

Musrenbang Less Accommodate to the Aspirations of Mother and Children

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The aspiration of mothers and children in the Development Planning Council (Musrenbang) both at City and Regional level are still less accommodated. This was stated by Dr. Titik Sumarti, from Center for Agriculture and Rural Development Studies (PSP3), Institute for Research and Community Service (LPPM) IPB, Bogor Agricultural University during a discussion with journalists on Campus IPB Baranang Siang, Monday, 7 March 2011.

With reference to her study Dr. Titik revealed that Musrenbang Bogor of the City and Regency level on the year 2010, only 10 percent the funded gender-sensitive programs were implemented. Furthermore, she reported that recommendations made by Musrenbang village level were not even passed on to the higher level, the District level. Subsequently, those aspirations from Musrenbang District level won't be passed on to the higher level, the City level. Participants attend the Musrenbang meetings do not have the capacity to present their gender sensitive opinions.

In addition, participants of Musrenbang do not express or voice the aspirations of the society they represent, because it is the hands of the village elite, including women's groups which are limited to the PKK cadres. According to Dr. Titik, the Organizing Committee and participants of Musrenbang should have the sensitivity to the different needs of men and women at all age levels.

It is required, that the Organizing Committee checked to ensure that all parties are included in the list to attend the Musrenbang, especially women or women's organizations. Not only those are registered structurally in the village Organization Structure.

In addition, Dr. Titik recommended that policy makers should circulate among the community a circular on the involvement of women and men fairly and equally as facilitators to ensure women's involvement in Musrenbang.

Meanwhile in the village level, Dr. Titik stated that the mindset and perspective view of the society should be changed to make their orientation for development will be based on specific needs of women and men. (Wied).