

Appointment Dates Dataset

This dataset contains information on the appointment dates of Indonesian district mayors (“bupati”) before and after Indonesia’s democratic transition.

File: *appointment_dates.dta*

This dataset builds on data collected and shared by the World Bank on the histories of district mayors during the early years of the democratic transition in Indonesia (Skoufias et. al. 2011).¹ These data contain information on the starting dates of all mayors that were elected after the democratic transition in 1999 until 2007. In addition to this it also contains information on the appointment date of the last wave of Soeharto mayors for 180 districts.

File: *appointment_dates_cornell.dta* (Not publicly available)

We collected information on the appointment date of the last appointed New Order bupati for additional 272 districts from the Indonesian Official Directories of Regional Representatives available at Cornell University. This data collection was carried out in collaboration with Priya Mukherjee, who, at this stage, prefers not to make this data publicly available. However, we are happy to provide this additional data to researchers who obtain Priya Mukherjee’s approval. Please contact her at pmukherjee@wm.edu.

Alternatively, users can also complement the dataset themselves by accessing the Indonesian Official Directories of Regional Representatives available at Cornell University. Using the appointment data in these directories, one can infer the missing appointment dates of the last New Order mayors, by using the year before a particular mayor starts appearing in the Cornell directories. We confirmed that this procedure is accurate by comparing the two data sources (World Bank and Cornell directories data) for districts where the information is available in both sources. This comparison suggests that mayors start appearing in the Cornell directories the year after their appointment, i.e. the year in which they serve as mayor for the entire year.

The two datasets can be merged with the following lines of STATA-code:

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use "PATH/appointment_dates.dta", clear
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merge 1:1 bps_id_2007 using "PATH/appointment_dates_cornell.dta"
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replace appyr_predec = appyr_predec_fill if _merge == 3
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drop _merge
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¹ Skoufias, Emmanuel, Ambar Narayan, Basab Dasgupta, and Kai Kaiser. 2011. “Electoral accountability, fiscal decentralization, and service delivery in Indonesia: Dataset” Policy Research Working Paper No. 5614 (accessed January 9th, 2012).

List of Variables & Variable Description

- **district_nm**: name of the district (as of 2007).
- **bps_id_2007**: BPS identifier (as of 2007).
- **bup_name_predec**: name of last New Order bupati (pre-1999).
- **appdate_predec**: appointment date of last New Order bupati.
- **enddate_predec**: end of appointment date of last New Order bupati
- **bup_name_predir**: name of first indirectly elected bupati (post-1999).
- **appdate_predir**: appointment date of first indirectly elected bupati.
- **enddate_predir**: end of appointment date of first indirectly elected bupati.
- **sex_predir**: gender of first indirectly elected bupati.
 - (1=male, 2=female)
- **educ_predir**: level of education of first indirectly elected bupati.
 - (0=Less than Bachelor,1=S1-Bachelor,2=S2-Master,3=PhD)
- **status_predir**: status of appointment.
 - (0=official,1=temporary,2=impeached)
- **incomp_predir**: complete appointment date data.
 - (1=complete,0=incomplete)
- **bup_name_predir_2**: name of second indirectly elected bupati (post-1999).
- **appdate_predir_2**: appointment date of second indirectly elected bupati.
- **enddate_predir_2**: end of appointment date of second indirectly elected bupati.
- **sex_predir_2**: gender of second indirectly elected bupati.
 - (1=male, 2=female)
- **educ_predir_2**: level of education of second indirectly elected bupati.
 - (0=Less than Bachelor,1=S1-Bachelor,2=S2-Master,3=PhD)
- **status_predir_2**: status of appointment.
 - (0=official,1=temporary,2=impeached)
- **incomp_predir_2**: complete appointment date data.
 - (1=complete,0=incomplete)

- **bup_name_posdir**: name of first directly elected bupati (post-1999).
- **appdate_posdir**: appointment date of first directly elected bupati.
- **round_posdir**: round of election.
- **party_posdir**: party affiliations of first directly elected bupati.
- **candidate_posdir**: number of candidates for direct election to bupati.
- **sex_posdir**: gender of first directly elected bupati.
 - (1=male, 2=female)
- **backinfo_posdir**: background information on first directly elected bupati
- **new_incumb_caret**: information on incumbency status
 - (0=new,1=male, 2=female)
- **name_b02_2002**: name of bupati in 2002
- **appdate_bup02**: appointment date of bupati in office in 2002
- **enddate_bup02**: end of appointment date of bupati in office in 2002
- **name_b04_2004**: name of bupati in 2004
- **appdate_bup04**: appointment date of bupati in office in 2004
- **enddate_bup04**: end of appointment date of bupati in office in 2004
- **name_b07_2007**: name of bupati in 2007
- **appdate_bup07**: appointment date of bupati in office in 2007