

# **Asia-Pacific Regional Seminar**

Indonesia – Economic Outlook and Policy Priorities

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### **COVID-19 Short Timeline in Indonesia**

### 1st COVID-19 Case

Detected in Jakarta on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

#### July 2020;

task force and PEN

July 27<sup>th</sup> #100K case recorded
Government introduce the COVID

Jan 2021

President Joko Widodo became first Indonesian inoculated by SINOVAC Jan 26<sup>th</sup> #1 Million case recorded **July 2021** 

Highest daily case 56,757 on July 15<sup>th</sup>
Government implement community
activities restrictions

Aug 2021

Jakarta no longer top10 active cases
Daily new cases
outside Java now
higher than in Java
Aug 4<sup>th</sup> #100k Death
case recorded

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> #4 Million case recorded

### August 2020

June 2020
"Burden Sharing"
Scheme introduced

Clinical Test for SINOVAC in Indonesia 1st Burden sharing allocation

#### **Dec 2020**

Local elections held in 9 provinces, 223 regencies and 37 cities
President replaced Minister of Health

#### Q2-2021

Indonesians flocked tourism area for Eid Period

May 28<sup>th</sup> #50k Death case recorded

June 21<sup>st</sup> #2 Million case recorded

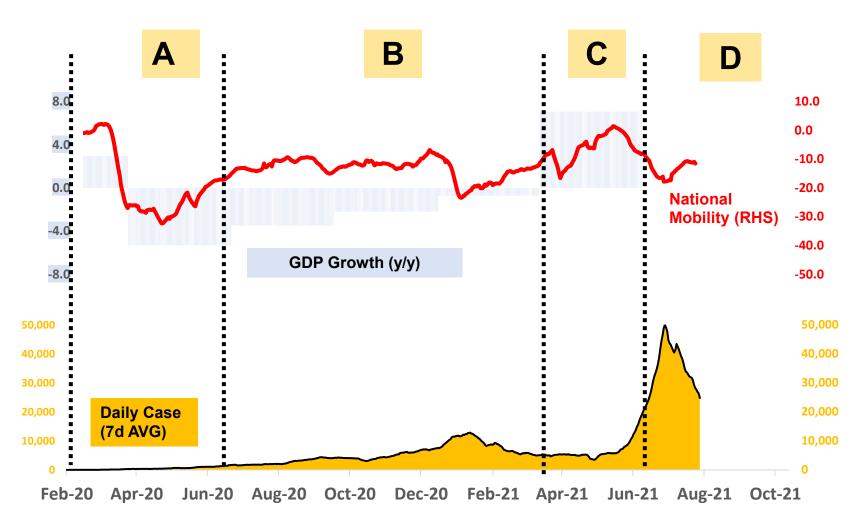
- Vaccinations in Indonesia now exceed 1 million doses per day
- National economic recovery program focused on the PEN allocation in the budget
- Financing was partly supported by CB bond buying program.

#### **April 2020**

Large scale restriction policy in Jakarta implemented, followed by other area BI purchase of govt bond in Primary market



## Policy response can be divided into stages



### Period A

Initial response of COVID Shock to mobility & GDP

### Period B

Adjusting to the Pandemic GDP gradually recover Tight restriction on X-mas and new year COVID shock in early Jan 21

### Period C

Stable daily case "Artificial" new normal Increase mobility induce strong economic activities

### Period D

Delta Variant
Lower mobility with restriction

Delayed growth recovery?

Source: BPS, Google, KPC-PEN



## **Current Range of Restriction Measures in Indonesia**

Restriction Level in each Area (City/District), based on two factors:

- Rate of transmission: Number of confirmed cases, hospitalizations and deaths.
- **Health response system :** Positivity rate, tracing ability, and occupancy of beds in hospitals.

#### Level-1

- Non-essential jobs 75% work from office (WFO), Essential jobs 100% WFO.
- Shops, Malls,
   Restaurants,
   Traditional Markets
   open 75 % capacity.
- Dine-in given a maximum time limit of 30 minutes.
- School activities and place of worship open 50% capacity.

#### Level-2

- Non-essential jobs 50% work from office (WFO), Essential jobs 100%.
- Shops, Malls,
   Restaurants, Traditional
   Markets open with 50%
   capacity.
- Dine-in given a maximum time limit of 30 minutes.
- School activities and place of worship open 50% capacity.

