



## The role of community participation in development planning at the Dadi Mulya village office, Samarinda City

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### Abstract

This study aims to determine how big the role of the community is in development planning in Dadi Mulya Village, Samarinda City. The methodology used in this study is a qualitative descriptive method. The results of the study indicate that the community has a very strategic role in development planning in Dadi Mulya Village, Samarinda City. There are four roles given by the community, namely in making development plans, determining development plans, controlling the implementation of plans and stages of plan evaluation. With these four roles, development in Dadi Mulya Village can run well and plans are made according to the needs of the local community.

### Keywords:

Community Participation, Development Planning

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Community participation plays a vital role in the planning and development of any community. Community involvement in decision-making processes ensures that their needs and aspirations are taken into account, leading to more sustainable and inclusive development.

Community participation in development planning ensures that their voices are heard and their priorities are addressed. By involving the people who will be directly affected by a development project, planners can make more informed decisions that are in line with the needs and desires of the community. This leads to more effective and sustainable development outcomes that are more likely to reach the people they are meant to benefit.

Based on the explanation, the development planning at the Dadi Mulya Village Office, Samarinda Ulu District, Samarinda City, where community participation is very important to help achieve the implementation of the development program, so that a program will arise from the initiative and self-reliance and mutual cooperation of the community. Community participation fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility among the community towards the development project. When individuals are actively involved in the planning process, they feel a sense of pride and attachment to the project, which leads to increased motivation and commitment to their success. This sense of ownership also leads to better maintenance and sustainability of development initiatives, because the community tends to care more about the projects they create.

Community participation also promotes transparency and accountability in the development process. When decisions are made behind closed doors without community input, there is a greater risk of corruption and misuse of funds. By involving communities in decision-making, planners are accountable to the communities they serve, leading to more responsible and ethical practices in development planning and implementation.

In reality, not all members of the community in Dadi Mulya Village participate, for various reasons. This is realized because there are several influencing factors. Here, efforts are needed to convince the community about participation in development planning, namely communication between village officials and the community or vice versa. This situation will change the attitudes and actions of the community which will then become support for participation. And shows how big the role of village officials is in increasing community participation in order to achieve maximum development planning.

Increasing community participation in development planning, in addition to the expected attention to aspects of justice and equitable development and results, development should also be oriented towards the interests of the community that are truly in accordance with what they need and feel. Likewise, with development planning at the Dadi Mulya Village Office, Samarinda Ulu District, Samarinda City, it seems that from year to year there has been an increase, especially the construction of public facilities such as roads, bridges, security posts, places of worship, educational facilities and so on.

## **2. LITERATURE REVIEW**

Many definitions of participation have been put forward by experts, but in essence they have the same meaning. Participation comes from the English word *participate* which means to include, to take part (Wijaya, 2004).

Participation as a concept in community development, is used generally and widely. In the big dictionary of Indonesian, participation is about taking part in an activity (meeting, conference, seminar and so on).

A simple definition of participation was put forward by Djalal and Supriadi (2001), where participation can also mean that decision makers...suggest groups or communities to get involved in some form delivery of advice and opinions, goods, skills, materials and services.

Participation also means that groups become aware of their own problems, examine their options, make decisions, and solve them. Tilaar (2009) stated that participation is as a manifestation of the desire to develop democracy through a decentralization process which seeks to include, among other things, the need for planning from the bottom (*button-up*) by following involves the community in the process planning and development of its community.

In essence, planning is a series of activities to prepare decisions about what is expected to happen such as events, conditions, atmosphere and so on. Planning is not a matter of guesswork, manipulation or theory without concrete facts or data but rather planning preparation must be assessed. Based on the big Indonesian dictionary, planning comes from the basic word plan which means concept, design, or program, and planning means the process, method, act of planning or designing.

As stated by Soekartawi (2000), planning is the selection of alternatives or allocation of various available resources.

According to Alder quoted by Rustiadi (2008) stated that planning is a process of determining what you want to achieve in the future and determining the stages needed to achieve it. Some people argue that planning is an activity that is limited by a certain time frame, so that planning is further interpreted as a coordinated activity to achieve a certain goal within a certain time. This means that planning is a process of determining what you want to achieve in the future and determining the stages needed to achieve it. Thus, the planning process is carried out by testing various directions of achievement and reviewing various inconsistencies. existing certainty, measuring our ability (capacity) to achieve it, then choosing the best directions and choosing the steps to achieve it.

