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Linda (**Nda**) / Yetti (**Jtt**)

Nda: Good afternoon all...how are you?

Res: We are fine thank you and you?

Nda: I am good thanks...let me introduce ourselves, so this is a joint research between STIE and Arizona University in America. They want to know how women make decision regarding health concerns including malaria. So we are doing this discussion now in Kanatang and some other places..ok...before i continue I would like to read a verbal consent..

**VERBAL CONSENT – PASSED**

Nda: Ok...first question, do you participate in any community level activities? Whether it is a agricultural production groups or women’s groups or informal gatherings?

R: No, never

Nda: The first respondent, what groups do you participate?

R1: I participate in many groups

Nda: Many groups...can you describe?

R1: (*Not clear voice*)

Nda: Can you speak louder?

R1: Wise women camp, informal gatherings, agricultural production group, women’s group. Also group in church, i also a deacon and some organizations, one of them is LPM and I am the head of LPM.

Nda: What is LPM?

R1: *Lembaga Pemberdayaan Masyarakat* (community development agency)

Nda: So ...community development agency

R1: Yes..yes, like that...so that..

Nda: Ok..the second respondent?

R2: I participate in women’s group, in informal gatherings, as a posyandu kader (*kader* : community health worker) an also in KPMD err..KPM from YASALTI (*Yayasan Wali Ati*; NGO, Empowering Women Weaver Group) . That’s all

Res: KPM from YASALTI

Nda: KPM

R2: KPM from YASALTI

Nda: KPM, what is KPM?

R2: *Kelompok Pemberdayaan Masyarakat* (Community Development Group)

Nda: Community Development Group from YASALTI

Res: NGO

Nda: Anything else?

R2: No...no

Nda: Ok...then how about third respondent?

R3: Yeah...informal gatherings, agricultural production group, a kader

Nda: Posyandu kader

R3: Yes, tha’s all

R2: Yeah, a posyandu kader

Nda: Ok then...posyandu kader

R1: She is also member of LPM

Nda: LPM

R3: Yes LPM

Nda: How about you?

R4: It is the same...i participate in informal gatherings, and i also the head of kaders. And i also part of agricultural group called Kawara Hammu in Kuta village and work as secretary. I participate in any communitity level activities

Nda: And you?

R5: As for me, i am the head of kaders too. And....also participate in informal gatherings. And also as deacon in church....i also participate in women’s group, as she told you before , i join the wise women camp as well and that’s all

Nda: What are the benefits to participate in activities in the community?

R5: As for me, i join the wise women camp. There are so many things i learn from it and somehow it changes my character. And i learn about my lifestyle, what it should be as a wise woman. In the community, we should have role as an instrument, so what the head of village asks us to do, then we will follow as long as it brings any good in life. In church, we serve as God’s instrument to deliver the words of God, to be an example for our community. Although it is not 100 percent perfect but at least we can serve others. We know we are not perfect, we serve God, in our church, service ceremony..just like that

Nda: Please do not hesitate to share the benefits to participate in those activities...how about you?

R: Yes i am a posyandu kader in RT 9, every month our target is to reach for the children in RT 9. Each month we weigh the babies to know the progress of their weight each month. The second one is i participate in a BKB group which working together with early childhood education program and it is called Metanoia Kanatang, in Bethel church. So every month we also have a parenting meeting

Nda: Ok...sorry I interrupt you Ma’am...what are the benefits that you feel, maybe the benefits for yourself, or for the family, sort of, when you become a posyandu kader

R: Well..by being a posyandu kader, there are some benefits i get. We learn how to serve, serve the community which do not get ...err..being a volunteer but we serve the community with heart because the babies, childre even the pregnant women around us is a part of family

Nda: Other than that..you mentioned before there are other activities you participate

R: yes

Nda: So any other benefits you get from those other activities you join in?

