

# DISTRICT CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

## West Sumba District

### Vision for West Sumba

Grand Vision of West Sumba:

West Sumba: “*Tana Pari Piaku, Loku Waikalala*”: land that is productive, water that sustains until happiness and prosperity. “*Tana Da Dikki Watu Da Ngero. Kanyako Ndana Wee Maringa Loko*”: build this dream together in unity to provide peace and harmony for all by developing commitment and enthusiasm that will never be extinguished to lead Sumba into change. West Sumba *Uniquely*, from *Mandara* leading to Independence.

**The community together with their organisations:** will be the owners and the main pillar in upholding strong and ongoing democracy. All people of West Sumba, in particular women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups, collectively will be able to campaign for their own interests and basic rights. They will maintain their identity by developing relations and engaging in their communities, by being self-organised to collaborate with organisations in their community, forming new organisations and by affiliating with larger civil society organisations.

Through ongoing engagement and by being self-organised in their community and institutions, members of the community, in particular women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups will be able to develop a collective awareness and a social solidarity. They will obtain knowledge; understand their basic rights and campaign for these rights. In addition, community members will know their obligations and be able to fulfil them with full responsibility.

All West Sumba people, in particular women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups will become more educated, smart, creative, skilled, innovative and they will achieve. All children below the age of five will have access to early childhood education programs. All school aged children (primary and junior high school) will finish formal basic education and it will be free, good quality education with no levies. Children who have finished their basic education will be able to continue their schooling to a higher level. Illiterate adults and children who have dropped out of school will be able to access education programs outside of school via program packets (packet A, B or C), equity and life skills education (personal, social, vocational and academic skills).

West Sumba people will always be learning and reading. Learning and reading will become habitual and part of the community culture. The West Sumba community will be able to share knowledge and apply technologies like agricultural and environmentally sound technologies, such as: intercropping systems, organic agriculture, regulated irrigation and crop diversification. They will be able to utilise and develop local assets (like livestock manure, water falls, sunlight) to develop alternative energies like biogas, biofuel, biodiesel, solar energy, hydroelectricity, wind energy as well as organic pesticides and composting. The West Sumba community will be increasingly disciplined with a strong work ethic. They will be optimistic and progressive in terms of change. West Sumba will have a supply of competent human resources in NTT, who will be competitive in this era of free market and globalization.

The West Sumba community, in particular women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups will be actively involved in every phase and process of development and decision making whether it be related to the state or community social matters (family, customary traditions, religion, social organisations and so on). The community will have bargaining power and be critical in assessing all government policies that impact on their lives.

The community will be able to utilise all the assets in their community and surrounding environment responsibly, creatively, innovatively whilst also ensuring sustainability. Utilisation of assets will be directed to improve the community's quality of life, particularly for fulfilling basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, education, health and the community/family economy. More community members on their own initiative will set up bartering cooperations in every remote village in West Sumba. The bartering cooperations will be managed by the group's board using practical and open management principles using business administration and financial documentation systems. There will be routine and ongoing board and member meetings, fair division of the dividends and participative decision making mechanisms. An increasing number of community members will create work for themselves by developing micro and small business units (home industries). The community will know about and understand issues of global warming and the threat to environmental sustainability and fauna on the planet. Due to this, more people will develop family forest areas; conserve land and water whilst also increasing family incomes. West Sumba will be like a 'green carpet', forever green.

The community will be the owners of local natural resources like land, minerals, forest, fauna, fresh water, the sea and its contents and the atmosphere. Whatever organisation/institution or whoever from outside of the community who plans to utilise/exploit the community's natural resources must have written permission from the community/community organisations and must be committed to not destroying the environment or other community assets. The community will receive fair compensation from outside parties for the utilisation of their natural resources. The community will be independent and effective in managing local natural resources in the interests of the community.

The community will become increasingly aware of their assets and West Sumba socio-cultural treasures and preserve them so that their megalith identity and culture does not get crushed by the threat from the capitalist culture and globalisation. West Sumba is the only place on the planet that still has a megalith- *Marapu* culture that has existed since around 400 to 500 years ago and is still maintained in this modern era. West Sumba has potential to become an exotic tourist destination, for example, there are vast beautiful white sand beaches with coconut trees and the heroic Pasola attraction which reflects the enthusiasm of the West Sumba people's struggle. There is the artistic traditional village, *Wulla Podu*, which is full of religious and mystical meaning. The rituals of *Poghu Watu* (cutting stone) and *Tingi Watu* (lifting stones) and *Parai Marapu* (world of the spirits) are spectacular, mesmerising rituals that show mysticism, commitment and unity. Sumba textiles with various motives, colours and designs are a fantastic cultural artefact. The community will become increasingly aware of preserving their social capital such as community cooperation and *gotong royong* (cooperative meetings to reach consensus). The community will become increasingly aware of being thrifty and not consummative at traditional rituals.