#### Level-3

- Non-essential jobs fully work from home (WFH), Essential jobs still allowed to WFO for 100%
- Shops, Malls, Restaurants, 25% capacity.
- Traditional Markets open with 50% capacity
- No dine-in, only takeaways
- School activities closed (100% School from home), place of worship open 25% capacity

#### Level-4

- Non-essential jobs fully work from home (WFH), Essential jobs still allowed to WFO with 50% capacity
- Shops, Malls, Restaurants, closed. Open only for Pharmacy and Drug store.
- Traditional Markets can open with 25% capacity.
- No dine-in, only takeaways
- School activities and place of worship closed

Loose

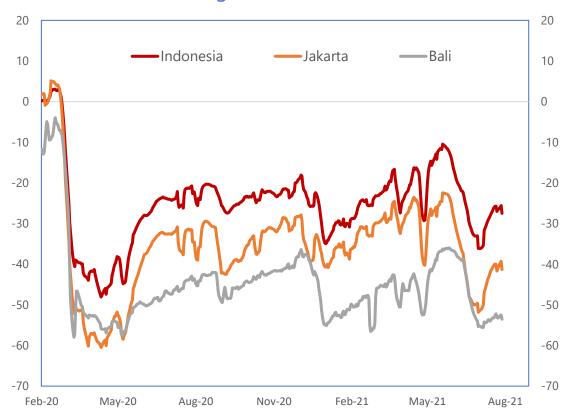


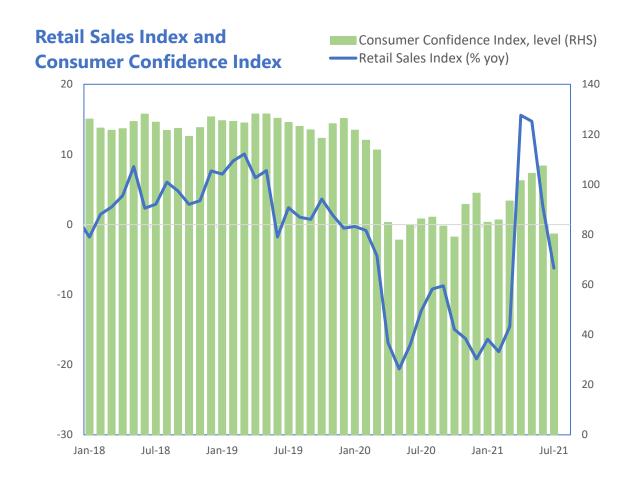


### How is the Current Delta Variant Wave Affecting the Economy?

### **Change in Mobility in selected Provinces**

(Percent, Average of Retail, Transit and Work)





Mobility across: Retail/Recreation, Grocery/Pharmacy, Parks, Transit, Workplaces, Residential

Source: CEIC, BI



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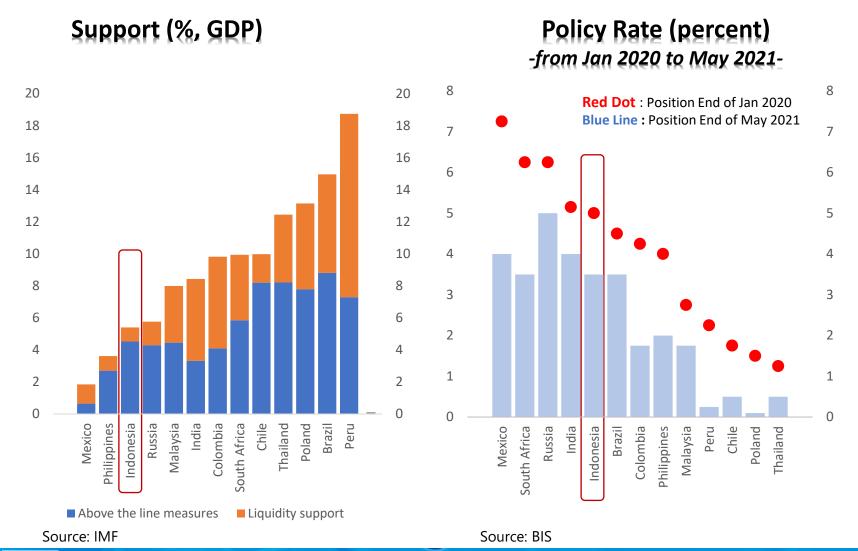
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# **Indonesia in Context of Other EM Responses**

Fiscal expansion and monetary policy easing to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 pandemic



### **Other Support**

- Brazil: Loan to microbusinesses; guarantee fund and tourism sector.
- Indonesia: Capital Injection to SOE
- **Philippines**: Loans to agriculture sector and equity injection to SMEs loan
- Thailand: Soft loans for individuals
- **Vietnam**: defer contribution to the pension fund.
- Russia: Regional debt restructuring and Recapitalization of leasing firms
- India: Equity infusion for MSMEs & infrastructure financing funds
- Colombia: Equity injection for development banks and credit line
- Turkey: Capital injection to state banks, funded by issuance of Treasury bonds.

