

Comparative Analysis of Online Gambling Laws and Implications on The Sustainability of The SDGs

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Abstract: Online gambling is the one of impact the high poverty rate in Indonesia. This is an obstacle to sustainable development Government SDGs. This study formulates three main problems: related to the impact of online gambling on sustainable development, the implementation and enforcement of existing laws in Indonesia related to online gambling and comparisons regarding online gambling regulations in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore. Indonesia already has related regulations but their enforcement still faces challenges that cause poverty rates to continue to increase due to losses in online gambling games. This hinder the realization of sustainable development, the first element of which is "No Poverty". Compared to Malaysia which strictly prohibits religious regulations and norms and Singapore which allows its people to gamble, Indonesia needs to carry out regulatory reform and maximum enforcement so that the negative impacts of online gambling do not further hinder sustainable development Government SDGs.

1. Introduction

In a digital era like this, the online gambling business or online gambling is experiencing very rapid development. Online gambling is very impactful, especially in terms of poverty. This is not only about the gambling industry but also related to several economic and social factors. The ease of access to Online Gambling opens up a great opportunity for several people to participate in online gambling activities without supervision. A report from the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology in 2023¹ states that every year the government tries to block hundreds of thousands of online gambling sites, but the ease of access makes its spread continue. There are several studies that confirm the real impact of online gambling on the economy, especially in the family economy².

¹ "The Ministry of Communication and Informatics Cuts Access to More Than 800 Thousand Online Gambling Content," Su-koharjo Regency Communication and Information Office, 2024, https://www.kominfo.go.id/content/detail/53893/siaran-pers-no-01hmkominfo012024-tentang-putus-akses-lebih-dari-800-ribu-konten-gerak-cepat-menteri-budi-arie-berantas-judi-online/0/siaran_pers.

² Muhammad zhaky Ramadhan, "The Impact of Online Gambling on the Family Economy Among the Community of Bumi Harapan Village, Bacukiki District, Parepare City," no. February (2024): 4-6, <https://repository.iainpare.ac.id/id/eprint/7009/1/17.3500.026.pdf>.

In this case, online gambling practices have an impact on decreasing family purchasing power, conflict and productivity. Especially in people with low economies, where they are easily tempted to enter and bet on luck by online gambling as a bad alternative in getting money in an easy way and in a short time. This is what often makes the existing poverty rate increase, where money that should be used as a basic need, is instead spent on online gambling that does not even produce anything³.

Technological developments in the era of the industrial revolution 4.0 have made it easier for people to access various activities, including online gambling. This is in line with the view in one of the journals⁴, where technological advances that have brought convenience at the same time also cause new legal problems in the form of online gambling so that it requires stricter regulations to overcome it, not only that this also requires adjustments to regulations to continue to provide legal certainty, in the study of cyber notary it shows that national law needs to be reconstructed in order to be able to respond to developments digital technology without having to lose its legitimacy and effectiveness⁵

In addition to making its players poor, online gambling also causes many negative social impacts ranging from crime to mental health disorders⁶. With this, it is emphasized that the settlement of legal problems resulting from criminal acts should be directed to a more humane approach in order to be able to answer the real needs of the players and the community as well as the victims who are visible.

From the many impacts of online gambling ranging from poverty, divorce, mental health disorders to crime, this is caused by many of the koban who run out of their assets and commit prohibited chemical acts such as stealing to selling illegal drugs. Not only that, online gambling in Indonesia is closely related to the level of economic vulnerability of the community, this is written in data from the Central Statistics Agency in 2024 which shows that the number of poor people as of March 2024 will reach 25.22 million people or 9.03 percent of the total existing population. The Financial Transaction Reporting and Analysis Center (PPATK) wrote that there are 2.1 million poor people in Indonesia registered in Online Gambling games with the amount of money wagered below Rp. 100,000,- (One Hundred Thousand Rupiah) and most of the players come from low-income groups, such as workers, farmers, housewives and students who also participate in this online gambling game. Data recorded by PPATK states that in the period from 2017 to 2022, there were 156 million transactions worth Rp. 190,000,000,000,000,000,- (One hundred and ninety trillion rupiah) obtained from 887 (eight hundred and eighty-seven) existing online bookie networks. The head of the PPATK public relations bureau, Natsir Kongah, stated that until mid-2023, the number of transactions had increased to Rp. 200,000,000,000,000,- (Two hundred trillion rupiah).⁷ PPATK

³ Mushthafa Aminur Rahman, "The Influence of Online Gambling with Poverty Levels on Society" (Telkom University, 2024).

