

Identifying the Impact of Transmigration Policy on Local Community: A Case Study of Sigulai Village, Simeulue Regency, Indonesia

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Abstract

The transmigration program was an initiative of the Dutch colonial government and later continued by the Indonesian government to move landless people from densely populated areas of Indonesia to less populous areas of the country. Forced migration due to climate change, natural disasters, and conflict is among the most important policy challenges of the 21st century. The purpose of this research was to identify the impact of the Transmigration policy in the utilization of the local socioeconomic and cultural environment for the Sigulai village community, Simeulue regency, Aceh province, Indonesia. The Simeulue Government's policy to bring in 1000 trans migrant families aims to develop the area of potentials economic, but in reality, the policy is not comply with the policy that has been conveyed by the local government to provide facilities for 2 hectares of land, decent housing, life support, clean water facilities, educational facilities and transportation This study was a qualitative approach by using the triangulation data, namely observation, interviews and literature study. The results of this study indicated that the transmigration policy by the Simeulue district government does not yet have any clear goals and standards for the economic inequality. Also, this study identified that there is a positive impact of the transmigration policy on socioeconomic and cultural environment of local community, including the gardening skills. This study concluded that the transmigration policy does not yet have any clear goals and standards, especially for economic inequality and is a positive impact of the transmigration policy on socioeconomic and cultural environment of local community.

Keywords

Transmigration Policy, Socioeconomic, Cultural Environment, Local Community, Simeulue Regency context.

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