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Abstract

Indonesia is experiencing a dramatic growth in the number of modern food retailers, such as hypermarkets, supermarkets and mini-markets. Given this, policy makers are concerned about the impact of ‘modern food retail penetration’ or ‘supermarket penetration’ on Indonesian food chain participants. The primary objective of this thesis is to analyse, in an urban Indonesian context, the relationship between modern food retail penetration and changes in food shopping behaviour and dietary patterns. Data from a survey of 1,180 urban households from three Indonesian cities: Surabaya, Bogor, and Surakarta, are scrutinized to shed light on these issues.

The first analysis focused on factors that help explain consumers’ shopping behaviours. In this respect, the frequency of shopping for food at modern versus traditional retail outlet formats was examined. Findings show that traditional food retailers are still used most frequently by the majority of consumers. Consumers who shopped more frequently at modern food retailers tend to have higher incomes, more education, more assets, credit cards, and higher concerns about nutrition information labels and food safety. Conversely, price-sensitive consumers were more likely to shop at traditional food retailers.

The second study expanded upon consumer’s choice of food retail format and examined the determinants of consumers’ food expenditure shares in both modern and traditional food retail formats. The results of econometric analysis confirm that consumers who had the highest probability in spending more on food in modern food retailers were consumers with children under 5 years old, a high-income, education, and asset as well as concerned about safety. On the other hand, sensitive-price consumers were more likely to patronize in traditional food retailers.

The third analysis extended to the knowledge the effect of food expenditure shares at modern food retailers on diets and health outcomes. The results of OLS and Instrumental

Variables regressions suggest a negative and significant relationship between the share of food expenditure at modern food retailers and the healthiness of consumer food purchases even after controlling for other characteristics (e.g., age, gender, education, income) that may also contribute to food consumption decisions. The final chapter summarises the key findings and provides policy recommendations and opportunities for future research.

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Abbreviations

ACIAR	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
ANOVA	Analysis of Variance
BMI	Body Mass Index
FAFH	Food away from home
FAO	Food Agriculture Organization
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FFV	Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
GHK	Geweke-Hajivassiliou-Keane
ICASEPS	the Indonesian Centre for Agriculture Socio-Economic Research and Policy Studies
IDR	Indonesia Rupiah
IFPRI	the International Food Policy Research Institute
IMF	the International Monetary Fund
IV	Instrumental Variable
KMO	the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin
KPPU	Komisi Pengawasan Persaingan Usaha (Commission for Supervision of Business Competition)
LoI	Letter of Intent
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
OLS	Ordinary Least Square
QML	Quasi-Maximum Likelihood
NCDs	Non-Communicable Chronic Diseases
SD	Standard Deviation

Susenas	Survey Sosial Ekonomi Nasional (The National Socioeconomic Survey)
UK	the United Kingdom
US	the United States
USDA	the United States Department of Agriculture
WHO	World Health Organization
2SLS	Two Stage Least Square