⁴ Hari Sutra Dirimadi, "The Urgency of Special Regulations and the Utilization of Artificial Intelligence in Realizing Personal Data Protection in Indonesia," *Journal of Juridical Insight* 5, no. 2 (2021): 177, <https://doi.org/10.25072/jwy.v5i2.460>.

⁵ J. Ferryanto et al., "Commercial Data in the Legal Politics of Cybersecurity," *Data Commercialization in the Legal Politics of Cybersecurity* 2, no. 1 (2024): 73-87, <https://journal.uib.ac.id/index.php/barjoules/article/view/10182>.

⁶ Virginia Garcia, Hari Sutra Disemadi, and Barda Nawawi Arief, "The Enforcement of Restorative Justice in Indonesia Criminal Law," *Legality: Scientific Journal of Law* 28, no. 1 (2020): 22-35, <https://doi.org/10.22219/ljih.v28i1.10680>.

⁷ Muhammad Kurniawan, "The Impact of Foreign Investment on the Economy of Local Communities in Batam City, Riau Islands Province," *IPDN Journal* 2, no. 1 (2023): 1-11.

also stated that online gambling transactions have increased from year to year throughout 2023 PPATK recorded around 168 million online gambling transactions, with a transaction value of Rp. 327,000,000,000,000,- (Three hundred and twenty-seven trillion rupiah). Or there are around 3.29 million people who play online gambling in Indonesia⁸.

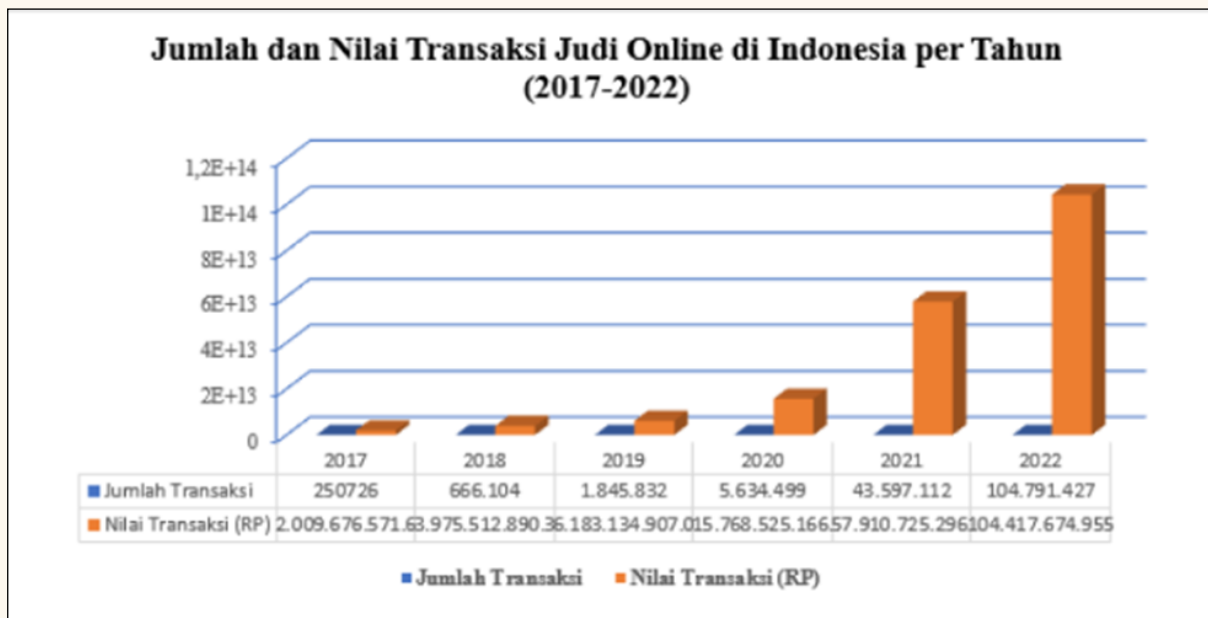


Figure 1: Data from the Financial Reporting and Analysis Center (PPATK) on the number and value of online gambling transactions in Indonesia as of 2017 - 2022
Source : databox 1

The table above shows a very significant increase in the number and transactions of online gambling in Indonesia from year to year. The increase from 2017 to 2022 soared very high, which is certainly dangerous for the country's economy.

