

## COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH THE KPM PROGRAM OF GUNUNG LEUSER UNIVERSITY IN DARUL AMIN VILLAGE, SOUTHEAST ACEH REGENCY

Zaini Hasan<sup>1\*</sup>, Anton Purnama<sup>2</sup>, Ladipin<sup>3</sup>, Orbit Irwansyah<sup>4</sup>, Habibul Akram<sup>5</sup>, Liza Reviza<sup>6</sup>,  
Harun Harasid<sup>7</sup>, Gundahara<sup>8</sup>, Sudarma JA<sup>9</sup>, Muridha Hasan<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10</sup> Universitas Gunung Leuser

\*e-mail koresponding: [zainihasan3@gmail.com](mailto:zainihasan3@gmail.com)

### Abstrak

Pengabdian kepada masyarakat merupakan upaya penting dalam mempererat hubungan antara perguruan tinggi dan masyarakat. Artikel ini membahas Program Pengabdian kepada Masyarakat melalui Program Kuliah Kerja Nyata (KPM) Universitas Gunung Leuser di Desa Darul Amin, Kabupaten Aceh Tenggara. Pendahuluan artikel ini menyoroti pentingnya pengabdian kepada masyarakat dalam konteks pendidikan tinggi dan masyarakat. Tujuan program ini adalah untuk meningkatkan kualitas hidup masyarakat melalui berbagai kegiatan yang melibatkan partisipasi aktif dari masyarakat itu sendiri. Metode pengabdian kepada masyarakat yang digunakan adalah Penelitian Aksi Partisipasi (PAR), yang melibatkan partisipasi aktif masyarakat dalam proses penelitian dan implementasi solusi. Melalui langkah-langkah PAR seperti identifikasi masalah bersama, perencanaan, tindakan, dan refleksi bersama, masyarakat dan mahasiswa berkolaborasi untuk mengidentifikasi isu-isu utama di Desa Darul Amin dan merancang solusi yang selaras dengan kebutuhan dan aspirasi masyarakat. Hasil program ini menunjukkan peningkatan yang signifikan dalam partisipasi masyarakat, penguatan kapasitas lokal, dan pemecahan masalah yang berkelanjutan. Kesimpulan artikel ini menekankan pentingnya kolaborasi antara perguruan tinggi dan masyarakat dalam meningkatkan kesejahteraan kolektif dan menyoroti keberhasilan pendekatan PAR dalam mencapai tujuan pengabdian kepada masyarakat.

**Kata kunci:** PkM, Universitas Gunung Leuser, Program KPM

### Abstract

*Community service is an important effort in strengthening the relationship between universities and the community. This article discusses the Community Service Program through the Community Service Lecture Program (KPM) of Gunung Leuser University in Darul Amin Village, Southeast Aceh Regency. The introduction of this article highlights the importance of community service in the context of higher education and society. The objective of this program is to improve the quality of life for the community through various activities that involve active participation from the community itself. The community service method employed is Participation Action Research (PAR), which involves active community participation in the research process and implementation of solutions. Through PAR steps such as joint problem identification, planning, action, and joint reflection, the community and students collaborate to identify the main issues in Darul Amin Village and design solutions that align with the community's needs and aspirations. The results of this program demonstrate significant improvements in community participation, strengthened local capacity, and sustainable problem-solving. The conclusion of this article emphasizes the importance of collaboration between universities and communities in enhancing collective well-being and highlights the success of the PAR approach in achieving community service objectives.*

**Keywords:** Community Service, Gunung Leuser University, KPM Program

## 1. PENDAHULUAN

Community service is a concept that emphasizes the importance of active participation from various parties in improving welfare and development in society (Saputra et al., 2023). Community service programs are a tangible manifestation of higher education institutions' efforts to contribute to social, economic, educational, and cultural development within the

community (Sukri et al., 2023). In the Indonesian context, higher education is one of the main pillars driving development through community service programs

## **2. METODE PENELITIAN/PELAKSANAAN**

The Community Service Method through the KPM Program at Gunung Leuser University in Darul Amin Village, Southeast Aceh Regency, aims to make a real contribution to the development of the local community. Using the Participation Action Research (PAR) approach, this program aims to explore the problems faced by the community in a participatory manner and identify joint solutions through an integrated research and action process.

### **a. Method Steps**

1. **Joint Problem Identification:** The first step in the PAR method is to jointly identify the problems faced by the community (Rimadias et al., 2024). The community service team from Gunung Leuser University in Southeast Aceh Regency will collaborate with the local community in Darul Amin Village to identify the main problems that need to be solved.

2. **Joint Planning:** After the problems have been identified, the next step is to plan joint actions to address these problems (Mawardi et al., 2024). The community service team will work with the community to formulate an action plan that can be implemented collaboratively.

3. **Program Implementation:** The community service program will be implemented according to the agreed plan. Activities

may include training and outreach, or other activities designed to improve the capacity and welfare of the community.

