ABSTRACT

KHOLIS ROMLI. Improvement Mindset and Livelihood of Community Farmers Through Community Empowerment Program (Case of CECOM Foundation’s Program in Three Villages in East Kampar Subdistrict, Kampar Regency. Supervised by DJUARA P. LUBIS and NURAINI W. PRASODJO.

Number of community empowerment program that was launched tend to not give clear results, both qualitatively and quantitatively. Measuring the impact is usually only around on measuring changes in income, while changes in real living standards are not only influenced by changes in revenue, since many other factors related and direct impact on living standards.

There is a tendency of a program to change the standard of living of beneficiaries who are very fast. This changing on standard of living usually will not have a high sustainability, so that when the program ends, the beneficiary will again become poor. This happens because there is at least an evaluation method to measure the success of the program. It is necessary to study how the description improvement mindset assisted farmer group members after involved to a community empowerment program by CECOM Foundation, How did the description of livelihood improvement of farmer group’s member after joining CECOM Community Empowerment Program as well as how to formulate participatory community development programs by CECOM Foundation.

VPA analysis conducted during the three years shows that there has been a significant change in all indicators of VPA in group CECOM Foundation assisted in Kampar regency, both in the variable level indicators. However, still there are two variables that remained below a virtual line five, namely the sub-indicator of food consumption (indicator of living standard) and sub-indicator of gender mainstreaming (indicator of mindset).

Based on the finding above, the design created by emphasizing the variable with the lowest value to the variable with the highest value with the expected outcome of this study is the increase in welfare and self reliance of the community.

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