

When The Poor can speak out: Participation among Poor in Public Services in West Nusa Tenggara

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Abstract

This paper would like to analysis participation among Poor in public services in Dompus, West Nusa Tenggara. Many scholars with modernist perspective have opinion that poor still passive due to developing a cultural poverty so their participation adhere at low level. They were categorized as people without history. On the other hand, among poor culturally have own strategies to survive through resistance namely 'the weapons of the weak'. My research showed that poor always being constructed by the other people as marginalized group have high participation in public services focusing increasing household income. They can organize through build dynamic groups for self learning. so increasing awareness their right and obligation. Those group also conducting economic activities to improve their life quality. They are also have strong bargaining position when direct local election conducting and participating in development begin planning until evaluation. They are plays important role to make change their life based on their cultural values

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