The Policy Design to Assistance Tech Startup for Reducing the Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic

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Abstract. In 2020, The Covid-19 pandemic, have a significant impact for economics and also for Start-Up Technology (PPBT) in Indonesia. because PPBT also receives a disruptive impact on their business stability. This research aims to develop a policy design to assistance PPBT for reducing the impact of covid-19 pandemic which is expected to help incubators to assist PPBT who are being fostered. The method used in this research consists of: (1) Analysis of the general conditions of the problems being experienced by PPBT during the Covid-19 Pandemic; (2) Analysis of Policy Design to Assistance PPBT, using analysis of internal factors and external factors, SWOT matrix and AHP. Alternative of policy design obtained from this research consists of: (1) Facilitating the development of products and markets for innovative product in health and medicine, agriculture and food security, and information technology, by utilize business network and good distribution and electronic transaction system; (2) Strengthening coordination of incubators and related institutions to branding PPBT product as a local supplier with B2B and B2G system; (3) Facilitating the development business model of PPBT affected covid-19 pandemic to improve their business by adjusting market conditions; (4) Strengthening the incubator coordination for funding access as an effort to maintain the existence of PPBT.

Keywords: The Covid-19 Pandemic, Start-Up Technology, Policy Design

1 Introduction

2020 is the most difficult year for Indonesia and the whole world. Growth in the economic sector was severely affected and weakened as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Based on data from Central Bureau of Statistics, economic growth in Indonesia in the second quarter of 2020 compared to the second quarter of 2019 there was a growth contraction of 5.32% [1]. The slowing down of economic growth is an indication of the negative impact on the Indonesian economy caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. The implementation of this policy has had an impact on many sectors and even more so on tech startups in Indonesia. Tech startups in this study are defined as new enterprises that graduated from the business incubation process.

This study aims to formulate a tech startup mentoring policy design to reduce the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic which is expected to help business incubators during the pandemic. In addition, this research is also expected to support the development of tech startups both when the Covid-19 pandemic is still ongoing and after the covid-19 pandemic. The formulation of policy compiled in this study is expected to be the basis for stakeholders, especially for policy makers in making decisions for policies that support tech startups so that later they can support economic growth in Indonesia.

2 Methodology

The study consisted of two stages namely:

1). Initial Data Collection Stage

In this initial data collection phase, the aim is to find out the general condition of technology startups during a pandemic. The primary data collection methodology that used was a questionnaire and then analyzed with descriptive statistics. The questions given to tech starups are how the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on company sales, labor conditions, product innovation related to the covid-19 pandemic, and business barriers.

The respondents of initial data collection were: (1) technology startups graduated from the Technology Based Incubation Center - Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology (BIT-BPPT), (2) technology startups that receive incubation incentives from the Ministry of Research and Technology / National Research dan Innovation Agency, (3) and also a technology startup under the incubator business member of the Indonesian Business Incubator Association (AIBI). The technological scope of the technology startups that were respondents: energy, Information Technology, health and medicine, manufacturing, transportation, and agriculture and food resiliance.

2). Policy Design Analysis Phase to help technology startups reduce the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

In the policy formulation phase, the methodology used was the analysis of internal and external factors, the SWOT matrix, and the Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP).

Data from the experts was obtained directly from interviews and questionnaires (AHP questionnaire), then the FGD was conducted to formulate the policy design.

The experts and actors involved in the FGD are: (1) Head of the incubator, (2) CEO of tech startup, (3) Representatives from the Ministry, and (4) Supporters (Academics and investors). Secondary data used in this study came from various literary sources.

2.1 Internal and External Factor Analysis

Internal and external factors are obtained by analyzing: (1) internal environment in the form of strengths and weaknesses of technology startups and incubators during the Covid-19 pandemic, and (2) analysis of the external environment in the form of opportunities and threats faced both during the pandemic and post Covid-19 pandemic.

