PKGA Workshop: Human Trafficking is Rampant in Cianjur and Bogor
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Centre for Gender and Children (PKGA) of the Institute for Research and Community Service (LPPM) Bogor Agricultural University held a workshop on "Pentingnya Pengintegrasian Gender dalam Program Pendidikan dan Pencegahan Tindak Pidana Perdagangan Orang (The Importance of Integrating Gender in Education and Prevention of Crime and Human Trafficking Program) ", on Wednesday, 16 November 2011, at the Hotel Amaris, Jln. Pajajaran, Bogor. This activity was the first activity organized by PKGA since its establishment on 4 October 2011.

This workshop was implemented in cooperation with the Organisasi Perangkat Daerah (OPD) of the three strategic areas, namely Cianjur, Bogor Regency, and the city of Bogor. As the number of human Trafficking (TPPO) is quite high in the these three regions of West Java Province.

"To overcome this crime, it is deemed necessary to integrate Gender in Education and Prevention of Crime and Human Trafficking Program. The cooperative works with various working units of the region will assist in solving problems on the right target of TPPO," said Chief of PKGA LPPM IPB, Dr. Sumarti Titik, MS. The workshop was opened by the Head of LPPM IPB, Prof. Bambang Pramudya. The focus on prevention of TPPO will be implemented through education. "Therefore, the prevention of TPPO through national education should be become the leading sector," added Dr Titik.

It was revealed, that TPPO is rampant due to various factors, one of which is the reality that TPPO actors are well-organized. These actors perform a variety of ways and different methods to enable them to trick its potential victims. Women and children are highly vulnerable group to be victims of TPPO.

In this workshop, representatives from Cianjur and Bogor regencies, and the city of Bogor shared their experiences in preventing and handling the TPPO. Chairman of Pusat Pelayanan Terpadu Pemberdayaan Perempuan dan Anak (P2TP2A) (the Integrated Service Center for Empowerment of Women and Children) Cianjur regency, Hj. Yana Rosdiana, SH, MH., expressed that the ignorance and poverty to be the main factors of trafficking. Therefore, the Cianjur Regent's wife said that education and generating of employment should be planned to be the target for the prevention. (Wied).