Family Empowerment Post (Posdaya) ‘Puspa Lestari’ of Pasir Kuda Village, West Bogor District, Bogor Town was selected to be the first winner in the Posdaya Competition at both the level of Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) and the level of the Regional Coordinator West Java I and Lampung, Thursday (25/9). Meanwhile, the second and third winners of competition at the Regional level were Posdaya Nurul Ilmi of Lampung and Posdaya Jaka Kencana of Indramayu, respectively. The award of these achieving Posdaya was given in the meeting of the Coordination and Consultation of Regional Coordinator of West Java 1 and Lampung in the Auditorium Toyib Hadiwijaya of the Faculty of Agriculture, Dramaga Campus of IPB, Bogor.

The coordination meeting, officially opened by the Vice Head of the Institute for Research and Community Service (LPPM-IPB), Dr. Hartoyo, was attended by hundreds of cadres from 200 Posdaya throughout West Java I and Lampung, 13 universities partners, and a number of companies supporting Posdaya. The 13 universities are IPB, University of Ibn Khaldun (UIKA) Bogor, Pakuan University (Unpak) of Bogor, Juanda University (Unida) of Bogor, College of Agricultural Extension (STPP) of Bogor, Muhammadiyah University of Sukabumi, Suryakancana University of Cianjur, Singaperbangsa University of Karawang, Subang University, Wiralodra University of Indramayu, Lampung University, Muhammadiyah University of Metro Lampung, and College of Fisheries, Bogor.

Present at this occasion were Vice Mayor of Bogor, Ir. Usmar Hariman; Chairman of Damandiri Foundation, Prof. Dr. Haryono Suyono; Head of the Human Resources Development Centre of LPPM-IPB, who is also Head of the Regional Coordinator of West Java I Dr. Pudji Muljono; Head of Executive Agency of Agriculture Extension, Livestock, Fisheries and Forestry (BP5K) of Bogor Regency, Ir. Farikah, MM; and Head of Community Empowerment and Family Planning (BPMKB) of Bogor, Dra. Fetty Kondarsyah, M.Sc.

The coordination meeting discussed the achievements of Posdaya in West Java and Lampung, and development concepts, and held an open discussion on community development and economic and social motivation training. During the open discussion, a number of questions were raised by Posdaya cadres, one of which was the variety of training that can be accessed by the cadres.

Head of Damandiri Foundation, Prof. Dr. Haryono Suyono, emphasizes that Posdaya embraces all people, poor and rich. According to him there are many rich people who lack of concerns. Therefore, through Posdaya it is expected that the rich care about and help those are less able. (Mtd)