

## ABSTRACT

ANDINI AINI SUKMA. 2025. *EMPOWERING WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING IN SNACK FOOD PRODUCTION (A Study at the Indonesian Women with Disabilities Association (HWDI) in Garut Regency)*. Department of Community Education, Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Siliwangi University.

The empowerment of women with disabilities is a crucial effort in promoting social and economic equality. Women with disabilities often encounter barriers in accessing education and employment, thereby requiring systematic support to develop their potential and autonomy. The Indonesian Women with Disabilities Association (HWDI) in Garut Regency plays an active role in this effort through an entrepreneurship training program in snack food production, designed to enhance members' skills and economic independence. This study aims to analyse the stages of empowerment of women with disabilities through entrepreneurship training implemented by HWDI Garut Regency. The research employs a qualitative descriptive approach, with data collected through interviews, observation, and documentation involving board members and training participants. The findings indicate that the empowerment process at HWDI comprises three main stages: awareness, capacity transformation, and capacity enhancement. In the awareness stage, participants begin to recognise their potential and rights as women with disabilities. The capacity transformation stage is characterised by increased knowledge and technical skills in snack food production. In the capacity enhancement stage, participants demonstrate economic independence by managing their own micro-enterprises. In conclusion, this training successfully enhanced snack food production skills and the ability to manage a simple business, while also strengthening self-confidence, promoting economic independence, and expanding the social participation of women with disabilities in community life.

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