This increasingly rampant online gambling transaction has reached hundreds of trillions, in 2022 the number will reach 150 trillion and will double in 2023. It can be concluded that the number of online gambling players is increasing and certainly not a few of the players are losing and becoming victims of online gambling games. Not only that, the victims of online gambling themselves have psychological disorders that cause an increase in emotional levels and temperamental attitudes that lead to domestic violence or (domestic violence), with the existence of domestic violence this is also the biggest factor that causes divorce⁹. In the legal context in Indonesia itself, the practice of online gambling is strictly prohibited by Law Number 7 of 1974 concerning gambling regulation.

⁸ Ahdiat A, "Online Gambling Is Increasingly Rampant, Transactions Reach Hundreds of Trillions," June 10, 2024, <https://databoks.katadata.co.id/index.php/infografik/2024/06/24/judi-online-kian-marak-transaksinya-tembus-ratusan-triliun>.

⁹ Amos Tondi et al., "A Legal Review of the Influence of Online Gambling on Divorce," *Innovative: Journal Of Social Science Research* 3, no. 4 (September 5, 2023): 3808-17.



Figure 2: Annual Report of the Financial Transaction Reporting and Analysis Center (PPATK) Value of Online Gambling Transactions as of 2017 – 2023
 Source : databoks 2

Law enforcement against online gambling cases has also been regulated in several laws such as in Article 303 of the Criminal Code which is threatened with a maximum prison sentence of ten years. In addition, there are also legal regulations on online gambling in the ITE Law Article 27 Paragraph 2 of Law No. 11 of 2018 concerning information and electronic transactions¹⁰. In this case, Indonesia itself has not been effective in controlling this phenomenon. There are still many people involved in online gambling practices that negatively impact society and the State. Although there have been many legal regulations that regulate, prohibit, and even sanction this case of online gambling, recent surveys show that the victims of online gambling continue to increase as time goes by.

In law enforcement in Indonesia itself related to online gambling, there are many obstacles experienced ranging from duplicating the IP address of the online gambling site itself to offers through personal messages that are very difficult to access and supervise. And there are differences in regulations related to online gambling in several countries which makes it difficult. With this, there is a need for the government to make more detailed and clear regulations to sanction these online gambling perpetrators. Not only that, it is necessary to improve the quality and quantity of investigators in the field of ITE to improve law enforcement in the electronic field. Because, this online gambling case has spread to all circles of society, even many students are entangled in this

¹⁰ Y. W. B Ariyanto and B. H. Ibrahim, "Law Enforcement of Online Gambling Cases in Indonesia," *Culture: Journal of Law, Social, and Humanities* 2, no. 9 (2024): 306-10, <http://jurnal.kolibi.org/index.php/kultura>.

case. The increasing number of victims of this online gambling will make the number of poverty rates increase and worsen the economy of the country¹¹.

The influence of the impact of Online Gambling on the country's economy will hinder and affect the achievement of the targets of the realization of the SDGs. Sustainable Development or better known as SDGs has 17 elements as a global action plan for the next 15 years starting from 2016 to 2030. Where one of the goals is poverty, decent work, and economic growth. The implementation of the SDGs in Indonesia also involves various parties, ranging from the government to the community, with funding strategies that not only rely on the government budget but also other innovative sources¹². In this study, the biggest impact of Online Gambling is poverty, with the increasing number of online gambling can make it difficult to realize "Without Poverty". In addition, the increasing number of poor people in Indonesia will further worsen the country's economy. Each country certainly has different regulations regarding online gambling, in this study we will discuss the differences in regulations related to online gambling in Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia as well as the impact on Sustainable Development (SDGs).

This research will discuss in more depth and detail how online gambling can affect sustainable development (SDGs) in the first point, namely "Without Poverty", this study will also look at how Indonesia handles the existing online gambling problem and how to enforce it. In addition, this research will compare regulations related to online gambling in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore and provide practical solutions that can be applied in Indonesia as a material for improvement. Therefore, this study uses Lawrence M. Freindman's legal theory where the legal system is divided into three parts, namely legal structure, legal substance and legal culture¹³. Where the three elements must run simultaneously, because the failure of one of the elements will have a direct impact on the ineffectiveness of law enforcement in society¹⁴.

