

Health Personnel Delegation of Afghanistan studied visit to BKKBN

Four medical doctors from the Ministry of Health the government of Afghanistan spent one day in 14 January 2009 to BKKBN to study Family Planning and Reproductive Health programs. They are Dr.M. Homayoun Ludin, nutrition officer, Dr. Rogdival Mingad R, public health training manager, Dr. Aimal Alkozai, disease early warning system/surveillance officer, and Dr.M.Nafi Kakai, national polio community officer. Prof.Dr.Joedo Prihartono as the facilitator explained that all four medical doctors were being participating in three months of Family Planning and Reproductive Health (FP-RH) training in the Department of Medicine University of Indonesia to prepare themselves as trainers of FP -RH in their respective country. BKKBN as the focal point government institution in Family Planning and Reproductive Health program is considered the right resource to learn. Some of BKKBN officers who hosted and had discussion with participants are Sunarto dan Theodora Pandjaitan from Center for International Training and Collaboration, Djunaedi and Dr. Fabiola Tazrina from the division of Family Planning, Dr.Ruri Mutia Ichwan and Teguh from the division of Logistics.

Opening the discussion, Sunarto explained that in 1987 BKKBN appointed as the center of excellence to strengthen the capacity on Family Planning and Reproductive Health to developing countries. Since than, BKKBN has been hosted almost 4.800 participants from 95 mostly from developing countries to study family planning. Some of the important issues raised by participants are 1) Who does make decision to be family planning client, husband or wife? 2) What is the current big challenge of BKKBN?, 3) What is the cultural barrier of Family Planning ? 4) Does BKKBN have annual plan to train providers such as medical doctors and midwives?, and 5) How to coordinate local Ulama to support family planning ? The first issue was explained that the decision to join family planning is based on the decision husband and wife. One of the current big challenges of BKKBN relates to the Autonomy era. The question is whether local government put family planning as the priority development program. To address this issue, BKKBN is keeping advocating local government to sustain family planning program. Concerning to the cultural barrier issue, there is no significant cultural barrier to implement family planning. The problem is how to meet the need of unmet need group.

To maximize quality of service, BKKBN put medical training to providers with pre-service and in-service training. Most of provinces have annual plan on medical training that focusing on the IUD insertion, implant insertion, vasectomy and tubectomy. Technically, the training is done by National Medical Training (JNPK), secondary provincial medical training (P2KS), and primary district medical training. Concerning to the role of ulama in the field, the local ulama have big role in providing pre marriage

counseling to new married couples. Local ulama are also as the member of district and sub district of IEC Mobile Family Planning Team (TKBK).

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