

Community Briefing in Sub-district of Same

# KARTA POPULAR

**The Objective of Community Briefing:**

- Distribute basic information toward rural community in respect of oil and gas resource in Timor Leste and transparency within state budget process.
- Building rural community capacity therefore able to participate within nation development and accommodate community's idea in respect of rural development.
- Identify Focal Point candidates in Sub-District of Same, District of Manufahi, therefore become as monitoring agent toward development process took place within each own area

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## Voice of Manufahi

**Same**, is one sub-district part of Manufahi district. The number of population considered as huge, estimated around 48.628. Same becomes as the Capital of this district. Geographically, Manufahi located on Sea side, bordered with Covalima district in west side, Ainaro in north side and Manatuto in east side. In the meantime Same sub-district bordered with: Ainaro/Hatudo district in west side, village of Welaluhu in east side and sub-district of Maubisse in north side .

Same has 8 villages namely: Babulo (urban area), Betano, Dai-Sua, Grotu, Holarua, Letefoho (urban area), Rotuto and Tutuluro. Total population estimated as 27.554 person.

Same has been known for its fertile soil and lots of agriculture products have been produced in this sub-district. In addition, oil and gas resources also have been identified to be contained within its shore.

Most of community are farmers and fisherman. Most popular of agriculture product produced within this sub-district are "Corn, rice and other products (coffee, fruits [orange and avocado]), vegetables and local cuisine". Local products which considered as massive have caused Same becomes as center of agriculture area in Manufahi district.

Unfortunately, such agriculture product have been continuously reducing, since recently there



District of Manufahi and its total population; 11682 persons (Census 2010) coming from 6

are problems should to encounters by farmers. Problems are namely; roads, the available of irrigation system and agriculture system which according to farmers need to be up dated, therefore they would gain significant knowledge in respect of increasing quality as well as quantity of agriculture products.

Manufahi district also known with its history of National Independence. Called as Manufahi War during revolution, this war was lead by *Dom Boaventura* to fight against Portuguess Colonial and its obligation to pay tax

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Some of sub-villages in this particular sub-district, haven't been able to access road, therefore impede community's mobility particularly to trade their local product. Road access toward sub villages becomes as community preoccupation, particularly for those who should to take trip from: village of Letefoho toward sub village Ermite; village of village Betano toward sub villages of Selihasan and Sesarai where around 7 Km of road isn't favorable. In addition there isn't any bridge which connect village of Daisua to Same, since the odd bridge has broken.

In order to identify problems should to encounter by Same community, Luta Hamutuk has conducted 3 days of activity within 3 villages namely: Betanu, Babulo and Letefoho. This activity was aimed to listen and accommodate community's preoccupations within these areas\* *Sica & Nelson M*



Fasilitator husi Luta Hamutuk, hato'o

## Discussion Process



Within discussion, village chief of Letefoho and participants conveyed suggestions in respect of limited reserve of oil and gas: *"It would be better if government starts to invest into agriculture and education area, therefore prevent from oil and gas curse"*.

Participants also conveyed preoccupation toward Luta Hamutuk, to be submitted toward Government *"Most problem encountered by Schools is lack of facilities including teachers, therefore government should pay attention from now on toward education within base level"*

*"Communities of Betano, Babulo and Letefoho appreciate LUTA HAMUTUK for distribute information in respect of Petroleum Fund and State Budget, informations which considered as new for them. Communities have been felt like there isn't anymore opposite group, since opposite parties are ineffective"*

Stated by: Chief Village Batara



Babulo becomes as village center within Same Sub-District, however the condition of roads which legated Babulo with other sub-villages is worst, and the government seems to be careless with such situation .

Community briefing was officially opened by Luta Hamutuk delegation and Chief of Villages. Luta Hamutuk within this opportunity conveyed the objective of such activity.

Community Briefing then continue with share of basic information in respect of : *Petroleum Fund, transparency process within Extractive Industry (EITI) in Timor-Leste and State Budget.*

Facilitator then facilitating discussion with participants, and

## Methodology

Methodology used by Luta Hamutuk during discussion was participatory method. This method made such discussion involving maximum participation from participants, means *two direction of communication*, between facilitator and participant.

Therefore, facilitator should

## Betanu Village

Betanu village has around 5.761 of its total population. Most of population are farmer and fisherman . Community Briefing has been conducted in this village on 21 March 2013. Participant were estimated as 33 persons; who composed from 13 female and 20 male.

