

## DISTRICT CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

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### East Sumba District

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#### District Vision:

##### East Sumba's Great Vision

*Matawai Amahu Pada Njara Hammu: Tana Pari Peku – Luku Wai Kalala:* Golden water source, green fields; Fertile and prosperous land – River water that fertilises and cools.

*Uhuk Hama Pandak, Ndolak Hama Jangga:* Sit at the same height, Stand at the same height.  
Sumba, God's House.

Communities together with their organisations: the people of East Sumba are the owners and one of the main pillars in upholding strong and sustainable democracy. The East Sumba community, in particular women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups, collectively will be able to campaign for their rights and interests as a community. They will develop relations and undertake social engagement in their communities and organise themselves by joining organisations in their community, forming new organisations and affiliating with larger civil society organisations.

Through ongoing engagement and self-organisation in communities and institutions, the community, in particular, women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups will obtain knowledge and understanding and campaign for their rights as citizens. The community will be able to critically assess governmental policies that influence their lives. The community and their organisations will have strong bargaining power in engagement, negotiations and lobbying with decision makers to push for popular policies (policies that support women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups) and with private businesses that will invest or carry out expansions in the area. The community, in particular women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups will be actively involved in every development space, process and phase and also in decision making in government and in community social matters (family, customs and traditions, religious, social organisations and so on).

The community will be able to use all assets in the community efficiently and with responsibility, creativity, innovation and always ensure environmental sustainability. Efficient use of assets will be directed to improve community quality of life, particularly in fulfilling the basic necessities like food and clothing, education and health. 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, particularly livestock owners (of horses, buffalo, cows, goats, pigs and other livestock) will use livestock rearing systems that are intensive, integrated and environmentally friendly. The community will be independent and effective to truly manage local natural resources in the community's interest.

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. The community will become increasingly aware of and responsible in looking after public facilities like clean water and irrigation, health and education, information facilities and so on. In addition, all children will get cheap and quality education, particularly for those in primary and junior high school.

The community, particularly women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups will actively participate in ensuring that space is used in environmentally sound ways. They will also be 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, whether it is national, religious or customary law. 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 differences based on ethnicity, religion, race, class, gender and political interests. The community will practice and promote principles and values of participation, accountability, good morality, ethics and spirituality in their lives.

Civil Society Organisations in Cooperation with their members: as well as governments (state) and private business (market) will be prominent 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, organisation and their constituents.

Civil society organisations will continue to improve the capacity of their organisations 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 will become more rooted in the community that they serve. This is what will develop a foundation for the social legitimacy of civil society organisations for progress. Civil society organisations will assist various community based organisations and their members 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 will work at the grass roots level and push their members to participate more fully, to take responsibility, to uphold accountability in their leadership, to manage conflict and advocate social justice using peaceful means. Civil society organisations and their members will be able to take the roles of facilitator, mediator and negotiator in the interests of its constituents and in cooperation with the community and their organisations bring it all the way to the policy makers. Civil society organisations will be able to initiate engagement using governmental agenda's of participating, monitoring every phase and process of policy making, assessing public policies and effectively mobilising assets to campaign in the interests of the community and their constituents. Civil society organisations will also be able to take on the role as a supporting system for grass roots community organisations and be in the front line of policy

changes so that policies are supportive of women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups. Civil society organisations will be able to be the voice of the voiceless people and be an effective channel and agent of strong and militant social transformation that will be increasingly appreciated and acknowledged for its strength, bargaining power and legitimacy.

Civil society organisations, especially religious institutions and their members will become leading figures for the community in practicing and promoting morals, ethics, tolerance, pluralism, multiculturalism and faith and piety to God almighty. Religious institutions will become increasingly proactive in facilitating inter-religious/belief dialogue and will provide a space for religious and other spiritual minority groups to freely practice their teachings and beliefs without any pressure. Religious institutions and their members will become mediators between their followers and governmental bodies in efforts to lobby their interests.

Civil society organisations will appreciate, demonstrate and promote values and principles of gender equity and social inclusiveness in their organisations and in their private lives.