4. **Data Collection and Evaluation:** During the implementation of the program, data will be continuously collected to monitor the progress and impact of the activities carried out. Evaluations will be conducted periodically to assess the effectiveness of the program and make changes if necessary (Zulhendra et al., 2024).

5. **Reflection and Follow-up Actions:** The community service team will conduct a joint reflection with the community to evaluate the results of the program and plan the follow-up actions that need to be taken (Erick et al., 2024). This process is iterative and continuous, with the aim of creating sustainable change in the community.

### **b. Advantages of the Participation Action Research Method**

The PAR method has several advantages that make it suitable for community service programs such as those carried out by KPM Universitas Gunung Leuser in Darul Amin Village, Southeast Aceh Regency. Some of these advantages include:

1. **Participatory:** The PAR method involves the active participation of all parties involved, including the local community, in all stages of research and action. This ensures that the solutions produced truly reflect the needs and aspirations of the community.

2. Empowerment: Through a participatory process, the PAR method encourages community empowerment to identify and overcome their own problems. This helps build community capacity and independence in the long term.

3. Integrative: The PAR method integrates research and action processes into a holistic framework. This enables contextual data collection and evidence-based action.

These actions can take the form of training and outreach, or other activities designed to improve community capacity and well-being.

4. Data Collection and Evaluation: During program implementation, data will be continuously collected to monitor the progress and impact of the activities carried out. Evaluations will be conducted periodically to assess the effectiveness of the program and make changes if necessary (Zulhendra et al., 2024).

5. Reflection and Follow-up Actions: The community service team will reflect together with the community to evaluate the results of the program and plan the follow-up actions that need to be taken (Erick et al., 2024). This process is iterative and continuous, with the aim of creating sustainable change in the community.

### **c. Advantages of the Participation Action Research Method**

The PAR method has several advantages that make it suitable for community service programs such as those carried out by KPM Gunung Leuser University in Darul Amin Village, Southeast Aceh Regency. Some of these advantages include:

1. Participatory: The PAR method involves the active participation of all parties involved, including the local community, in all stages of research and action. This ensures that the solutions produced truly reflect the needs and aspirations of the community.

2. Empowerment: Through the participatory process, the PAR method encourages community empowerment to identify and address their own problems. This helps build the capacity and independence of the community in the long term.

3. Integrative: The PAR method integrates the research and action processes into a holistic framework. This allows for contextual data collection and evidence-based action.

## **3. HASIL KEGIATAN/PENEMUAN/DISKUSI**

### **A. Achievement Strategies**

The Community Service Program implemented by KPM Gunung Leuser University in Darul Amin Village, Southeast Aceh Regency, has several achievement strategies designed to achieve program objectives effectively and sustainably. The following are the proposed strategies:

1. Active Community Participation: Enhancing active community participation in all stages of the program, from problem identification, planning, implementation, to evaluation. By directly involving the community, the program can be more relevant and have a positive impact on them.

2. Collaboration and Partnership: Strengthening collaboration and partnerships between Gunung Leuser University in Southeast Aceh Regency, local government, community-based organizations, and the private sector. Solid cooperation between various parties will expand resources, knowledge, and networks that can support the program's success.
3. Community Empowerment: Promoting community empowerment through training, mentoring, and skills development. Providing opportunities for communities to take an active role in development and increase their capacity to address local issues.
4. Adoption of a Needs-Based Approach: Adopting a needs-based approach in program planning and implementation, prioritizing the most urgent and relevant issues for the community. This will ensure that the program provides solutions that are in line with the real needs of the community.
5. Utilization of Local Resources: Optimizing the utilization of local resources, including natural, cultural, and human resources. Strengthening the local economy and building sustainability by wisely utilizing available resources.
6. Development of Pilot Models: Developing pilot models that can serve as examples for community service programs in other areas. Through documentation, evaluation, and dissemination of results, this program can provide inspiration and guidance for similar efforts elsewhere.

By implementing these strategies in an integrated and sustainable manner, it is hoped that the Community Service Program of Gunung Leuser University, Southeast Aceh Regency, in Darul Amin Village can achieve its objectives more effectively and have a significant impact on the welfare and development of the local community.

## **B. Implementation**

The community service program implemented by the Community Service Program (KPM) of Gunung Leuser University in East Aceh Regency at Darul Amin Village includes various activities aimed at making a positive contribution to the development and well-being of the local community. The following are the details of the program implementation:

1. Educating PAUD and TPA Children in the Village: The community service team organizes educational activities for early childhood education (PAUD) and Al-Qur'an Education Park (TPA) children in Darul Amin Village. These activities include interactive and creative learning in accordance with the curriculum that has been developed.
2. Guiding Children in the Sholeh Children's Festival Competition: The community service team provides guidance and training to children who will participate in the Sholeh Children's Festival Competition. The training covers religious material, skills, and positive attitudes needed in the competition.
3. Assisting with Village Office Administration: Members of the community service team assist with village office administration, including data archiving, document processing, and community services. This aims to help improve efficiency and service at the local level (Efendi & Pally Taran, 2022).
4. Creating Village Alley Name Pamphlets: The community service team creates pamphlets containing the names of alleys in Darul Amin Village. These pamphlets aim to facilitate navigation and location identification for residents and visitors.
5. Plantation Land Cultivation: The community service team provided training and guidance to local farmers in plantation land cultivation. These activities included fertilization, planting, and plant maintenance techniques to increase productivity and farmer welfare.