R: Like in BKB Group (Bina Keluarga Balita; Program for Family with Young Children), it works together with PAUD (ECCE ; early childhood care and education) called Matanoia. There are some benefits there. So the BKB divides into child age groups and i particularly handle the 0-1 or 2 years old. So the target is not the babies but the mother. So every month we do the parenting education, combined with child development activities during meeting

Nda: So it is about health service. Anything else?

R: Also informal gatherings. We do the informal gatherings in posyandu. When we have the service in posyandu every month, sometimes there are parents that do not come. So we do a home visit. We visit the pregnant women who does not show up in posyandu, and also we check on the babies and we come up with an idea to have an informal gathering so that can motivate the parents to come to posyandu. Right now we have one...err..three social gathering groups in posyandu

Nda: How about the other respondent? Anyone want to share an opinion?

R: Ok as for me..the benefits when we...well..not we but i particapate in such activities is because i got appointed by the head of the village and also the RW head. So he decides that i should join as a leader in posyandu, or as kader. Sometimes we feel hesitate about it and so do I but then i feel like maybe there are some benefits by doing so. They trust in me so i have to work with heart. I want that in the future, the posyandu can reach out more targets. And for me, that is the benefit when i can do more for the community. Maybe i can think a solution for some problems. I just be a kader for 3 months now, and this is my first time as a kader. So when i finally realize the benefits, i feel so grateful. It really open someone’s mind because we can get many knowledge by being a kader. In this room, a close room, what you ask me move my heart. I realize i am not perfect but i know that we are not alone. When i join the wise women camp, my heart is moved by it and i really thankful for those experiences. When i feel down, in a meeting like this, it really helpful to motivate me more

Nda: So you join the wise women camp first then being a kader

R: No, not yet..i really want to join the camp

Nda: Oh i see...so at first you are a posyandu kader

R: In posyandu and i just started as a kader a couple months ago

Nda: So that is one of benefits you feel, you can socialize with others. Yes, ok...any other comments? Please do not be shy

R: As for me i join the social gatherings in my neighborhood. You collect money from the members in a certain amount and it is a monthly activity. So when you get lucky and get the money then the next meeting will be held at the winner’s house and it usually in a form of family worship so some people from church will come. And i get the benefits from it..like example for the social gatherings of 15 people, when the gatherings is not collecting money but sack of cements to build house then in one social gatherings we can have 15 sack of cements

Nda: So you get the direct benefit of having the materials for home

R: Yeah...and that’s all from me

R: As for me as a kader of KPM from YASALTI, i know the benefits because i experience myself. I learn about the importance of having a legal identity so i spread the information to the community..for example the importance of having legal identity card (KTP; *Kartu Tanda Penduduk*), the birth certificate, the household card (*Kartu Keluarga*) and i get the all the benefits from YASALTI

Jtt: You said before the social gathering is for buying materials for building a house?

R: yes

Jtt: So sack of cements to be used to build a house, what does it actually mean?

R: You build a house, for you to live in

Jtt: So house of the member of social gatherings then

R: Yes

Nda: So how did you decide to participate in these activities? How the process to be a kader, or join the wise women camp, or join the social gatherings? How do you involve in those activities?

R: As for me, i get an invitation from one of the committee member in wise women camp. In the beginning i am not the committee member nor the facilitator. I have to be trained first, that is why i should join the camp. By time i then become the facilitator and become the committee member. When i get the invitation, i ask my family first, i ask my husband whether to join it or not. To join any activities, i should ask my husband first. If there is an approval from my family and my husband then i will join the activity. So far is fine, my husband always let me join any activities.

Nda: But how come you get involve in wise women camp? You have so many activities, then how come you join in? Someone invite you in or you just get appointed?

R: Usually, i get appointed by the head of subdistrict, or from the head of village. I usually get a phonecall or an invitation to participate in those activities

Nda: How about the other respondents?

R: Err...i just get trained in wise women camp recently, at the beginning before i decide to participate, i do not understand how to motivate my husband to be a better person. I also myself do not have any difference compare to him. When i join the camp, i start to change the way me and my husband think of something, so when we have a problem, we figure it out together

Jtt: In this case for example..when your husband says...(*cough*) you do not have to join the camp, how you respond to it?

