

ABSTRACT

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Empowerment is not yet optimal and economic conditions are relatively low in Darmacaang Village, as well as a lack of community awareness and understanding regarding BUMDES, hence the importance of empowerment to improve community skills. The aim of this research is to determine the process of empowering village communities through Village-Owned Enterprises. The method used in this research is a qualitative research method. Based on the research results, it is clear that the community empowerment process is carried out through certain stages, including: Preparation stage, deliberations are held to explore the potential that exists in the village. The assessment stage examines community needs to determine the program. In the alternative program planning stage, at this stage community participation is still lacking because there is no awareness from the community itself. In the action plan performance stage, the program implemented by BUMDES is able to reduce unemployment so that people can fulfill their daily needs. In the implementation stage, there is a special role division, that is, each person has their own role. The evaluation stage is carried out to see the progress of activities through accountability reports. Termination stage, the program ends and the community benefits from the program. Conclusion: Empowering village communities through Village-Owned Enterprises (BUMDES) can reduce unemployment so that people can work and meet their living needs and those of their families.

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