6. Participating in Seeking Donations for Humanitarian Disaster Relief: The community service team participated in efforts to seek donations for victims of local humanitarian disasters. They conducted outreach, fundraising, and distribution of aid to those in need.

7. Joint Religious Study Session for Village Women: The community service team organizes a joint religious study session for women in Darul Amin Village. This session aims to enhance faith and piety and strengthen Islamic brotherhood among the community (Efendi, Fauza, et al., 2023).

8. Community Service at the Village Office: Members of the community service team participated in community service activities with the community at the village office. They helped clean up the environment, repair infrastructure, and carry out other activities necessary to beautify and maintain the environment of Darul Amin Village.

Through these various activities, the Community Service Program of Gunung Leuser University in Southeast Aceh Regency in Darul Amin Village strives to make a meaningful contribution to improving the welfare and development of the local community. It is hoped that through close cooperation and collaboration between the service team and the community, this program can create positive and sustainable change in the long term.

### **C. Evaluation**

The evaluation of the Community Service Program implemented by Gunung Leuser University in Darul Amin Village, Southeast Aceh Regency, is a crucial step in assessing the impact, success, and future expansion of the program. First, the evaluation was conducted through surveys and interviews with the local community to measure their perceptions and satisfaction with the various activities that had been carried out. The results of these surveys and interviews provide valuable insights into the extent to which the program has met the needs and expectations of the community and provide input for future improvements. Second, evaluation is also carried out through the measurement of program performance indicators, such as the number of participants involved, the achievement of targets in each activity, and the short-term and long-term impacts that have been achieved. By analyzing this data, the community service team can evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation strategies adopted, identify successes and challenges faced, and formulate recommendations for improvements and program development in the future. Through comprehensive and continuous evaluation, the Community Service Program of Gunung Leuser University in East Aceh Regency at Darul Amin Village can continue to improve its quality and impact in supporting local community development and well-being.

## **4. KESIMPULAN**

The Community Service Program of Gunung Leuser University in Southeast Aceh Regency in Darul Amin Village has embraced a variety of activities aimed at improving the welfare and development of the local community. From educating preschool and kindergarten children with a structured curriculum to participating in fundraising for disaster victims, this program has touched various aspects of community life holistically. Through close collaboration between the community service team and the community, the program provides opportunities for the community to actively participate in the development process while strengthening social bonds and values of togetherness. It is hoped that through continuous efforts and sustained support, this program will continue to have a significant positive impact in the long term. Concrete steps such as agricultural training, religious guidance, and participation in village administration

management form a strong foundation for building a more resilient and empowered community. The spirit of mutual cooperation reflected in these various activities serves as a valuable asset in creating sustainable change for the common good.

## UCAPAN TERIMAKASIH

To All Village Officials, Community Members, and Community Service Partners, We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all village officials, community members, and partners who have participated in supporting and realizing the Community Service Program through the Community Service Lecture Program of Gunung Leuser University in Darul Amin Village, Southeast Aceh Regency. Without the contributions, support, and active participation of all parties, the positive achievements in advancing the welfare and development of the local community would not have been possible. Through close collaboration and an extraordinary spirit of cooperation, we have successfully carried out various diverse and beneficial activities for the progress of this village.

## DAFTAR PUSTAKA

- Yassir, M., Irwansyah, O., Tahir, M., & Hasan, M. (2024). Socialization of clean water facilities in the native Kutagaluh village, Lawe Bulan district, Aceh Tenggara district. *Journal of National Service*, 3(1), 21-25.
- Irwansyah, Orbit, et al. "Socialization of Petanque Sports to Adolescents in Pasir Gala Gabungan Village, Lawe Bulan District, Southeast Aceh Regency." *Journal of Community Empowerment* 2.1 (2024): 36-40.
- Afrizal, A., Tahir, M., Hasrul, S., Ladipin, L., Akram, H., & Irwansyah, O. (2023). Socialization of the Dangers of Smoking at Lawe Sumur State High School, Southeast Aceh Regency. *COVIT (Community Service of Tambusai)*, 3(1), 200-208.
- Suriani, H., Yassir, M., Irwansyah, O., Afrizal, A., & Isnaini, I. (2020). Socialization and Distribution of Free Masks During the Pandemic as a Preventive Measure Against COVID-19. *JURNAL PRODIKMAS Hasil Pengabdian Kepada Masyarakat*, 5(2), 130-134.
- ECDC. 2020. Using Fae masks in the community. *European Centre for disease Prevention and Control*, (April) : 1-6.