R: When he says i should not join the camp, i do not argue directly with him. I wait until he calms down. Then i talk the solutions, i explain the benefits to participate in that activitiy

Jtt: Ok...so basically you try to explain first

R: Yes, i do. Usually he will understand and let me join it

Jtt: So he eventually agree with it

R: yes

Jtt: So he never insist you to follow what he said

R: No,no...we do communicate about it. If we are stuck with everything then we wait until both of us calm down then we talk

Nda: So please the other respondents, share with us. And my question is how come you participate in those activities?

R: As for me, i got appointed as a kader. I am ready with that even my husband disagrees. He doubt the benefits of doing so. But i do not say a word, i just leave. And everytime i come home, we always have a fight. I explain to him that i have a right to join those activities, i do not want to just stay at home and it is not only for me, this is also for the community so i insist to keep going with my activities. I have the confidence to participate and by time, he is probably bored to keep arguing with me so here I come now

Nda: So you keep participating although your husband is mad about it but in the end, he is tired too and just let you do your activities... (*laughing*)...anything else ladies?

Jtt: What make you still join even when your husband does not agree with it? What make you insist to join?

R: Because i’d love to. He seems so stress out if i have activities outside. He just want me to stay at home.i say to him i have to participate, other women can do it so why can’t I?

Nda: How about you?

R: I get appointed

Nda: So you get appointed

R: I got apointed as an RT secretary so i tell my husband about it and wait for his reaction. Even if he says no, it’s ok..what can I say..but why the other women can do things, why can’t I...i sometimes get called, or sms or invitation..how come i do not appreciate it...and then my husband say well ok..it is a government thing...that is why when last night i got message to have a meeting now with STIE, i told him and he said just attend the meeting so here i am

Nda: So in general you all get appointed. Is anyone have different story? Other than get appointed

R: Self conciousness

R: appointed

Nda: Ok so in general you get appointed...and you are here as the representative of your village

R: Yes, you can say so

Nda: So in every village you have posyandu kader...so as for you Ma’am,do you have posyandu kader in your village?

R: yes

Nda: How about you?

R: Yes we have kader

Nda: Why you want to be a kader? How are you selected to be one? What are the criterias to be a kader?

R: As for me they select me to me a kader because i have time to do it and it’s a voluntary job

Nda: How about you? How are you selected?

R: They ask me if i want to work as a volunteer and have time to do it, at least 1 working day per month. I do not mind with the voluntary job so i need to arrange my time for family and for work and because i do not have a problem with time, so i want to be a kader and also a housewife

R: As for me, i also get appointed but maybe they think i am capable

Nda: Capable of?

R: Being a kader. Maybe they test us for 1 day then they ask us to talk a bit and then choose someone

Nda: What do you mean by talk a bit?

R: You know, it is about communication with the community. How you say something..you communicate with the society. At the time i was so afraid, i am ashamed because i did not get used to it. Gradually i became more confident but in the beginning i was so ashamed even when i talked with the midwife...and she asked me not to shy because i am a kader and i should talk with heart. She gave me motivation to believe in me and that was the start...even though i start from nothing, especially for the “five tables” rule in posyandu that i still learn until now but i become more confident now

Nda: For these two ladies who aren’t kader, do you how they are selected?

R: Just like what i have heard from them, they have the potensial to take care babies and children, that is why they get selected to be a kader

Nda: Ok...so what are the benefits to be a kader

R: I think a kader can answer it

Nda: You can share your opinion even you are not a kader

R: From what i see, the benefit to be a kader is she can help the babies, toddlers, a pregnant woman and simply help everyone in the village. It is a extraordinary job. They even pick up the pregnant mom..amazing..pick up the pregnant mom and brings her to posyandu meanwhile they do not get paid from the local government. She really works with heart. I see that a kader has a great soul to help others, that is the benefit to be a kader

Nda: Anyone else? What are the benefits to be a kader?

