



RADIO MANATUTO FGD



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PARTICIPANTS: 41 PARTICIPANTS (16 WOMEN, 25 MEN), AGED 16-25

FGD Content analysis

In Mantuto district, the team got the Forum Foinsa'e (Young People Forum) that were working with Youth team to involve in the discussion. Almost 40 participants didn't listen to this program. They stated that they don't have access to the frequency of community radio

Ili U'ai in their place, they only get access to the frequencies of radio Timor-Leste and Maubere. The Media team decided to play the episode on 'Bring out young people from the Prostitution' to start the discussion. During the discussion they found out that actually they are really benefited from this program, but they were sad because they couldn't access to community radio. During the discussion process the young people stated that this information is really important, especially for the parents to take care of their young children. This program also taught the young people like them to make a right decision.

Legal issues discussion by AATL

AATL started the discussion by using caricature especially the one that related to the public and civil crime. Most of the participants were young people, with high enthusiasm to listen to the explanation that are related to the prostitution, the right of women on land and issue on domestic violence. Many participants also asked the questions related to the process in the court, the discussion took long time before it came to the final result.

Some participants criticized the formal justice systems that didn't emphasize the right of the vulnerable people to bring their cases to the court. Based on the participant's observation, there's discrimination between poor and rich people in accessing to the court for processing their cases. In respond, AATL tried to explain that there's no discrimination in the formal justice ways, the reason that caused the late in processing the case because lack of human resources, and they have to handle each case, the other reason was because they need strong evidence to get quick result.

The AATL distributed the caricatures and asked the participants to define between the public and civil crimes. Based on the observation, we found out that many participants just understood the difference between public and civil crimes. It's a good step for young people to increase their knowledge related to the difference cases.

The discussion process run well but the time was too limited to keep the discussion on. Almost 40 participants participated in this discussion, they suggested to continue the discussion on this radio program in their village as it provided information on formal justice which is really important for the young people in order to broaden their knowledge.

Challenges

The facilitator of community radio has no preparation and not enough self-confidence to run the FGD even though they already had 3 days training in Dili on FGD. In caused the media team took over most of the role in facilitating FGD. There was no support from the Manager that influenced the facilitator to be pro-active. Most of the participants didn't speak, in result there were lack of feedbacks were got from this process.

Success Story

During the discussion, we found out the information provided in this program were really benefiting the young people. They discovered that parents play very important role in ensuring their children to follow the good way, as so for the young people themselves. Also, even if a young person has fallen to the trap of prostitution, yet they still have their basic rights as other people have.

Participants Suggestion:

It will bring a great impact when we held FGD in the rural area, especially for those who have never had adequate information on the legal issues. The program needs to continue in order to achieve the change. When there's a continuation, we do need to add more episodes on HerStory radio program, so that we can talk more deeply on the justice issues.

Next Steps

Hold the FGD in the areas where community members have no access to the radio. Use the mobile radio to respond to the need of communities that have no access to the community radio frequency in their areas; engage chief of village and sub-village, young people, women, people who work in the church and family members in more active way to participate FGD; continue coaching the community radio facilitators and strengthen the internal communication within the Radio Community organization.