In addition, this research also uses Digital Economy Theory which was first introduced by Don Tapscott through his book entitled *The Digital Economy Promise and Peril in the Age of Networked Intelligence*, published in 1995. In his work, Tapscott explains that the digital economy is an economic activity that is based on digital technology and the internet, and highlights how information and communication technology has changed the way business is done and value is created in society¹⁵.

2. Method

This study will discuss the impact of online gambling on Sustainable Development (SDGs). Contains a comparison of online gambling regulations in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore. This study examines the need for clear regulations and permanent sanctions for online gambling play-

¹¹ Permana Putu Trisna, Darmadi Anak Agung Ngurah Yusa, and Purwani Sagung Putri M.E, "Law Enforcement Against Perpetrators of Online Gambling Crimes (Case Study of the Cyber Crime Unit of the Bali Regional Police Directorate)," *Kertha Speech Journal* 8, no. 10 (2019): 1-15.

¹² Niloufar Fallah Shayan et al., "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a Framework for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)," *Sustainability (Switzerland)* 14, no. 3 (2022): 1-27, <https://doi.org/10.3390/su14031222>.

¹³ Ahadi Fajrin Prasetya and Astri Rahayu, "Law Enforcement Against Online Gambling Based on Law Number 19 of 2016 concerning Information and Electronic Transactions," *Justicia Ciencias: Journal of Legal Sciences* 8, no. 1 (2023): 14-27, <https://doi.org/10.24967/jcs.v8i1.2272>.

¹⁴ Shenti Agustini, "Challenges in Settling Simple Lawsuits Related to Agreement Cases," *Justice* Vol.9, no. 1 (2023): 18-29.

¹⁵ Yustia Ayu Desita, "Chapter II Foundations of Theory," *Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling* 53, no. 9 (2021): 1689-99.

ers because of their impact which is not only detrimental to the community but also to the State and even hinders Sustainable Development. The research method used in this study is the normative juridical method. The object of research is a document of laws and regulations. This method aims to evaluate, identify all available research with relevant research topics and research questions¹⁶.

The approach used in this study is a comparative legal approach (Comparative) to compare online gambling laws in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore and the implications for SDGs. This study also examines laws and regulations related to online gambling and how it affects the sustainability of the SDGs.

Primary data comes from the Laws and regulations that govern Gambling. Secondary data comes from library data from books, journals, Internet media and other reading sources that are related to this research. The data collected is a type of qualitative data that is the object of community behavior. The researcher conducted a literature study from previous literature reviews and data observations - data on the number of online gambling players and the negative impact of online gambling.

3. The application of law enforcement related to the handling of “Gambling” cases in Indonesia.

“Gambling” according to the great Indonesian dictionary is “a game by using money as a bet”. Which can be interpreted as an act by gambling. “Gambling” itself means betting money or treasure in a guessing game on the basis of luck, in the hope of getting more money or treasure than the initial amount entered.

In this era, gambling is more modern. This is better known as online gambling which is easy to access with only gadgets and internet quota. With easier access to this number of players becomes more, with the large number of players also causing many casualties for the defeat of this gambling game. The impact of this defeat is also very diverse. Starting from the many players who legalize various ways to get money for them to gamble again, not a few victims try their luck again by borrowing online loans or what we know (Pinjol). Not infrequently the players and victims are from low economic circles who do not have permanent jobs, but the money they have is not used for important things or family needs but is instead used for unimportant and detrimental things. With this losing to gambling causes damage to the household, online gambling is one of the causes of many divorces, not only that, gambling players also sometimes steal money belonging to others who are included in criminal acts to get the money they want as capital for online gambling. This is very unsettling not only for the losing player but also for the surrounding area, many of the losing players also experience psychological health disorders due to their unacceptability in defeat and the loss of money that they have bet in this gambling game. Online gambling causes its players to become addicted this causes pressure on the financials, which encourages the individual to take chemical measures to maintain his addiction.