R: As for me, in the beginning i really do not understand what kader is and what she does if she becomes a a kader. And then i got appointed to be one. Actually 1 posyandu serves 9 RTs and 2 RWs but the posyandu where i work is in Taimanu, some of the ladies here know where it is, but the target is start from BTN until there. Maybe the Health Department officer thinks that posyandu is not only for babies but also pregnant women. So the officer ask permission to use my house as Posyandu because i live in the middle of the area and i was asked to be a kader. I was so shocked because i do not know anything about kader and the job. I remember it was December 19th, 1991 when he appointed me as kader so the posyandu starts from the date until now and i am still a kader now. Our target is the community there and from that moment on, we have posyandu activity every month and we do check the children visit rate as well as the mothers. If there is a pregnant woman who skip the meeting then we will do a home visit and for now, we have a target for 146 babies to be visited

Nda : And that is on your region

R: That 146 figures are only babies and toddlers, not to mention the pregnant women. For the pregnant women, they fluctuate. So i can say that is a tough job. If the presence only 50 to 60 persons each month then you can imagine how many peple we should visit..so we split. We have 5 kaders in posyandu so if each month only 50 to 60 persons come, then each of us responsible to do 10 to 15 home visits...so 1 kader for 15 to 20 persons and that must be done each month

Nda: So you visit them if they do not show up in posyandu

R: Yes only when they don’t show up

Nda: I see..how about the pregnant ladies, do you visit them as well?

R: Yes, we do. When the targets of posyandu aren’t there, so we schedule a home visit

R: If she does not come then it then she will get a home visit

Nda: Only if she does not show up

R: So when we want to do a home visit, we come first to the head of RT house. So we work together with RT because administratevely it is his neighhborhood. For a home visit, 1 kader should be accompany by a head of RT. So basically we ask for his favor to do the home visit together

Nda: Why the RT should accompany you?

R: You see, sometimes the community can be so stubborn, they do not want to understand and they think that we come by just to put everything in order. So when we come to visit they will say you do not have to come, i will come to the Posyandu next month..that is why we come together with the RT

Nda: How about the other respondents?

R: As for me, the benefits to be a kader is to monitor the child development. Each month we have an activity in posyandu, and our targets are 0 to 6 years old child. We weigh them and for 0-6 months baby we do the immunization and we record all the datas so the parents can see the progress of it. That is the benefit as a kader. So when the data shows a degradation in health quality or in nutritional adequacy, we will tell the nurse and midwife there to be taken care of and it will be reported when there is a meeting in village office. If there is a malnutrition case, the local government can reported to Health Department. That is why in here, village authorities always come to visit us everytime we have a posyandu activities.usually we have the activity in posyandu on date 6 each month so on date 4 or 5 we send the the targets and pregnant women the inviation. If they do not come, hansip (civilian defense units often given neighborhood patrol tasks) will pick them up, not us anymore

Nda: So hansip

R: Because the head of the village will come visit the posyandu

R: So this is already 1 month that hansip will pick them up if they do not come to posyandu. We just not only talk so, but we also give the invitation that is why the hansip will ask them to bring the invitation as well. It is quite strict but we want the best for the health of children and the pregnant women because we have had 2 cases here in Kanatang puskesmas that a pregnant women has postterm pregnancy, even she has a premature rupture of membranes

Nda: Where dis it happen? Where are you from?

R: Kuta village

Nda: So the hansip one, is it happened in all village in Kanatang?

R: No, only us

R: I do not think so

Nda: Only in Kuta...so it wil minimize your home visits..

R: Also we make an special invitation to our targets

Nda: So now, the responsibility of a kader is including deliver the invitation

R: Yes it is, and it is highly cost anyway, not mention the preparation in posyandu. Sometimes people wonder how much we get paid for this...but this is a voluntary job, what can we say...it is for the sake of the community

Nda: So what are the kader responsibilities? You have mentioned some before. But what actually kader’s job?

