

DISTRICT CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

Bantaeng District

District Vision: *Local Good Governance Leading to an Independent Bantaeng District*

In terms of Bantaeng development, values that are based on religion and local knowledge will become the basic value in transforming the daily behaviour of all Bantaeng citizens.

Each village will have “*Accidong Sipangadakkang institutes*”, a participative development planning forum that will guarantee the involvement of women, the poor and other marginal groups. The “*Accidong Sipangadakkang*” institutions will be legitimized by district regulations that will be developed and agreed upon in cooperation with the Bantaeng district government.

The expansion of public space for participation will develop and open up more and more and activate the role of social groups, community forums and inter-group networks that are capable of prompting the community to participate and to become active in decision making processes, whether in their own community organizations or at the village, sub-district or district level.

Public service units will provide quality primary services, such as, twelve year compulsory education services, primary health services and good quality education for poor children, which will be easily accessed by all community members (especially women and the poor).

In an effort to prepare competent and competitive human resources, Bantaeng will become a quality education service centre with its own tertiary education and professional talent, with ‘link and match’ based vocational schools.

Empowering community economic initiatives will be done through a village-owned enterprise body that will be managed professionally (participatory, transparent and accountable). This body will prompt the development of village community economic activities, and provide a creative space and opportunities, particularly to those with low incomes and women, for productive economic initiatives. The body will guarantee sustainable natural resource management as the main asset in rural communities so the communities can become self-organised and develop their own capacity and their institutions.

A ‘Green and Clean Bantaeng’ is a pre condition for sustainable natural resource management as the main rural community asset.

Community learning forums will become a media to provide space for individuals, community organizations, NGO’s and government bodies to mutually learn and share their experiences in efforts to strive for increased participation, transparency, accountability and local good governance in community and civil society organizations and governmental bodies.

Agenda in Cooperation with Bantaeng District

1. *Accidong Sipangadakkang* as the Main Pillar in Participative Development Planning
2. 12 Years Compulsory Education
3. Clean and Green Bantaeng
4. Good Quality Public Services
5. Bantaeng as a Quality Education Centre in 2010, Tertiary Education
6. Village Owned Enterprise Bodies, which are professional in creating independence in the village.

SUMMARY OF CONCEPT PAPERS – Bantaeng

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District : Bantaeng
Name of Institute : YAJALINDO
Concept paper Title : Community Capacity Building and Initiation of Public Policies to Support Local Development Processes that are Participatory, Transparent and Accountable Program
Program Duration : 30 months

YAJALINDO's action plan hopes to initiate development mechanisms in Bantaeng District that apply transparent, accountable and participatory principles that involve women, the poor and other marginal groups through utilizing local knowledge. In particular, communities in 22 villages and 19 village governments will apply planning methods and processes that are transparent, accountable and participatory to develop village development plans. Governments in 46 villages will be able to develop and manage village expense budget planning (RABDes) using transparent, accountable and participatory principles. This will lead to participatory and transparent local regulation planning that will support the implementation of policies that are participatory, transparent and accountable. This action plan will use capacity building strategies and will push for the formation of legal security in the form of local regulations. Yajalindo will work in cooperation with the community, community empowerment cadre, facilitator mentors and the village government.

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District : Bantaeng
Name of Institute : Jaringan Masyarakat Sipil (JARINGMAS)
Concept paper Title : Capacity Building for Facilitator Mentors and the Improving Effectiveness of the Village Owned Enterprises Body in Every Village throughout Bantaeng
Program Duration : 30 months

The objective of this action plan is to ensure that management by the board of the Village Owned Enterprises Body (BUMdes) in Bantaeng district is effective, transparent, accountable and participatory, ensuring the involvement of women, the poor and other marginalized groups and incorporating local knowledge/wisdom. In particular, it hopes to generate village facilitators who have skills in mentoring and facilitation techniques in every village throughout Bantaeng district. The Village Owned Enterprises Bodies in 46 villages in Bantaeng district will be able to manage their institutes effectively and develop activity planning that is participatory and transparent, which also incorporates the interests of women, the poor and marginal groups. Capacity building and mentoring of Village Owned Enterprises Bodies strategies will be used. In order to achieve the objectives, JARINGMAS will work in cooperation with the boards of the Village Owned Enterprises Body and village facilitators.

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District : Bantaeng
Name of Institute : Yayasan Karaeng Opu
Concept paper Title : Quality Public Services
Program Duration : 3 years

Yayasan Karaeng Opu's action plan aims to initiate local government policies that protect the rights of the community, particularly women and the poor, in receiving quality public services particularly in health and water facilities. In particular, this action plan hopes to initiate access of women and the poor in the implementation of quality water and health services. Women and the poor will have access to complaint mechanisms if public services are not easy, cheap, fast and effective. Women and the poor will have the capacity to submit complaints regarding public services. Yayasan Karaeng Opu will develop capacity building strategies and will facilitate the formation of a community centre and strengthen networks for carrying out advocacy on public service policies. They will work in cooperation with community groups in villages in Bantaeng district.