

**Statement of the Chairman of National Welfare Council (NWC)
Indonesia Village Entrepreneurs Association (IVEA/APUDSI)
On the Developments in Venezuela and Their Implications for Economic Uncertainty at
the Village Level in Indonesia**

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Indonesia Village Entrepreneurs Association/Asosiasi Pelaku Usaha Desa Seluruh Indonesia (IVEA/APUDSI) continues to closely observe the current global geopolitical developments involving Venezuela and the United States. While these events are geographically distant from Indonesia, we are fully aware that in today's interconnected world, no major global event stands alone or remains without consequences for other regions.

For IVEA/APUDSI, developments in Venezuela are not merely an international political issue. They form part of a broader chain of global economic dynamics which, sooner or later, may affect energy price stability, logistics costs, and the continuity of global supply chains. The impact of such developments does not stop at macroeconomic indicators; it has the potential to be felt at the most fundamental level—within villages, among small enterprises, cooperatives, village-owned enterprises (BUMDes), and the grassroots economic actors who work every day to keep Indonesia's economy moving.

For this reason, IVEA/APUDSI considers it necessary to convey its perspective clearly, rationally, and responsibly. Our objective is straightforward: to ensure that village business actors, investors, young drivers of village economic development, and policymakers do not make hasty decisions amid an atmosphere of uncertainty, emotional reactions, or unverified information—conditions which we believe are currently prevalent.

Then: A Global Foundation Already Under Strain

Prior to these recent developments, the global economy was already operating under fragile conditions. Entering 2026, the global energy market faced multiple pressures: on one hand, the potential for oversupply to meet current global demand; on the other, an extreme sensitivity to geopolitical risk. As a result, excess supply risks being poorly managed, creating market anxiety over supply disruptions—an anxiety that can ultimately materialize into the very crisis it fears.

Within this context, Venezuela has long remained a critical factor. Despite possessing the largest proven oil reserves in the world, the country has been unable to utilize this potential optimally for many years. Limited investment, governance challenges, and political instability have positioned Venezuela more as a future possibility than as a reliable source of actual supply.

For Indonesia, this reality is far from irrelevant. National logistics cost structures remain highly dependent on global energy prices. Any major shift in the global oil market triggers a chain reaction that is ultimately felt by village business actors themselves—from transportation costs and commodity prices to the purchasing power of local communities.

In the end, villages are often among the first to experience the tangible effects of suboptimal global resource management.

Now: Uncertainty Amid a Flood of Information

The current situation in Venezuela adds a new layer of uncertainty to a global economy that has yet to fully recover. This uncertainty extends beyond physical energy supply, encompassing risk perceptions that directly influence markets, business actors, and investors.

At the same time, the public sphere is saturated with an overwhelming flow of information related to these events. Unfortunately, not all of it is credible. Fragmented narratives, unverified visuals, and political propaganda can easily shape opinion and provoke spontaneous reactions among those who do not exercise caution in consuming information.

In such circumstances, IVEA/APUDSI believes that statements or decisions made without calm consideration and a solid data foundation carry the risk of amplifying negative consequences. For village business actors, this phase demands vigilance. Volatility in energy prices and logistics costs can affect production expenses, distribution, and cash flow—particularly for enterprises operating with thin margins and limited room for error. Moreover, as IVEA/APUDSI firmly believes, any stance taken today—even from the most remote villages in Indonesia—may also contribute to escalation or de-escalation of situations unfolding in other parts of the world.

Later: Implications for the Village Economy and the Choices Ahead

Looking forward, the impact of these developments on the village economy will depend greatly on the direction of global responses and how the situation evolves.

If tensions subside, markets will eventually return to the reality that recovery of Venezuela's energy sector is not an instantaneous process. It requires stability, legal certainty, and long-term investment. Under this scenario, current volatility is likely to be temporary, and the linkage between Venezuela's energy management and global energy-based economic development will return to its natural course.

However, if uncertainty persists, the risks of rising logistics costs and sustained price pressures will become increasingly evident. These effects will be felt directly in the daily lives of village business actors: higher transportation costs, more expensive raw materials, and declining purchasing power within local communities.

Conversely, in the medium term, should stability be achieved and global energy supply increase, opportunities for reduced distribution costs—driven by lower global oil prices—may emerge. Such conditions could provide space for village business actors to strengthen efficiency, scale up operations, and expand markets in a more sustainable manner.

For these reasons, global events such as this cannot be approached through simplistic or binary judgments. What ultimately shapes the future is not only what happens abroad, but how we interpret data and prepare our next steps with clear-headed judgment and a firm yet measured stance.

Firmness, not because of provocation, but because of a genuine understanding of what is truly unfolding.

Closing: Data, Composure, and Moral Responsibility

Through this press release, IVEA/APUDSI calls upon village business actors, investors, young economic leaders, and policymakers to consistently place **accurate data and calm reasoning** at the center of decision-making.

This call applies not only to business decisions, but also to responses related to broader events—particularly those involving humanitarian issues—whether in issuing statements, offering support, or reacting to global developments.

In an increasingly interconnected world, **even the smallest reactions—including the words we choose—can influence the direction of events on a wider scale**, and ultimately return to affect our own local economies.

As Chairman of IVEA/APUDSI, we firmly believe that Indonesia's village business actors are capable of acting with economic maturity and humanitarian dignity. We are able to remain grounded in data, avoid rushed reactions, resist misinformation, and preserve conscience in every step we take.

IVEA/APUDSI will continue to carry out its role in economic communication, presenting responsible global analysis, and standing alongside village business actors in safeguarding the sustainability of local economies as a foundation of national resilience.

Sincerely,

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