R: weighing

R: A ‘5 tables’ system, ever kader should know about it

Nda: What is the ‘5 tables’ system?

R: Registration, weighing,height measurement , injection, immunization

Nda: Registration, weighing then

R: Fill the KMS ( *Kartu Menuju Sehat*; growth chart card) , counseling and immunization

R: So in posyandu there are ....

Jtt: Registration, weighing, and then what

R: First you do the registration, weighing, fill the KMS,counseling, immunization

Nda: What else beside ‘5 tables’ system..make a report?

R: Report..yes..we have to make a report

R: Montly report...each month we make a report to Puskesmas and to the village office also to BPM (community development bureau)

R: Each year we have to report to BPM

Nda: So the ‘5 tables’ system then make a routine report each month. And then...for Kuta village, the kaders will send the invitations

R: Yes, the kaders will do it. In a posyandu we have 5 kaders

R: As for us in Temu village, we do not need the invitation. Everybody knows that we have the posyandu activity on date 9.

Nda: You can take turns to speak

R: Sometimes they do not come regularly, that is why they do not exactly what date the posyandu activity will be held. They show up this month and then dissapear for 2 months, just like that. So we visit those who do not show up at all in posyandu. We try to gie an education that as a mother, someone should know her child development, the weight and the proper nutrition for them, like example you should into a consideration when a child’s weight only 8 to 10 kgs and he is 5 years old

Nda: So kader responsibility is also to remind the pregnant women and women with children

R: In kuta actually we do the posyandu activities on date 6 but sometimes they forget about it, that is why they need an invitation

Nda: Next qestion, is it a paid position, as a kader?

R: no

Nda: So it is a voluntary job

R: Yes it is a voluntary job, it is part of community service

Nda: Are there any barriers to be a kader?

Jtt: Which one of you that is not a kader?

R: me

Jtt: Oo so only you

R: yes

Jtt: Why don’t you want to be a kader?

R: Because you see, it’s full now. In 1 posyandu there should be 5 kaders and all the position has been taken

Nda: If you get appointed to be a kader, would you become one?

R: I would love to, i want to be a kader

Nda: So what do you think if there are 10 women want to be a kader but there is only 5 persons to be chosen. How do you choose 5 out of 10 persons?

Jtt: (Not clear voice)

R: When they ask me to be a kader, i accept the offer. I like to serve the community and as a head of LPM in my village i see some challenges face by my kader friends. When they go to posyandu, they also need money for the transportation...and that is one of our concern in the village, so the condition should not be a barrier of their community service. You see, to be a kader they should arrange many things both in family and in posyandu and i really admire their dedication on it, so in LPM we discuss about how we can help the kaders...not for the salary but at least money for transportation

Nda: What is the best age to be a kader? Is there such thing like age consideration, sort of?

R: No, no...it depends on....

Nda: So it means that in your place, a kader can be more than 30 years old?

R: yes

Nda: That is in general..yes..it is a rare to find a young kader, an under 30 years old kader..why don’t they..?

R: Lack of willingness i guess

Nda: Lack of willingness

R: Based on my experience, i work in Mawar Posyandu and after 5 years working there, i have been chosen to be the leader of kader there. There was once a yong woman, just graduated from high school and work as kader. At the beginning she shows up every month but then after 6 or 7 months she just dissapeared

Nda: why

R: Because they want to find another job

R: It is not a paid job, that is why

R: She works in internet cafe, in Telkomsel..it is quite a challenge for a young kader..they can’t be focus on what they do.so that is an experience. Another one, there were women who also worked as a kader for a year or so then suddenly just dissapeared. I visited her but she never showed up. When i asked her husband, he said they she left to Malaysia. That is why if there is a kader who inactive for couple months, we do a home visit to ask for her commitment to serve the community because this is not a playing ground, you cannot postpone the posyandu activity so we really need a commitment of every kader. How can do the ‘5 tables’ system if the kaders who come each activity only 1 to 2 persons only. That is why we are strict about it. Recently we become the winner of posyandu competition.

