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March-April 2020 ISSN: 0193-4120 Page No. 1509 - 1514 1509 Published by: The Mattingley Publishing Co., Inc. Mini-Micro Hydropower Plants Progress in Indonesia: The Effective and Suitable Projects for Isolated and Remote Communities A. M. Shiddiq Yunus<sup>1,a</sup>, Apollo<sup>1</sup>, Musrady Mulyadi<sup>1</sup>, M. Arifuddin<sup>2</sup>, Hariani M.

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The most challenging part of increasing the electrification ratio is the ineffective cost and long term revenue of installing long distribution and transmission lines to the isolated and remote areas. To achieve the 100% electrification ratio in 2020, the Indonesian government has constructed more micro hydropower plants (MHPP) scale to supply power to isolated and remote areas. The total hydropower plant that has been installed all around Indonesia since 2016 is about 11% of the total available potency.

The projects were economically effective as they normally run with the collaboration among, national government, local authority and local communities. The mini-micro hydropower projects that were running from 2011 to 2015 have been conducted in two main scheme, the private sector or so-called independent power producers (IPPs) and

through government funding. The MHPP projects implementation of course was facing in between benefits and short- comings.

Some of the benefits of MHPP are low cost project, environment benign and long live operation. However, the drawbacks of MHPP might include specific site requirement, social conflict, non- skilled operator that might harm himself, and operation is depending on the local climate. The win-win solution should be come across for MHPP projects to accommodate between the benefits and the short-comings.

Keywords: Electrification Ratio, MHPP, Hydropower Project 1. Introduction It cannot be denied that in some developing countries, the electrification ratio is still low due to some classical reasons such as limited economic capability, energy sources, human resources, etc. In Indonesia electrification ratio is increased about 18.21 % since 2011[1], [2].

This indicates that the Indonesian government has achieved the target for electrification equality among the Indonesia population. The 100% of electrification ratio or so-called universal March-April 2020 ISSN: 0193-4120 Page No. 1509 - 1514 1510 Published by: The Mattingley Publishing Co., Inc. access is targeted to be achieved in 2020 [3].

Although electrification ratio target should be achieved maximally, the larger portion of renewable based power plants is a must for a better global environment. Indonesia itself, has declared the use of renewable based power plants about 23% for the total power plants in 2025 [4]. Currently, wind and solar cell become the most popular renewable based power plants that installed worldwide since 2004 [5]-[8].

However, wind and solar have high initial capital cost and long term of cost revenue for isolated and remote areas [9]. Moreover, long conventional transmission and distribution line will not be economically effective for the isolated and remote areas [10]. Therefore, it is pivotal for the government to explore the suitable and effective power plants for these communities. 2.

Hydropower Potency in Indonesia Hydro energy potency in Indonesia is about 75 GW [11] and up to 2016 there are only about 11% has been installed throughout Indonesia [12]. In Indonesia, hydro energy potency almost spread in almost all provinces, the potency of hydro energy can be seen in Figure 1 [11]. Figure 1: Hydropower potency in most of provinces in Indonesia [11] As demonstrates in Fig.

1, Papua has the most enormous potency of hydropower in Indonesia, however, Papua are still in electrification rate of less than 50% [13], the most challenging factor that

influence the infrastructure development in Papua is regarding social and physical challenges such as mountains, swampy lowlands, great distances, etc [14]. Potency of Mini-Micro Hydropower for each main islands in Indonesia can be seen in Fig. 2.

223.71 0 50 100 150 200 250 Aceh North Sumatra West Sumatra & Riau South Sumatra, Jambi, Bengkulu & Lampung West Java Central Java East Java West Kalimantan South, Central and East Kalimantan North Sulawesi & Central Sulawesi South and South East Sulawesi Bali & South East Nusa Maluku Papua x102 MW March-April 2020 ISSN: 0193-4120 Page No. 1509 - 1514 1511 Published by: The Mattingley Publishing Co., Inc.

Figure 2: Mini-Micro Hydropower potency in main islands in Indonesia [15] As reported in [15], the total potency of Mini-Micro Hydropower Plants (M-MHPP) in Indonesia is about 19.38 GW that spread out on the main islands as shown in Fig. 2. Kalimantan, Sumatra, and Java become the top three of islands that have promising for project of Mini-Micro Hydropower Plants.

Based on the needs and the potency, the projected M-MHPP projects have been released by the Indonesian Government [15] from 2017-2025 as demonstrated in Figure 3. Figure 3: Mini-Micro Hydropower projected installing capacity in main islands in Indonesia [15] Kalimantan 42% Sumatra 29% Java 15% Sulawesi 9% Papua 3% Maluku, Bali, Nusa Tenggara 2% 313.7 520 815.1

1000 1300 1650 2050 2500 3000 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 MW Year March-April 2020 ISSN: 0193-4120 Page No. 1509 - 1514 1512 Published by: The Mattingley Publishing Co., Inc. Mini-Micro Hydropower Progress 2014-2015 To fulfil the electrification ratio and in the same time maintain the economic visibility, a cheap, simple and small scale based power plants is required particularly to electrify the isolated and remote areas.