Internal strengths and weaknesses are activities that controlled by an organization that can give a very good or bad impact to the organization. Those internal strengths and weaknesses could be arise in management, marketing, finance / accounting, production / operations, research and development, and business management information system activities. Analysis of the external environment could be used to summarize and evaluate opportunities and threats from economic, social, cultural, demographic, environmental, political, governance, legal, technological, and competitive or competitive information [4].

2.2 Analysis of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats

Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat (SWOT) analysis is a tool that can be used to determine the conditions or problems experienced by technology startups, incubator agencies, and other stakeholders caused by a pandemic outbreak 19. SWOT analysis can also be used to find policy designs which can be used to help reduce this impact. According to Eriyatno and Larasati (2013) [5], Another function of the SWOT analysis is that it can be

used to show a framework that can help planners to identify strategies to achieve goals. In a SWOT analysis a combination of four types of strategies can be carried out, namely: SO strategy, WO strategy, ST strategy and WT strategy. The SWOT matrix is derived from the input stage to match or combine internal strengths and weaknesses with external opportunities and threats. The analysis results can be displayed in the SWOT matrix.

The SWOT matrix can clearly illustrate how external opportunities and threats from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak can be adjusted to the strengths and weaknesses identified from PPBT and the incubator conditions in business, company turnover, labor, legality, etc.

According to Rangkuti (2014) [8], the steps in preparing a SWOT matrix are as follows:

- 1) Makes 5 to 10 internal strengths owned and reserved for Strength cells.
- 2) Makes 5 to 10 internal weaknesses that are owned and attached to weak cells.
- 3) Create 5 to 10 Opportunities lists.
- 4) Make 5 to 10 lists of external threats that are approved and stored in the Threat cell.
- 5) Make alternative policies based on a combination of 4 strategic regulatory factors such as the assessment in Table 1.

Table 1. SWOT Matrix (Rangkuti, 2014) [8]

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Internal External	Strengths (S)	Weaknesses (W)
Opportunities (O)	SO Strategy This strategy is made by using all power to take advantage of opportunities.	WO Strategy This is a strategy created by exploiting opportunities to overcome weaknesses.
Threats (T)	ST Strategy This strategy is made by using all power to overcome threats.	WT Strategy This strategy is a defense strategy that is made by minimizing existing weaknesses and avoiding threats.

2.3 Analytical Hierarchy Process

Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) was chosen because it can be used for decision making to determine priorities for policy alternatives, in this study it is used to prioritize policy alternatives for mentoring startups affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The approach of the AHP is problem solving of a hierarchical structure and are interrelated. AHP was developed by Dr. Thomas L. Saaty to organize information in choosing the most preferred alternative.

The AHP method is used to simplify complex problems that are more structured and easy to solve. AHP method can be used to choose policy alternatives that have been formulated through the SWOT matrix in the previous stage, policy alternatives will be chosen based on the priority scale (weight) generated from the AHP analysis [11]. This stage is the stage of determining the policy strategy (decision stage).

According to Eriyatno and Larasati (2013) [5], the AHP model uses human perception which is considered an expert as its main input. AHP is widely used for multi-criteria decision making tools, unlike conventional methods, AHP uses pairwise comparisons which allows for verbal judgment and improves the precision of the results.

Measurement of qualitative matters is very important because the more complex the problem, the higher the level of uncertainty. In addition, AHP also tests the consistency of the assessment, if there are deviations that are too far from the consistent value, the assessment made by an expert needs to be improved or the hierarchy must be restructured.

According to Syaifullah (2010) [9], AHP is often used as a method of solving problems compared to other methods for the following reasons:

- a. The hierarchical structure, as a consequence of the chosen criteria, reaches the deepest sub-criteria.
- b. Consider the validity of the various criteria and alternatives chosen by decision makers to the degree of inconsistency
- c. Consider the resilience of the results of the sensitivity analysis in decision making

According to Marimin (2008) [6], there are four (4) basic ideas of AHP work principles as follows:

1) Hierarchical arrangement

The problem that need to be solved is break down into its elements such as targets, criteria and alternatives, then arranged into a hierarchical structure.