Source: IMF



## Fiscal response has focused on health and income support

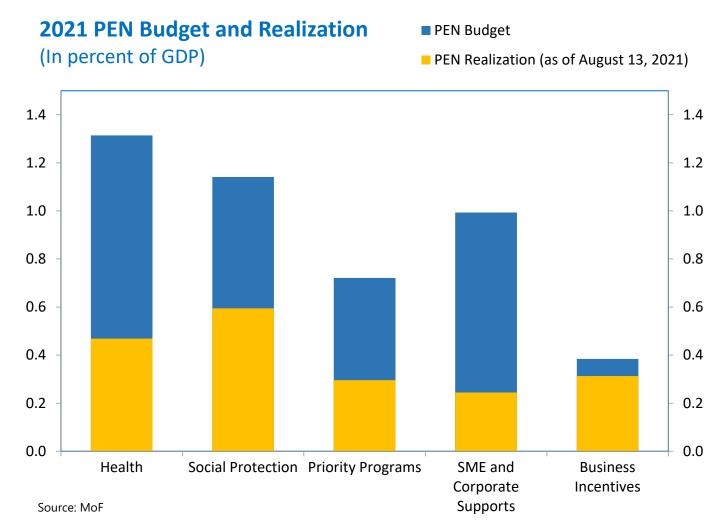
The National Economic Recovery Program (PEN) is the government's state financial policy to accelerating the handling of COVID-19 and restore the national economy.

#### **PEN allocation:**

2020: IDR575.8 trillion (3.7 percent to GDP)

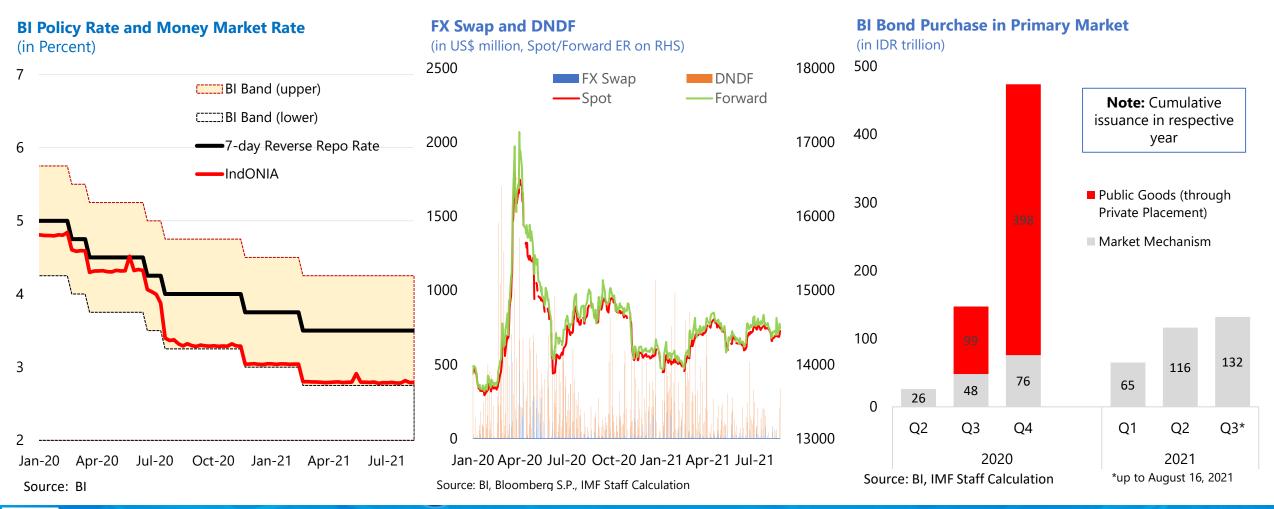
2021: IDR744.8 trillion (4.6 percent to GDP)

Program	Detail		
Health	Diagnostic, therapeutic, and vaccination		
Social Protection	Assistance for the bottom 40 and vulnerable group (conditional cash transfer, non-cash food assistance, etc)		
Priority Programs	Labor intensive, tourism, food security, ICT		
SME and Corporate Supports	Govt assistance for microenterprises, interest subsidy, fund placement		
Business Incentives	Tax incentives (income tax borne, MSME final income tax borne, luxury tax on vehicles borne)		



## **Monetary Sector: Bl's Three Lines of Defense**

Overnight interbank rates approaching the lower band of BI policy rates. CB use a "triple intervention strategy" to stabilize domestic market conditions and purchase the government bond in primary market.



