

ABSTRACT

This research aims to analyze the process of community participation in the absorption of Village Fund aspirations in Sungai Aro Village, Tebo Ilir District, Tebo Regency, 2021-2024 period. The method used is qualitative with a descriptive approach, involving in-depth interviews and participatory observation. The results showed that although there are formal mechanisms such as development planning meetings (musrenbang), community participation in the decision-making process is still low. This is due to a lack of socialization, transparency and community understanding of the importance of their involvement. In addition, village heads face challenges in managing community expectations and ensuring that their aspirations are accommodated in development programs. To improve the effectiveness of village fund management, it is recommended that village governments improve communication, transparency, and actively involve the community in every stage, from planning to evaluation. With these measures, it is expected that the community's aspirations can be well absorbed, and village development can run in accordance with the needs of the community.

Keywords: Community Participation, Aspiration Absorption Process, Role of the Village Head

INTISARI

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis analisis proses partisipasi masyarakat dalam penyerapan aspirasi Dana Desa di Desa Sungai Aro, Kecamatan Tebo Ilir, Kabupaten Tebo, periode 2021-2024. Metode yang digunakan adalah kualitatif dengan pendekatan deskriptif, melibatkan wawancara mendalam dan observasi partisipatif. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa meskipun terdapat mekanisme formal seperti musyawarah perencanaan pembangunan (musrenbang), partisipasi masyarakat dalam proses pengambilan keputusan masih rendah. Hal ini disebabkan oleh kurangnya sosialisasi, transparansi, dan pemahaman masyarakat tentang pentingnya keterlibatan mereka. Selain itu, kepala desa menghadapi tantangan dalam mengelola ekspektasi masyarakat dan memastikan bahwa aspirasi mereka diakomodasi dalam program pembangunan. Untuk meningkatkan efektivitas pengelolaan dana desa, disarankan agar pemerintah desa meningkatkan komunikasi, transparansi, dan melibatkan masyarakat secara aktif dalam setiap tahap, mulai dari perencanaan hingga evaluasi. Dengan langkah-langkah ini, diharapkan aspirasi masyarakat dapat terserap dengan baik, dan pembangunan desa dapat berjalan sesuai dengan kebutuhan masyarakat.

Kata Kunci: Partisipasi Masyarakat, Proses Penyerapan Aspirasi, Peran Kepala Desa