2) Assessment the criteria and alternatives

Criteria and alternatives are assessed through a pairwise comparison matrix. With a scale of values and definitions of qualitative opinions between a scale of 1 to 9. The scale is determined as a consideration in comparing pairs of elements at each level of the hierarchy against one element at the top level [9]. The values and definitions of qualitative opinions from the Saaty comparison scale can be seen in Table 2.

Table 2. Saaty comparison scale

Score	Information
1	Criteria / Alternative A is as important as criterion / alternative B
3	A is slightly more important than B
5	A is clearly more important than B
7	A is clearly more important than B
9	A Absolute is more important than B
2,4,6,8	The value between two value considerations that are close together

The value of the comparison of A with B is 1 (one) divided by the value of the comparison of B with A.

3) Determination of Opportunities

Criteria and alternatives that have been compared in a pairwise comparison matrix are then processed to determine the relative ranking of all alternatives. Both qualitative and quantitative criteria can be compared according to predetermined assessments to produce weights and priorities. Weights or priorities are calculated by matrix manipulation or solving with mathematical equations.

4) Logical Consistency

All elements are logically grouped and ranked consistently according to logical criteria. Problems that have high consistency are needed for basic decision making so that the decision results become more accurate.

AHP problem solving methods used to determine alternative priorities for this policy use Super Decisions software that can display results that are more graphically attractive and easily understood. AHP method calculation with the help of decision support system applications will be faster than manual calculations so that it can be more efficient and the level of data accuracy is near perfect [3].

The use of Super Decisions Software starts with compiling a hierarchy of existing problems, then determining the value of pairwise comparisons between criteria and alternatives that exist in accordance with the AHP questionnaire that has been filled out by experts. In analysis with AHP, CR (Concistency Ratio) is

used as a basis for knowing the consistency of the questionnaire content from experts, the consistency value should not be more than 0.10 [6].

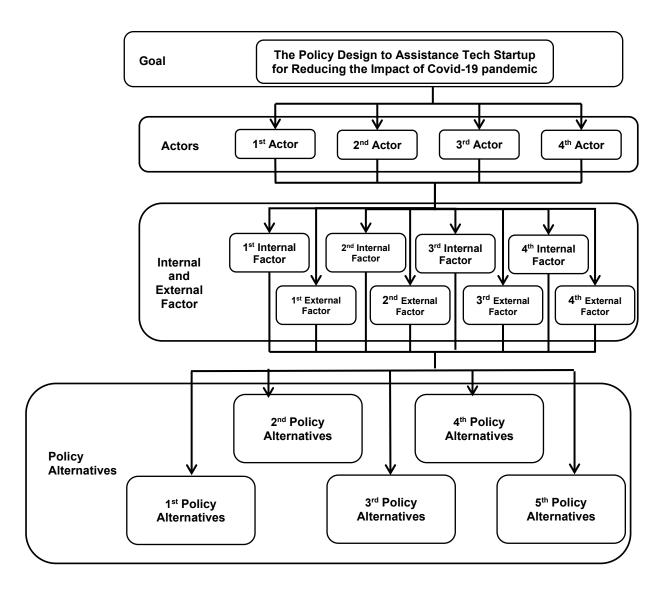


Fig. 1. The hierarchy of determining tech startups assistance policies for reducing the impact of Covid-19 pandemic.

3 Result and Discussion

Identification of Internal and External Factors

Based on the results of the identification and analysis of internal and external factors of tech startups and incubators during the Covid-19 pandemic in the form of Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats that influence technology startup assistance, the results obtained can be used to determine policy design priorities in the SWOT analysis. Analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of tech startups and incubators during the Covid-19 pandemic can be found in the SWOT profile as in table 3.

