

Government Prepares Prosperous Family Service Center

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Starting in 2012, the government will prepare a Prosperous Family Service Center in 33 provinces. The presence of Prosperous Family Service Center is expected to become the means of various services to the community, whether for domestic, marriage, teen, to reproductive and sexual health counseling issues.

"Hopefully, through this service center family in Indonesia, they will be more harmonious and prosperous," Head of the National Population and Family Planning Office, Sugiri Syarief, explained to the reporters after opening the 6th Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCSRHR) at UGM Graha Sabha Pramana (GSP), Thursday (20/10).

Sugiri describes as a trial, the Prosperous Family Service Center is only limited in each province. However, if the trial is successful, it will continue to be developed up to district and even sub-district level.

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On that occasion Sugiri said besides the establishment of family service centers, and clinics, it also constantly tries to improve the ability of health professionals such as doctors and midwives to perform a variety of training. In 2011, said Sugiri, more than 35 thousand midwives and 10 thousand doctors have received training through the national network of reproductive health.

He asserted that the government is serious and ready to make a significant step in protecting and fulfilling the rights of citizens, such as discrimination elimination based on religion and belief, ethnicity, skin color, socio-economic status and identity as well as sexual orientation.

"With this framework, government institutions must be able to serve and support all citizens," said Sugiri.

Previously, APCSRHR committee chairman, Prof. Muhadjir Darwin, MPA, hoped that this conference will produce a joint declaration that not only becomes a thought, but the real action for all stakeholders in the Asia Pacific region to meet and respect the community's rights of sexual and reproductive health.

"The effort should be able to touch all levels of society, especially young people, women, and marginalized groups that often experience discrimination and violence," said Muhadjir.


UGM Rector, Prof.Ir.Sudjarwadi, M. Eng, Ph.D., on the occasion warmly welcomes and supports the implementation of the conference. According to the Rector, the conference was expected to look for solutions to problems which arise, such as reproductive, sexual and right equality problems. This is also in line with the mandate of UGM for the development and application of science.

"The world is constantly changing complexly and dynamically. We hope that through this conference we can contribute to the achievement of civilization, usefulness, and happiness of mankind, "said Sudjarwadi.

Meanwhile, the opening of APCSRHR major conference at GSP went quite lively and attended by around 1,200 people from 53 countries in Asia. In addition to the colossal dance from Didik Nini Thowok group dance, at the opening of the conference is also aired a greeting video from the United Nations Executive Director for Population Fund (UNFPA) Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin.

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