Meanwhile, according to Becker (2000), Planning is actually a "rational" way to prepare for the future. Meanwhile, Planning according to Bintoro Tjokroaminoto quoted by Usman (2008) is the process of systematically preparing activities that will be carried out to achieve certain goals. Prajudi Atmosudirjo quoted by Usman (2008) also argues that planning

is the calculation and determination of something that will be carried out in order to achieve certain goals, who does it, when, where, and how to do it.

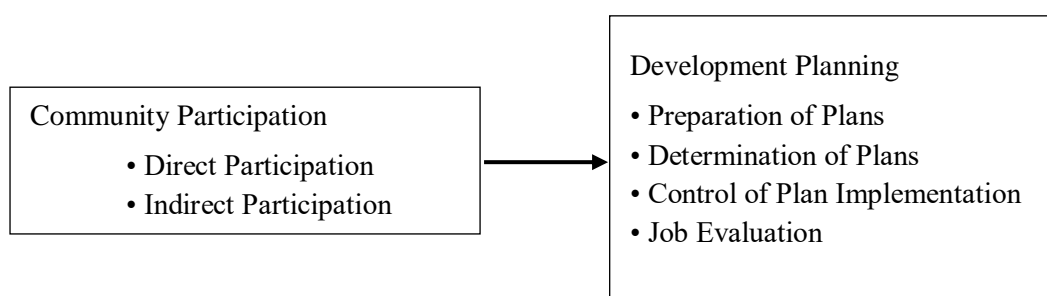
According to Soekidjo (2003) planning is an activity or process of analyzing and understanding systems, preparing concepts and activities that will be carried out to achieve goals for a good future.

Planning is a process for determining appropriate future actions, through a sequence of choices, taking into account available resources (Law 25 of 2004 concerning the National Development Planning System).

### 3. FRAMEWORK

The framework of thought plays a very important role because the framework of thought is a framework of thought regarding the relationship between the variables involved in the research or the relationship between concepts with other concepts of the problem being researched in accordance with what has been described in the literature review.

In this regard, the framework for thinking in this research is as follows:



### 4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

As explained in the previous section, this study aims to determine the extent of the role of community participation in development planning in Dadi Mulya Village. The informants used in this study were 12 people consisting of village employees, community leaders and the community in the Dadi Mulya Village environment. The number of questions asked was 15 questions asked to determine the role of community participation in development planning consisting of planning, determining the plan, controlling the implementation of the plan and evaluating the implementation of the plan.

Participation in development is seen as a methodology that leads its actors to be able to understand the problems faced, so that they can analyze and find solutions to the problems faced, thus providing a framework for monitoring and evaluating implementation. The community as an object of development means that the community is directly affected by development activities. In this case, the community needs to be involved in development, because they are considered to know more about the condition of their environment.

Community participation is an important factor in development planning. Which basically community participation does not arise solely by itself but there are things that can

influence it, so that the community feels aware and encouraged to be more involved in all aspects of development, both physical and non-physical.

Development planning is a very important instrument. Because participatory planning is one of a series of development journeys and also the initial stage that is very decisive for the success of the development process, especially in Dadi Mulya Village. At this stage, development in Dadi Mulya Village should be the result of deliberations that always pay attention to the aspirations of the community as a whole.

In this chapter, the author will discuss the research data and will describe how community participation in development planning at the Dadi Mulya Village Office has four indicators, namely: preparation of plans, determination of plans, control of plan implementation and evaluation of plan implementation.

## **1. Planning Preparation**

The success of a development process cannot be separated from the participation of its community members, both as a system unit and as individuals who are very integral and very important parts in the dynamics of development, because in principle development is shown to create a prosperous society. Therefore, the responsibility for the success or failure of development is not only in the hands of the government but also in the hands of the community. Therefore, awareness and active participation of the community is one of the keys to the success of development.

Community participation in development planning is one effective way to accommodate and accommodate various diverse needs. In other words, efforts to increase community participation in the preparation of development plans can bring substantive benefits, where the implementation of development will be more effective and efficient, in addition to providing a sense of satisfaction and strong community support for government programs.

The preparation of development plans has a very important role in development planning. With community participation, both directly and indirectly, in planning it can be seen how much community concern is for the program to be carried out. In this program, the planning process begins with a deliberation at the neighborhood or sub-district level attended by the kelurahan apparatus and the program implementation committee.

