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Disadvantaged Women Issues Hazardous Materials Toxic

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JAKARTA, KOMPAS - Women left behind in the issue of toxic materials. In fact, in a variety of domestic activities, women are exposed to many toxic materials. Toxic hazardous materials contained in the various processes of heating, cooking utensils, cosmetics, and groceries. In general, awareness in communities and industries or activities directly related to the hazardous waste is still minimal.

As stated in the workshop "Gender Perspectives on Management of and Forestry, Thursday (23/2), in Jakarta.

The workshop was held related to gender mainstreaming program under the Gender Working Group Secretariat of the Basel Convention, Rotterdam, and Stockholm. The team was formed in 2012. Indonesia together with Nigeria have been selected as a pilot project for the program.

Engage Women Executive Director for a Common Future Sacha Gabizon said, "It is very difficult for ordinary people to understand the terms for hazardous materials if it is not given special knowledge. The impact is so severe, women working in the plastic bag industry a lot of breast cancer. "In the plastics industry, many toxic substances dioxins produced from plastic heated.

Budi Susilorini, Indonesia Country Director Pure Earth / Blacksmith Institute, said, "Women are in charge of family health are often excluded from *training* (training)."

Household appliances exposed to hazardous materials (B3) include Teflon and in the process uses chemical *perfluorooctanoic acid* (PFOA), which are carcinogens or cancer-causing. Another example, many families still use insecticides lindane-containing lice that are carcinogenic.

In the Stockholm Convention on *persistent organic pollutants* (POPs) listed 22 toxic substances were banned, two types of which are restricted, and 6 hazardous toxic organic substances that are byproducts ( *unintentional production* ). Substance kind of lindane, including the banned its use.

Researchers from the Center for Chemical Research Institute of Sciences, Indonesia, Agus Haryono, said there was no data to know how much people are exposed to POPs for research is minimal. In fact, Indonesia could not be analyzed because the laboratory for dioxin was not there.

Senior adviser Bali Fokus, Yuyun Ismawati, said Indonesia is lagging in response to the issue of B3. "The program is still low awareness, coordination among ministries is not good because each ministry has different interests, different terminology. In the environment ministry called toxic or hazardous materials, while in the trade is called hazardous materials only. (ISW)



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