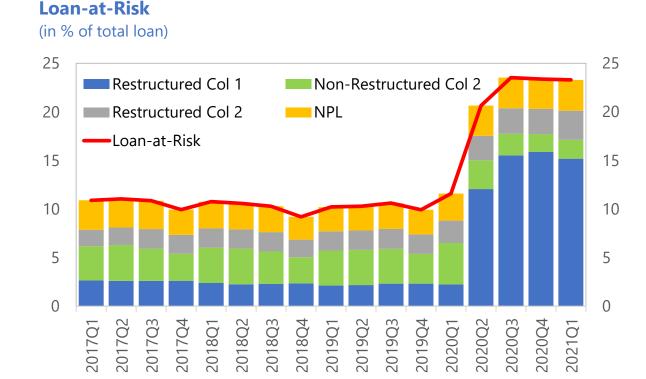


### **Financial Sector: Financial Regulatory Flexibility**

Crisis management and resolution framework need to be updated to prepare for financial sector stresses while maintaining credit flow

### OJK policy to support economic recovery:

- Extending loan restructuring policy:
  - Banks: until March 31, 2022
  - NBFI: until April 17, 2022
- Reducing risk weight of house-collateralized loan, in accordance with LTV policy
- Reducing risk weight for vehicle loan which obtained luxury sales tax relaxation (PPnBM)
- Applying risk management and prudential principle



Source: Bank Indonesia, IMF Staff Calculation

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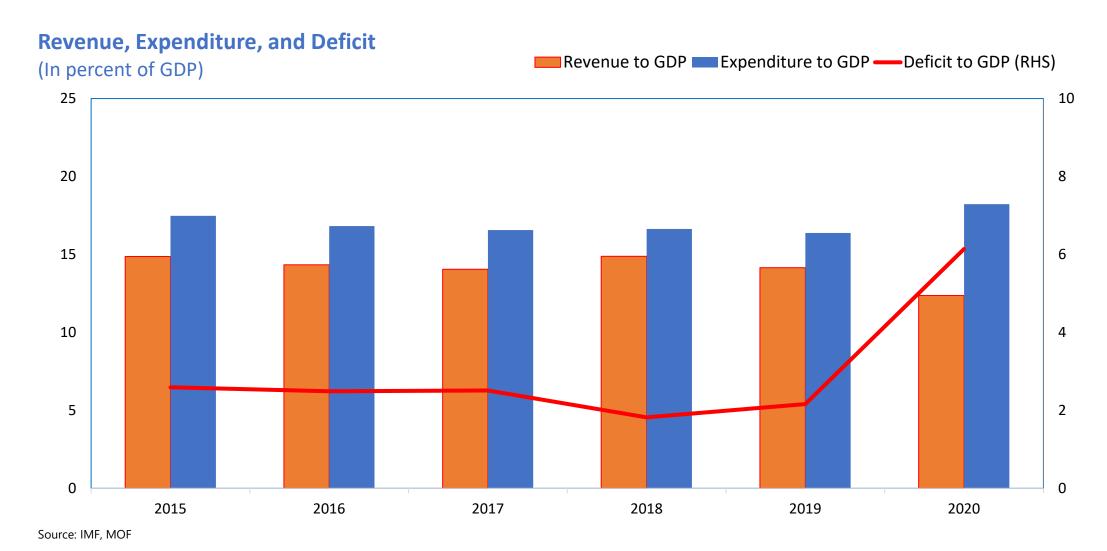
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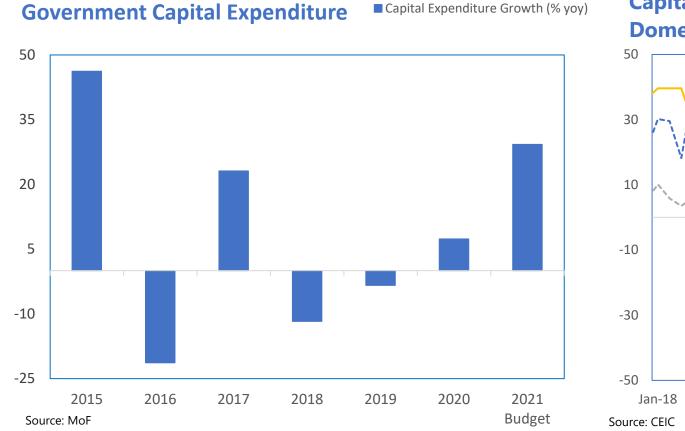
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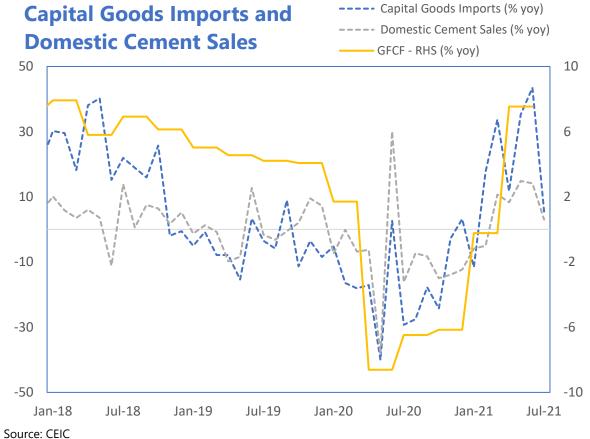
# **Temporary Suspension of Budget Deficit Rule**





