Creating an Empowered, Cohesive and Sustainable Community
In collaboration with the Wahid Foundation, SEAN CSO provides a practical guide of JEJAK for its partners to build social cohesion and community resilience through community-based learning programs.

JEJAK was born from solid experiences of SEAN CSO partners in building sustainable community-based programs to create social resilience and cohesion.

JEJAK is a practical guide designed to empower individuals with critical thinking skills based on key objectives and results, and to utilize social networks to establish resilient, cohesive and sustainable community governance.
“As a multi-cultural village and Peace Village, I hope that from now on, the residents of Nglingi Village will extend silaturahmi (communal bonds) and give salutations to each other or those of different faiths, who celebrate their holidays, and parents will no longer prohibit their children from playing with their friends of different religions, ethnicities and social statuses,”

Sugeng Mulyadi, Head of Nglingi Peace Village, Klaten, Central Java.

“With young people participating in the program in the Peace Village, my dream is that women in my village can pursue and have the opportunity to get a decent education at least having a Bachelor’s degree and be economically independent with the entrepreneurial group we have formed. It is time for women to be recognized, independent, and become agents of peace and prosperity in the village and the wider area,”

Dr. Mokhamad Samsu, M.Pd.I
SMAN 1 Sugihwaras.


“The School of Peace at SMAN 1 Sugihwaras is an innovative program that has an impact by harmonizing diversity, preventing radical thoughts from infiltrating schools, enhancing tolerance and mutual respect among school members. This innovative program builds trust of local residents in the quality of education at SMAN Sugihwaras by increasing the number of students enrolled in school, which in turn improves the quality of learning and education by having a large number of graduates being accepted by state universities,”

OUR TRACES
What is sustainable community development?

Everyone has experience building their own programs, and has their own views about the achievements of the sustainable community programs they develop.

Learn how the Wahid Foundation and other SEAN-CSO partners work in building resilient, cohesive, and sustainable community-based programs on:

http://wahidfoundation.org
http://peacevillage.id
https://tanoker.org
https://peacegen.id/en/home/
LEARNING TIPS

Understand the meaning of sustainable community development and the workings of SEAN-CSO partners

Familiarize yourself with the key terms related to resilience, community cohesiveness, and sustainable programs for community empowerment programs

Identify and understand the roles of civil society, the government, and the private sector in supporting the sustainability of community-based programs
Jejak’s Sustainable Program

Building a common vision by using a local language to combine the vision of the program to that of the community.

Establishing a system to achieve goals or dreams that focus on goals and key results.
Understand the program formulation based on root-cause of problems and theory of change

Map issues, involve community and formulate the issues together with the community (bottom-up approach)

Familiarize yourself with local languages and deeply rooted local wisdom

Understand the principle of “Work together, not Work for”

Adapt with local context and challenges

Understand how to institutionalize local groups with revolving management

Understand policy advocacy with the Action-Reflection-Action scheme

Provide space and facilitate community to share stories about their own struggles

Respect community members’ right to privacy
Before making a sustainable program plan, discuss with your team different processes and mechanisms that can be utilized to ensure the program sustainability.

**LEARNING TIPS**

- Recognize the long-term vision of your organization and of the community that you assist.
- Integrate aspect of sustainability in every community activity that you conduct.
- Understand communication and networking strategies.
- Find diverse existing and supporting resources.
- Create a democratic and equal environment in the organization and community.
- Involve young people as sustainable human capital.
- Review the available capital.
- Open opportunities that support the process towards sustainability.
One of the most crucial matters in the aspect of sustainability is the diversity of resources in developing long-term cooperation with stakeholders and donors.

**LEARNING TIPS**

- Recognize the diversity of funding resources
- Create an inventory of resources
- Develop the existing local resources
- Gain information on new opportunities
- Establish new cooperation with outside parties such as the government, private sector, and donors
- Strengthen the relationships that have been established
- Understand the concept of entrepreneurship
Critical thinking is a barometer in distinguishing fact from fiction in running community-based programs. At JEJAK, we will explore some of the skills needed to ensure the sustainability of community-based programs in creating a cohesive and tolerant society.

**LEARNING TIPS**

- Implement goal-setting or dream-accomplishing strategies that are based on key goals and results.
- Examine various information by identifying the type of information and improve your ability to analyze it.
- Empower yourself to be an active, reflective, communicative, and interactive social worker.
- Appreciate the impact of each individual’s action in accomplishing their dream.