Within the discussion, participants conveyed material in respect of results from State Budget allocation, criticized as well plan of Timor Sea development particularly Refinery mega project in Betano.

### Betano's Preoccupation: ⇒ Health Access

Health assistance can't be accessed by community, particularly in sub-village of Selihasan since the distance is huge toward such facility, about 3-4 Km by walk. Clinic haven't been provided yet within this

shared certain ideas in respect of community participation within rural and national development, started from process of planning, implementation and monitoring.

Within this process, Luta Hamutuk provided a space for community to convey ideas in respect of community participation within local development. Luta Hamutuk facilitated as well participants to be able to identify preoccupations, in the mean time accomodate their problems to be advocated within the next level.

As preoccupation being accomodated, Luta Hamutuk conducted partipatory approach using *problem-tree*, to capacitate community in formulating and identifying problems as well as making priority and means of solution.\*LH

attractively explain certain material to gain attention and presipitate critical think from participant. Language should be simplified therefore, easy to be understood by participants generated as well a space to freely convey ideas and suggestion.

In addition, in order to facilitate participant's comprehension, presenter

should displayed other instruments such as photos and map.

Prior to discussion, participants received Faktus Informasaun (Fact Sheet) which contains with information in respect of State Budget, Petroleum Fund and EITI.\*LH

sub-village. Although there are paramedics/nurses and Health Center in Betano, however the number is imbalance with population of 7 sub-villages who needed for medical treatment

Road Access from Village to sub-village: The condition of roads from village to sub-village are worst. Therefore community can't transport and conduct trading upon its local product in District market

School Access: Betanu has a Primary school called *"E.P.Raifusa"* However, this school is lacked from facilities like: table, chairs, books as well as teachers. Most of student are still sitting on the floor during teaching and learning process. The community has asked teachers to conduct teaching within E.P. Raifusa, since they believed to be deviating curriculum. Community has reported that after two weeks of teaching process, the examination has already began. In addition, school breakfast program has stopped which caused some students passed out from hunger

(Izabela Freitas). The distance toward this school is also far from community, it takes around 2/3 hours to walk about 4/5 Km.

Unavailable of Clean Water in Betanu The unavailable of clean water has made community in Betanu village consumes river water. SAS of district doesn't conduct maintenance toward water canalization system, therefore most of them has damaged.

Betanu community also concerns with Irrigation system which hasn't provided yet though submission has been submitted already toward Ministry of Agriculture, therefore evaluation could immediately conducted, particularly toward irrigation project in sub-village of Be Metan-Aidak. This project has started in 2012, however to date community hasn't been able to use water which should coming from such irrigation system\*LH

## BABULU Village

Community Briefing has conducted in BABULU village on; 22/03/2013.

Babulu has 8 sub-villages (*Nu'u-Fu, Lapuro, Sea-rema, Turon, Umaluli, Umaliurai, Lianai and Raimerak*), with total of its population is around 4.090; composed from 2.068 female and 2.022 male, as well as 809 households

### Babulo's Demand:

Recommend Luta Hamutuk to convey toward Government, therefore create budget and conduct monitoring toward the implementation of project being run in this particular villages Ask the government to con-

duct development, create conducive situation of the country to support such development, conduct survey prior to make plan therefore community's preoccupation will be able to be put into priority.

Water access in Babulu: BABULU community hasn't been able to access clean water since all the old pipes established since Indonesian time are damaged. In the mean time there isn't any maintenance action, therefore water has been wasted before entering community's neighborhood. Babulu community ask Department of SAS to change such pipes, therefore secure water stream into community's

area

Access into basic infrastructure: Community hasn't been able to build houses since material price is high. Community of sub villages namely Nu'u-Fu, Raimerak and Sea-rema haven't been able to access road

Electricity access in Babulu: There are 3 sub-villages which haven't been able to access electricity namely Lianain, Nu'u-fu and Uma Lulik.

Ask Ministry of Education to recruit more teachers for Primary School No 2 and Secondary School No 2 Babulo \*LH



*... Demand and Preoccupation which conveyed by Betanu community. Every year certain amount of State Budget has been allocated, however the school condition in Same Sub-district, particularly Betanu village still lack from facilities. Why can't such budget develop and support such school?*

*...Development is good when using Community Base Approach.*

*"Development needs for direct participation from community since they are author of such action, begin from planning until its implementation which then determines development model of one nation"*

*...to facilitate community participation within National Development, good communication as well as information between community-government and civil society is necessary needed, therefore guarantee transparency and accountability within its implementation process ...\*LH*

## Letefoho Village

Letefoho village is an urban village part of Same sub-district. This village has 6 sub-villages (*Cotalala, Tomonamo, Rialau, Raiubo, Ladiqui and Ailuli*). Total population is estimated as 6.759, where most of them are farmers.

