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FGD FACILITATORS: TOME FREITAS

PARTICIPANTS: 19 PARTICIPANTS (5 WOMEN, 14 MEN), AGED 15-36

FGD Content analysis

In Aileu district, the team found out that most of the participants didn't listen to Her Story Program. So that, the team played one episode on the Legal Assistance for the DV case. During the discussion process they've found out that young people got better understanding on the program content compare to the elder people. One reason was that they've got better access to the information compared to the other ages. As example the vocal point in CJD; young people that always approach the radio; and the students.

After the program was played, followed by their comment on the questions that were asked *What did you learn from this story?* Pascoal Lopes "related to DV case, as a family, in the process of deciding to form a family it based on trust to one another as a compromise."

Carlos Rodrigues, "in a household there are wife and husband, when they never listen to each other, then it caused Domestic Violence to be occurred, yelling at each other and at the end the Domestic Violence occurred, it's a crime! There is a need to report it to the police to be processed at the court. case DV."

Izac de Jesus Quintao, "DV often happens, men think that this is as a problem between plate and spoon. Men always think that they've got the power in the family. The impacts of Domestic Violence are the children being frightened and the education of children will be complicated because the parents got divorce".

Bernardo, "DV as a failure, actually our community leaders can work to overcome it, then report it to suco (village) level, police."

Adanu Lucas, "Most of men started the DV first. This crime was started by man because he likes to drink alcohol, he feels that he is so powerful."

What message did you get:

Pascual, "in the past we didn't know that it was a public crime, however through the information from radio we knew that it's a public crime, and I got to know how to bring this case to formal justice, and also got the information on how FOKUPERS provides assistance to the victim".

Carlos, "at the beginning they got married because of love each other, at the end the violence have to occur, I think this is difficult for women".

Legal issues discussion by AATL

During the FGD was run, it has shown that most of the time same people kept talking and many people were quiet. Maybe we should use more exercise in order to make the discussion process more active, maybe some of the participants didn't understand the questions, same thing happened during the discussion on Legal issues by AATL. Participants didn't really show their interest to know more about the issues of domestic violence and also other issues. However AATL used their own method such as by using caricature to get the participants to talk. The question that rose during the discussion process was on a case study (crime or civil) of husband beaten up the wife; the different between public and civil cases; attitude changes through the power of law; and why do women always be the victims. AATL provided the answers and reinforce it with the formal justice that has the authority to guarantee a person for not repeating the same crime again, when comparing to the traditional justice that has no guarantee even though it's quick. Aside from that they also linked the case of land dispute to the domestic violence's case because it has the potency to make the violence occurred in the family. The method of using caricature is very simple education to the community members to understand, they can see the picture and written character, it also as a part of civic education that could change people's behavior.

Challenges

The facilitator from community radio had no preparation and less self-confidence although they have got 3 days training in Dili before running FGD. It caused the media team have to take over most of the role in facilitating FGD. The facilitator got no support from manager, it also influenced the facilitator role to become pro-active in the process. Most of the participants were quite, it caused we didn't really get the good feedback.

Success Story

After the FGD was held, there were a little change for the participants in their knowledge and experienced. One of the participant stated that he/she understood the idea of same right based on the law, so that he/she will not make any discriminations against his/her children, boys and girls. Some of them found out that they could access to the legal assistance in VPU, FOKUPERS, PRADET and JSMP. Another participant stated that he/she will help the victim of the domestic violence because he/she already known where to bring them to access to the justice.

Participants Suggestion:

- It will bring a big impact when FGD is held in the rural area, for the community members that have never access to adequate information about the legal issues. FGD should continue to run in order to make the changes in the community.
- If Her Story continues to be produced then we can multiply the episodes.
- Always have to continue the discussion on these issues with community members.

Next Step

• When FGD will be run again, we will choose the rural areas and will involve the chief of village and chief of sub-village, young women, catechist (people that work in the church) and family members.

Need to continue coaching the community radio facilitator and strengthen the internal communication in the community radio.