

ABSTRACT

Issue of disability has become an interesting topic to be discussed in all parts of the world. The presence of people with disabilities often proves discomforting. Someone with a physical impairment may be ignored from a desire to avoid staring; another person may be excluded by an interlocutor who addresses the care for fear of embarrassment caused by misunderstanding; someone with cognitive disability may be ignored, this demonstrating an assumption that she is less than human.

Community is the place where we make friends, have the choice of things to do or not do, where we share your joys and sorrows. Community is a place where there are unlimited opportunities, where all people belong, disability or not, in need of a lot of supports, or some or none. Towards an inclusive community, weaknesses should not be highlighted instead paying more attention to PWD and facilitate their needs. Everyone has advantages that other people do not have, including PWD. Prejudice and discrimination in the community create a cycle of disability, poverty and marginalization.

The steps undertaken to accomplish this research: 1) Contextual analysis by describing the general situation of PWD in Indonesia and interview analysis of 36 respondents (PWD, parents of PWD and volunteers) which conduct in Simalungun-Indonesia. 2) Analysis the idea of inclusive community and find suitable cultural value of Simalungun to be implemented.

The term used for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) is not standardized. In some countries the term used is “disabled people”. In this study referring to the terminology used by WHO also National Law No. 8 of 2016, the term used is “person(s)/people with disability”.

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