



Gender and Politics
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‘Thinking and Working Politically’ for Social Inclusion: The Waria of Banjarmasin, Indonesia

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Introduction

- A case of a Program Peduli: implemented by TAF (DFAT-funded) supports social inclusion of man-to-woman transgender (*waria*) community in Banjarmasin, Indonesia
- Research objective: to deepen understanding of how thinking and working politically (TWP) and gender analysis can interact during program implementation
- Methodology: field research and secondary data analysis: 9 FGDs and 11 key informant interviews, covering 46 people (12 waria, 12 men, 22 women)
- Conducted by 5 TAF staff – 1 directly involved in the program

General Situation of waria in Banjarmasin

- The people of the city are fairly tolerant, although some 'Islamic regulations' exist
- Although facing stereotypes and social exclusion, some success in business – 'no waria, no wedding'; limited waria became street entertainers and sex workers
- Most of the waria are still living with their families, although some of them are not accepted (tried to be 'normalised')
- Harassment and violence from local law enforcer, as well as broader government and social discrimination
- Started organised themselves in 2009: Association of Banua Banjarmasin Transgender Community Solidarity (IWB-Banjaraty); mainly to implement HIV/AIDS program

Local program strategy: Focus on social acceptance



The program outcomes

- No discrimination against waria based on their sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI)
- Access to information of government services (training, grants, scholarships); invitation to government events; access to gov't facilities and legal identity with their SOGI
- Improved acceptance of families and communities – interfaith leaders, women's groups, volley ball community

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Waria Participated in Dragon Boat Rowing Competition

Kala Para Waria Ikutan Lomba Dayung Perahu Naga..Upss...!!
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- Melayan Keras Di Rumah Tanya Tim Maksi
- Pesakit Diabetes Ujung Sebelah, Tanpa Layang Layang Lupa Lupa
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- Kepala Desa Tawakal dan Wangi, Dengan Berawal Peristiwa Baru
- Kampung 11, Lulusan dan Mudi Denda Joy The City
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(Government of) South Kalimantan: Waria to Participate in Development

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TEMPO.CO, Banjarmasin - Pelaksanaan tugas Kepala Dinas Sosial Provinsi Kalimantan Selatan Antonius Simbolon mendorong para lesbian, gay, biseksual, dan transgender (LCBT) lebih berkontribusi dalam membangun daerah. Antonius berujar, para LGBT yang tergabung dalam Ikatan Waria Banua Banjarmasin Transgender Solidarity sudah berkecimpung di sektor usaha kecanikan.

Program Activities



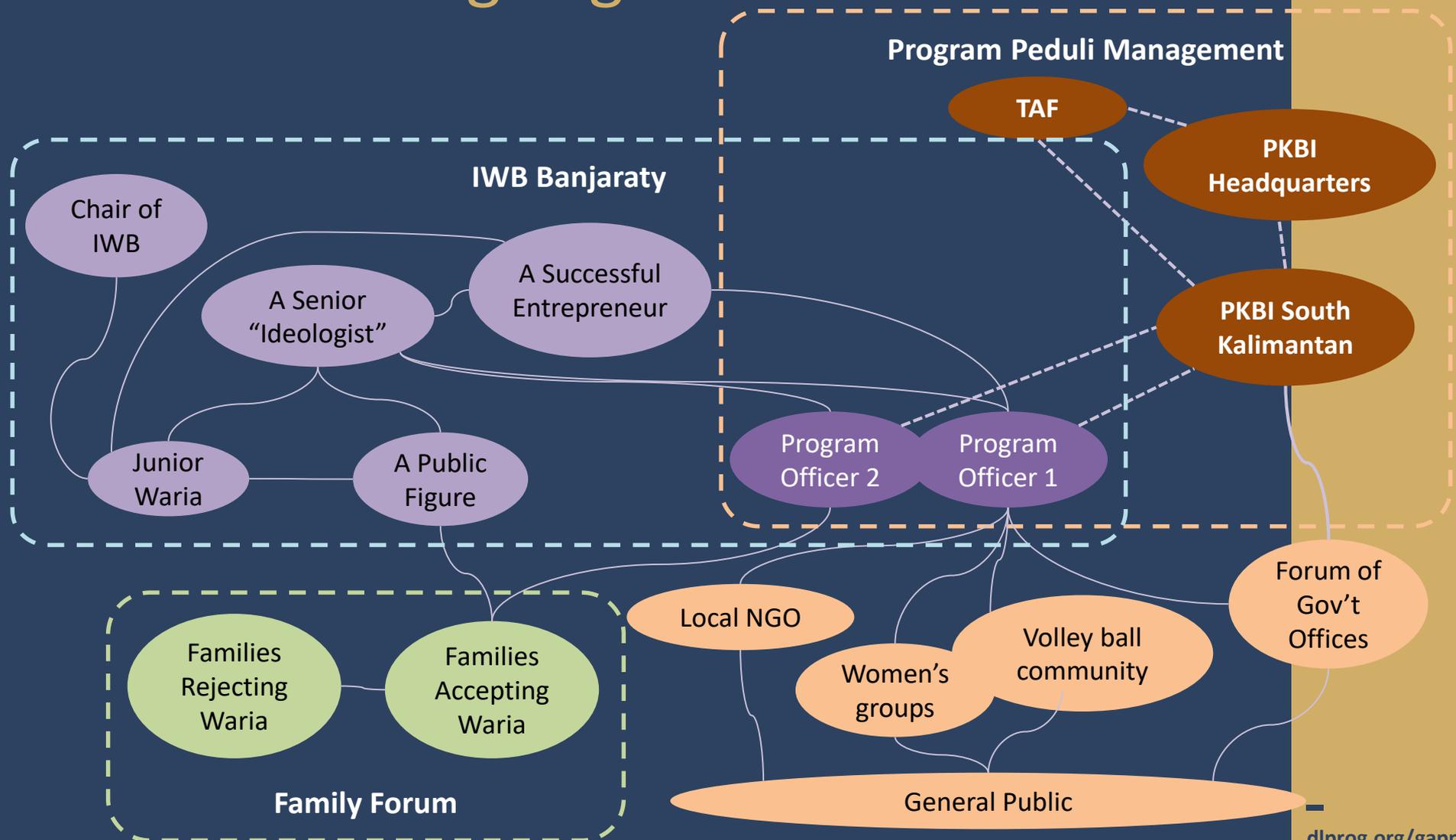
Cross learning with waria program implementers in other locations