	Table 3. SWOT Profile					
	Strength	Weakness				
	Most tech startups engaged in agriculture and food resilience, IT, manufacturing, health and medicine, and 79% tech startups are still doing business amid the Covid-19 pandemic	2. 3.	Less than 10% of tech startups engaged in transportation and energy have difficulty doing business Limitations in product sales More than 40% of tech startups in			
2.	70% of tech startups in the field of Health and Medicine experienced an average turnover of> 30% and an additional workforce of 2 people on average	4.	agriculture and food security, manufacturing have reduced the number of workers 70% of tech startups experience substitution to reduce those who			
3.	56% of tech startups that have increased turnover have made product innovations during the Covid-19 pandemic	5.	don't innovate products during the Covid-19 pandemic. Limitations of the incubator's interaction with tech startups			
	The incubator still provide assistance during the Covid-19 pandemic		during the pandemic			
5.	Tech startups that enter the fast- growing phase are more flexible in change					
	Opportunities		Threats			
	The level of public awareness of health and technology has increased.	1.	Crash Innovation (rapid and sudden innovation) must be			
	Changes in business patterns online during the Covid-19 pandemic or the	2.	adapted quickly by tech startups The negative effects of large-scale			

social restrictions on the economy

- use of electronic transaction systems.
- 3. The direction of B2B or B2G business is more promising than retail business
- The effects of deglobalization after the pandemic, protocols in and out of the country increasingly stringent. Strengthening of domestic suppliers.
- 5. Predictions of Indonesia's economic growth remain positive.
- 6. Incubator institutional certification and incubator's facilitators / HR expertise certification

- 3. An increase in the number of layoffs, a reduction in the level of public and government consumption and GDP
- 4. Decreasing the level of consumption of the people and government
- 5. The reduced level of investment
- Limited qualifications of incubator's facilitators/human resources

3.2 SWOT Matrix Analysis

After identifying the internal and external factors of tech startups and incubators, the next step is the stage of combining Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats using the SWOT matrix. The results of the formulation are grouped into 4 (four) strategy formulation groups consisting of the Strength-Opportunity (SO) strategy, Weakness-Opportunity (WO) strategy, Strength-Threat (ST) strategy, and Weakness-Threat (WT) strategy, as presented in Table 4.

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Table 4. SWOT Matrix				
Internal Facor External Factor	 Most tech startups engaged in agriculture and food resilience, IT, manufacturing, health and medicine, and 79% tech startups are still doing business amid the Covid-19 pandemic 70% of tech startups in the field of Health and Medicine experienced an average turnover of> 30% and an additional workforce of 2 people on average 56% of technology startups that have increased turnover have made product innovations during the Covid-19 pandemic The incubator still provide assistance during the Covid-19 pandemic Tech startups that enter the fast-growing phase are more flexible in change 	transportation and energy have difficulty doing business 2. Limitations in product sales 3. More than 40% of tech startups in agriculture and food security, manufacturing have reduced the number of workers 4. 70% of tech start-ups experience substitution to reduce those who don't innovate products during the Covid-19 pandemic. 5. Limitations of the incubator's interaction with tech startups during the pandemic		
 (O) The level of public awareness of health and technology has increased. Changes in business patterns online during the Covid-19 pandemic or the use of electronic transaction systems. The direction of B2B or B2G business is more promising than retail business The effects of deglobalization after the pandemic, protocols in and out of the country increasingly stringent. Strengthening of domestic suppliers. Predictions of Indonesia's economic growth remain positive. 	SO Strategy 1. Facilitating product and market development by utilizing business networks and distribution through electronic transaction systems in the fields of health and medicine, agriculture and food resilience, and IT (S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, O1, O2, O3) 2. Strengthening coordination of incubators and related institutions to encourage tech startups products as local suppliers to B2B and B2G systems (S3, S4, S5, O4, O5)	institutional certification and professional certification for facilitators assigned as tech startups assistants (W5, W6, O1, O2, O3, O4, O5, O6)		

