

Community Development Program: Survey From The Society's Perspective -

A Case Study Of Jeli Parliament Constituency, Malaysia

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ABSTRACT

Community development program is a government implemented project in the Jeli Parliamentary constituency. It involves a development program to eradicate the hardcore poverty in that area. A case study research had been done in terms of the acceptance and perception of the society towards the policy which was implemented. The result of the study shows that 58.3% of the respondents were self-employed. In terms of income, majority of them, which is about 62% are getting below RM 500 per month. This means that they are in the poor category. In terms of politics, they give their support to the government base on the improvement and development factor. They are 60.2% of the respondents. This evidence is strengthened by the result of the study which shows 75.5% of the respondents agree that the development of Jeli constituency is the output of the Kelantan National Front government policy. The study also shows 87.7% of the respondents had mentioned that the factor towards poverty in the area is because of the local society having problems in finding employment opportunities. This scenario portrays that the development program is still lacking and the society is still putting high hopes to the government in order to change their future life. The research shows that there are different reactions between the government supporters (UMNO) and the opponent supporters (PAS) towards the development and their political aspirations. This study also compares analytically the education level and the factors of leadership issues, current issues and the development. This study also touches the relationship aspect between the political interest and development of the state assemblyman. The analysis also look at how the religious beliefs influence politics, leadership and development programs. One of the findings is that the below RM 500 income group has an interest in the political development as compared to the other group. The other aspect is the utmost support towards the leadership of The Honourable Dato' Mustapha Mohamed, the Jeli Member of Parliament, among the local people, either from the government supporters or the opponent supporters, 80% of them give their support to him.

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