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The Future Outlook of Posdaya

Under influence of these three or four priorities, it is hoped that communities will gain impetus for continuous development. When undertaken with a high level of commitment, sustainedly and over the long term, communities can expect progress to be reflected by regular rises across a range of living standard and quality indicators (HDI).

Communities and families that manage or participate in Posdaya undertakings will be increasingly solid and come to recognize that their activities are more than a component of the standard social safety net. They will be an element in mutual empowerment that must be sustained to ensure that individual families and general community can increasingly advance. Building a culture of embarrassment on seeing neighbours and extended family in distress will generate healthy pressure on Posdaya officials to respond by extending their range of activities and services.

Any extended services should retain the same overall objectives, targets and focus, or strengthen intervention more





focused on improving HDI indexes to generate significant change.

Institutions that have traditionally managed their affairs in line with their individual competence and focus on a case by case basis, will understand their broader responsibilities and commit themselves to an extended range of activities and outlets to prevent outbreak of incidents of social distress in

the broader community. Posdaya will stimulate development and extension of the social safety net into a broader and more closely community integrated entity.

Community becomes the new base from which social issues are addressed using a dynamic preventative perspective by self-sustained communities. The term “social safety net” takes on new significance as a product of Indonesia’s tradition of “gotong royong”, concern for the nation’s children, intimate cooperation between families and a growing sense of shame not to respond to the needs of friends, neighbours and family in need of a helping hand.



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