

Gampong Leadership and Disaster Mitigation: A Study Case in Aceh Besar District

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Abstract

The enactment of Law No. 6/2014 in Aceh has been associated with the existence of *gampong* and *mukim* governed by Law No. 11/2006. Law no. 6/2014 has not focuses on the recognition of *adat* communities. This article aims to answer two important issues. First, to what extent a leadership strengthening of *gampong* and *mukim* in Aceh can be performed in the context of recognition of *adat* communities? Second, what is correlation between a leadership framework related to disaster experience of Aceh and disaster mitigation? The strengthening of *gampong* and *mukim* leaderships was inseparable from the context of recognition and protection of the state to *adat* communities. So far, state law does not recognize *adat* communities operatively and functionally. It is important to strengthen the *adat* communities. The strengthening should be oriented on an understanding that *adat* communities are not limited to the context of *adat* law, but rather related to sociocultural, politics, economics, and ecological dimensions. In regard to disaster mitigation, the recognition and protection of *adat* communities would be very important so that implementation of disaster mitigation can be performed by *gampong* and *mukim* leaders. In this case, *gampong* and *mukim* were not limited as government agencies, but as *adat* institution and *adat* community. This institutional combination allowed *gampong* and *mukim* to set *adat* spaces contributing to the disaster risk mitigation of Aceh.

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