

# UGM Expert Requests Risma for Ensuring that Social Policy Implementation is Not Just Simply "Blusukan"

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The action of directly observing the field problem conditions known as "blusukan" by the Minister of Social Affairs (Mensos), Tri Rismaharini, to several points in Jakarta drew public attention. UGM Government Political Expert, Dr. Wawan Mas'udi, supposed that the Minister of Social Affairs (Mensos), Tri Rismaharini, should not have done the "blusukan" action due to the inappropriateness task as a minister.

"From the point of view of the political government, the action called 'blusukan' by the minister was inappropriate," he said on Friday (8/1).

He admitted that there are many social problems in Indonesia, starting from policy issues to problems in the field. Seemingly, various problems in the field, such as concerning homeless people and helping people who have problems regarding fulfilling their daily needs, are considered the government's basic tasks.

"Solutions and ways to deal with the homeless and other problems to give close assistance are the duties of the city government, local government, and provincial governments. Meanwhile, the minister's task is to assure that policies associated with social issues are thoroughly planned and performed," he explained.



Wawan said Minister of Social, Risma's action for doing "blusukan" action was still reasonable because she was still accustomed to her habits once she was still the Mayor of Surabaya. As is known, Risma carried out blusukan to undeviatingly handle problems in the field.

"As a minister, it is OK to do it once. However, she must have a clear goal, for instance, ensuring whether the community accepts national programs related to national guarantees or not," said the Deputy Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, FISIPOL UGM.

Moreover, Wawan conveyed that homelessness was a problem for Jakarta and in every region of Indonesia. Accordingly, if Risma will use the "blusukan" action as her leadership pattern, she should carry this action out of the overall country regions.

"It's great if the blusukan grants good policies, but it is impracticable for ministers to blusukan in all regions," he explained.

On the other hand, Wawan mentioned that Social Minister Risma in carrying out the "blusukan" action was politically a form of innuendo from the minister or the central government towards the regional government, in this case, DKI Jakarta.

"Another point of view from this 'blusukan' action is assumed as a form of innuendo from the central government to the regional government. It is indicated to inform people that here the problems in your area that require a solution," he added.

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