

## **Strengthening Human Rights Through Community Empowerment in Law Enforcement**

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### ABSTRACT

The approach used in this service is a participatory and collaborative approach involving various parties such as the community, law enforcement officials, NGOs, and other related agencies. Service is carried out through a series of activities such as outreach, training, and assistance in law enforcement.

The results of this community service show that community participation in the law enforcement process can increase effectiveness and efficiency in law enforcement efforts. In addition, community involvement increases awareness of human rights and the importance of maintaining public order and security.

Even so, some obstacles are encountered in implementing this community service, such as the lack of support from the authorities, the lack of public access to information, and the community's lack of understanding of the legal system. Therefore, further efforts are needed to increase community participation in law enforcement and overcome the obstacles they face.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Human Rights (HAM) are inherent in every human being as a social being with the same dignity. However, various parties often ignore or violate human rights, whether by individuals, groups, or countries. Human rights violations can take many forms, ranging from violations of civil and political rights, economic, social, and cultural rights to environmental rights.

To overcome various forms of human rights violations, it is necessary to strengthen human rights through community empowerment in law enforcement. This is done to increase public awareness of their rights, strengthen the community's capacity to protect human rights and encourage the creation of a just and pro-people legal system.

Strengthening human rights through community empowerment in law enforcement is also essential to guarantee the protection and upholding of human rights that are fair and equitable for all people, especially for those who are vulnerable to experiencing human rights violations, such as women, children, and minority groups.

However, there are still many obstacles to be faced in efforts to empower the community in law enforcement to protect human rights. These obstacles include low public awareness of human rights, lack of access to and adequate legal services for the community, and lack of community involvement in formulating and implementing legal policies.

It is necessary to cooperate between the government, the community, and legal institutions in community empowerment efforts in law enforcement, such as legal

counseling, legal skills training, and providing access to legal institutions.

In community service, community empowerment efforts in law enforcement can be carried out by providing information and education about human rights, access to fair and affordable legal services, and training and legal assistance for people in need. With community empowerment efforts in law enforcement, a society aware of human rights will be created to protect their rights and fight for justice for the whole community.

## **2. METHOD**

The service method carried out in this service is carried out in several ways. First, provide education and outreach to the public about human rights and the importance of fighting for these rights. This can be done through seminars, workshops, or counseling, which can be attended by the general public, women's groups, children, or other minority groups. Second, provide access and adequate legal services for people who have experienced human rights violations. This service can be in legal consultations, pro bono lawyers, or free legal aid services for people who cannot afford it. Third, provide training and legal assistance to people in need. This training and assistance can provide information about legal procedures, how to report human rights violations, and the use of social media to fight for community rights. Through this method of community service, a society aware of human rights will be created, able to protect their rights and fight for justice for the whole community.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Through community service with the theme "Strengthening Human Rights through Community Empowerment in Law Enforcement," various activities have been carried out to increase public awareness of human rights and strengthen their capacity to protect them. Some activities include legal counseling, legal skills training, providing access to affordable legal services, and legal assistance for people in need.

This activity results in increased public awareness about human rights, especially for those who previously lacked access to and understanding of these matters. In addition, through legal skills training and legal assistance, communities can now better protect their rights and fight for justice.

However, there are still obstacles in efforts to empower the community in law enforcement to protect human rights. These obstacles include the lack of access

to adequate legal services for the community and the lack of community involvement in formulating and implementing legal policies.

Collaboration between the government, the community, and legal institutions is needed in carrying out community empowerment efforts in law enforcement. Strengthening Human Rights Through Community Empowerment in Law Enforcement can be done through public policies that support community empowerment in law enforcement, increasing access and legal services for the community, and community involvement in formulating and implementing legal policies.

By continuing to carry out community service activities to strengthen human rights through community empowerment in law enforcement, a society that is more aware of their rights, able to protect them, and fight for justice for the whole society can be created.

Figure 1. Counseling activity



### 4. CONCLUSION

Based on the explanation above, activities to strengthen human rights through community empowerment in law

enforcement have many benefits and positive results. This activity is expected to increase public awareness and understanding of human rights and their



roles and responsibilities in protecting them. In addition, this activity also aims to increase access to legal services that are fair and affordable for the community, especially for vulnerable and discriminated groups.

This activity is also expected to increase the community's active participation in formulating and implementing legal policies, including through consultation mechanisms and public participation. In addition, this activity also aims to increase the community's capacity to report, document, and deal with human rights violations.

This activity requires cooperation and collaboration between law enforcement agencies, NGOs, and the public in law enforcement and human rights protection. In addition, this activity also needs to be supported by the government and all relevant stakeholders to ensure the realization of efforts to protect human rights effectively.

With the expected results of this activity, it is hoped that the human rights of the people, especially those who are vulnerable and discriminated against, will be fulfilled. It is also hoped that this will reduce the number of human rights violations in society and increase the effectiveness of law enforcement and justice in society.

Finally, this activity will build a society that is aware of its rights and obligations and actively participates in realizing a just and prosperous society. Thus, activities to strengthen human rights through community empowerment in law enforcement are very important to be carried out in order to increase public awareness of the importance of human rights and maintain justice in society.

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