote and work on gender equality and women's empowerment.

Addressing and promoting gender equality is at the heart of UNFPA's work.

This has been especially marked since the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo in 1994, and the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995, when Governments agreed that a gender perspective should be an integral and cross-cutting aspect of all development efforts. The ICPD Programme of Action identifies specific issues that involve complex gender and social relations, these include: sexual and reproductive health, family planning, youth and adolescents, population dynamics, human rights and gender-based violence.

Furthermore, the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment is both a goal in itself and a central element to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

One of the key activities of UNFPA Indonesia under its eight Country Programme (2011-2015) was to provide support to the Government in utilizing data collected from the 2010 Population Census, and other official statistics, to inform discussion and debate on key population issues of public policy concern. In order to understand the population dynamics and trends reflected in the recent data, UNFPA initiated the development of a series of monographs to analyse the information.

The gender monograph is the fifth monograph in this series. This monograph is comprised of five themes: the demographic characteristics of male and female population, education, employment, family formation, feminization of ageing, and housing. It provides policy makers, academicians, and practitioners with the most up to date information about gender related issues derived from analysis of the census and other relevant sources of data. The monograph will also be useful to inform gender-sensitive public policies and programmes that lead to the advancement of women in Indonesia. Additionally, the monographs are intended to be as user-friendly as possible, and thus readers will find the information useful for establishing a baseline against which the progress of Indonesian women can be measured.

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