

UGM Students Organise Free Healthcare Services in Kulon Progo Regency

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Students of Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) doing community service project in Ngentakrejo village, Kulon Progo regency, organised a free healthcare services on Sunday (24/11).

The event was supported by Association of Dermatology and Venereal Disease Specialists, Desa Batik Sehat UGM, and Faculty of Medicine, Public Health and Nursing UGM. Tens of doctors from Sardjito local hospital took part in the event. Village residents had the opportunity to access free health consultation from general practitioners, dermatologists, ophthalmologists, and otolaryngologists.

“Many residents were enthusiastic to have the health check that they queued up since early in the morning,” said Aditya Nugraha, student coordinator.

Most of the residents were workers in batik industry or farmers that are vulnerable to certain diseases. As many as 35 doctors were present to treat 140 people wanting to have their health examined.

While the residents waiting for the service, the students gave a dance and musical performance. There were also an exhibition to display products and programmes that had been done by the students in the community service project. Besides, the students held an event with a disability group and gave a makeup training to the local people.

“Hopefully the programme of UGM students will sustain and benefit the residents,” he said.

The Student Community Service project in Ngentakrejo village ran from 8 October-26 November 2019, themed *Development of a Green Village through Community Empowerment*. The programmes included appropriate technology such as water filter, biogas, and prototype of plastic processing to fuel, exploration of tourism potential of Gulurejo and Ngentakrejo villages, training in social media and digital literacy to build MSME as well as internet ethics education for the young people, in addition to health, social, and climate change programmes.

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