

EMPOWERING OF DISABILITY PERSONS THROUGH THE INCLUSION VILLAGE PROGRAM IN REALIZING SOCIAL INCLUSION IN SLEMAN DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to: 1) find out and explain the empowerment of persons with disabilities through the Inclusion Village Program in Sleman Regency, and 2) analyze the achievements of the Village Inclusion Program in realizing social inclusion in Sleman Regency. The design of this study is descriptive qualitative. By using this research design, the researcher will describe and analyze the data qualitatively. The informants in this study were all stakeholders who involved in the implementation of the Inclusion Village Program in Sleman Regency. Primary data was the result of interviews with research informants and observations on the process of empowering persons with disabilities through the Inclusion Village Program in Sleman Regency. Meanwhile secondary data was obtained through documentation of the process and the results of empowering persons with disabilities through the Inclusion Village Program in Sleman Regency. The techniques of collecting data were interviews, observation and documentation. Technique of checking the validity of the data was using temporary source triangulation data analysis techniques using interactive analysis methods Miles and Huberman. The results of the study indicate that the inclusion village program in Sleman Regency has empowered persons with disabilities in Sleman Regency. Persons with disabilities have been involved in guiding policies, participating in economic, social and political activities and gaining additional knowledge and skills through regular meetings and training held in the village. Through empowerment in the implementation of village inclusion programs, social inclusion as the goal of implementing this program has begun to be achieved even though there are still improvements in several aspects.

Kata Kunci: *empowerment, persons with disabilities, Village Inclusion Program*