Civil society organisation networks: will become a collective strength and take strength from bigger and broader civil society organisations that are cross sectoral and consist of mixed gender and actors to initiate and uphold a strong democracy. Civil society organisation networks will promote the importance and value of participating 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 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 wider community groups. Civil society organisation networks will be able to open up access and engage using governmental agendas like participation, 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 they are supportive and in the interests of the community, particularly women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups. Civil society organisation networks will be able to create a space for multi-stakeholder social learning/lessons dialogue so stakeholders can share ideas. It will be a place for learning processes and for learning together, sharing roles and developing solidarity, awareness and collective trust for broader and sustainable social change.

Civil society organisation networks will be able to look for and produce knowledge, technology and skills in order to provide high quality services in capacity building for civil society organisation participants, the community and even governmental bodies and private business. Civil society organisation networks will be able to create policy advocacy innovations, creative and innovative medias for public campaigns and develop wider partnership networks at regional, national and international levels.

Civil society organisation networks will be able to demonstrate and campaign for cultural tolerance, openness to change, respect of various ideologies and differences whether they be based on ethnicity, religion, race, class, gender or in the interest of politics. 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 commitment to democratic actions and behaviour, develop relations and engagement and equality within organisations and between governmental and non governmental agencies. The government will be able to consistently produce policies and programs that prioritise and improve the quality of life of the community, particular 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 issue 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 public service.

The government, at various levels will be able to practice, promote and guarantee a wide participation of the community, particularly of women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups in every phase and process of development and decision making. The government will be able to facilitate and provide budgets to village governments in order to develop village mid-term development planning. All villages will have village mid-term development plans. The government will guarantee and produce district regulations so that any development in villages must refer to the village's mid-term development plan. The government will provide a space for village and sub-district government and civil society organisation representatives/delegates to monitor and attend SKPD and the sub-district development planning meetings to compile the plan. The East Sumba sub-district village mid-term development plan will be developed using all of the village mid-term development planning documents in the sub-district. DPRD and the government will give priority to development budgets that are supportive to women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups.

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 and the right to access government programs are upheld. The government will guarantee protection of local resources, be they economic, natural resources, human resources, social, cultural or technological from the threat of global capitalism.

The Private Business World: will also promote and demonstrate values of participation, accountability and transparency in their organisations. They will be sensitive to and responsible for improving the community's quality of life, particularly in regard to women, the poor, youth and

other marginal groups. Private businesses through corporate social responsibility will become increasingly determined to demonstrate and promote social business practices and provide basic facilities to meet the community's needs (especially for women, the poor, youth and other marginal groups) in regard to food, clothing, shelter, education, health, clean water, sanitation and improving the community economy by providing access to small business capital and other technical assistance.

**Agenda in Cooperation with the district**

1. Access to Fast, Affordable and Good Quality Health Services.
2. Access to Affordable and Good Quality Education Services (particularly for women, the poor and other marginal groups).
3. Participative Planning, Implementation and Monitoring of Development Policies that are Supportive of Women, the Poor and other Marginal Groups.
4. Strengthening the Community Economy Based on Local Potential and Sustainability
5. Access to Quality, Transparent and Accountable Public Service Policies that Incorporate Gender Equity
6. Gender Mainstreaming in Development Programs and Policies (awareness, internalisation and practise of gender equity in all aspects of life)
7. Sustainable and Community Based Natural Resource Management
8. Strengthening Forums and Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Networks
9. Legal Supremacy/Implementation
10. Self-sufficiency in Food

**SUMMARY OF CONCEPT PAPERS – East Sumba**

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**District** : East Sumba  
**Name of Institute** : YAL (Yayasan Alam Lestari)  
**Title** : Strengthening the Community Economy Based on Local Potential and Sustainability (a bartering concept based on local potential as a model to strengthen the community economy)  
**Program Duration** : 3 years

This program aims to see women and the poor involved in a village organisation and develop a 'barter cooperation' village economy model based on local resources and knowledge. Through their organisation, community members will actively generate social assets and the village economy to improve the quality of life and to have innovative strategies to compete in the market.