6.	Incubator institutional certification and incubator's facilitators / HR expertise certification.			
	(T)		ST Strategy	WT Strategy
1.	Crash Innovation (rapid and sudden innovation) must be adapted quickly by tech startups		Facilitating the development of tech startups business models to be flexible to crash innovation in accordance with conditions due to the Large-Scale Social	1. Strengthening incubator coordination with capital institutions as an effort to maintain the existence of technology startups (W3, W4, W5, T4, T5)
2.	The negative effects of large-scale social restrictions on the economy	2.	Limitation policy (S3, S4, S5, T1, T2, T3, T4, T5) Strengthening the coordination of incubators and	
3.	An increase in the number of layoffs, a reduction in the level of public and government consumption and GDP		related institutions in suppressing market prices to maintain the level of public consumption (S4, S5, T3, T4, T5)	
4.	Decreasing the level of consumption of the people and government	3.	Facilitating the development of tech startups business models for business improvement by adjusting market	
5.	The reduced level of investment		conditions/needs (S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, T2, T3, T4)	
6.	Limited qualifications of incubator's facilitators/Human Resources			

3.3 Policy Formulation using AHP Method

Policy alternatives that have been formulated through the SWOT matrix, are then processed by the AHP method through the Super Decisions software based on a questionnaire that has been filled out by experts. The determination of policy priorities is a combination of opinions from experts represented by incubators, technology startups, governments, academics, and investors.

3.3. The selection of actors who play a role in determining policy

With the assessment and merging of the opinions of the experts with the aim as the basis for determining the tech startups assistance policy for reducing the impact of Covid-19 pandemic, the priority results are obtained as shown in table 5.

Table 5. Actors who play a role in determining policy

Actor	Weight	Priority
Head of the incubator,	0,37736	1
CEO of a tech startup,	0,29683	2
Government.Supporters,	0,22536	3
(Academics and investors)	0,10045	4

3.3.2 Selection of Factors that Influence Policy Decisions

The chosen factors in determining the tech startups' assistance policy for reducing the impact of Covid-19 pandemic are internal and external environmental factors of tech startups and incubators, as follows:

- 1. Product innovation
- 2. Increased revenue in the field of health technology and medicine
- 3. Limitations in product sales
- 4. Reduction in the number of workers
- 5. Changes of business models
- 6. Stricter import protocols
- 7. Negative effects of applying LSSR (Large-scale Social Limitation) on the economy
- 8. Decrease in the level of investment

With the assessment and merging of opinions of experts based on the actors who play a role in determining policy, the priority results are obtained as shown in table 6.

Table 6. Factors that influence in determining policy

Internal and External Factors	Weight	Priority
Changes of business models	0,17073	1
Product innovation	0,15700	2
Increased revenue in the field of health technology and medicine	0,14777	3
Decrease in the level of investment	0,11625	4
Stricter import protocols	0,11209	5
Limitations in product sales	0,10343	6
Reduction in the number of workers	0,09741	7
Negative effects of applying LSSR (Large-scale Social Limitation) on the economy	0,09531	8

3.3.3 Formulation of alternative policies

The formulation of alternative policies for tech startups assistance in order to reduce the impact of Covid-19 pandemic based on the policy formulation resulting from the SWOT matrix selected and assessed according to and representing each of the SO, ST, WO and WT strategies, as follows:

- 1. Facilitating product and market development by utilizing business and distribution networks through electronic transaction systems in the fields of health and medicine, agriculture and food resilience, and IT
- 2. Strengthening the coordination of incubators and related institutions to encourage tech startups products as local suppliers to B2B and B2G systems.
- 3. Facilitating the development of tech startups business models for business improvement by adjusting market conditions and needs.
- 4. Strengthening the coordination of incubators with capital institutions as an effort to maintain the existence of tech startups.
- 5. Strengthening the incubator and human resources assigned as a companion through institutional certification and professional certification of facilitators as tech startups companion.

Based on the results of the analysis by the AHP method and based on the merging of the opinions of experts and based on the principle of pairwise comparisons, the results obtained are priorities for alternative tech startups assistance for reducing the impact of Covid-19 pandemic as shown in Table 7.

