

Abstract

Credit Cooperative as an Alternative Community Informal Care System for Women

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Indonesia is experiencing very distressing economic depreciation, especially from the 1980s until monetary crises in mid 1997. To overcome the poverty and economic problem, Indonesia government established the system of community solidarity called “cooperative”, an enterprise the consists of a person or a group of people or a firm that assigns its activities based on cooperation principles. One of the effectively developed cooperative systems in Indonesia is Women Cooperative. Through women cooperative, women have an opportunity and access to satisfy their needs by experiencing and improving their knowledge. Successful women cooperative is also influenced by women’s community participation activities, such as “*Jimpitan*” and “*Tanggung Renteng*”. “*Jimpitan*” is a system of community participation for mutual support whereas “*Tanggung Renteng*” is a shared responsibility among group members on every obligation based on sincerity and trust. From the experiences, women cooperative that integrated those activities can develop more effectively and efficiently.