



USAID BERSAMA COLLABORATES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA TO EMPOWER WOMEN

each district. This enables USAID BERSAMA to report quarterly developments and discuss the challenges encountered during program implementation. The quarterly meetings also provide an opportunity for USAID BERSAMA to coordinate next month's activities with government counterparts. These meetings also provide the government to highlight their events and request technical assistance from USAID BERSAMA.



Ms. Jacqueline Hamadi, BERSAMA's *Field Officer Advisor* (right) in a quarterly meeting with Mr. Lepinus Gombo (left) and Mr. Taufik from BAPPEDA Jayawijaya – Ms. Selpi Maria Lani.

USAID BERSAMA Provides Key Technical Assistance

USAID BERSAMA primarily collaborates with the Government of Papua through the Department of Women Empowerment and Child Protection (*Dinas*). As a result of this collaboration with *Dinas*, USAID BERSAMA was requested to provide assistance to two of their key activities, the Technical Coordination Meeting (*Rakornis*) of Papua province in Waropen district on June 19 – 21, 2017, and the Training of Trainers for Human Resources Service and Companion Victims of Domestic Violence in Jayawijaya district at July 7, 2017.

Quarterly Meetings Lead to Coordination

USAID BERSAMA is committed to coordinating and collaborating with government partners. To facilitate this coordination, USAID BERSAMA has scheduled regular quarterly meetings with the government in

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“I HAVE TOLD THE GOVERNOR *LUKAS ENEMBE* ABOUT THE FULL SUPPORT OF USAID BERSAMA. FOR THAT, IN THE *RAKORNIS* NEXT YEAR WE WILL ASK FOR USAID BERSAMA TO BECOME A MAIN FACILITATOR OF THIS IMPORTANT ACTIVITY FOR US.”

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All costs for the two activities were covered by the budget of *Dinas*. It was requested that USAID BERSAMA attend the events to provide technical assistance and facilitate key sections as requested.

At *Rakornis* in Waropen, which was attended by all Center for Integrated Services of Women and Children (P2TPA) district offices, BAPPEDA officers and the Women's Study Centers of Cendrawasih University (PSW) and Gajah Mada University Yogyakarta. For the workshop, USAID BERSAMA assisted *Dinas* in reviewing and finalizing presentations. USAID BERSAMA also presented guided steps to *Rakornis* on how to complete the overarching strategy for P2TP2A to provide support to women and children that experience violence. This strategy will help provide better coordinated services to women and children throughout Papua.

At the Training of Trainers (TOT) for Human Resources Service and Companion Victims of Domestic Violence in Jayawijaya, USAID BERSAMA facilitated sessions on key steps to take when supporting victims of domestic violence. The TOT was attended by women leaders, chief of the *Kampung*, young people, P2TP2A staff, journalists and a representative of the provincial Women's Empowerment Office.

The allocation of financial resources for such activities and invitation of USAID BERSAMA staff to provide expertise are important indications of local agencies' commitment to improving integrated services for survivors, a key objective of the USAID BERSAMA program. The coordination between the program and the Government of Papua will strengthen ongoing and new initiatives and bolster resources to reduce the prevalence of gender-based violence in this easternmost province of Indonesia.



Ms. Lucia Erni, BERSAMA's Field Officer in Jayapura district (right) facilitates a report-out session after the group discussion about P2TPA – *Dinas* Documentation.