
Paralegal PKM as A Legal Solution Building Legal Awareness of Village Leaders in Tenganan Dauh Tukad Karangasem

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Abstract. As academics, the Warmadewa University Community Service Team provided assistance in the socialization and basic training of paralegals in Tenganan Dauh Tukad Village, as mandated by Minister of Law and Human Rights Regulation Number 3 of 2021 concerning Paralegals in the Provision of Legal Aid. The KPIs achieved in this Community Service Program were KPI 1: Students Gain Experience Off-Campus. KPI 2 was the lecturer's off-campus activities. This indicator aims to ensure that lecturers are not only active on campus, but also off campus. Tenganan Dauh Tukad Village, located in Karangasem Regency, Bali, is a traditional village rich in tradition and culture. This village is known for its various traditional ceremonies, handicrafts, and sustainable agricultural systems that reflect the local wisdom of the Balinese people. In every corner of the village, visitors can witness the beauty of traditional architecture and the implementation of rituals that are an integral part of the daily lives of its residents. However, despite their strong love for tradition, the people of Tenganan Dauh Tukad often lack an understanding of the importance of legal aspects. This impacts their ability to protect their rights and resolve conflicts legally. This lack of understanding has the potential to cause problems in various aspects, including land, marriage, and inheritance. For example, without adequate legal knowledge, land disputes can escalate into more serious conflicts, which in turn can damage social relations among villagers. Tenganan Dauh Tukad Village has a unique culture and rich traditions. However, in practice, village officials often face challenges in managing legal issues related to land ownership, permits, and social conflicts within the community. Without an adequate understanding of the legal aspects, they struggle to resolve existing issues, which can lead to conflict within the community. Basic paralegal training is designed to provide village officials with basic legal knowledge so they can become effective mediators in resolving disputes and educating the community about their legal rights and obligations. The outputs of the community service team include: an international journal entitled "Community Journal Service of Law," a 40-second video, print media and online YouTube videos, and a final report on the 2026 Community Service Program.

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1. Introduction

Tenganan Dauh Tukad Village, located in Karangasem Regency, Bali, is a traditional village rich in tradition and culture. It is known for its various traditional ceremonies, handicrafts, and sustainable agricultural systems, reflecting the local wisdom of the Balinese people. In every corner of the village, visitors can witness the beauty of traditional architecture and the observance of rituals that are an integral part of the daily lives of its residents. However, despite their strong devotion to tradition, the people of Tenganan Dauh Tukad often lack an understanding of the importance of legal aspects. This impacts their ability to protect their rights and resolve conflicts legally. This lack of understanding has the potential to cause problems in various aspects, including land, marriage, and inheritance.

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A study by the National Legal Development Agency (BPHN) shows that legal awareness among villagers is often low, which can result in injustice and rights violations. Therefore, it is crucial to build legal awareness among village communities, especially village officials, so they understand their rights and obligations and can carry out their roles effectively. Through paralegal programs and legal awareness-raising activities, it is hoped that the people of Tenganan Dauh Tukad Village can transition from traditional understanding to a legally based understanding, so that they not only preserve their culture but also legally protect their rights.

There is an urgent need to increase legal awareness among village officials so that they can carry out their duties effectively. Village officials, as customary village administrators, play a crucial role in addressing customary issues and enforcing village regulations.

A lack of legal understanding among village officials can lead to injustice and potential conflict. Village officials need to understand their rights and obligations to carry out their roles effectively. Increasing legal awareness among village officials will contribute to the creation of a more just and empowered society.

Paralegal programs and legal awareness-raising activities can help village officials understand the law. The National Legal Development Agency (BPHN) plays a role in increasing public legal awareness through the establishment of Legally Aware Villages/Sub-districts. The "Guard the Village" program, initiated by the Attorney General's Office, also aims to build legal awareness in villages. With increased legal awareness, village officials can carry out their functions and responsibilities effectively. Strong legal awareness among village officials will contribute to the creation of a more just and empowered society. Legal cases, including criminal, civil, and state administrative cases, are rife in the community, and the public is unsure how to resolve their cases. Ultimately, many people end up dealing with brokers, spending significant money without resolving their problems. This has led to a high level of public distrust in the law, a situation that is deeply concerning.

The numerous legal issues that arise in villages make the presence of paralegals crucial. Paralegals serve as partners within village communities and village officials in finding legal solutions and disseminating legal information. Paralegals are expected to revitalize the values of resolving problems through family-based, deliberative, and consensus-based approaches, while adhering to applicable laws and regulations. The government is striving to make it easier for the public to obtain legal assistance. One way to improve access to justice is through optimizing the role of paralegals at the village level. Village paralegals are expected to assist villagers experiencing legal issues. The presence of paralegals is expected to have a greater impact on the community, especially at the village level. Village paralegals are expected to act as peacemakers in the village. Resolving conflict in villages requires not only a social and cultural approach but also a legal approach. Therefore, paralegals are expected to play a role in prevention, mitigation, and post-conflict recovery.