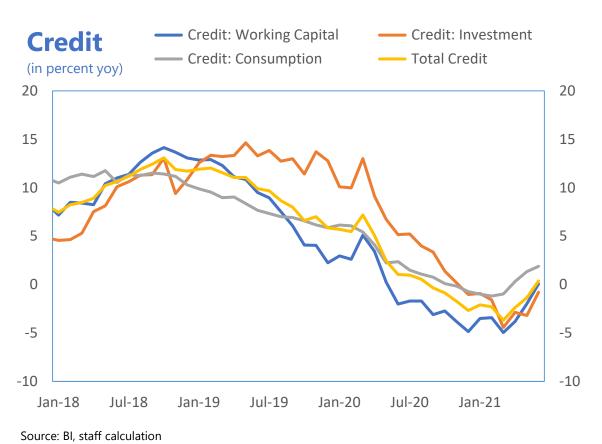
### Investment began to recover in Q2 – public investment should support recovery

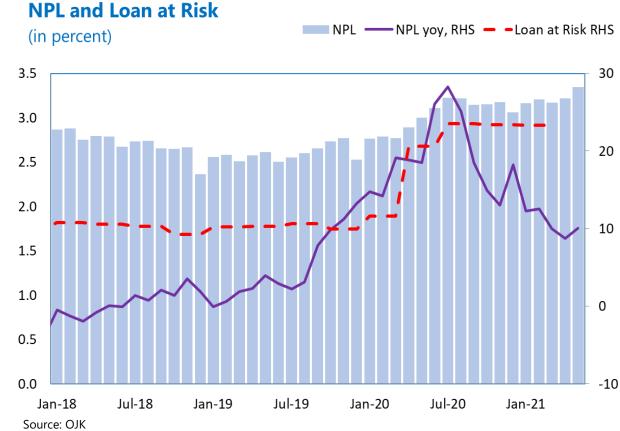




### **Credit Growth Remains Slow – Risks May Be Rising**

Credit growth, already on steady decline before Pandemic



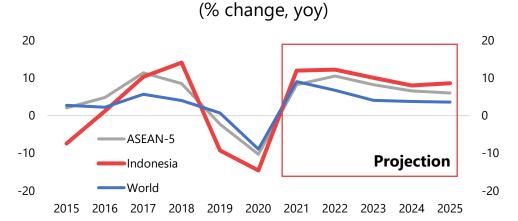


## Trade: Global recovery buoys exports, but slow growth weighs on imports

### **Volume of Exports of goods and services**



### Volume of Imports of goods and services



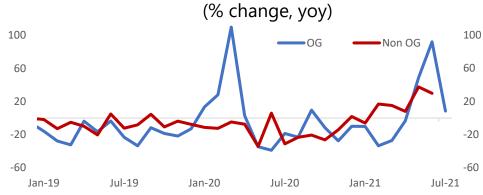
Source: WEO database, April 2021

### **Indonesia: Real Exports**





### **Indonesia: Real Imports**

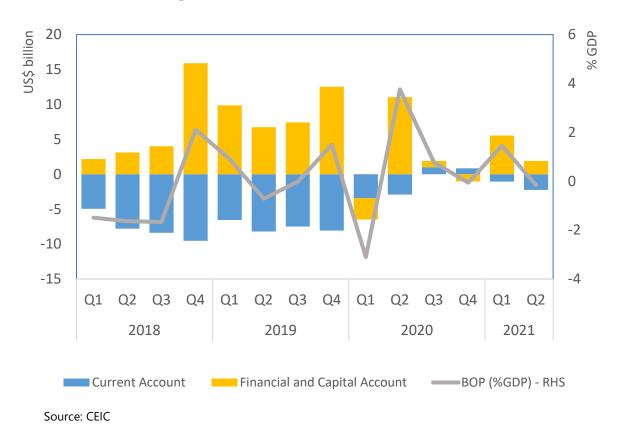


Source: BPS, CEIC, Staff Calculation



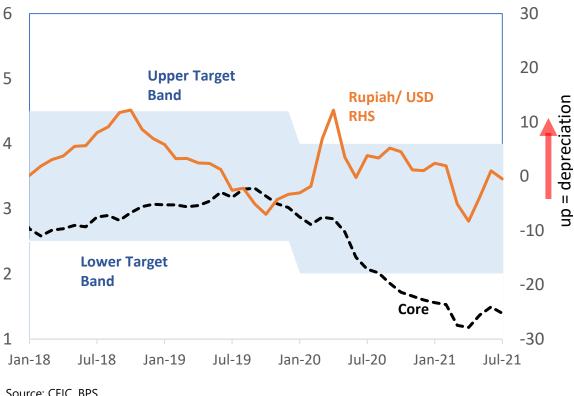
# Capital flows and rupiah have been relatively stable

### **Balance of Payment Profile**



### **Core Inflation & Exchange Rate**

(year-on-year percent change)