The community, particularly women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups will know about, be aware of and practice clean and healthy lifestyles. They will look after their

health and consume nutritious food so that their children don't suffer malnutrition. Pregnant women and women giving birth will receive fast, affordable and good quality health care. More families will be able to develop and utilise 'living chemists'. The community will have access to health information relating to nutrition and illnesses. The community will be aware of and responsible for looking after public facilities like clean water, health, education, information facilities and so on.

The West Sumba community will become more proactive in maintaining security and safety in their area and will report all violations of law or criminal acts to the appropriate authorities. The community will become more aware and obedient of law and enjoy peace and affection. The community and their organisations will be able to resolve conflict in peaceful ways based on cultural and customary approaches. The community and organisations will practice cultural tolerance and respect any differences based on ethnicity, religion, race, class, gender and political interests. The community will practice and promote principles and values of participation, accountability, good morals, ethics and spirituality in their lives.

**Civil Society organisations and their members:** besides the government and private businesses, will be the main actors in local good governance. Civil society and their organisations will be a main pillar in prompting the process of democratization and upholding a strong democracy. Civil society organisations and their members will be able to consistently practise and promote commitment to democratic practices and behaviour, initiate engagement and equality in their organisations and with their main constituents. They will also be able to consistently campaign for the interests of their members, organisations and their constituents.

Civil society organisations will continue to improve the capacity of their organisation and its members for the continuity of the organisation and to campaign for change that will impact on women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups. Civil society organisations will work at the grass roots level and they will become more rooted in the community that they serve. This will develop the foundation for the social legitimacy of civil society organisations for progress. Civil society organisations will assist various community based organisations and their members with technical assistance so that the community and their organisations will be more knowledgeable, skilled and effective in doing their job and campaigning for their interests, values and identity. Civil society organisations and their members will not practise corruption, collusion or nepotism. They will be able to manage their institutes by upholding values and principles of open management. There will be regular changes in leadership via democratic voting methods. There will be systems and mechanisms that will monitor transparency and accountability for funding, institutional assets and so on. There will be participative mechanisms for decision making and routine meetings with the board and members.

Civil society organisations and their members will incorporate sound environmental practices, for example, they will be thrifty with electricity use and provide organic and non-organic rubbish bins. They will also incorporate gender equity and be socially inclusive in their organisations, for example, have a balanced ratio between male and female staff from different ethnic groups. Civil society organisations will sanction members that are proven to have violated organisation regulations. They will be able to demonstrate and promote conflict management using peaceful means and respect any differences based on ethnicity, religion, race, class, gender and political interests. Civil society organisations will be creative and innovative in finding funding sources by

developing fundraising activities for program sustainability and organisation independence.

Civil society organisations will have clear interest groups, be rooted in the community and consistently campaign for the interests of the community, particularly for women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups. Civil society organisations and their members will be able to facilitate the community in development planning processes (village mid-term development planning) from the neighbourhood level to the sub-district level. Together with community representatives (village and sub-district), the organisations will monitor and campaign for the interests of the community (village and sub-district planning) to the district government. Civil society organisations in cooperation with the community and community organisations will push for the West Sumba district mid-term development planning to be developed by using all of the village mid-term development planning documents.

Civil society organisations and their members will be able to engage using government agendas such as participating and monitoring every phase and process in policy making, assessing public policies and effectively mobilising assets to campaign the interests of the community.

Civil society organisations and their members will be able to preserve and promote West Sumba social and cultural assets such as the megalith sites, *Marapu*, *Pasola*, *Wulla Podu*, traditional villages, beaches, forest, birds, rivers, water falls, Sumba textiles and so on. Civil society organisations will be able to facilitate and promote the use of technology to develop alternative energies, develop organic agriculture and so on. They will be able to facilitate bartering cooperation management (board and institutional capacity building), push for the emergence and function of community based organisations/groups such as water management groups, farming and loan organisations and so on.

**Civil society networks:** will be a collective strength and draw from the strength of bigger and broader civil society organisations that are cross sectoral and consist of mixed gender and actors to monitor and uphold a strong democracy. Civil society organisation networks will promote the importance and value of participation in order to prompt change that will positively impact on women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups.

Civil society organisation networks will be able to initiate ideas and facilitate the function of the “social hall” as a social learning place where information can be exchanged and concepts, experience and learning processes can be shared to develop social solidarity, trust, awareness and a strong collective for change. Anyone in the community will be able to access the social hall, particularly women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups. Civil society organisation networks will be able to demonstrate and promote engagement with all stakeholders, in particular with governments and the private business sector. They will be able to facilitate the formation of community marketing networks using the business world and by providing technical assistance and information that is needed to operate the networks. Civil society organisation networks will be able to create creative and innovative media for public campaigns related to community and governmental issues for social change. They will be able to develop and promote wider partnership networks at the regional, national and international level.

