

Accompanying Low Income People Group to Have Access of Clean Water Supply: A Case Study of Sukamaju Village, Sukamulya Sub-district, Garut district, West Java, Indonesia

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- 17,000+ islands (6,000 inhabited)
- 243,000,000 inhabitants (2010 est.) -

4th largest country and largest Muslim country in world

• 500+ languages spoken – one official language: Bahasa



Background

- 1. Sukamaju hamlet, Sukaresmi sub-district
- 2. Household: 240
- 3. Low education & economic level
- 4. Bad physical infrastructure
- 5. Fifty % access clean water





The Challenges Faced

- Existing active community forum
- History of bad local governance
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Inaccessibility to local decisionmakers (district legislative members)

Lack of on-side supervision (accompanying?)

Assessment comm engagement → POLICY ADVOCACY





Results of Assessment and Advocacy

ter time of actual implementation (community engagement in 2009 – implementation 2011)

- 1. Lack of communication skills
- 2. Proposal writing skills
- 3. No accessibility to local stakeholders and decision-makers (incl. Local legislative body)





Lessons learned for Students/ Community

Students:

- 1. Practical experience in health advocacy
- 2. Hands-on community empowerment
- Production of short video package, tool for advocacy

Community:

- 1.First direct contact with local legislative body
- 2. Wrote a proposal of clean water supply
- 3. Link with local nongovernment organization



How It could be done better:

- 1. Shorter time of actual implementation (community engagement in 2009 implementation 2011)
- 2. Ability to replicate the approach by nearby hamlet with similar condition





Impact to the Community

- 1. Empowering skills strengthened
- 2. Increased selfconfidence
- 3. Accessibility to clean water supply increased





Advocacy Process

- 1. Representatives of local community, students FPH and fasilitator atttended consultative meeting with DPRD Garut
- 2. Rep comm made presentation with all stakeholders
- 3. Realization of project by stakeholder (2 yrs) and Monev local NGO-confidence





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