Nda: Ok...move to next question. This is about desicion making. How are decisions made in your household? Who is making households purchases for household needs? Like example buying clothes, phone credit, toothbrushes, soaps, detergents?

R: In my house, me. Well most of the housewives become the treasurer

Nda: So the women..all of you have the same opinion

Nda: Who decide

Jtt: When you decide to buy things, do you have to ask your husband? Do you ask your husband, for example when you want to buy clothes. Do you ask him first or just promptly buy it because you feel need it?

R: Ask first, i communicate it first. If the money runs out, all will be screw up

Jtt: So you ask first. If you want to buy phone credit, do you ask first?

R: Well..for phone credits, not necessarily so. If he is around, i can say that i want to buy some credit phones. As for me, i already calculated how much phone credits i need for a month so i by the credits for both of us and we use it as we need it

Jtt: But you still ask him though

Nda: How about clothes for your husband, you ask him first also? How about for kids?

Nda: As for clothes, you must decide together then

R: I think there should be a togetherness between husband and wife. When i need something and my husband is not around, i should make an action. Like example when my children ask for something and my husband is not there while it is a necessary thing for them, then i should make a decision to buy. When my husband come home i can tell him that i just bought children’s need so he won’t be angry to me

Nda: Who is making large household purchases? For example you want to buy motorcycle, or livestock or furnishings? Who decide to buy those things? How is the process in making decision in households?

R: Usually i am the one who come up with the idea and then we discuss more about the purchase

Nda: So you discuss with you husband

R: I am the one who says how if we buy that or that...

Nda: How about the other respondents?

R: (*together*) discuss with husband

Jtt: I want to ask something. You said before that there was a situation where your husband was not around while your children need something to buy. How if the husband was there with you and your children and they ask you to buy things, then who make the decision to buy? Is it you or your husband?

R: When the children need, i would rather buy it before they start to cry. My husband actually not everyday stay at home because of his work. So when he is not around, and my children need something like example some clothes then i should make decision to buy for them

R: But if your husband is around then you will ask him first?

Jtt: The decision is in your hand or in his?

R: I ask my husband and i tell him what they need

R: As for me, my husband’s salary is not much for the three of us. So in the early month i write down the portions of the salary to make sure we still have enough money until the next payment. So i write down what the family needs, like rice, sort of thing. At the beginning my husband spent around Rp 35,000 for each lunch at the office, so i suggest him to bring food from home so we can save that Rp 35,000 for dinner. So now my husband brings his own lunch from home

Nda: Ok...next question..what are the barriers to gaining or keeping employment? Who decide who to work? Who decide to split the tasks..like example the husband works as usual while the wife works from home and gain some extra money for the family

R: As for me, my husband works in a traditional market as a reseller and i stay at home and i plant some vegetables, i also work as a laundress to support our economic situation

Nda: Anyone want to share something?

R: When you speak about job, my husband work 6 days a week from 7am to 5 pm. And my job at home is to take care the children. As a Sumbanese, I do have have chickens and pigs and they can be sold to gain more income for the family.i also bake and sell the cookies. I think that as a mother i cannot just watch, i have to do something for my kids. I have 3 kids, 2 of them are still in primary school at 4th and 5th grade and their elder brother is in a college in Java island so i have to work hard to pay for the school.

Jtt: So you gain additional money and your husband knows about it right? How does he respon to it? Does he agree with it or against it?

R: When he first know that i also try to support the financial situation he was surprised. When i was child, i lost my parents so i have to survive to live. I used to work to eat so now that i have husband, i do not change the way i am. I work everytime i can. If i have to sell something, i will bring the goods to sell it to customers, even in a meeting. In the beginning he complained about it but when we communicate about it, he then supports me.

Nda: And how about you ladies?

R: I guess every housewife wants to support her family, to gain employment on her own. I realize we cannot just ask money from husband everytime we need it.

Nda: What do you do?