Civil society organisation networks will be able to have a more strategic role and function particularly in campaigning for governmental policies that are supportive of women, the poor, youth, other marginal groups and the wider community groups. Civil society organisation networks will be able to open up access and engage using governmental agendas like participation and monitoring every phase and process of policy making, studying and assessing public policies that impact on the quality of life, submitting concepts and academic papers to policy makers in order to influence the content of law, structure of law and culture of law so that they are supportive and in the interests of the community, particularly women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups.

In capacity building for civil society organisation participants, the community and even governments and the private sector, civil society organisation networks will research and produce knowledge, technology and skills in order to provide good quality services. The networks will develop studies and research action as input for policy formulation and/or program design.

Civil society organisation networks will demonstrate and campaign for cultural tolerance, openness to change, respect of different ideologies and any differences based on ethnicity, religion, race, class, gender or political interest. Civil society organisation networks will be appreciative, uphold and promote values and principles of participation, transparency, accountability, social justice and will incorporate a sound environmental perspective.

**Government Administration (Executive, Legislative and Juridical) at every level:** will be a major support in upholding democracy and the process of democratization. The government will be a main actor that has the power and influence to initiate local good governance. Government bodies will be able to consistently practice and promote a commitment to democratic actions and behaviour, develop relations and engagement and equality within organisations, between governmental and non governmental agencies and various other stakeholders. The government will be able to consistently produce policies and programs that prioritise and improve the quality of life of the community, particularly for women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups.

Government staff will become increasingly disciplined, professional, and responsible with a good work ethic, which will result in excellent services for the community. The government at its various levels will become increasingly closer to the community, appreciative and committed to be more responsive, sensitive, accommodating and accountable to community associations and civil society organisations that implement and campaign for economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights. The government will be able to ensure quality, accountability and transparency in all social services for the community. The government will provide a space for community, community organisations, civil society organisations and their networks for broader monitoring of public services. The government will produce district regulations on minimum service standards like education, health, information, clean water and sanitation and so on. The government will create and operate systems and mechanisms in order to incorporate the aspirations of the community and also their complaints in regard to public service performance. The government will ensure transparency and accountability in every office and in every government partnership public service, for example, project tenders and tender winners will be announced transparently. The government will guarantee communities, civil society organisations and networks access to development policy

information/documents such as village income and expenditure budgets and mid-term development planning documents and so on.

The government at various levels will be able to promote and ensure a wide participation from the community, in particular representatives for women, the poor and other marginal groups in development planning, implementation and monitoring processes in neighbourhoods through to the district level. They will also guarantee consistency in incorporating development planning proposals from the communities in villages and sub-districts into the district level mid-term development planning. The government will ensure a space for village and sub-district government and civil society organisation representatives/delegates to monitor and present the planning outcomes that were developed at the SKPD and the district development planning meeting. The government will facilitate and provide budgets for village governments to develop village mid-term development planning documents. All villages will have a village mid-term development planning document. The government will issue district regulations that will guarantee that all village development and the development of the West Sumba district mid-term development planning must refer to the village mid-term development planning documents. The government will be able to facilitate village government institutional capacity building that will lead the way to village autonomy. They will also issue district regulations on participative planning.

The government will provide data and information on villages by facilitating village profiles on village assets/potential, data on the poor and village social mapping. The government will guarantee protection of local economic, natural resource, human resource and technological assets. They will promote and issue regulations to protect and preserve social and cultural assets such as pasola, podu, traditional villages, megalith sites, beaches, forest, birds, rivers, water falls, Sumba textiles and other cultural assets. They will provide supporting facilities to maintain and promote social and cultural assets through cultural expositions: visit West Sumba Year and local commodity expositions that will be held annually. The government will guarantee easy access to capital, capacity building, information and technology and marketing of community products. They will provide facilities to develop alternative energy technologies and issue policies with a sound environmental perspective.

The government will prioritise development programs and budgets for women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups. The government will provide access to adequate basic infrastructure, facilities and human resources for health, education, the economy, socio-cultural issues, security, the environment and so on. The government will guarantee that the community's basic rights to access information; to a reasonable standard of living including food, clothing and shelter; to social security including social insurance; to education including free basic education; to be acknowledged and treated equally by law; to freedom of speech; to gather; to access government programs and the right to a safe and ordered community are upheld.

The government will demonstrate and promote values and principles of participation, accountability, transparency, social justice, gender equity and social inclusion, anti corruption, collusion and nepotism. They will also respect differences, unity and tolerance and provide appreciation and acknowledgement to community efforts and outcomes.