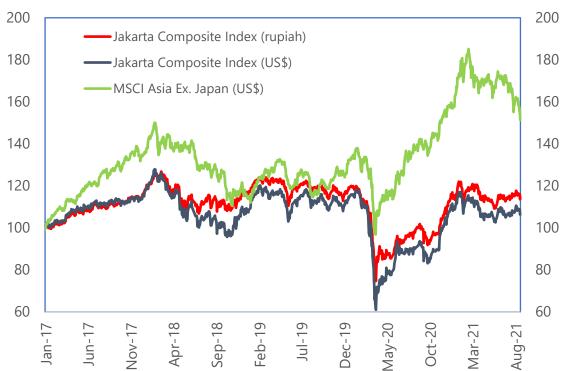


Source: CEIC, BPS

## So Far Little Evidence of Repricing Indonesian Assets

### **Jakarta and Asian equity indices**

Jan 3, 2017 = 100)



Source: Bloomberg and IMF staff estimates.

#### Premium for protection against default on sovereign bonds (in basis points)



Source: Bloomberg

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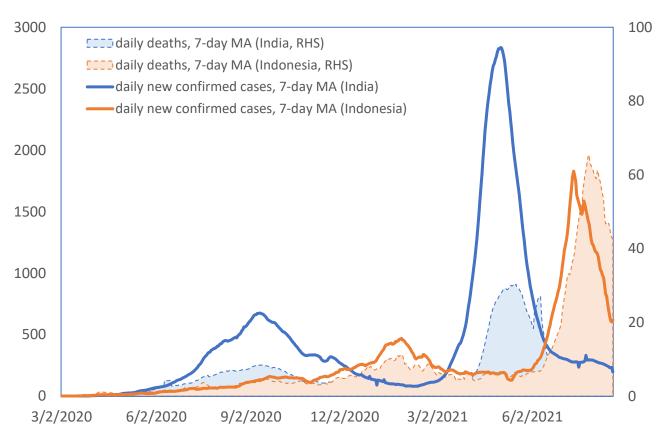
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### When to Loosen Restrictions?

### Pressure abates but risk remains

- Restrictions have very clear economic impact. But letting the virus spread has costs to confidence that are less clear
- Allowing small business to open raises risks of transmission but provides economic support.
   When targeting is difficult, this is a second-best option
- Countries that waited until cases were 80 percent off peak fared better than those that opened faster.
- Confidence rises after more complete suppression.
- With Delta variant, both rise and fall of cases is faster than previous waves.

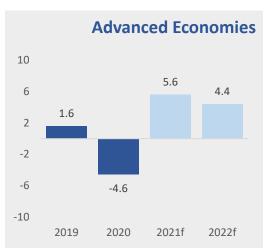
# Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases and daily deaths per 100.000 people



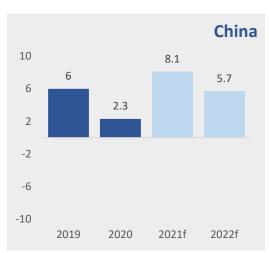
Source: Johns Hopkins University CSSE COVID-19 Data, Our World in Data

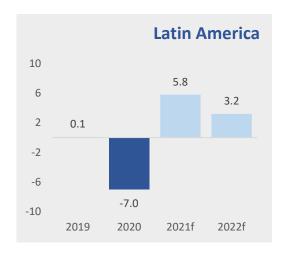
## More Vaccinated Countries are Recovering Faster

### **Economic Growth Projections (% yoy)**





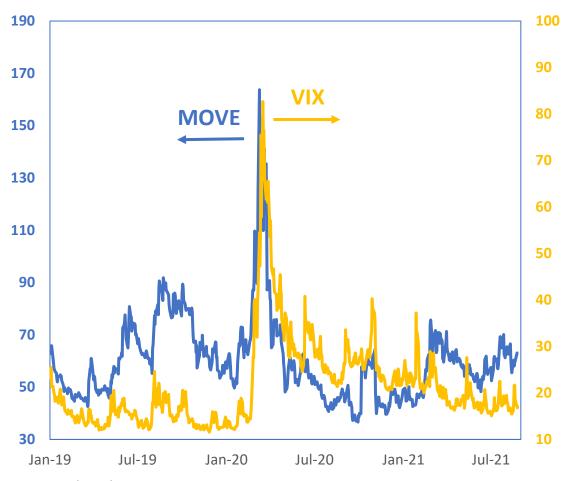




Source: WEO July 2021

### **Volatility Indices**

(Percent)



