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THE HEALTH QUALITY OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY: A STUDY ON AKIT TRIBE

Abstract:

Akit tribe as one of indigenous community in Riau Province, Indonesia has received empowerment program for several times. It should result on better condition in all aspects of life including health condition. The health quality of Akit tribe, however, is still marginalized as shown from the environment situation, house condition, and water quality for daily activities. This paper examines the root causes of the low health quality in Akit Tribe in order to get the full pictures of its problem. The method used in this research is case study with the data collected by taking literature study, observation, and in-depth interviews. The result of the research suggested that the root causes of the failed empowerment is due to the incoherence of governmental institution, low education of Akit Tribe, environmental dependency, and the guidance from ancestor.

Keywords:

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