They will also push the village government to accommodate the concept of a barter cooperation into their Village Mid-Term Development Planning and initiate district level government policies and programs to strengthen the barter cooperation. The organisation will be developed as an effective organisation that applies values of participation, democracy, transparency, accountability and gender equity. Yayasan Alam Lestari will develop strategies using capacity building, mentoring, campaigning/promotion and develop learning processes together. It is planned that the program will work in cooperation with Kelompok Masyarakat Pelestari Hutan (Forest Conservation Community Group). It is estimated that this action plan will impact on increasingly improved social and economic conditions for women and the poor in the communities of three villages (Tapil, Umammanu, Kamanggih). It will also contribute to local good governance and in particular strengthen social justice. This program is relevant to ACCESS Phase II in efforts to empower the community and their organisations, initiate engagement between the government and other actors. It is hoped that this program will replicate the success of the barter cooperation that was developed by YAL as an alternative local economy model.

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**District** : East Sumba  
**Name of Institute** : Yayasan Stimulan  
**Concept Paper Title** : **SPEAKING PUBLIC: Empowering the Unheard Public Voice via Engagement between Local Institutes**  
**Program Duration** : 30 months (2.5 years)

Yayasan Stimulan hopes to see the community (women and the poor) campaign for their rights for basic services by utilizing local RT/RW institutions and professional, youth and religious institutes. These institutes will provide complaint mechanisms that are easy for women and the poor to access and develop cooperation with the media to disseminate information. The community and local media will also conduct regular assessments (every 3 or 6 months) of developments and execution of public services in the district of East Sumba. In order to achieve these outcomes, Stimulan will develop strategies like research action, advocacy, publishing and capacity building. Stimulan will work in cooperation with RT/RW institutes (managing community complaints), professional, youth and religious institutes (facilitating channeling complaints and mediators) as a partner in realizing this dream. Appreciative inquiry and assets-based approaches will be used to make this process effective. It is hoped that this program will contribute by creating a situation where the community, particularly women and the poor in East Sumba obtain access to good quality basic services that are supported by a government that is pro-active and has aspirations to process and provide various policies and public services for the community. This would contribute to local good governance in particular by the development of quality public services. This is very relevant to ACCESS Phase II as it is about empowering the community, particularly women and the poor, initiating engagement with local government and has potential for expansion and replication. It is estimated that in five years, this program will have reached all villages in East Sumba.

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**District** : East Sumba  
**Name of Institute** : YCM – YASALTI-KOPPESDA - WANLIP  
**Concept Paper Title** : **Participatory Village Planning and Budgeting**  
**Program Duration** : 2.5 years

This concept paper outlines an action plan that aims to initiate community members and their organisations to become more effective in engagement with local government to improve

development outcomes in the interest of improving the quality of life in the community. In particular, this aims to increase the capacity of all stakeholders involved in Village mid-Term Development Planning. The community, in particular the women, poor, youth and other marginalised groups, will be able to analyse conditions and potentials and be able to utilise them optimally to improve their quality of life. There will be more equality in the relations in the communities in accessing public space and pushing for their rights to be upheld. There will be mutual trust between community members, governments, community organisations and private businesses at the village, sub-district and district level, built through equalitarian partnerships (stratum and gender). Collaboration between Yayasan Cendana Mekar, Yayasan Wali Ati, KOPPESDA and WANLIP will develop approaches incorporating capacity building, advocacy, mentoring on planning and budgeting as well as training on women's leadership. In order to achieve the outcomes, there will be cooperation with village facilitators (276 delegates), facilitator mentors (21 delegates) and the village government in this partnership program. It is hoped that the participatory village planning and budgeting will contribute to the development of local good governance, particularly in the area of participation. This program is in line with ACCESS Phase II strategies as it will initiate empowerment of community members and their organizations and also initiate engagement between stakeholders. There are also elements of the CLAPP approach and its influence could expand throughout East Sumba into 68 villages in the first year and 76 villages in the second year.