CSO Statement in response to the VNR report of the Government of Indonesia

We acknowledge the Indonesian Government’s efforts to SDG and COVID-19 recoveries - such as the involvement of civil society and young people in the consultative process and strengthening policy reform on key areas. However, we still found glaring gaps between the Indonesia VNR report and the realities on the ground, especially the lack of inclusion of marginalised groups in the protection scheme for COVID-19 recovery and even in education and learning continuity. We stress that civil societies’ involvement should not be tokenistic and there should be concrete and accountable follow up actions to respond to the needs of the people, especially marginalised groups.

Therefore, we would like to raise the following:

1. How does the Government of Indonesia ensure that the voices of communities in urban and rural areas - women, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, older people, LGBTIQ, migrants, youth - are meaningfully engaged in all levels of SDGs processes and development?

2. How does the government ensure, improve and utilise the updated and disaggregated data on sex, gender, age, and disability at the local to the national level in the implementation and monitoring of SDGs with respect to data protection?

3. What is the Government’s plan to increase and secure a gender-responsive budget for education, strengthen the capacities of schools to implement health protocols to guarantee safe re-opening, and provide equitable and inclusive access of all learners, especially the marginalised and out-of-school, to quality education and learning continuity amidst the pandemic?

4. How does the government assure, promote, and strengthen collaborative actions in efforts to recognise a clean, healthy, and safe environment, reform the resiliency and food systems, and people-oriented and gender-responsive sustainable development for the carbon-neutral commitment based on the Paris Agreement?