

ACTION AGAINST THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE HIGH VILLAGES, THE DREAD OF THE ANCIENT WILDERNESS, THE CAPTIVITY OF THE TOBA

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Abstract. In Hatinggian Village, precisely in Lumban Julu District, Toba District, there is an action to care for the environment that is worthy of respect. The local communities in the village have made extraordinary efforts to preserve and sustain the surrounding environment. Through the implementation of the community self-serving activities of the Muhammadiyah University of North Sumatra in the village of Hatinggian, Lumban Julu district, Toba District, North Sumatera Province, which was carried out from August 25 to September 3, 2022, through interviews and field observations, it can be concluded that the activities are running well and smoothly. Through this community service activity, students participating in community service have the opportunity to implement the knowledge acquired during the lecture, then gain valuable insights and experiences from the community, such as training themselves to be responsible, having a sense of sympathy and empathy, and learning independently to find innovations and solutions to solving an existing problem.

This activity also establishes a good and close relationship of cooperation between students participating in community service and the community and local citizens. The whole party hopes for the continued dedication of this community to the progress of Hatinggian Dusun II Village, which basically needs guidance to be further developed in order to improve the quality of Hatinggian Dusun II Village and make it even better in the future. As for the program and activities carried out during the community service in the village of Hatinggian Dusun II, such as: (1) cleaning the community environment by way of a royong; (2) cleaning of the dirt on the land; (3) cleansing of the mosque; and (4) planting of flowers in the community parks.

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1. Introduction

Applying the theories acquired in real form as a form of social devotion becomes one way to practice social devotion. Through community dedication, we can unite the academic world and the practical world to solve the problems faced by society so that they can live independently and help themselves. (Suryadi

dkk, 2018).

Public devotion is a learning process for students through various activities that directly impact the community. This dedication can be done in rural areas, urban areas, schools, and industrial areas, and students play an active and creative role in the dynamics of society. Student involvement is not only an opportunity to learn from the community but also gives a new color to the development of society. Students carry out community service activities independently in their respective residences.

Hatinggian Dusun II Village, a village in Lumban Julu Prefecture, Toba District, North Sumatra Province, allows for the implementation of public service activities. The village has an area of about 8.2 km² and is very fertile, especially in Dusun II. Most of the land in the village is suitable for agriculture, planting, and food crops. The distance between Hatinggian Village and the capital of Medan, North Sumatra Province, is about 125 km.

The population of Hatinggian village in 2022 will be about 890, with an area of about 8.2 km². The majority of the population of this village is from the Batak tribe, and most of them work as farmers. However, there are still many surrounding communities that have not fully understood the importance of preserving and caring for the environment and existing facilities. Lack of sanitation facilities, like garbage dumps, is also a problem in this village. Therefore, it is crucial to emphasize the significance of maintaining and caring for the village environment and facilities.

Organizing community service activities will help the people of Hatinggian Village Dusun II become more familiar with their village environment, particularly in terms of environmental care and village facilities.

The problem formulas are: 1) How do you introduce and invite the community around Dusun II Hating High to keep the environment clean? 2) How do you introduce and invite the community of Dusun II Hatinggian to cultivate agriculture with a better selling value? 3) How do you introduce the Dusun II community to the importance of planting flowers?

The purpose of this community service is to: 1) Provide knowledge and understanding to the public about the importance of preserving the environment and how to maintain its sustainability. 2) Introduce the importance of planting flowers in the courtyard to the community. 3) helping solve existing problems, identifying and implementing programs that meet the needs of the village community, and other support programs.

The benefits of community service activities include: 1) As a lesson for students to apply the theory they have learned directly to society. 2) To motivate the community of Hatinggian Village Dusun II to care about hygiene and environmental conservation. 3) Provide an understanding of life in the midst of society to improve social life. 4) Increase public awareness of the need to be active and creative in the construction of Hatinggian Village Dusun II, as expected.

2. Methods

The place of implementation of the community's devotional activities is in Hatinggian Dusun II Village, Lumban Julu Prefecture, Toba District, North Sumatra Province. The event will take place from August 25th to September 3rd.

We jump directly into the field, observing the problems that exist in the community environment. Activities to be done, among others, are gotong royong to keep the environment clean and plant flowers to make the surroundings look beautiful.

For environmental hygiene activities, the tools used are bars, cranes, garbage dumps, and bars for planting flowers.

3. Results and Discussion

1) Understanding the importance of the environment

The community in Hatinggian Village really has a high awareness of the importance of the environment for our lives. They believe that preserving the sustainability of nature is a shared duty that every individual must pursue. Through environmental activities, they strive to set a real example and inspire others to take part in protecting the earth.

2) Working Together

One of the activities caring for the environment that is being done in Hatinggian Village is cooperation in cleaning up the surrounding environment. The community has formed a cleaning team consisting of members of the community who care about the sustainability of nature. They regularly do the garbage cleaning around the village, including in public places like parks and markets.

3) Smart garbage management

In addition to cleaning, the community also involves itself in clever garbage management. They educate villagers about the importance of sorting garbage and recycling. With this awareness, the village community actively segregates the type of garbage and makes optimal use of it. They also called on the public to reduce the use of single-use plastics and switch to environmentally friendly materials.

4) Forest Conservation

Preserving forests is crucial for their sustainability. The community in Hatinggian Village is aware of this and has made efforts for forest conservation. They plant trees massively and promote greening campaigns. Besides, they're also taking care that there's no wildfire in the area around the village. The community's success in preserving these forests has been an inspiration for other villages in Toba District.

5) The Positive Impact of Environmental Action

Environmental action taken by the community in Hatinggian Village not only benefits the environment but also has other positive impacts. In efforts to preserve forests, for example, villagers have benefited from improved water availability. By planting trees and keeping the environment in order, they managed to maintain clean water quality and avoid soil erosion.

Moreover, with the involvement of the community in the management of garbage, the level of awareness of the importance of the environment increases significantly. In the long run, this will bring a positive change in the lifestyle of the people of Hatinggian Village, and this is an important initial step in environmental sustainability.



Fig. 1. Cleaning the mosque of the village of Hatinghaan dusun II.



Fig. 2. Cleaning the road to the community home in the village Height, Dusun 11



Fig. 3. Cleaning the garbage around the village.



Fig. 4. Cleaning the bucket.



Fig. 5. Flower planting.

4. Conclusion

Action cares for the environment in Hatinggian village, Lumban Julu district, and Toba district is a real example of how important the role of the community is in environmental sustainability. Through collaboration, smart garbage management, and forest conservation, they have managed to create a positive impact on their village. May this example inspire other villages to care more about their surroundings. Because, in the end, taking care of the earth is our common duty.

With the implementation of the self-serving community in the village of Hatinggian, there are some suggestions for the activities that have been carried out, such as: 1) It is better for the village chief to follow up on the programs that have been carried out by the community dedication team in order to create a better life for the village of Hatinggian Dusun II. 2) The role of the village government is crucial in broadcasting the importance of protecting the environment. 3) We expect to hold similar activities in every village.

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