



## PAPUAN CSO CAPACITY STRENGTHENED IN WRITING PROPOSALS



Two facilitators of REMDEC (USAID BERSAMA implementing partner) during the three-day workshop on a how to develop a strong proposal – Firmansyah MS.

Being able to respond to solicitations and submit a strong proposal is an essential skill for civil society organizations (CSOs) working in development. A key component of the USAID BERSAMA project is to strengthen the capacity of Papuan CSOs to not only improve the technical quality of their programs to fight gender-based

violence (GBV) in Papua, but to strengthen their overall organizational capacity.

USAID BERSAMA posted a solicitation for CSOs in March 2017 for proposals that address and raise awareness on GBV through community mobilization activities. Eight Papuan CSOs in the Jayapura district and three in the Jayawijaya district responded to the solicitation.

After an initial review of the proposals submitted following the pre-bidder workshops in Jayapura and Wamena, USAID BERSAMA decided to host a three-day workshop for applicants on how to write proposals and develop budgets, and provide them with an opportunity to revise and resubmit their applications.

USAID BERSAMA held the proposal writing workshop on April 19 – 21, 2017 in Jayapura for 19 participants from the eight CSOs that responded to the RFA.

**“USAID BERSAMA HAS HELPED US IN UNDERSTANDING THE IMPORTANCE OF STRATEGIC AND SYSTEMATIC PROPOSAL WRITING, ESPECIALLY RELATED TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE,” MS. MARGARETHA WETIPO, DIRECTOR OF HUMI INANE**

“WHEN OTHER DONORS OFFERING PROGRAM PROPOSALS IN FUTURE, WE WILL USE THE METHOD WE LEARNED WITH USAID BERSAMA, BECAUSE IT IS CLEAR AND EASY TO BE UNDERSTOOD. WE ALSO HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PROGRAM NOT ONLY ONE YEAR, BUT THREE OR FOUR YEARS TO MAKE SURE WE SEE RESULTS COMMUNITY BEHAVIOR CHANGES IN THE *KAMPONG* LEVEL IN THIS HIGHLAND OF PAPUA,”

MS. MARGARETHA WETIPO, DIRECTOR OF *HUMI INANE*, WAMENA

The workshop focused on providing best practice strategies for proposal writing, teaching the CSOs methods for writing clear proposed program activities so they are logical and easy to measure. The workshop also focused on writing monitoring and evaluation plans that will enable the project to capture project successes and indicators.



Humi Inane team, BERSAMA team, Winrock representative Ms. Laura Romah (kneeling, center) and USAID representative Ms. Maureen Laisang (front row, left) pose in front of Humi Inane office after the pre-award assessment – Humi Inane documentation.

With more in-depth knowledge of proposal writing, all of the CSOs submitted revised applications, and six were selected. The skills gained by all participating CSOs will enable them to submit stronger applications in the future, including to other donors and programs.

## Six CSOs Sign Grant Agreements

After the three-day workshop, USAID finalized reviews and negotiated final program descriptions and budgets with the six successful applicants: YHI, LP3AP, LBH APIK, LEKAT, Humi Inane, and YTHP. Grants were approved and signed in early July 2017.

According to LEKAT’s Program Manager Ms. Rory Marwani Subaing, the proposal process and workshops provided by USAID BERSAMA enabled them to prepare a better proposal than they have ever written before.

USAID BERSAMA looks forward to continuing to work with these six organizations and strengthen their ability to deliver high quality GBV prevention programs in their communities.



Director of LEKAT Mr. Jackson Yuname and Program Manager Ms. Rory Marwani sign the grant agreement in their Jayapura office with USAID BERSAMA, represented by Acting COP Ms. Desti Murdijana and Sr. Grant Manager Mr. Harry Sovianto - Firmansyah MS.