The progress of Mini-Micro Hydropower Plants projects for independent power producer (IPP) in Indonesia is shown in table 1[16]. Table 1: Mini-Micro hydropower projects in 2011-2015 for IPP [16] Main Island Total Capacity (MW) Number of Projects Java 39.98 18 Sumatra 50.43 10 Sulawesi 33 11 West Nusa Tenggara 10.8 2 Total 134.21 59 It shown in Table 1, within 2011-2015 there are about 59 projects of mini-micro hydropower spread around Indonesia.

Number of projects in Java Island is the largest within that period of time but smaller in total capacity if compared with Sumatra. Sumatra Island has only 10 number of projects but has the largest total capacity of nearly 50.5 MW due to some of mini hydropower

with capacity more than 5.0 MW have been constructed. Sulawesi Island has 11 projects with total capacity of 33 MW. The dominant range of each capacity varies within 2.0-3.0

MW with one project with 7.5 MW in **Luwu District, South Sulawesi** [16]. There were two projects of mini-micro hydropower plants have been established in West Nusa Tenggara with about 10.8 MW. The number of mini-micro hydropower plants projects in Java Island is larger based on the number of population in Java Island is the larger within others islands in Indonesia.

Meanwhile, some MHPP (not include the mini hydropower plants) projects were funded by Indonesian government within 2011-2015 **as can be seen** in Figure 4 [16]. (a) 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 Year Number of Project March-April 2020 ISSN: 0193-4120 Page No. 1509 - 1514 1513 Published by: The Mattingley Publishing Co., Inc.

(b) Figure 4: Project of government funded MHPP in 2011-2015; (a) Number of MHPP Project, (b) **Total installed capacity of** MHPP [16] Within 2011-2015, some MHPP projects were funded by Indonesian government except in 2012, no budgeted were allocated for MHPP projects as shown in Figure 4(a). **The total installed capacity** throughout Indonesia per year is demonstrated in Figure 4(b).

Although number of projects is smaller in 2013 compared with the number of projects in 2014 and 2015, but **the total installed capacity** is larger than in 2014 and 2015 due to some projects in 2013 are in scale that larger than 100 kW. Common Applied Technology of MHPP in Indonesia In developing countries, MHPP technology normally used just to achieve the fundamental functions of the facility to reduce the cost.

The cross-flow turbine type is the common turbine type used for small scale hydropower plant in Indonesia due to its suitability for low heads, accommodates large water flows, more tolerant of sands and other particles [17], [18]. To generate power, an induction generator is employed **due to its robustness, simple construction**, no synchronisation problem and absence of DC excitation system [19]. Rather than control the water input, to stabilize the frequency and the output voltage, **an electronic load controller (ELC)** is employed.

ELC controls the connection or disconnection of the output generator with the dummy loads to maintain the nominal frequency and voltage [18]. Dummy loads might vary from one MHPP to another, it might be in the form of water heaters, incandescent lamps, air heaters, etc. 3. General Benefits The reasonable **option for rural electrification** that fulfils low cost and environment concern requirements is micro hydropower plants,

as long as the water discharge from the nearest rivers is available.

For small islands, however, solar and wind might be the viability option with their certain drawbacks as aforementioned above. Several benefits of MHPP that could be mentioned are listed as follows: • Cost of "run-off" without big dam and water storage [18]. • Environment benefited as no combustion part involved. • Much more concentrated energy source compared to wind and solar [18].

• Low operation and limited maintenance required [20]. • Live operation can last for 50 years [21]. 4. Challenges and Barriers Although progress of mini-micro hydropower plants has shown the promising development, there are still yet some of challenges and barriers in the following points: • It is site-specific technology, as the rivers located specific and might not close to the rural communities [21].

0 200 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 Year Total Installed Capacity (kW) March-April 2020 ISSN: 0193-4120 Page No. 1509 - 1514 1514 Published by: The Mattingley Publishing Co., Inc. • Social conflicts might the main challenge and barrier. Most of rivers are used also for other purposes such as drinking water, irrigation, etc.

The existence of MHPP might duct quality and reliability which in turn could trigger the social conflict. • Most of MHPP operators are non skilled persons. There are many cases in developing countries that operators loss their live due to insignificant knowledge and less working attitude in operating the MHPP. • Rapid climate change might lead to the inconsistent water sources from time to time.

• Lack of information for rainfall, catchment area, climate and other data site become also a big challenge and barrier for developing MHPP in developing countries [22]. Acknowledgments Authors would like to appreciate Research, Technology and Higher Education Ministry of Indonesia for funding the research through research scheme of Applied Strategies Research for Higher Education Institutes in 2018. Reference [1] I Made Ro Saky, Electricity Power Development in Indonesia, www.energy-indonesia.com [2] Handbook of Energy and Economic Statistic of Indonesia, 2017. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources Republic of Indonesia.

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