It can be seen that online gambling and poverty have a relationship, where poverty makes people tempted by the lure offered by Online gambling sites, on the other hand Online Gambling

¹⁶ Marinu Waruwu et al., “Quantitative Research Methods: Concepts, Types, Stages and Advantages,” *Scientific Journal of the Education Profession* 10, no. 1 (February 28, 2025): 917–32, <https://doi.org/10.29303/jipp.v10i1.3057>.

worsens the existing poverty conditions. The more victims of gambling games lose, the more the number of poverty rates will increase. This also has an impact on the economy that occurs in the community. This certainly hinders the realization of the SDGs sustainable development goals where the SDGs are a global agreement ratified by the United Nations (UN) and stipulated at the UN General Assembly in September 2015. It has the goal of improving the welfare of the community and protecting the earth with 17 interrelated and interrelated goals. The seventeen goals are No poverty, No hunger, Healthy and prosperous life, quality education, gender equality, clean water and decent sanitation, clean and affordable energy, decent jobs and economic growth, industry, innovation and infrastructure, gap reduction, sustainable settlements and cities, responsible consumption and production, climate change control, ocean ecosystems, terrestrial ecosystems, peace, justice and resilient institutions and partnerships to achieve goals. In order for the realization of these 17 goals, each element is divided into 4 groups or pillars, namely the social development pillar, namely goals one to five, the economic development pillar including the seventh to ten goals, plus the seventeenth goal, then there is the environmental development pillar including the sixteenth to fifteenth goals, and finally the pillar of legal development and governance including the sixteenth goal. If the poverty rate continues to grow, it will be difficult to achieve the first goal, which is "Without Poverty" we can see from the turnover of money in online gambling which is very large, but this turnover of money does not result in the growth of assets and money used for gambling out of a productive economic turnaround. The money in online gambling gives more power to the underground economy and the lack of transparency and accountability in the country's economy, thus posing a huge risk to the stability of the national economy.

4. The application of law enforcement related to the handling of "Gambling" cases in Indonesia.

Online gambling transactions in 2023 continue to increase 213% higher in 2022. This is also due to the ease of access through internet networks and social media. This online gambling easily damages the brains of its users so that they are addicted to being given a win until the user is addicted to doing this online gambling. In fact, in fact, this gambling activity already has many provisions that are clearly written the prohibition as in Article 303 and Article 303 bis in the Criminal Code (KUHP) prohibiting all forms of gambling, including online gambling, with criminal threats such as imprisonment and fines. Not only regulations and penalties for online gambling perpetrators, but the Law has also prohibited the dissemination of information or access to online gambling content as stated in Law Number 11 of 2008 concerning Information and Electronic Transactions (ITE Law), in article 27 paragraph (2) of the ITE Law also explains that the dissemination of information about online gambling can be subject to criminal sanctions. This is further emphasized in Law Number 7 of 1974 concerning gambling regulation which prohibits all forms of gambling in Indonesia. Government Regulation Number 71 of 2019 concerning the implementation of electronic systems and transactions authorizes the government to block sites or applications used for online gambling. If there is a violation of existing regulations, the violator can be subject to criminal sanctions, fines, and blocking access to the online gambling platform¹⁷.

¹⁷ Nasisca Fitria Juhara, Mia Amalia, and Aji Mulyana, "The Effectiveness of Law Enforcement on Online Gambling in Indonesia: A Juridical and Sociological Analysis," *Journal of Contemporary Law Studies* 2, no. 2 (2025): 153-64, <https://doi.org/10.47134/lawstudies.v2i2.3353>.

Although there are many regulations that regulate online gambling, in reality there are still many challenges faced. It is not uncommon for online gambling players to hide their identities so that they are not known and avoid arrest. The challenges that occur in law enforcement related to gambling are not only from the technical aspect but also due to the diversity and lack of certainty about existing regulations so that there is legal uncertainty that is often used by illegal actors¹⁸. M Friedman explained that the effectiveness of the law is determined by three elements, namely Substance, Structure and Culture. However, in terms of online gambling, the three do not have a balance, in terms of substance or regulations, Indonesia already has it, but Indonesia is still lacking in terms of enforcement and culture where there are still many limitations and obstacles in the enforcement of cyber capabilities that have not been maximized and coordination between the institutions that handle them. And there are still many Indonesians who consider this online gambling game as entertainment without paying attention to the impact they experience. This lack of balance is a challenge that exists where the law should not only be written but must be alive and functioning¹⁹.

