



RADIO VOX POPULI LOSPALOS FGD



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PARTICIPANTS: 8 PARTICIPANTS (8 WOMEN, 0 MEN), AGED 18-56

FGD Content analysis

In the Lautem district, Lospalos sub-district, Leuro village as a village without any access to the information through media the reasons were because there no network and no equipment. Among the participants, some of them work for the women organization and do they know about this regulation? However it's still can't change the behavior of community members especially for men in Leuro village to respect it, according to community members they think that this is a culture that already inherent since long time ago, so only men hold the decision and power, and women have no power to make the decision as men. The reality have shown us that the women organization and government have socialized and campaigned to improve the rights of women however there's still no significant change so far, need more time.

The issues related to women such as domestic violence issues and land dispute are always brought to traditional justice to resolve the problems and women can't stand against this system. The other alternative way is that through the formal justice system, yet the big problem here is that there's no financial support for victims to bring these cases to the court. Another big obstacle is that the far distance between village and the court.

Legal issues discussion by AATL

Samaul Pacheo as the representative of AATL started they method by showing the images that are related to the big issues that happened in the daily life of community members, such as domestic violence issues, land dispute and divorce. The objective of this exercise was to get the answer of the question: do the participants understand the issues that happen around them; and do the community members know the difference between public and civil crimes? The result has shown that some participants haven't known yet the difference between public and civil crime?

AATL explained the difference between public and civil crimes and on the advantage of formal justice to protect the victims through a legal way.

Participants asked many questions stated that the state protects the right of the victims through the legal way however in fact, many cases have brought to the court to resolve but the victims didn't get any result that could make them feel better and the they didn't resolve the problem for a long period of time. Many community members have to spend a lot of money to go to the court but at the end they have to close some reported cases in the court.

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Success Story

- Even though this FGD was participated by 8 people only and they all are women however it brought a good result, based on the observation they got the benefit from the FGD process because so far they didn't know and didn't access to the radio. After listening to the radio they learnt some new things and understood better the advantage and disadvantage of formal justice.

Challenges

- The participants have never listened to the radio because they have no networks to access to the radio.
- We know that in the majority of the population of Lautem district are still living in the rural area and they don't speak tetum, so they couldn't have a good understanding on the program in Tetum language, it's difficult from them to understand it quickly, so we have to translate it to Fataluku for them to understand better. As the result, the translation process took long time to complete the FGD.

Participants Suggestion:

- Use Fataluku language for the Radio Programs.
- Her Story Radio program should be played directly in the isolated villages, then continue with this kind of discussion.
- Engage Chief of village and sub-village so that they will explain to the community members related to the problems faced by women.

Next Step:

- Link this case to SECOM and CRC so that that can also increase the numbers of radio's networks in the rural areas.
- Create mobile radio that will reach the rural areas and also conduct the discussion.

Strengthen the cooperation with chief of village and sub-village in the rural areas to get big targeted groups.