Letefoho's local product are like; Cassava, avocado, coconut, Hazelnut, Banana, White pumpkin, Betel nut, Jackfruit, Corn, Sweet Potato, Taro, coffee, Papaya and Teak (tree). Community Briefing has organized in this village on 22-03-2013

### Preoccupation from "Letefoho"

Community questioned about projects which being imple-

mented within its village since there wasn't any information from village chief as well as other authority about it. The only information they've got was coming from company who stated that the project has been set within national level therefore acquaintance toward local authority isn't necessary

Agriculture functionary (PPL) in Letefoho village do not well facilitate farmers and pay less attention toward preoccupation encountered by community within remote area. Community also questioning on tractor distribution system, since such vehicle have been distribute toward certain people of certain

party's member. Therefore, community ask Ministry of Agriculture to fairly distribute tractor toward all farmers.

Road Access: Letefoho community concerns with roads in Laruak area where rocks are dominating and has caused traffic .

Education Access in Letefoho Village: Community questioned about school facilities (table, chair, books, etc) which still minimum

Water Access in Letefoho village: Letefoho community hasn't been able to access clean water, therefore some of community still consume river water for daily use. Based on such fact, ask SAS to immediately canalize clean



*Community concerns with the allocation of huge budget toward Refinery Mega project as well as other projects, however regardless housing condition within remote area.*

*"Prosperity life among people determines the success of one nations"*

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*Luta Hamutuk believes that Timor Leste's development will success and sustainable if the entire components are directly involved within process begin from planning, implementation, monitoring till evaluation. Therefore suh involvement could become as a mean to attract people to become as author of nation development.*

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## Recommendation

### **Ministry of Education:**

Ask such state body to provide school facilities such as: table, chairs, and to recruit more teachers to be able to conduct teaching within Primary school of Raifusa in Betano village as well as other schools in Same sub-district.

Rekomenda ba Ministeriu Edukasaun hadia sistema merenda escolar, tanba komunidad preokupasaun ba Ai-han (kotu tuan, la iha modo tahan seluk) ba alunus, komunidad preokupa tanba la tuir standar Gizi

### **Ministry of Public Service:**

Insist that such state body to urgently reconstruct road as well as bridge which ligate village of Daisua with sub-district of Same. In addition, to reconstruct as well road within Laruak area of Letefoho village, which ligate sub-village of Nu'u-Fu, Raimerak and Sea-rema toward Same sub-district.

### **State Secretary of Water and Sanitation:**

Ask State Secretary of Water and Sanitation to cnalaize clean water and establish toilets toward communities as well as schools within Sub-district of Same, particularly village of Betano, Babulo and Letefoho, since communities within these area are still consuming river water.

### **State Secretary of electricity:**

Ask State Secretary of Electricity to establish such energy toward community in Betano village and other villages within sub-district of Same, since this facility still can't be accessed by these communities.

### **Ministry of Health:**

Insist toward Ministry of Health to establish Health Center surrounds sub-village of Selihasa and Raimerak, since communities within these area can't access the available facility as distance considered as too far. In addition, to recruit more medical functionaries to conduct medical treatment within these particular areas.

### **Ministry of Social Solidarity:**

Betano and Letefoho communities insist toward Ministry of Social solidarity MSS to re-build five-housing which has been planned by the government toward widows and disables, since the condition of such houses are to narrow and do not sufficient to be stayed in.

### **Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery:**

Insist toward Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery, to improve Irrigation system in sub-village of Be-Metan, area of Aidak-Laran, village of Betano, which can't properly functioned since the location is higher than the nearest river.

Community insists Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery to give sanction toward Extensions functionaries/PPL who don't perform its responsibility within basis area. Such preoccupation has conveyed by community of Letefoho village as well as other villages in sub-district of Same, as they discover that some of functionaries do not conduct their job.

### **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources MPRM:**

Insist toward MPRM to conduct dialogue aimed to listen Betano community's suggestion and recommendation in respect of Refinery Industry, to be able to begin with agriculture training and other relevant training correlate with such Industry especially toward students and Betano community\* **LH**