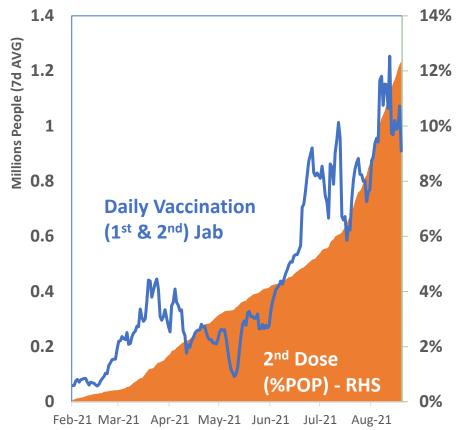
Source: Bloomberg

## Vaccination Progress in Indonesia

However, rate of vaccination differ across the archipelago

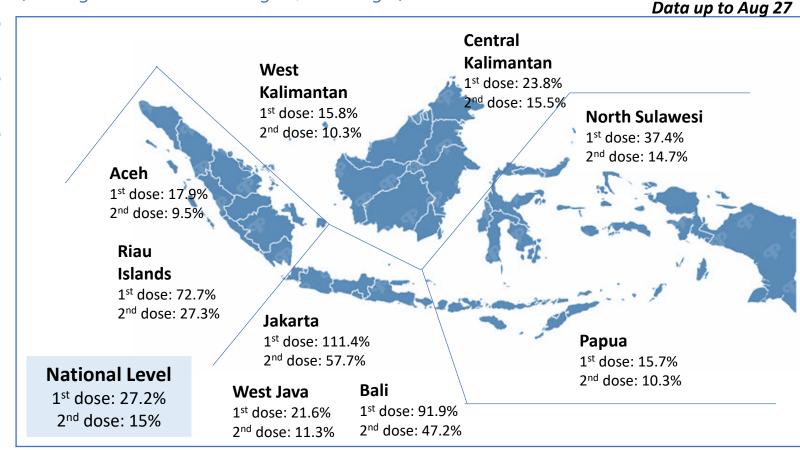
#### **Vaccination Rate**

(#People, % of Population)



#### **Vaccination Rate Across Indonesia**

(The High and Low in each region, % of Target)



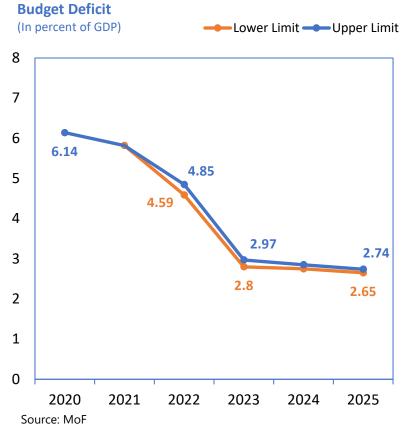


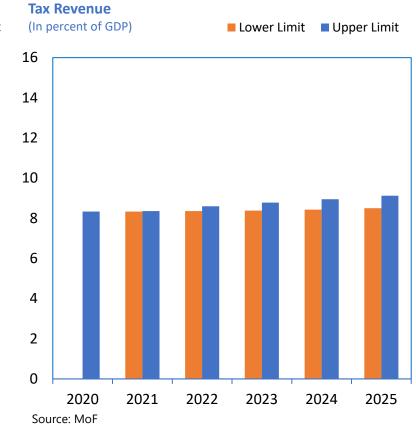
# **Budget Deficit: Getting Back to 3 Percent**

Strengthen spending through PEN

Credible and accountable in managing deficits

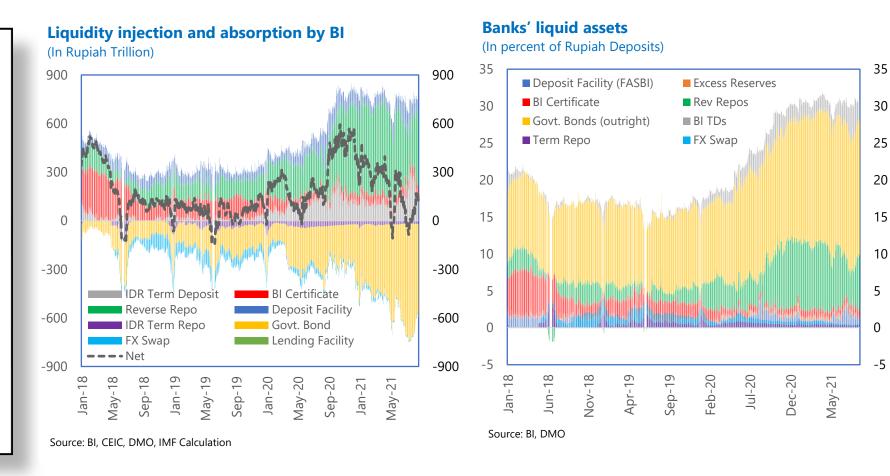
Serious revenue reform will have to underpin credible fiscal policy





