

Abstract

Stigma in people affected by leprosy still exists. It can come either from family and community or from people affected by leprosy themselves. Stigma-related leprosy might happen due to lack of knowledge among family and community, particularly lack of confidence among people affected by leprosy. Intervention counseling that return it back the rights of people affected by leprosy is highly addressed by this thesis.

This thesis presents a rights-based counseling module (RBCM) as an effective result of the intervention and research project on stigma assessment reduction of impact (SARI). This project aimed is to reduce stigma in people affected by leprosy by using counseling, contact and social economic development interventions, held in Cirebon District Indonesia 2010-2014. This project in developing RBCM used trans-disciplinary approach and interactive learning action in inclusive setting in which multi stakeholders especially people affected by leprosy were deeply involved as clients, research assistant and peer counselors.

RBCM beliefs that people affected by leprosy, would like to have a better life to live in a better place. By receiving full 5 sessions of RBCM (individual, family and group) facilitated by lay and peer counselors, people affected by leprosy can reduce stigma by building knowledge, increasing awareness of rights and developing confidence.