R: My husband is a driver so he has to work everyday. I am just just an ordinary housewife

Nda: So u make decision to something then...what factors allow you to have more influence to make decisions in your household? Like this lady here, when her husband was not around then she does not want her children to cry because of what they need for, then she took an action. How about the other respoendents? Do you ever experience that condition?

R: As i told you before, i even ask my husband to bring lunch from home and that is because of our economic situation.despite of spending Rp 35,000 for a lunch, it is far better to use the money to our dinner, the three of us

Nda: As for the others, do you make decision or you really influence your husband to make a certain decision?

R: I stay near a kiosk so everyday my children ask me to buy something there. I give them money to buy something to eat. When my husband come back home, i tell him about it and lucky me, he never complains, he never angry about it

Nda: What influence you to make a decision? It is just happened or..

R: Well..it is for the children needs, too. The husband work for the children, for his wife so there is no way he will complain why i buy this and that. That is the purpose of working. It is all for family needs

Nda: Can you tell us about a timewhen you were instrumental in making an important family decision?

Jtt: But before that, i wold like to ask what you just said before. So you said that you buy things because your husband work hard for the children. Is there any circumstance that you cannot make a decision on your own?

R: For cultural, tradition thing. I have to compromise with my husband, i cannot make decision on my own. You know as a Sumbanese, we have certain cultural values that we should consider, including in some traditional ceremonies. My husband is the one who make decision, i do not want to get complain from him, or even from the families

Jtt: Ok..please if any of you want to share us some more

Nda: Same question..so there is time when you cannot make decision on your own?

R: I cannot make decision on my own if on big things..as a Sumbanese i also have chickens and pigs. If i want to sell the chicken or a pig i should ask my husband first. We should have an agreement. In an emergency situation, like when the children need money for their school and my husband is not around, i cannot wait for him especially if he has to go for weeks. On that position i should make a decision. If i have the money, i will buy what they need for school or their necessities. For a big thing like when i want to buy TV or C-band receiver, i cannot make a decision on my own, i have to tell my husband even when i want to buy clothes. If it is an emergency situation then i will make a decision on my own

Nda: Ok, back to my question before..can you tell us about a time when you were instrumental in making an important family decision

Jtt: It could be related to religion or beliefs...because most of you are involved in wise women camp... or it could be about the education, healthcare...something like when husband said the children are supposed to their mother responsibility or so..

Nda: please

R: As for me i usually get involved in some important family decisions about the tradition, almost everything..but there is one thing that i cannot do which is the communication. If i have activities outside, i usually talk to my husband about the details of my activities. But if there is something comes up and i cannot reach him through cellphone, then i cannot go. We have our commitment that we have 3 pilars in marriage : communication, financial and sex. So if i cannot communicate anything, something must go wrong. So if my husband cellphone is out of reach, i won’t go out

R: As for me, a wife should obey her husband. But in an emergency situation and he is not around, like example of of the family or neighbor is sick or even pass away, i should make a decision, right away. Even my husband is not here. I cannot just wait for him and do nothing when one of the family is dying at the hospital. My principle thing is you cannot limit love and so i have to do something. Once he comes home then i will tell everything that happened, sometimes he was glad on what i did

Nda: How about you?

R: I have the same opinion with Mrs.Margareta. my husband works alone in the traditional market while i am at home taking care the chilren. He does not have parents anymore. Today i got a phonecall from my brother that my aunt just passed away. My husband was still at home in the morning when i have to attend this meeting so i asked him what to do then he said that he will go to my aunt’s house and i should come to this meeting. I was ready at 8 o’clock to come here and i got the phonecall at the exact time so that’s how it works in my family, we always support each other. As for in family, i have to ask my husband, like when i want to sell chickens, pigs or goats. If he is ok with it then i sell them. Afterall it is all for chilren needs. So for a family matter, we have to compromise each other

Nda : Move to health concerns, what is the primary health concern in your community?

