

The Changing Faces of Wage Labour and Small Businesses in Tana Toraja: A Rural Community's Responses to Social and Economic Change.

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Abstract

Based on research conducted in 1994, the Toraja people of Sulawesi were seen as being fairly successful in engaging with various sectors of the global economy. Returning in November and December of 2000, data were collected to identify the ways in which labour, local producers, small businesses and the larger local industries have been transformed following the regional economic and national political crises. This paper addresses the ways in which the Toraja people have responded to numerous dimensions of political and economic change and some of the labour and market dichotomies that have been generated.