



RADIO MATEBIAN BAUCAU FGD



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PARTICIPANTS: 16 PARTICIPANTS (7 WOMEN, 9 MEN), AGED 19-47

FGD Content analysis

Most of the participants in Baucau listened to the Her Story Episode on the assistance for the domestic violence, the right on land and prostitution. Since most of them have listened to the episode on domestic violence then they decided to play a topic on the domestic violence to start the discussion. So the team replayed the episode on the assistance for the victim of domestic violence. During the discussion they found out that the domestic violence is high in Baucau and mostly committed by men to women; they also witness that women are not encouraged to report their own case because they're afraid that they will divorce with their husband and it will bring the impact to abandon their children. Culture also becomes a reason that obstructs women for not accessing to justice because when they get divorce, women's families have to return the bride price.

Challenges

Even though most of the participants have listened to the episodes of Her Story yet the domestic violence still happen in Baucau. They agreed to overcome the DV through the traditional justice, the reason behind is that the formal justice takes a long process.

Success Story

We found out that the community radio's facilitators have organized and facilitated a good discussion process, and the media team was there just to help clarifying the questions. There are changes in the young people's awareness and principles. Although the culture is very strong in Baucau, yet after listening to the episode on 'Is a piece of land more important than your family?' and had a discussion on it, they've found out that family is more important than a piece of land, and the young people who participated in the discussion stated that they will share this information to their parents to raise parents awareness and understanding. They will transmit this information to other people that close to them that DV is a public crime and there's no tolerance.

Participants' Suggestion

They requested to run this program in rural areas because most of the injustice case related to land issues happens in rural area.

Next step

Share the information to AATL that Baucau preferred to overcome the DV case through traditional justice; (produce more or playing) the episodes to the community members in the rural areas so that they can get enough information to raise their awareness, maybe it can be done through mobile radio and run the discussion on these issues as a program in the villages.