

RESUME REPORT

1st LEARNING FORUM

ON PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN DISASTER SITUATIONS; THE ROLES AND SKILLS OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN ASIA PACIFIC

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The Indonesian Association of Social Worker or Ikatan Pekerja Sosial Profesional Indonesia (IPSPI), collaboration with Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and International Federation of Social Worker – Asia Pacific (IFSW-AP), organized a three days international learning forum on Psychosocial Support in Disaster Situations. The Learning Forum was held in January 12-14, 2016 at Training Center Pusdiklat Margaguna, Jakarta.

The program aimed to strengthen roles and skills of social workers in providing psychosocial support in disaster situations.

After the program, participants were able to:

1. Explain advanced knowledge of psychosocial support.
2. Improve the psychosocial support program that they design to respond to psychosocial needs in disaster situations.
3. Demonstrate the roles and skills in provision of psychosocial support in disaster situations to respond to target groups that they manage.

The learning forum welcomed 58 participants from all over Indonesia and four (4) countries in Asia Pacific; The Philippines, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Japan. The participants were representatives of social workers, humanitarian workers, government institutions, students and academics.

The program featured three sections:

1. Inspiration speeches: on the first day, the speech delivered by Mr. Margowiyono, the Secretary of Directorate General for Social Protection and Security from the Ministry of Social Affairs gave an inspirational speech about the Ministry's efforts in Disaster Management and the implementation of psychosocial support in disaster response in Indonesia. On the third days, speeches were delivered by Mr. Ryo Oshima, represented The IFSW-AP and Mr. Yasuharu Nakashima represented the Japanese Association of Certified Social Workers. Both shared the Japanese experiences in disaster management.
2. Program learning session: Sharing practices and learning from field on provision of psychosocial supports in disaster situation. Program continued with discussion of parallel session. Participants were divided into three groups based on subthemes:
 - 1) Understanding psychosocial needs of disaster's survivors & Implementation of rights based approach and principles in psychosocial support;
 - 2) Knowledge of therapies used in disaster situation & Stress management for social workers in providing psychosocial support in disaster situation;
 - and 3) Developing psychosocial support models for: children, woman and other vulnerable groups in disaster situation & Community based psychosocial support in disaster situation.
3. Skills building sessions: Workshop sessions in the afternoon to enhance skills on psychosocial capacities. Participants were divided into two groups and visited two locations that have implemented psychosocial support program; temporary housing

for survivors in area of landslides in Bogor, West Java and residential building apartment for survivors for eviction in Kampung Pulo, Jakarta.

The significant result from the learning forum was urgency to developed the capacity building of social workers, develop training modules , standards of competence and service on psychosocial support in disaster situation.