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**Disciplines:** Health Financing, Health Economics, Health Policy, and Public Health

**Research Area:** Health insurance, equity in health, Health Policy, Health Financing and Public Health

**Background:**

Budi is a public health researcher by training. He did his master's degree at the Graduate Institute of Health Care administration at Asia University, Taiwan. He has worked for nine years as a lecturer at the School of Public Health, Jenderal Soedirman Purwokerto, Indonesia. He is currently completing his doctorate with a thesis focusing on the assessment of the effects of health insurance programs on **equity in health care financing in Indonesia**.

**Research:**

Budi is currently focusing his research on Health Financing and Economics, in particular equity in health issues. In his research, he combines quantitative and qualitative approaches to achieve his research goals. His thesis adopts an explanatory mixed methods study design, first employing economic modeling to examine insurance effects on health care costs, and then conducting a qualitative study to explain the quantitative findings.

**Publications:**

Budi Aji, Aurelia Souares , Manuela De Allegri , Rainer Sauerborn. 2011. The effects of scaling up health insurance schemes on out-of-pocket payments in Indonesia. Submitted to BMC Health Service Research, November 2011.