

Inauguration of Prof. Rijanto: Climate Change Increases Risk in Production Activities in Rural Areas

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Given the increasing risks of global warming, climate change and globalization, the livelihood approach in rural development will become stronger in the future, because, contextually, the issues in rural households need to be addressed using livelihood approach as described above. Various risks and vulnerabilities that are derived from a variety of global changes can emerge at any time as a disaster or shock in scales ranging from local to broad and massive scale.

In such chaotic situations, according to Rijanto, governments as authorities are often not effective, because members of the government often become victims themselves. "Therefore, society's collective consciousness about the risks needs to be raised through education and local community participation. Their various roles need to be accommodated in facing those changes, particularly in terms of rural development that is more sensitive to a variety of risks and vulnerabilities," said the husband of Emi Rusdiyati, and the father of two sons.

He said global warming and climate change have together increased the risk of production activities in rural areas, crop failures, emergence of new diseases and disasters that have never happened

before. "Similarly, globalization has put the villagers in a situation that is more open to new vulnerabilities and risks that arise from the openness and integration of the rural system in the order of social systems, economy and global politics," said the man born in Kulon Progo, on January 1, 1962.

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