In the preparation of this plan, the form of community participation is a proposal given by the Dadi Mulya Village community based on the needs of the community, in order to produce development planning programs that are attached to the awareness of the community which is the subject and object of the development itself. Because by involving the general public in the preparation of plans and formulations in development planning deliberations, it can foster public trust in agencies or institutions that carry out government development.

Proposals from the Dadi Mulya Village community are very lacking even though these proposals are very much needed, due to the lack of understanding about development and social habits, namely waiting for decisions from smart people or those who are older or those who are respected in their positions. In expressing their opinions, the community is still very afraid and prefers to just keep quiet. And assume that community leaders or village

officials can convey their aspirations. Therefore, those who always attend meetings or discussions are the same ones, such as neighborhood, community leaders, village officials and people who can spare their time.

This happens because the people who live in Dadi Mulya Village are mostly office workers who have a myriad of activities and a small part of the Dadi Mulya Village community is in an economic situation that is very dependent on daily income such as traders, laborers and so on which has an impact on the limited time that people have to participate and the lack of knowledge makes people also not enthusiastic to participate. While for those who have a bachelor's degree have a myriad of activities that make it difficult to participate in society.

Based on the research results from the answers given by informants to researchers, community participation in providing proposals or participating in the preparation of development plans is very important, but community participation in the preparation of development plans has not been maximized because almost all of the community lacks knowledge, which is an inhibiting factor in the preparation of development plans and those who come to participate in development planning are only some of the community who have a better understanding.

The less than optimal participation of the community in the preparation of development plans on the grounds that the lack of awareness and knowledge from the community so that it becomes an obstacle to community participation in development planning. In community participation, planning is very important but the Dadi Mulya Village community prefers implementation because many people know the technical implementation and community self-reliance is also very high.

So in the preparation of the plan, the role of community participation is very low, which means that there must be maximum attention to community participation in development in Dadi Mulya Village so that in the future it will be better than before.

## **2. Determination of Plan**

In development planning through the determination of development plans, it is known that in determining the plan, the village apparatus or implementing committee really needs community participation so that they can find out what the urgent needs of the Dadi Mulya Village community are that must be resolved so that there are no misunderstandings in the future.

The determination of the plan is very important from the continuation of the preparation of the plan because of the many plans produced from the preparation of the plan, a plan is needed that is very urgently needed by the community so that it can be covered and become a priority scale. The determination of the plan can be seen from the large number of community proposals that say that the condition of development in physical form is what is really needed.

After establishing a plan which is carried out through a more detailed formulation of the goals or targets within a certain time period, a detailed schedule of activities, the amount and schedule of financing and determining which institutions or inter-institutional cooperation will carry out the development programs.

The more important thing is the community participation in the determination of the plan because the one who feels the results of the development is the community itself. Based on the results of interviews with the community, it can be concluded that the community participates indirectly by delegating their participation rights to others, here others are neighborhood or community leaders.

### **3. Plan Implementation Control**

Controlling the implementation of development plans is intended to ensure that the development goals and targets stated in the plan are achieved through corrective and adjustment activities during the implementation of the plan.

The control stage of the plan implementation is the most important stage in development, because the core of development is its implementation. The real form of participation at this stage can be classified into three, namely participation in the form of thought contributions, material contributions and labor participation.

The form of community participation in this case really needs to be appreciated because in controlling the implementation of the plan, the Dadi Mulya Village community, although unable to attend the deliberation or meeting at both the neighborhood and sub-district levels, the Dadi Mulya Village community does not hesitate to donate money or goods for the implementation of the development plan. And the community also monitors the implementation of the development plan so that it can be controlled.

Through this discussion, it can be seen that community participation in controlling the implementation of development plans is very good, as evidenced by the community's participation in supervising the implementation of development plans so that there are no errors in their implementation. The community also takes part as an implementing team so that there is openness between residents and village officials.

Community participation is very necessary in controlling the implementation of development plans, because with community participation in the form of supervision, it will be able to guarantee that the implementation of development plans is in accordance with the goals and targets that have been set. With operational steps taken based on the results of the implementation of activities and supervision to ensure that the implementation of activities is in accordance with the references and plans that have been set, such as, among others, making corrections to deviations from activities, acceleration of delays in implementation, or clarification of unclear implementation of plans.

### **4. Evaluation of Plan Implementation**

In carrying out development, it requires accurate planning and is expected to be able to evaluate the development carried out. Evaluation to assist in monitoring activities, which are carried out through a review that runs continuously. In addition, evaluation can also be carried out as a supporter of the planning stage, namely evaluation before the plan begins and evaluation of the implementation of the previous plan.