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2. Method

The implementation methods used in the community service program are:

Criminal Law Program

1. Socialization of paralegal legal assistance.
2. Analyzing draft legal provisions on paralegal legality.

Procedural Law Program

1. Analyzing paralegal legality.

Faculty of Law Program in Procedural Law:

1. Dispute resolution in paralegal assistance.

Partner Program:

1. Preparing a socialization venue
2. Preparing catering
3. Analyzing a draft of paralegal assistance.

Student Program:

1. Providing legal assistance in field data collection
2. Assisting in document collection
3. Assisting in filming a 4-minute video

3. Discussion

As academics, the Warmadewa University Community Service Team will provide socialization assistance and basic paralegal training in Tenganan Dauh Tukad Village, as mandated by Minister of Law and Human Rights Regulation Number 3 of 2021 concerning Paralegals in the Provision of Legal Aid. The KPIs achieved in this Community Service Program are KPI 1: Students Gain Experience Off-Campus. KPI 2 is lecturer activities off-campus. This indicator aims to ensure lecturers are not only active on campus, but also off-campus.

To improve village officials' understanding of how to handle conflicts within their villages, community service activities will seek solutions that enable village officials to receive basic paralegal training, enabling them to provide services, legal education, and guidance to communities involved in disputes or conflicts. The training of village officials is expected to foster a legally aware community, ultimately leading to the establishment of a legally aware village, as stipulated in the Head of the National Land Agency (BPHN) Regulation Number: PHN.HN.03.05-73 of 2008 concerning the Establishment and Development of Legally Aware Families and Legally Aware Villages/Sub-districts.

The basic training and outreach activities will be held at the Tenganan Dauh Tukad Village Hall.

The outputs of the community service team are as follows:

1. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Legally Aware Community;
2. Articles in accredited community service journals;
3. Videos on the YouTube channel;
4. Activity Reports;
5. Publications in print and online media, including Fajar Bali.

The solutions implemented by the community service team include the following:

Training village officials in resolving disputes and conflicts. Tenganan Dauh Tukad Village boasts a unique culture and rich traditions. However, in practice, village officials often face challenges in managing legal issues related to land ownership, permits, and social conflicts within the community. Without an adequate understanding of the legal aspects, they struggle to resolve existing issues, which can lead to conflict within the community.

Basic paralegal training is designed to provide village officials with basic legal knowledge so they can become effective mediators in resolving disputes and educate the community about their legal rights and obligations.

The basic understanding required is the Introduction to Basic Law, which discusses the legal system in Indonesia, including customary law and positive law. This material provides an overview of how the two systems operate simultaneously. Understanding Community Rights and Obligations, by educating village officials about the basic rights of the community and their obligations within the legal context, is crucial for creating legal awareness among the wider community. Dispute Management should then be explained to understand the techniques and strategies for resolving conflicts among villagers peacefully. This includes mediation and negotiation, which prioritize the principle of deliberation, which is the root and soul of the Indonesian nation. Next, village officials should be introduced to legislation relevant to the village context, such as land laws, marriage laws, and regional regulations.

4. Conclusion

It is important to increase understanding of the importance of legal assistance for the Tenganan Village community and maximize the capacity of Tenganan village officials to address community conflicts. This should be maximized so that the community can better understand and comprehend the dispute resolution mechanisms within the community. To address these issues, mentoring, outreach, and specialized training are needed to improve understanding and skills in the paralegal field.

To Government Officials, Particularly Village Governments in General. Government officials are expected to continue to collaborate with the community and educational institutions to develop local potential. This collaboration can take the form of mentoring, training, technical assistance, or policy support. Government officials are expected to conduct regular monitoring and evaluation of the community service program and provide input for future improvements.

To the Tenganan Village Head. The Tenganan Village Head is expected to continue to support and monitor the continuation of the community service program. Support in the form of supervision and facilitation is crucial for the program's success. Consider allocating village funds to strengthen programs deemed important, such as health, education, or community economic empowerment. The Tenganan Village Head is expected to facilitate collaboration between the community and external parties, such as NGOs or government agencies, to support the sustainability and expansion of programs.

To the Tenganan Village Community, The community is expected to remain active in continuing the programs implemented during community service. Utilize the knowledge gained during service, especially in the areas of law, education, arts and culture, and economics, and encourage family members or neighbors to get involved and learn together. Maintaining a spirit of mutual cooperation and solidarity is crucial, as it will help strengthen social bonds and facilitate the implementation of collective activities in the future.

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