Table 7. Policy alternatives

Policy Alternatives	Weight	Priority
Facilitating the development of tech startups business models for business improvement by adjusting market conditions and needs.	0,25122	1
Facilitating product and market development by utilizing business and distribution networks through electronic transaction systems in the fields of health and medicine, agriculture and food resilience, and IT	0,24883	2
Strengthening the coordination of incubators and related institutions to encourage tech startups products as local suppliers to B2B and B2G systems.	0,23261	3

Strengthening the coordination of incubators with capital institutions as an effort to maintain the existence of tech	0,16925	4
startups.		
Strengthening the incubator and human resources assigned as a companion through institutional certification and professional certification of facilitators as tech startups companion.	0,09859	5

The results of the analysis of policy priorities using the AHP method showed the weight priorities and the most important policy priorities that must be carried out by incubators and stakeholders, presented in Figure 2. The results obtained from setting priorities using the AHP method are quite relevant to the conditions of technology startups and incubators in the Covid-19 pandemic.

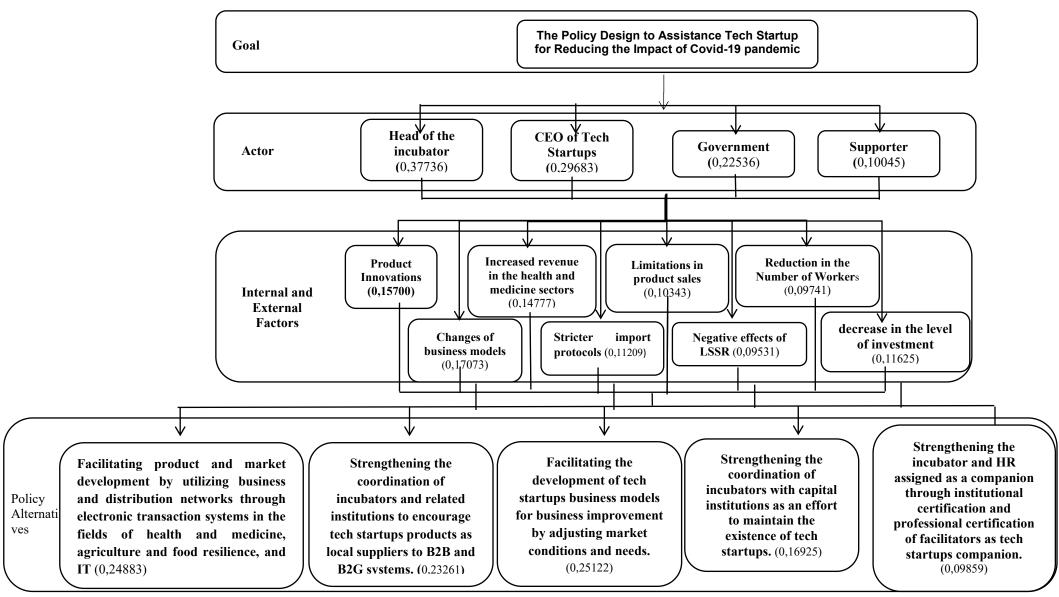


Fig. 2. Weight of alternative policies with the AHP method

4 Conclusion

Based on the analysis of internal and external factors of tech startups and incubators, internal factors that are the main strengths are Product innovation while the main weakness is Limitations in product sales. For external factors it is the biggest opportunity is Changes of business models, while the biggest threat is Decrease in the level of investment.

Based on the results of the analysis using the AHP method, alternative assistance policies for tech startups to reduce the impact of Covid-19 pandemic, the priority order is as follows: (1) Facilitating the development of tech startups business models for business improvement by adjusting market conditions and needs, (2) Facilitating product and market development by utilizing business and distribution networks through electronic transaction systems in the fields of health and medicine, agriculture and food resilience, and Iinformation Technology, (3) Strengthening the coordination of incubators and related institutions to encourage tech startups products as local suppliers to B2B and B2G systems, (4) Strengthening the coordination of incubators with capital institutions as an effort to maintain the existence of tech startups, (5) Strengthening the incubator and human resources assigned as a companion through institutional certification and professional certification of facilitators as tech startups companion.

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