**Minister of Village, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration Equip KKN Students in 2021**

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On Tuesday, September 7, 2021, LPPM UNG conducts a briefing for students participating in the Thematic KKN in *Desa Membangun* and *Desa Bersinar*. The Chancellor of the State University of Gorontalo and the Minister of Villages-PDTT were asked to be resource persons providing provisions for students to serve in the village.

In his remarks, the Chancellor of UNG hoped that the implementation of KKN would not only become a ceremonial event every year but that students would be the bearers of change in sustainable social life.

Besides the Chancellor of UNG, Dr. (HC) Drs. A. Halim Iskandar, M.Pd, as Minister of Villages, Development of Disadvantaged Regions and Transmigration (Mendes-PDTT), came down to provide debriefing materials. Gus Halim invites students to become energy to work together with village officials to achieve sustainable goals. "*Rumusan SDGs sangat luas mencakup 17 tujuan, SDGs desa berkontribusi dalam pencapaian tujuan nasional berkelanjutan.* *Diharapkan mahasiswa memastikan apakah SDGs desa searah dengan budaya lokal, jangan sampai tercerabut dari akar budaya.* *Apabila tidak, maka tolong diingatkan.*” (The SDGs formulation is comprehensive, covering 17 goals. Village SDGs contribute to the achievement of sustainable national goals. Students are expected to ensure that village SDGs align with local culture and not be uprooted from their cultural roots. If not, please be reminded) he hoped. The Village SDGs are not grandiose and not an impossible dream to achieve, but they are practical development concepts that are easy to apply. The village SDGs assist in preparing village profiles and activity priorities and monitor the success of village development activities and objectives.

"*Ukuran-ukuran capaian akan terlihat jelas ketika sudah merujuk pada SDGs Desa.* *Data dan fakta yang didapat akan dipakai untuk merumuskan kebijakan penanggulangan kemiskinan desa, peningkatan kualitas pendidikan di desa, pemanfaatan dana desa dalam menumbuhkan ekonomi desa dan seterusnya, akan semakin terukur.*” (Measures of achievement will be clearly seen when referring to the Village SDGs. The data and facts obtained will be used to formulate village poverty reduction policies, improve the quality of education in villages, use village funds in growing the village economy and so on, will be more measurable). Gus Halim explained . "*Mahasiswa KKN berperan menjadi inovator yang menyalurkan segenap keunggulan PT ke tengah-tengah warga masyarakat.* *Kegiatan KKN bukan kegiatan mekanistis belaka, tapi justru dalam lapangan mahasiswa akan menemui kondisi lokal desa yang mengharuskan adaptasi antara masyarakat dan PT.*” (KKN students act as innovators who channel all the advantages of university to the community. Community service activities are not mere mechanistic activities, but in the field students will encounter local village conditions that require adaptation between the community and university). Gus Halim said.