Evaluation is considered important because community participation at this stage is considered as feedback that can provide input for improving the implementation of the next development plan. There are several important points that are the main study in the evaluation, including community involvement in development, whether the results achieved

are in accordance with what was planned, how sustainable the development planning program is, and how much benefit is felt by the community. Several of these points are indicators that are used as benchmarks for the success of development planning.

*First*, in this case community participation in development, based on the description of the four forms of community participation previously, then in general we can analyze the level of community participation in Dadi Mulya Village in development by measuring their participation in the form of ideas/thoughts, money, materials (goods) and the energy mentioned. It is still relatively low, which means that there must be more maximum attention to development in Dadi Mulya Village so that in the future it will be more than before.

*Second*, the results achieved in the implementation of the development plan have met the planned targets. In this case, the results are in accordance with what was planned, because in the process of implementing the development plan, it is supervised by the community who participate in the form of supervision so that there is no intersection of the planned development plan.

*Third*, if the development planning program is in accordance with what has been determined by the community according to the results of the joint deliberation, then it is continued with the implementation of the development plan by calculating how much budget is needed for the development.

*Fourth*, the benefits of development planning felt by the community are in the form of a sense of satisfaction felt by the community of Dadi Mulya Village with the results of the implementation of the development plan that has been in accordance with what is expected by the community. The sense of satisfaction from the community is that there are no complaints from the community to the implementation team because in the implementation of development the community is involved so that there is no *missed communication* between the community and the development implementation team.

And it can be concluded that from several points in the evaluation of the implementation of the plan, the role of community participation is still relatively low, which requires the role of village officials to be able to influence the community or make the community aware of the importance of development so that the community can participate in development planning in the future.

## **5. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS**

### **5.1. Conclusion**

Based on the results of field research studies on the Role of Community Participation in Development Planning at the Dadi Mulya Village Office, Samarinda Ulu District. It can be concluded as follows:

1. In the preparation of the community participation plan in this case providing proposals or participating in the preparation of the development plan has not been maximized because almost all of the community lacks knowledge so that it becomes an inhibiting factor in the preparation of the development plan and those who come to participate in the development planning are only some of the community who have more understanding. Lack of awareness and knowledge from the community so that it becomes an obstacle to community participation in development planning. In community participation, planning



is very important but the Dadi Mulya village community prefers implementation because many people know the technical implementation and community self-reliance is also very high.

2. The determination of the plan is very important for the continuation of the preparation of the plan because of the many plans produced from the preparation of the plan, a plan is needed that is very urgently needed by the community so that it can be covered and become a priority scale. The determination of the plan can be seen from the large number of community proposals that say that the condition of development in physical form is what is really needed. What is more important is community participation in determining the plan because the people who feel the results of the development are the community itself. Based on the results of interviews with the community, it can be concluded that the community participates indirectly by delegating their participation rights to other people, other people here are the neighborhood or community leaders.
3. The form of community participation in this case really needs to be appreciated because in controlling the implementation of the plan, the Dadi Mulya community, although unable to attend the deliberation or meeting at both the neighborhood and sub-district levels, the Dadi Mulya community did not hesitate to donate money or goods for the implementation of the development plan. And the community also monitors the implementation of the development plan so that it can be controlled. That community participation in controlling the implementation of the development plan is very good, the evidence is that the community participates in monitoring the implementation of the development plan so that there are no errors in its implementation. The community also takes part as an implementing team so that there is openness between residents and the village apparatus.
4. Evaluation is considered important because community participation at this stage is considered as feedback that can provide input for improving the implementation of the next development plan. And it can be concluded that from several points in the evaluation of the implementation of the plan, the role of community participation is still relatively low which requires the role of village officials to be able to influence the community or make the community aware of the importance of development so that the community can participate in development planning in the future.

## **5.2. Suggestions**

Based on the findings and analysis of the problems, the author provides the following suggestions:

1. Community participation in development planning is not yet optimal, so it is suggested that village officials provide training that can later provide better awareness and understanding to the community.
2. Community involvement must be increased in the development process, both from the planning stage to the implementation stage to the evaluation. So it is suggested that the village government can encourage community enthusiasm in participatory development activities.
3. The seriousness of village officials in seeing the lack of community participation in development planning must be increased so that community participation becomes better.

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