R: The trash in the sea...it just too many so we have many mosquitoes flying around the neighborhood, specially on 7 pm. A weird thing, they are so many in 7 until 8 pm and in the 9pm it just gradually dissapear until morning. On 7 pm, it just like you sleep in the jungle. Too many mosquitoes. So i use mosquitoes net, mosquitoes racket, kill the mosquitoes but it still the same and that must be because of the trash near the seashore.

Nda: How about the other respondents?

R: As for me

Nda: Where do you live Ma’am?

R: Okanggapi. In my neighborhood, the problem is toilets. We used to use public toilet before, but now we make our own toilet at home

Nda: How about clean water

R: We have clean water. We use plumbing.on March or April we have a communal work to clean the environment

Nda: Only on thse months? Or is it a regular activity, monthly or weekly

R: We do the clean everyday actually, not only every week but for the communal work it usually on March or April

Nda: Why on that specific months?

R: Because that month is the Indonesian commemoration ceremony (BBGRM : *Bulan Bakti Gotong Royong Masyarakat*)

Nda: So it is a program

R: Yes, that is why we should do the communal work on March

Nda: Or is it because of rainy season? Is it a local government program?

R: Local government program even in RT level as well

Nda: I see...so it is a BBGRM. So you work together to clean the environment

R: Also the roads

Nda: I see...where do you live Ma’am?

R: In Mboka

Nda: In Mboka, what is the primary health concern?

R: For the health problem..we have clean water...it just the environment

Nda: Why with environment?

R: A lot of trash in the neighborhood, it is everywhere...they put in front of the house, they do not even burn it

Nda: Is there any dump truck?

R: The dump truck is rarely come to my neighborhood. It just pass the houses along big roads

Nda: So it does not come to narrow street

R: No it does not while my neighborhood is in the passageway. Things like plastics just spread everywhere on the street

Nda: As for you, you live in...

R: Kuta

Nda: What is the primary health concern there?

R: Well...in Kuta we have many livestocks that just prowl everywhere. Although there is a local regulation about it the owner is so stubborn he just let their livestocks roam

Nda: So they are free

R: Yes and you know animal, their excrement dirt the environment, even on the streets

Nda: Yeah..they poop everywhere they want

Nda: As for other health concern..toilet?

R: We have toilet also access to clean water

Nda: And how about you? Where do yo u live?

R: I live in Kuta but in other sub-village. My sub-village is near here, near the senior high school

Nda: How’s the condition?

R: It depends on us as a community, our awareness about health problems. You see, sometimes most of us do not wash their hands when they want to eat. We just eat. So it is actually a behavior problem. Sometimes we remember, sometimes we forget about it. When we already sick then we just realize what we have done. Like malaria, you just realize you have malaria when you check youself to the hospital. We do not think about the preventive way

Nda: And how about in your household? What is the primary health concern in your family?

R: As for me i am a KHBS kader also. We once had a cooperation with Londalima church and Lindimara hospital and also went to Malang to see how the kaders do there..so after that we motivate the community to do simple thing which is wash the hands. We give each household a bucket, a handsoap and a napkin so they will always remember to wash their hands whenever they just arrive from work or someplaces and before eat

Nda: So there is no health concern in your family?

R: No...not for malaria

Nda: Any other diseases?

R: Fever..sometimes fever...cold and cough, but no malaria. Probably because in every households they use mosquito net

Nda: How about in other families?

R: In my family, i teach my children to wash their hands before they eat and that is an obligatory. But i think my children are allergic to meat and fish because they always feel itchy everytime they eat them, so they become afraid to eat most of the food and i am a bit concerned about it. My husband also has a food allergy to fish

Nda: It seems that they are have a food allergies

R: So my children are afraid to eat fish now. Everytime i buy some fish, they always ask me to buy something else like tofu, so everyday they eat tofu and it really makes me dizzy.

Nda: How about in your family Ma’am?

R: In my family, I have asthma and it can be happened randomly, both day and night, even in the morning. And that’s kind of make me stress about it. I ever asked health officer about it and he said that that i should take the medication wherever i go. It cannot be healed, he said, that is why i need to always consume the medication