



RADIO ATONI LIFAU FGD



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FGD FACILITATORS: JOSE FRANCISCO EFI, ACCOMPANIED BY ZEVONIA VIEIRA

PARTICIPANTS: 10 PARTICIPANTS (0 WOMEN, 10 MEN), AGED 17-35

FGD Content analysis

Most of the participants in Oecusse didn't listen to the HerStory radio program. When the facilitator asked on this issue, one of the participants stated that he has listened to the program but he listened from the other listeners and he was able to explain in details on what he has listened to, maybe the facilitator wasn't asked in more details. The team then decided to play an episode on 'equal right to access to land'. In the discussion process they've found out that during this time their culture only considers the right of men, but now they understand that it's stated in law that men and women have the same rights. The message they've got from this program was that the constitution defends the same right for men and women. There was a participant who shared the same experienced as it was shared in the story, he shared that he lives with his mother and his mother has no right on the land. This information has given him a way to fight for his mother's rights). Some of them have discovered that men should listen to this program so that they can change their behavior for not making any discrimination against women.

Legal issues discussion by AATL

Focusing on AATL involvement, the discussion process didn't run as expected. AATL just provided very brief information. AATL more focused on the issues related to the court, on how the community members bring their cases to the court. There was no clear explanation on the domestic violence issue and other issues produced by HerStory. There was no information that explained on what is public crime? What is civil crime?

Success story

The episodes of HerStory that have played inspired the participants to respect the rights of other people and also provided the information for them to fight for the same rights. As example provided by Januario da Costa that has experienced when his parents got divorced and also they've faced the problem on rights to the land. Now he found the way to bring this case to formal justice.

Suggestion from participants

In the next production of HerStory, it needs to add more episodes; if it's possible then please share the radio monitors to the community members so that they can also listen to the information provided; it will be better if we produce it in Baekenu language.

Challenges

The problem related to the electricity became a challenge to transmit the information through radio. The power on for few hours only, it affected the program and production processes.

The community radio facilitator still has not enough knowledge on facilitating the FGD process because most of the participants were young people only, no adult people, the reason behind was that the adult people didn't want to come to the radio station. The expert from AATL didn't control the discussion process and didn't show his seriousness and knowledge in facilitating discussion on legal issues.

Next steps

The community radio's members need to put more effort through PSA or announcements in order to get people attention to listen to the program; held the discussion in the places that are far from the center so that the community members in rural areas can also access to the same information. Mobile radio can be as an alternative to bring radio more close to the community in the places that have no access to the frequency of community radio.