Basically, the legal substance in Indonesia is comprehensive with the existence of the Criminal Code, ITE Law, Gambling Regulation Law, and Government Regulation No. 71 of 2019. However, in its enforcement, there are still many major obstacles. The authorities still lack cyber investigations, suboptimal coordination, and technological limitations that make many cases difficult to follow up²⁰. In terms of legal culture, people still lack awareness and consider Online Gambling as ordinary entertainment without seeing the negative side which thus worsens the situation²¹.

Although there are many challenges faced in enforcement related to "gambling", its enforcement must continue to be implemented and optimized. This is very important to protect the public from losses due to online gambling, besides that enforcement is also carried out to maintain the country's social and economic order. With this, Indonesia still urgently needs to reform existing regulations to overcome obstacles to increase effectiveness and fairness in the enforcement and handling of cases related to "gambling", especially in the context of online gambling which is currently more widely practiced by people in Indonesia²².

5. The application of law enforcement related to the handling of "Gambling" cases in Indonesia.

5.1. Indonesia

In Indonesia itself, Online Gambling is prohibited based on criminal and administrative provisions so that online gambling activities can be said to be illegal activities and for its enforce-

¹⁸ Dedi Rino Aringga and El Walad M. Amin Meuraksa, "Realizing the Effectiveness of Online Gambling Law Enforcement in Indonesia," *Rechtsregel : Journal of Law* 7, no. 1 (2024): 60-70, <https://doi.org/10.32493/rjih.v7i1.43500>.

¹⁹ Galih Orlando, "The Effectiveness of Law and Legal Functions in Indonesia," *Tarbiyah Bil Qalam : Journal of Religious Education and Science* 6, no. 1 (December 11, 2022): 49-58, <https://doi.org/10.58822/tbq.v6i1.77>.

²⁰ I. Hermawan, N., Yetti, & Afrita, "Law Enforcement Against Online Gambling Crimes in Pariaman City," *INNOVATIVE: Journal Of Social Science Research* IV, no. 1 (2024): 8, <https://j-innovative.org/index.php/Innovative>.

²¹ Sukses Marhasak, Panungkunan Siburian, and Rusmita Sari, "The Effectiveness of Positive Law on the Crime of Online Slot Gambling and Its Relation to a Criminological Perspective (Case Study of Decision Number 1449/PID/2023/PT. SBY)," *Journal of Law, Humanities and Politics* 4, no. 6 (2024): 2573-85.

²² Reza Ditya Kesuma, "Online Gambling Law Enforcement in Indonesia: Challenges and Solutions," *JURNAL EXACT: Journal of Excellent Academic Community* 1, no. 1 (2023): 34-52.

ment is focused on site blocking and law enforcement carried out by the authorities, one of which is through domain blocking and investigation of the flow of funds. However, applications that change and change operators using foreign domains to transactions using digital payment services provide challenges that cause the enforcement and enforcement process to not be fully effective in eradicating online gambling activities in Indonesia. PPAK and academic studies aim at the scale of the turnover of the transaction and the complexity of the emphasis that follows technical, financial and legal synergy²³.

5.2. Malaysia

Malaysia has major laws regulating gambling, the Gambling Act 1953 and the Lotteries Act 1953, both of which regulate gambling, except for those that have a specific license. In addition, the sharia aspect is also influential where Malaysia uses Islamic law which prohibits gambling. Where the authorities often use this provision in cracking down on gambling activities in Malaysia. Even so, observers assess that regulations are still “retroactive adaptation” because of the ever-evolving times and increasingly sophisticated technology.

5.3. Singapore

Singapore applies a regulatory model that is very strict among other countries. Since 2014, the Remote Gambling Act, which regulates remote gambling services, requires licenses for operators who want to cover the Singapore market, not only that, but also the provision of blocking access, imposing sanctions and regulating gambling-related payment services. This is not only a ban on access but a strict regulation of who is allowed to offer services (licenses), consumer protection mechanisms, and controls on the flow of funds. This makes Singapore minimize the cross-border service gap²⁴.

Basically, each country has regulated and restricted gambling, each country also has a different regulation. We need to see how each country handles and acts on existing gambling problems. In this case, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore have regulations that regulate gambling and online gambling. We can see in this table²⁵.

