



RADIO BOA VENTURA SAME FGD



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FGD FACILITATORS: AQUELINO MESQUITA, ACCOMPANIED BY ZEVONIA VIEIRA

PARTICIPANTS: 18 PARTICIPANTS (9 WOMEN, 9 MEN), AGED 16-36

FGD Content analysis

Aquellino Mesquita was the one who facilitated the discussion, he's the community radio's facilitator and he was accompanied by the media team. When the participants were asked about the episodes of HerStory, they confessed that they've never listened to this program. The reasons were they have no access to the frequency of Bintura Radio in their village and they don't have radio monitor. The team decided to play an episode on 'the rights of children's labor' to start the discussion. During the discussion they've found out that actually the parents are not allowed and more over to force their children to work for earning the money, because actually they've known that the children are still very young and are not able to work hard. By listening to this story they also got to know that actually children have the right for education and also to play around in their young ages. Some of them also confessed that they are happy with the information provided on the rights of the children because so far they only know that these are their children so that they will do anything to them as they wish.

Legal issue discussion

In connection to the radio program, AATL opened the discussion about children who do heavy work. In this session AATL talked about Convention on the Rights of the Child, how adults can no discriminate or violate children's rights so they can that they can have a happy life and be able to study. From this convention it can be connected to other issues such as domestic violence as it can also lead to violence against the child.

Participants felt happy to hear this explanation and felt like students as these things happen in their everyday life.

On the other hand, AATL spoke about women's rights to land, which is written in the constitution that men and women have equal rights to land. In the questions and answers session, participants wanted to know how to divide the land amongst their children but in reality and according to the culture in Suai, women don't have rights to land so is the law contradicting the culture of Timor-Leste? AATL responded that the law is there to discourage discrimination between men and women, no to contradict culture. If we all follow the law, then there will no problems of discrimination between men and women or violations of human rights will not occur.

Most of the participants which are students and felt that the formal justice system can give advantages to everyone.

Success story

Even though the community radio facilitator hasn't done maximum role, but still it's a good chance because he has tried and accompanied directly by the media team. It was found in the discussion process that the participants have good understanding on the issues and it raised their awareness on the parents role to ensure the right of their children and also got to know that there's an international convention that defend the right of children.

Challenge

No maximum support from the radio manager to the facilitator in organizing this discussion. The radio frequency hasn't cover distance places yet, it has affected the number of listeners.

Suggestions from participants

The children in the districts should be interviewed also because they've experienced the same things.

Next Step

Held the FGD in the rural area and engage the community leaders as they can promote the community participation. Talk to CRC to help providing the technical service to repair the radio's networks.