



RADIO VIQUEQUE FGD



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PARTICIPANTS: 11 PARTICIPANTS (8 WOMEN, 3 MEN), AGED 16-46

FGD Content analysis

Viqueque district is a district where women need more help, in order to get the attention and to access to the information, because of the injustice and women's issues happen frequently in this area with a high number. Domestic violence continues to be one of the big problems and it needs more attention from all of us, most of the time women are the victims in this problem. When Her Story's team held the discussion in this community radio it was participated maximum by the participants, they're interested to listen to and to know the information on Her Story radio programs about the problems faced by women. Although the number of participants was only 11 people however the discussions run well.

Sidalia was one of the participants, she shared her experienced after listening to the Her Story radio program, she stated that as a woman and a mother for 6 children, she learnt a lot from Her Story program, she will try to educate her children for not getting involve in the conflict within the family and not committing any violence, she's happy with Her Story program, it's enable her to get information that benefiting her to take care of her family.

As participants, men also tried to share the information on how they are going to share this information within their village in order to minimize the number of domestic violence, civic education through radio is really important.

Her Story creates an important space to educate and to change the mentality of community members in order for them to respect one another and also to support the victim women to access to the formal justice. However there is still an obstacle because most of the community members have no access to the radio as the result of the radio frequency doesn't reach their area and also some community members have no radio monitor.

Legal issues discussion by AATL

AATL members did their responsibility as people that work to implement the law, they explained by using the law's language to enable community members to have a better understanding on the advantage of formal justice to the community members. Link it to the women's issues that happen in their daily life, such as domestic violence, divorce and right on land, AATL also tried to run an exercise to the participants to enable participants have a better understanding on public and civil crimes, it was run by showing the images that they have prepared before.

Most of the participants started to understand that based on the law it explained that there's different crimes such as public and civil crimes; how is the law's procedure for domestic violence to protect the victim and for the court to process the cases until the final result.

Many participants were interested to ask the questions to AATL members related to the legal and just procedures in the court for the poor people in order to get their rights and also on the other hand some participants criticized the procedures of formal justice that sometimes it is unjust and it makes them to choose the traditional justice to overcome their problems.

Challenges

- The FGD was run by forming 1 group because only eleven participants came to the FGD.
- Most of the participants didn't heard the Her Story Program.
- Most of the participants listen to Radio Maubere and RTL.
- In rural areas they can't access to Radio Viqueque because the frequency is very low.
- Community radio not really active to promote the radio program to the community.

Success Story

- Some of participants said that, there is a family lives in suco Uma Wain Karik (Eva and Domingos), they got the information from them that Her Story Program is a very good program, we changed our behavior to be positive characters, because before Domestic Violence happened in their life, but now they changed it.

Suggestion from participants

- The second FGD we can do it in rural areas because it's very important issue.
- Working with Radio Maubere to broadcast the radio magazine because mostly community members listen to the Radio Maubere.
- Invite many community members to join the FGD because it's very important to get more information from people.

Next Step:

- We can do next FGD in rural areas.
- Is it possible to work with Radio Maubere and RTL Radio to broadcast the radio program?
- More work in branding.
- Held a meeting soon with the CRC and Secretary State of Social Communication to build Community radio, especially to talk about on technical and management issues.
- Follow up briefing with CR on how they can facilitate a better FGD than before and also to understand more about the objective of radio programs.