Yes	Country	Rules	Description
1	Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Articles 303 and 303 bis of the Criminal Code - Law no. 7 of 1974 concerning gambling regulation - Government Regulation No. 9 of 1981 concerning the Implementation of Gambling Control - Article 27 paragraph (2) and article 45 paragraph (2) of the ITE Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regarding the relationship between article 27 paragraph (2) of the Law - ITE and the Criminal Code - Gambling is an act that violates norms and morality - There is a prison sentence for gamblers - Distribute and/or transmit and/or make accessible electronic information and/or documents that have gambling content.

²³ Ivan Yustiavandan, “Milestone Milestone INDONESIA,” no. October 2023 (2024): 1-86, www.ppatk.go.id.

²⁴ “Part 2 OFFENCES 8” 2014, no. 34 (2014).

²⁵ Khansa Nur Aidah, “The Comparative of Regulations About Online Gambling Between Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, And United Kingdom,” *IEOM Society International*, 2023, 2177-87, <https://doi.org/10.46254/ap03.20220362>.

2	Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Betting Act 1953 - Akta Lottery 1953 - Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulating gambling-related bets - Prohibits all forms of gambling except for companies that have an official license to operate - Telecommunications and other means of transmission of betting between customers and bookmakers - Used to regulate gambling activities in cyberspace but not explicitly regulate them - Regulates public gambling houses, public games, and general lotteries - Used to block online gambling sites and online gambling ads - Gambling is an act that violates norms and morality - Gambling violates Islamic sharia law
3	Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Betting Act 1960 - Common Gambling House Act 1961 - Private Lotteries Act 2011 - Remote Gambling Act 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage and provide security in gambling - Individual lottery and taxation control - Setting up a general betting house, public place betting, and betting - Establishment of public betting houses and public lotteries

The table above is the regulations that exist in each country, in Indonesia itself there are already rules that regulate and in Malaysia in addition to there are laws that regulate, online gambling is also prohibited by religious norms, this is because Malaysia adheres to Islamic Law but Malaysia allows gambling in several things such as sports betting, lottery companies or official casinos but not for illegal gambling such as online gambling²⁶. However, there are also countries that allow gambling such as Singapore, where Singapore regulates gambling so that its people are not harmed or exploited by long-distance gambling. In this case, Indonesia can apply regulations such as those in Malaysia and Singapore while still paying attention to the effectiveness of the law so that it is ideal to be applied in Indonesia. So that Indonesia can reduce the negative impacts that occur.

6. Conclusion

Online gambling has a lot of negative impacts that are very significant on society, especially in social and economic aspects. The ease of access to the system and the lack of supervision make people from all walks of life, especially the lower class, vulnerable to be negatively affected by this online gambling. The most common impacts are financial losses, increased poverty rates, to mental health disorders to household damage. In this case, the money turnover that occurs in gambling damages the productivity of the country's economy, in addition to that the money turnover in online gambling actually strengthens the underground economy which hinders the sustainable development of one of them in terms of "Without Poverty".

²⁶ I Gde Anantawijaya Mandragiri, "Comparison of Online Gambling Crime Regulations in Indonesia and Malaysia: Scientific Journal," 2025, <https://eprints.unram.ac.id/id/eprint/49682>.

In Indonesia itself, enforcement related to online gambling has been strictly regulated in various gambling control laws. However, its implementation still faces many challenges, one of which is the lack of legal certainty and coordination between law enforcers which is lacking in deterrence of perpetrators. However, enforcement efforts are still being carried out and optimized to protect the public from the adverse effects of online gambling to maintain the stability of the country's economy.

In this study, there is a comparison of regulations between Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore showing differences in handling in terms of gambling. Indonesia implements a system of prohibition and criminal sanctions, while Malaysia and Singapore have much more adaptive and strict regulations both from supervision to enforcement. The practical solutions that can be provided for Indonesia are the need to improve the quality of law enforcement, as well as the alignment of collaboration between law enforcement sectors. It is expected to be more effective in controlling the impact of online gambling and supporting the achievement of sustainable development goals

From the results of the existing research in this case, suggestions that can be given and are hoped to be considered are, Indonesia needs to strengthen regulation related to online gambling to be in line with existing technological developments. The government is also expected to increase the same level in efforts to prevent, prosecute and counteract the impact of online gambling. In addition, handling the impact of online gambling is not only with a legal approach but also needs an approach from economic, socio-cultural and technological aspects. The last is the need to increase digital literacy with education related to the dangers of online gambling on people's welfare and the achievement of the SDGs.

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