Lead Zumba exercise

Koran reading with communities during fasting month

Program management and wide group of local change agents involved



Use of simple tools to support flexible, participatory approach

- Local theory of change (ToC) workshops
 - Simplified ToC template: identification of exclusion problems, social changes expected, stakeholders map, program approaches and strategy, assumptions and pre-requirements
 - Both program implementers and beneficiaries involved
- National gender workshop
 - Confirming the findings of the ToC workshop: emphasising on addressing stereotypes
 - Brought gender analysis down to the local level for the unique situation in Banjarmasin
- Cross learning among waria pillar implementers and beneficiaries in 6 locations

Flexible and adaptive program management

TAF and PKBI Headquarters set out high level outcomes, local implementers decided emphasis on which outcomes and how to pursue them

Plan	Actual
Build coalition with the national human rights and women commissions	Not implemented – considered not necessary
MoU with the local government and police office	Not implemented – considered not necessary and politically sensitive
-	Engage with volley ball communities as opportunity arises
Engage with moderate religious leaders at the <u>national</u> and <u>local</u> levels	Engage with <u>community-level</u> religious leaders and interfaith forums

Politically informed program implementation

- Strong understanding of power dynamics down to community, household and individual levels
- Decision to focus on waria's integration and acceptance – rather than demanding special rights or recognition – based on political economy considerations (legitimate fear of backlash)
- Incremental approach in engaging wider communities at the small scale rather than confrontational

Lessons for integrating TWP and gender programming (1)

- Extending the definition of TWP to individual, household and community transformations might include:
 - Articulates how household and community transformations will lead into improved conditions for beneficiaries
 - Articulate work on policy does not offer transformative impact
 - Start from sound (incl. gender) analysis of power at the individual, household and community levels
 - Analyse the interests and network of stakeholders who influence the beliefs and behaviours of individuals, household and communities
 - Take a flexible, adaptive, and context-driven approach

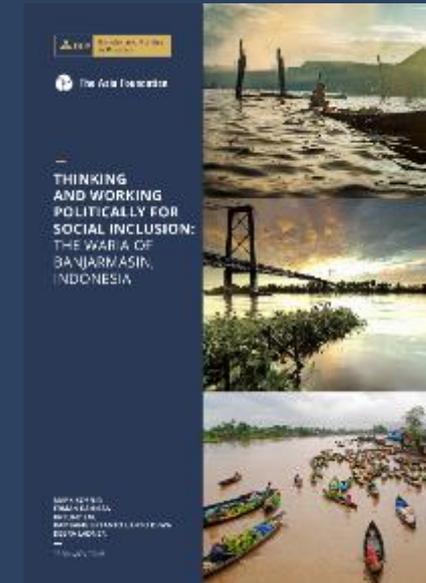
Lessons for integrating TWP and gender programming (2)

- Gender analysis and TWP can work well together for this kind of program
- Potential tensions between TWP and gender-focused approaches – scaling and timeframes
- An incremental approach may risk tacitly condoning gender inequality to achieve short-term objectives

Briefing note



Waria of Banjarmasin



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