

# **THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY BASED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING (PLBK) SUPPORTED BY NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (PNPM) OVER SOCIETY'S BEHAVIOUR AND WELFARE TIER**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This study aims to determine the impact of PLBK of The National Community Empowerment Program (PNPM Mandiri) toward The community behavior and welfare level at Lalabata District, Soppeng Regency, South Sulawesi. This Program has provided a government school, hospital and Financial Management Unit (UPK) at Lalabata District, which are available to support and improve the community's economy of the poor. The study uses the qualitative and quantitative methods and a combination of concurrent triangulation strategy model. The quantitative method uses a questionnaire with a simple linear regression analysis to collect data. The qualitative method uses instruments as Focus Group Discussion (FGO) ,in-depth interview to local people and The Leiden Ethnosystems Approach. The results of this study indicate that the most influential variable in the program to increase the welfare and social economy level of the community is the interest rate of The Financial Management Unit (UPK). Furthermore, the function of IMM (Integrated Microfinance Management) comprising the two core themes (poverty reduction and empowerment), the principle of output (quality and outcome),and five community-based integrated services (comprehensive financial, health, education, communication, social and cultural services) offer a solution to poverty in rural communities.

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