

# **DISTRICT CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY**

## **Muna District**

### **Vision of Muna District:**

**Leaders who are sensitive to marginal groups.** Muna district government together with the DPRD will issue a local regulation that will regulate all public policies to be participatory and transparent including local development planning and budgeting processes. The district government will value and follow-up village planning and budgeting outcomes in a way that supports women and the poor. The district head candidates will use Muna village visions as a basic reference in developing their vision in district election campaigns (head of district elections).

Leaders of legislative and executive institutions (at every governmental level from village through to district) and community organisations will really work in cooperation towards the mandate of a good community standard of living. Leaders will often go into villages to initiate dialogue, to see directly how the village conditions are and comprehend community aspirations. They will also work hard to realise the aspirations of marginal groups. Local district government staff, leaders and DPRD members in cooperation will push for budgets that are supportive of the community. The Bupati will lead the government with authority and be oriented to community prosperity. The DPRD will implement control, budgeting and legislative functions to produce local policies that are supportive, particularly to marginal groups. Village heads will develop and apply democratic values in village development. Community members will be very aware of their rights and active in campaigning for them to be upheld through various channels and spaces provided.

**Village Autonomy.** Village resources will be managed by the community and used in the interests of the community. The community will have a greater space to actively participate in development processes in their villages. The community will also be actively involved in determining economic, political, security, social and cultural policies for villages and the district. Village governments will have sufficient capacity to perform their tasks and obligations and truly apply transparent and accountable principles in their work. Other elements such as sub-district and district governments will no longer intervene in matters that are legally the authority of the village.

**Participatory Village Regulations and District Regulations.** Citizens of Muna district will have successfully obtained a space to be involved in policy formulation processes. All public policies like district regulations and village regulations will be developed in a participatory way at every phase of the process. The district government will produce participatory district regulations on planning, budgeting, monitoring budgeting, sound natural resource management and village funding allocation. The village government will also have developed village regulations on Village Income and Expenditure Budgets.

**Participatory Planning, Implementation and Monitoring.** All 237 villages in Muna district will have developed participatory village mid-term development plans. The village communities will implement development programs by using the village mid-term development plan as a reference. The community will also be active in monitoring to ensure that the development implementation is in line with the plan. The Muna district mid-term development plan will be based on the Muna village mid-term development planning documents. The village government and the community will implement

participatory planning phases. Community organisations will be active in implementing community awareness processes on the importance of the mid-term development plan in village development.

**Empowered women.** Women will obtain the same opportunities as men in everything they wish to accomplish in their lives. Women will have the ability to be independent. Public policy makers at the district level (Bupati, government department heads and so on) will provide opportunities for women and have confidence in them to take up strategic positions in governmental agencies. Women in cooperation with civil society organisations will strive to increase the capacity of women. Women will strive to access resources to create work opportunities whether for themselves or others. Women will have the courage to be actively involved in all processes of development management.

**Strong and trustworthy community organisations.** Community organisations will gain the confidence of various stakeholders and have a role in facilitating early input into various policies including district budgeting policies that will be more supportive to marginalised groups. This confidence will be gained because organisations will be competent including having the capacity to facilitate planning and budgeting process from village to district levels. Community organisations will establish consolidated working networks that provide mutual support and regularly meet for discussions and sharing of learning in an atmosphere of solidarity and equality.

**Strong community economic institutes.** Various strong groups of small to medium size businesses will grow and expand into other villages, which will revive the local economy. The community, in particular women and other marginal groups, will be able to develop village owned enterprise cooperations and bodies at the village level, which will facilitate marketing of the community's products. The community will be able to manage the enterprise cooperations and bodies together for the sake of a better quality of life and so that all enterprise cooperations act as an activating motor in the village economy. The Department of Cooperation will also produce policies for small to medium enterprise development in Muna. Banks will provide cheap credit that is easy to access. The boards of village owned enterprise cooperations will not monopolise the management of these village economic units. The cooperation and body members will be active in monitoring the management of the village economic units that they own.

**Accessible information for the community.** There will be a community radio in each sub-district. The community will promote local products via the community radio that will be part of the mutually supportive working network. The community will also actively use the radio to source information that they require.

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

1. Leaders will be sensitive to marginal groups (There will be executive, DPRD and village leaders who deliver the community's choices).
2. Empowered women (women will have access to the same opportunities in all aspects of life and have the ability to be independent)
3. Village and district regulations will be developed in participatory way (such as participatory development of planning, budgeting and budgeting monitoring district)

regulations and sound natural resource management district regulations and Village Income and Expenditure Budgets village regulations).

4. Village autonomy (The community will be managing all natural resources in their village for their own interests; the community will be free to choose/participate in development processes; economic, political, social, cultural and security; political and economical sovereignty and cultural dignity)
5. Participative planning, implementation and monitoring.
6. Accessible information for the community.
7. Strong and trustworthy community organisations
8. Strong community economic units

### **SUMMARY OF CONCEPT PAPERS – Muna**

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**District : Muna**  
**Name of Institute : Yayasan Melayu Lestari (YAMUL)**  
**Title : Initiate Village Autonomy, Move towards Community Prosperity**  
**Program Duration : 3 years**

Yayasan Melayu Lestari hopes for village autonomy, which will accelerate the process of improved quality of village life. In particular, this action plan hopes to make the community's real needs become the basis of development programs that are developed in the village. For example, strengthening the village's authority in relation to the need for village autonomy and improving and strengthening the ability of the village to fund development programs. This action plan will use strategies such as capacity building, pushing for regulations at the village and district level, pushing for local planning and budgeting processes that are participatory, transparent and accountable. This action plan will work in cooperation with stakeholders at the village and district level who can initiate the change that YAMUL hopes for. This program will be implemented in villages in 5 sub-district areas in Muna district.