

## ABSTRACT

FIRDA SYIFA FAUZIAH. 2024. **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION THROUGH POSYANDU ACTIVITIES IN STUNTING REDUCTION PROGRAMS** (*Study on Posyandu Melati 2 in Tuguraja Village, Cihideung District, Tasikmalaya City*). Department of Community Education, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Siliwangi University of Tasikmalaya.

*Stunting being a serious challenge in achieving sustainable human development. The impact of stunting is not only limited to children, but also involves pregnant women. The government is trying to overcome this stunting problem, one of which is the Posyandu program. The success of activities at Posyandu is strongly influenced by the support of puskesmas management and community participation. The purpose of this study is to determine community participation through posyandu activities towards stunting reduction programs at Posyandu Melati 2. This research method uses qualitative descriptive methods. This study used interview, observation, and documentation data collection techniques. The results of participation research conducted by the community at Posyandu Melati 2 are divided into two forms of participation, including physical and non-physical participation. Physical participation carried out by the community in the form of regular visits, attendance of health checks, and attending counseling. Non-physical participation in the form of moral support to parents of toddlers and pregnant women. Furthermore, there are driving factors as well as inhibiting community participation. The driving factors are awareness, clear education, adequate facilities, and social support. In addition, several factors inhibit community participation, namely, lack of understanding, economic constraints, and stigma of traditional community beliefs. Conclusions from community participation through stunting prevention activities for mothers and children at posyandu Melati II, Cihideung sub-district, Tuguraja sub-district, Tasikmalaya city, in the form of physical and non-physical participation*

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