# A Study of Community Empowerment Strategy for Vulnerable Groups in Eradicating Poverty at Aceh Province, Indonesia

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#### **Abstract**

Women are one of the vulnerable groups that needed to empower and always discussed in many spaces. This study tried to identify the lack of women backed by structural problems in village policies that do not consider women as a class of vulnerable groups become the most crucial part of development. Qualitative research with natural methods because it is on the basis of natural conditions. This approach is focusing on phenomena or natural settings. The data is collected by interviewing and observing a member of the empowerment and family welfare group (PKK). This study found that mothers of households who serve as household heads trained to take advantage of what they have to earn additional income. PKK Group pioneered the village's opposition by involving themselves completely, both from development planning, implementation to the evaluation of performance already underway. The empowerment efforts are not arbitrarily successful as expected; the PKK group is precisely dealing with the problem in the internal body of the organisation. Many planned work programs often fail because they are affected by internal issues.

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