

OST (Observation Study Tour) Participants Impressed by the Mandiri Family Empowerment Post of Sindang Barang

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Hundreds of Neighborhood Members (RT 07 RW 04, Subdistrict of Sindang Barang, District of West Bogor filled up the field used as a place to welcome dozens of guests, Executives of Family Planning Extension Worker Association, Saturday (6/10). Members of the Family Empowerment Post looked excited by the visiting guests from Sabang to Merauke.

Meanwhile, the guests, who were participants of Posdaya Observation Study Tour (OST), also appeared impressed by the spirit of the local people who had given them a warm welcome. The variety of arts such as Jaipong dance and performance of children from the Early Child Education added to the vibrant event.

"We are proud and thrilled by the welcome expressed by residents here. Especially after we saw directly the various activities centered on this Posdaya Mandiri," said Nafilson, OST group leader in his speech in front of the people.

Certainly, local residents should be proud. From the village of this dense population, the Posyandu cadres have won the Third Ranking in the category of Sustainable Family Planning at West Java level. Even, in this village there is a Mental Health Post (Poskeswa), the first of its kind established in West Java, and the second at the national level.

"With this Poskeswa, eight people were successfully identified to the risk of mental disorder. Such an early identification was very helpful in accelerating the healing process. And now the eight people are cured and get back doing normal activities," said Chairman of Posdaya Mandiri, Holidin.

Present at the occasion were among others a researcher from Center for Human Resource Development (P2SDM) of the Institute for Research and Community Service (LPPM) IPB, Ir Yannefri Bachtar, M. Si, Ir Mintarti, M.Si., and the village chief of Sindang Barang. (Mtd)