

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) To The Indigenous Community In Pos Sinderut, Pahang: A Burden Or A Relief?

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ABSTRACT

This paper discusses a preliminary findings on a study carried out among the Semai indigenous community in Pos Sinderut, Pahang. Besides focus group interviews, purposive sampling technique was used to select the respondents who are the key informants in the village for interviews to solicit information about the community's viewpoints on the impact of the introduction of ICTs on their daily lives. From the analysis of the study, majority of the community was found to show their interest on new technologies like ICTs introduced to them. Most of them felt that ICT would be able to improve their standards of livings as they would be able to receive latest information of development of certain issues.

However, most of them were skeptical on the issues of sustaining the operation of ICTs in their villages. Majority of the respondents interviewed raised the concern of not being able to pay for the services provided by ICTs as most of them do not have stable cash income. The paper concludes with some recommendation for policy makers to take into account before any projects on ICTs were introduced to the rural community particularly to these Semai group in Pos Sinderut. This is to ensure that any new technologies introduced to the community particularly to the Semai community in Pos Sinderut do not bring extra burden to them, but at least to help them feel relieved for a better standard of livings.