



RADIO BOA VENTURA SAME FGD



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FGD FACILITATORS: AQUELINO MESQUITA, ACCOMPANIED BY ZEVONIA VIEIRA

PARTICIPANTS: 56 PARTICIPANTS (34 WOMEN, 20 MEN), AGED 27-50

FGD Content analysis

In Manufahi District, Betano sub-district, Selihasan village is as an isolated village. Most of the populations have access to the information through radio and Television because they have no access to the electricity.

It was an advantage to run the FGD in this village because the community members go the idea and increase their knowledge on the important issues related to women and justice. During the discussion process the participants asked many questions. Many of them still haven't understood clearly on the public crime and definition of gender. There were a lot of question related to the law. How does the government take the responsibility to protect the victims? How do the laws protect the right of poor people, especially for women? The men also criticized the women organizations for defending more the women's right than men's right, but I tried and made my effort to explain about the real situation that are faced by women in Timor-Leste in the past time and it now becomes a tradition that still exist, so we are trying to support women to be more confidence and have a balance life with men.

Discussion process became more profound as the community members were interested to know more about 'what do the laws say, what are the advantages of formal justice to protect the right of all people and what is gender equality? The community members participated actively for almost 2 hours by asking and listening what they didn't understand.

They felt sad because the media didn't cover issues in the rural areas such issues on women, justice and children. The situation has shown that many problems still happen in rural areas and many of these problems still haven't overcome yet, it means that the community's members still have no idea on what is the best way to overcome their problems.

Success Story

The FGD was started by playing a HerStory's episode on Domestic Violence, and then they started to understand the issues and also how to change their bad behaviors.

Antonio de Deus, in his case before he didn't understand about domestic violence and didn't know that that it's a public crime however after the explanation he understood that Domestic violence will cause big impact on women and children.

Manuel da Costa: before he didn't understand the role of court and he has no idea on domestic violence's law, after the explanation he got a better

understanding on process of divorce through the formal justice that will bring advantage for man and woman. He will share this information to the traditional leaders so that they will also help the couples that are going to get divorced.

Emernegildu da Costa is the chief of sub-village: after listening to this program, he decided to play HerStory every week; it was given by the media team. He wants to play it so that that the community members can have a discussion on these topics and share the information to one another.

Challenge

- The equipment brought by media team didn't favorable to play the program because there's no electricity.
- The community members in Betano never listen to the HerStory radio program; this is as something new for them.
- There was no good cooperation between the community radio and the community members in this village because there's no communication line for mobile phone and no radio network reach this place.

Suggestion from participants

- It's possible to run the program on women and justice in Selihasan Village.
- It's possible to bring the radio and television programs to play in this village and then continue the group discussion.
- Request to community radio to also engage community members of Selihasan in order to share the information related the problems that happen in the community.
- How to enable the community members to access to radio?

Next Step

- If it's possible then please continue the mobile radio program in the rural area, by doing so the community members will access to the just information, so that they will have the same access to information and opportunity as those in the urban areas.

Strengthen the cooperation with Selihasan village for monitoring process after the FGD was held, in order to get the information on what have been implemented by the participants, maybe there's a little change happen in their life. Also work together with the Chief of Sub village.