

Empowering Women in Disaster Vulnerable Villages through Vocational Life Skills Education Based on Local Potential Utilization

by Entoh Tohani, Iis Prasetyo, R.B. Suharta

ABSTRACT

This study aims to improve the ability of women in disaster-prone villages to understand and manage local potential in order to improve the quality of economic life of families and communities. The importance of empowerment in the form of vocational life skills education for rural women is prone to disasters because education has not been carried out which leads to the formation of productive capacities of women in exploiting local potential.

This research is a social action research that includes stages: determining issues, planning, implementing actions, and evaluating actions (). Educational actions are manifested in the form of vocational life skills education. This research was conducted on 25 women in Sengir hamlet, Kalirejo village, Kokap sub-district, Kulon Progo district. The selection of research locations is based on the considerations of the local government, and the characteristics of the target groups, where the majority are wives who collect coconut palm juice, are still productive, and have advanced desires. Data collection is done by interviews, observations, and questionnaires. Data analysis was carried out by qualitative analysis techniques. The validity of the data is obtained by perseverance of observation, triangulation, and for questionnaires conducted by consulting education experts. The results of the study show that the target group is able to build awareness of utilizing local potential, and has attitudes, knowledge and skills in processing local potential, and is able to build a productive business group together. Education carried out was seen as meaningful by the target group even though the increase in income could not be known because this educational action was an initial action. Therefore, other development actions are needed that enable the target group to be more able to apply the attitudes, skills and knowledge possessed in their productive economic activities.

Kata Kunci: pemberdayaan, life skills, vokasi, perempuan, bencana