

SUSVILL FH 2024 X CAMY.ID: Community Advocacy Through FGD and Submission of Problem Inventory for Village Hopes

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Saturday, November 9, 2024 – Cijantur Village, Bogor Regency, witnessed a monumental step in the *Sustainable Village 2024* program. By collaborating with the Faculty of Law of UPN Veteran Jakarta (FH UPNVJ), the Legal Consultation and Aid Institute of the Faculty of Law of UPN Veteran Jakarta (LKBH FH UPNVJ), and full support from **Camy.Id**, this program brings a breath of fresh air through a data-based advocacy approach.

The focus of the activity is to understand and resolve real problems faced by the community through *Focus Group Discussions* (FGD) and the preparation of *a Problem Inventory List* (DIM).

This FGD explores two crucial issues that have been a thorn in the wheel of life in Cijantur Village: land legality and early marriage. These two topics are not only local challenges, but also issues that describe the social dynamics in Indonesia more broadly.

"With DIM based on data and public voice, we hope that the policies taken can be more responsive to real conditions in the field," said one of the representatives of FH UPNVJ, emphasizing the commitment of academics to bridge the voice of the people and government policies.

The issue of land legality has become one of the hot topics in the discussion. Many Cijantur residents still do not have official land certificates for various reasons, ranging from complicated administrative processes to financial constraints. The Complete Systematic Land Registration Program (PTSL), which was expected to be a solution, has not been able to fully reach all communities.

"The process of issuing certificates alone can take at least six months. Not to mention if the community does not fully understand the importance of having a certificate," said a representative of the RT Kampung Cijantur. This situation is further exacerbated by the lack of agreement in RT-level deliberations, which are often hampered by low community participation.

Early marriage is another equally serious problem. Cijantur Village recorded an alarming number of early marriages, with the youngest age reaching 13 years. This practice not only threatens reproductive health but also creates chaos in population administration.

"Young marriages are often carried out without involving the KUA, only through religious figures. As a result, population data is not well organized," said Mr. Amodra, a resource person from LKBH FH UPNVJ. He also highlighted the importance of the role of parents in preventing early marriage and providing education about the dangers of this practice.

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