THE TRUE COSST OF ELECTRICITY GENERATION FROM COAL AND RENEWABLES



THE COST OF COAL IS HIGHER THAN YOU MIGHT THINK

The costs of renewable energy are falling and it is already significantly cheaper than coal when externalities like air pollution are included in the cost. Sticking with coal could lock in air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions for the next 25 years.



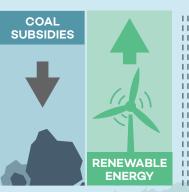
SUBSIDIES TO COAL ARE ALSO HIGH

In 2014, coal producers received at least IDR 12.4 trillion (USD 946 million) in subsidies. This is more than five times the total amount of subsidies to renewable energy from 2010 to 2015.



PHASING OUT COAL SUBSIDIES WOULD BOOST RENEWABLES

By reducing subsidies to coal, the relative share of coal in the electricity sector could be reduced. At the same time, renewable energy would be even more competitive.



ELECTRICITY ACCESS REMAINS A KEY ISSUE

Millions of households in Indonesia are still without access to electricity. Although coal currently dominates power production, large investments in renewable energy are needed | to provide sustainable energy access for all.











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