### **Agenda in Cooperation with the District**

1. Sustainable and Community Based Natural Resource Management
2. Access to Fast, Cheap, Easy, Affordable, Quality and Community Based Health Services.
3. Access to Good Quality Basic Education Services
4. Strengthening and Developing the Community Economy Based on Local Assets (bartering cooperation's, loan groups for women, home industries)
5. Developing and Strengthening Institutional Community Organisations
6. Development Policy Planning, Implementation and Monitoring (including budgeting) that is Participative and Supportive of Women, the Poor and other Marginal Groups.
7. Good Quality Public Services
8. Community Self Sufficiency for Food
9. Developing and Strengthening a Space for Stakeholders for Social Learning.

## **SUMMARY OF CONCEPT PAPERS – West Sumba**

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**District** : West Sumba  
**Name of Institute** : Yayasan Pakta Sumba  
**Concept Paper Title** : Sustainable Community (Women and the Poor)-Based  
Natural Resource Management  
**Program Duration** : 30 months

This program concerns actions that can contribute to changing thinking patterns, views and behaviour in the communities in regards to managing and utilizing natural resources correctly. In particular, Yayasan Pakta Sumba hopes to provide women and the poor easy and environmentally sound access to water, firewood and building materials in 10 villages in the Ponorumbu forest areas in West Sumba. Improved community awareness and utilisation of the citizens' rights to manage local natural resources in family forest areas and protection of local fauna will assist to improve the economic power of villagers. Village regulations that are developed in a participatory way guarantee these activities.

The program will work to promote the values of gender equity both within the families and community at large. The long-term benefit of this program will be an expanded forest vegetation. In order to achieve these objectives the program will work in cooperation with village community organizations and the village government and conduct capacity building using organizational approaches and policy advocacy.

The program will contribute to achieving local good governance, particularly in the areas of improving social equity and participation. This is relevant to ACCESS Phase II as it will initiate engagement between civil society and government, empower community members and organizations, and there will be a 'scaling up' effect and replication of sound practices. These outcomes will be achieved in 30 months.

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**District** : West Sumba  
**Name of Institute** : Yayasan Bahtera  
**Concept Paper Title** : Providing Room for Women, the Poor and other Marginal  
Groups  
**Program Duration** : 2009 – 2010 (2 years)

Through this program, Yayasan Bahtera hopes to see changes at the community and organizational level in influencing government through participative planning and budgeting processes in the district of West Sumba. This change will be achieved through capacity building, initial planning and budgeting, media development and the arts. This program will take place in cooperation with village facilitators, facilitator mentors and local government to create the changes hoped for.

This program hopes to get the community, especially women, the poor and the marginalized to actively express their aspirations, organise themselves to be effective and be involved in village development processes (assets mapping, planning-budgeting, implementation and monitoring and evaluation), organizing actions to initiate and ensure the accommodation of village and district Mid-Term Development Planning as well as

providing a bargaining position in engagement and negotiations with other stakeholders (governmental or donors). In the future, the program's target villages will become a model that can be replicated in other regions. It is estimated that this action plan will impact on improving the community's welfare, particularly women, the poor and the marginalized.

In particular, this program will contribute to participation in local good governance. This is relevant to ACCESS Phase II as it will lead to empowerment of community members and engagement between the community and government and initiate program expansion into all villages in the West Sumba district.

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**District** : **West Sumba**  
**Name of Institute** : **Yayasan Satu Visi**  
**Concept Paper Title** : **Empowering and Strengthening Local Potential to Overcome Village Poverty in the West Sumba District – NTT**  
**Program Duration** : -

Yayasan Satu Visi hopes to see the community (of mainly farmers), in particular women and the poor, involved in their community organizations, improve their capacity to increase agricultural productivity through organic farming and permanent farming practices, and be competitive in a healthy manner. The organization formed through this program will develop sustainable natural resource management strategies, be active in natural resource management, develop bargaining power with the government and be capable of effectively managing a program and meeting the needs of its members. Through federations and associations, farmers can develop bargaining power in regards to agricultural commodity prices, proactively supervise and instigate dialogue on the outcomes of the implementation of government policies.

This program will replicate Yayasan Satu Visi's program of developing farmers groups in seven villages (two in Lamboya sub-district, two in Tanarighu sub-district and four villages in Wanokaka sub-district). The approaches used will be institutional capacity building of community enterprises, mentoring, awareness education, policy advocacy as well as dissemination of information through publications and other means. Yayasan Satu Visi will work directly with community groups, village governments and farming networks. Through developing these strategies, Yayasan Satu Visi hopes to see an impact of increased incomes, increased assets and available food stocks in poor families who are farming organization members. This program will contribute to all aspects of good governance at a local level and is relevant to ACCESS Phase II as it will develop processes of empowerment, engagement between farming organizations and other stakeholders as well as influencing seven villages in three sub-districts.