

FOOD SUPPORT FOR THE ANDALAS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DURING THE FIRST LOCKDOWN DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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ABSTRACT

Background: Distributing Food Supplies for andalas university students that wander in Padang who are affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic is essential. **Methodology:** The distribution of basic food packages consisting of rice, eggs, cooking oil, milk and instant noodles has been carried out in 2 stages. This package can feed students for 1 week and help them to survive this difficult time. This program was directly supervised by the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Andalas University and implemented jointly with all members of the Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Andalas University. **Conclusion:** This activity can increase solidarity with the care of others affected by Covid-19 and also encourage understanding and interest in community empowerment, especially in tackling the spread of coronavirus **Keywords:** Food distributions, students, solidarity, lock down.

INTRODUCTION

According to Hanoatubun (2020) and Suryahadi et al. (2020), the Covid-19 pandemic in Indonesia will result in an economic crisis which is expected to weaken the economy from the previous year, even according to the Minister of Finance, economic growth can be depressed to a level of 2.5% to 0%. This can happen if a good prevention strategy is not implemented in dealing with the spread of the corona virus in the community.

This economic situation impact also affects the parents of Andalas University students especially for the student of Faculty of Agricultural Technology. Some students choose to remain in Padang rather than return to their hometowns. They are unable to return home due to restrictions placed on them. Meanwhile, the economy of their parents is also uncertain. There are several students who need help to get through this situation.

The Faculty of Agricultural Technology always carries out community service activities every semester. This year, community service activities are directed at the Covid-19 disaster program. One of the activities carried out was the distribution of basic foodstuffs or nine basic ingredients consisting

of rice, eggs, cooking oil, milk and instant noodles. These staple foods were distributed to students of the Faculty of Agricultural Technology who were in Padang and were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. It is hoped that this activity can reduce the burden on students and parents in fulfilling their needs main while in Padang and away from parents

METHODOLOGY

This activity was held on March 30, 2020 and April 14, 2020. Food consisting of rice, eggs, cooking oil, milk and instant noodles is provided by the Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Andalas University. Food has been provided to students living around Andalas University who are unable to return home due to the Covid-19 situation.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The government's decision to implement large-scale containment measures to stop the COVID-19 virus from spreading has a significant influence on the world economy. The obvious negative impact of COVID-19-related school or university cancellations and public transportation on exports across the country (Verschuur et al., 2021). Many of Andalas University students were unable to participate in school meanwhile they were also unable to return home. Therefore, due to the large-scale incarceration that will be imposed, their lives will be in a little bit hampered

Figure 1 shows the documentation of food distribution for the student. food has been packed with a complete composition according to the package that has been determined. This activity also involves students. This food distribution is carried out in several locations such as in the Pasar Baru area, the campus gate area and several other areas which have a large student population.



Fig. 1 Food distribution for the students

Figure 2 shows documentation of student volunteers in preparing food before the distribution process. The provision of this food has covered the standard needs for survival. The need for carbohydrates, protein, fat as well as water is an important requirement that must be supplied for humans to survive (Skerrett and Willett, 2010). In this activity, the food packages provided have met all of these needs.



Fig. 2 Student Volunteers in preparing food packages

CONCLUSION

This Community Service activity was welcomed by students. This activity is expected to reduce the burden on students, so that they are more focused on carrying out lectures even though learning is done from home. The Faculty of Agricultural Technology, Andalas University has participated in preventing the transmission of the COVID-19 outbreak as a form of service as part of the obligations of Higher Education to the community

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