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"Understand the problem first, then plan and act"

Assessment, policy development and implementation of quality assurance are three main functions of public health. These three functions underlie the main missions of public health: (1) physical and mental health promotion, and (2) prevention of diseases, accidents, and disabilities. The scope of the assessment includes monitoring health status, identifying health problems priority, investigation on health threats/health hazards in the society, effectiveness evaluation, accessibility, and health service quality. With education background on medicine, biostatistics, epidemiology, public health, and demography, this professor has chosen "assessment" as his interest and work field. After graduating as a doctor (UI) in 1974, Budi started to work as a lecturer in Biostatistics Department, Faculty of Public Health UI until now. He gained his MPH degree majoring in Biostatistics and Epidemiology in 1977 from University of Hawaii, and his PhD degree in 1996 from Australian National University.

Today, Budi is a professor of Faculty of Public Health Universitas Indonesia, is a researcher in Health Research Center and Family Welfare Center UI, Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor of Indonesia Health Services Program (John Snow International), and the member of Independent Review Committee, Health Metric Network of the World Health Organization. Budi has written many project proposals, and appraisal reports on many health projects and programs. He also received grants from donors and international organization, including USAID, AusAID, WHO, Unicef, UNFPA, World Bank, and Ford Foundation. His experience in research studies includes his role as an Advisory board member Studies in Family Planning Journal (1988-1993), Journal of Health Transition Review (1991-1996), Country Director of Indonesia for Population Council (2000-2005), and Capacity Strengthening and Dissemination Program Leader for Immpact Program (2004-2007). He also wrote some papers on reproductive health issues in many seminars and national and international journal.