

# **Strengthening the local wisdom of women farmers in the top villages of Mount Merapi through the development of Javanese language documentary videos on Youtube**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Among all the news about the enchantment and disaster of Mount Merapi, there is one actor who has often been overlooked even though his role is very important in the recovery and revival of life after the disaster, namely women. Women in the upper areas of Merapi become actors in their weakness, they become the main support in agriculture and household life and maintenance of socio-cultural aspects. This article is a summary of observations and interviews with officials, residents and women in the village of Balerante, the village that was most badly affected by the Merapi eruption. The main purpose of this paper is to describe the life and role of women, especially in relation to life recovery after the eruption. The results of observations and interviews show that women have a role not only in terms of the domestic sphere, but also in disaster mitigation and recovery. In addition to this journal article, a video documentation of women's lives has been developed. Considering that the Balerante area has great ecotourism and cultural potential but has a great threat of extinction that can come at any time, documentation of local wisdom in daily life must be continuously carried out in conjunction with efforts to assist and empower women there.

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