# **New Normal in Monetary Policy**

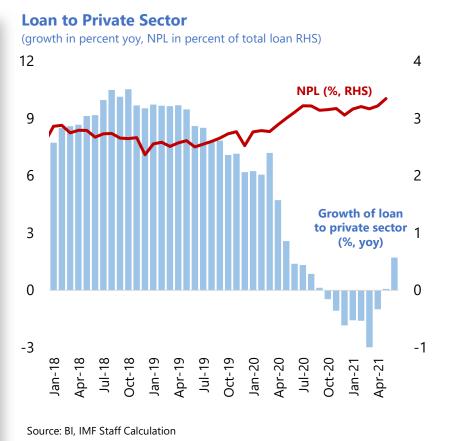
- Exit strategy for BI purchases of government debt
- Gradually reduce other asset purchases
- Raise rates as inflation circumstances change

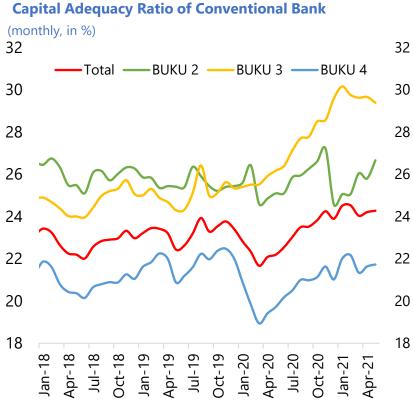




# Financial Sector: Growth and Stability

- Banks should objectively assess creditworthiness of their portfolios and prepare capital plans accordingly
- As liquidity normalizes, banks will have to ensure management under tighter conditions
- Continued development of financial markets, long-term funding, money market



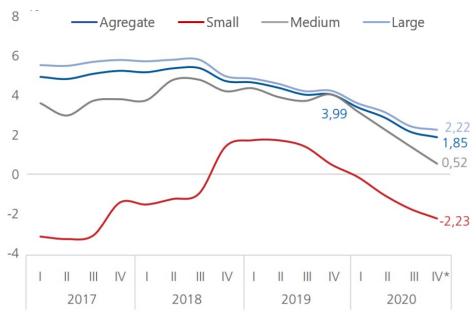


Source: OJK, IMF Staff Calculation

# **Corporate Sector: Potentially High Risks**

Better regulation, supervision, and risk management at the firm level should be in place before any compensation schemes are introduced to better protect consumers with minimum moral hazard

# Return of Assets (ROA) of publicly listed company (in percent)



Source: Bloomberg S.P.

Firm-at-Risk (In percent of sample firms in each economy, as of end-2019)



# **Financial Deepening**

Indonesia Insurance and Pension market is among the smallest in EM. Pension could act as shock absorber from currency depreciation. The upcoming omnibus law in financial system should address the issue of promoting market deepening

% to GDP	Pension*	Insurance**	Stock Mar Cap***
Brazil	12.7	14.7	46.3
Chile	68.8	25.7	106.4
India	1.1	22.0	87.9
Indonesia	1.8	4.3	51.3
Malaysia	59.9	22.4	142.8
Mexico	13.7	6.4	36.0
Thailand	6.8	0.0	120.3
United States	135.8	30.7	164.6
Australia	121.7	18.8	113.5

#### Source:

<sup>\*\*\* 2017</sup> Market capitalization of listed domestic companies, data from World bank



<sup>\* 2016</sup> Assets of pension funds, data from Global Financial Development (GFD) World Bank

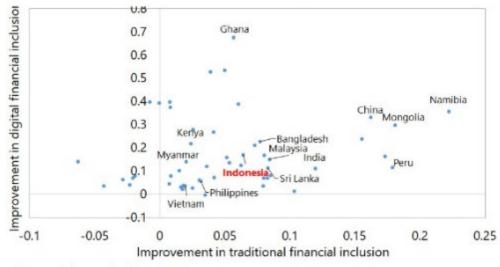
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# **Digitalization and Inclusion**

Investing in and expanding access to digital-friendly infrastructure should be prioritized.

#### Progress in Financial Inclusion: Traditional vs Digital, 2014-17

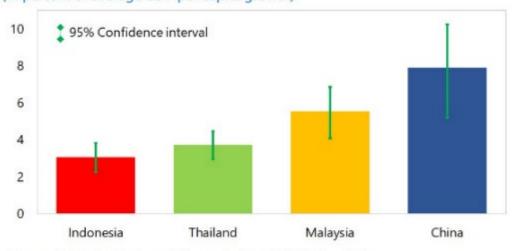
(+/- indicates increase/ decrease in financial inclusion)



Source: Sahay and others, 2020.

# Important economic benefits from broader adoption of digital payments.

## Impact of Increase in Adoption of Digital Payments on Growth 1/ (In percent of average GDP per capita growth)



Sources: IMF staff estimates; and Khera and others (2020, forthcoming).

1/ The impact on the per capita real GDP growth is obtained from the LIML regression analysis, assuming other factors remain unchanged.

- Addressing barriers to digital technological adoption should go hand-in-hand with investing in education, as well as encouraging the
  usage of digital financial services in government transaction.
- Continuing to strengthen regulation and interagency cooperation to address challenges across multiple traditional business lines.



# Thank you!