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**In your view, what is a feminist transport system?**

A feminist transport system is one that has considered the needs of women in its transport services, both in transportation facilities and infrastructure. In urban transportation, the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in my country provides special seats for all women, including pregnant women, there is a separation of space between women and men, and there are several buses dedicated as women's buses. The operator also prioritizes women's safety from acts of sexual harassment, by placing stickers highlighting the hotline number for sexual harassment complaints.

**How does the experience of women and girls in Indonesia influence your work?**

Women in Indonesia make up 49.42% of the total population. This made us at the Ministry of Transport (MOT) really think about the available services for women and disabled people in the transport system. With the knowledge of this large number of women, we have also opened job opportunities in transportation, both within ministries and as operators. As a working mother myself, I also use public transportation to get to work, and I convey my experience in using public transportation to the leadership as motivation and support for improving service.

**Many feminist advocates say they get tired of saying the same things and having the same fights over and over. How do you stay motivated?**

For women who feel frustrated, I would first reflect on whether they have found the right audience to present their ideas or frustrations. For myself, I persist in communicating my complaints and suggestions to various parties, with the aim of improving service. Because I work in a team that has the task of developing public services, we also coach operators to listen to customer complaints. We understand that if the goal is to improve services, listening and addressing women's concerns will have a positive impact to the company and also the image of public transportation. To take the alternative approach would make customers feel abandoned by the system. I am motivated by the knowledge that continuous improvement and providing the best public transport to our community is important!

**Do you have any advice for other people who want to be part of a feminist reshaping of the transport system?**

As a passenger and user of public transportation, express your experience in improving transportation services. This can be communicated to officers in the field, through customer service hotlines, or via social media. Your input and suggestions will be very useful for improving transportation in your city/country. For those who want to work in the transportation sector, then don't hesitate to apply for the job you want. Getting involved means you can contribute to creating a better feminist transportation system. Just be yourself!

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