

PPSW (Pusat Penembangan Sumberdaya Wanita)

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Brief History

PPSW (Pusat Penembangan Sumberdaya Wanita) or the Center for Women's Resources Development, based in Jakarta, was founded in 1986, became a foundation in 1988 and was transformed into an association in 2002, working towards women empowerment. PPSW works in a wide range of development fields, such as economic and social development, support to migrant workers, reproductive health and education. PPSW original objective in the economic development field was to involve women in the national development process by creating self-help groups (SHG) to whom were provided small loans and saving facilities. PPSW also wanted to increase women social status by giving women a greater control over their household's resources.

Methodology

PPSW uses a cooperative model to encourage the empowerment of poor women groups. The cooperative model was selected as it holds economic and social principles that include empowerment aspects.

Before setting up cooperatives, PPSW facilitate the formation of informal self-help groups, based on savings mobilisation. Each group commits to a certain amount of regular savings, decides how to manage it and agrees on internal bylaws. The group starts with saving mobilisation, for a minimum period of three months, before accessing credit (with first a multiple of 3 to the amount of savings mobilised, then a second loan can be accessed for a multiple of 4, then 5, etc.). At the end of the year, any profit is shared amongst members. Some groups have been recognised as primary cooperatives.

PPSW established a secondary cooperative in 2001, called KOPPERTI, to serve primary cooperatives (formed by smaller groups) in accessing larger amounts of funds. PPSW lends to KOPPERTI for onlending to individual members or cooperative members. PPSW also provides loans directly to individual members, on soft terms for consumption purposes, on commercial terms for business purposes.

Area of Operations

PPSW is operating in more than 50 villages in the poor areas of ten provinces including Aceh, Jakarta, West Java, Central Java, Riau, West Kalimantan, East Nusaenggara and North Mollucas.

Clients

As of June 2004, 400 women self-help groups have been established, 30 legal primary cooperatives, and one legal secondary cooperative.

Active clients	Active savers	Active borrowers	Gender
12,000	12,000	12,000	100% women

As of June 2004

Poverty Focus

Average Loan Outstanding	Average outstanding loan size / GNP per capita	Average deposit size
n/a	n/a	n/a

Distinctive Features

PPSW focuses on women empowerment. Microfinance is only one of the tools used to achieve this objective.

Innovations

n/a

Financial results

PPSW reports a repayment rate as high as 98%.

Loan Portfolio	Portfolio at risk	Savings Deposits	OSS / FSS	RoE / RoA
Rp. 1 billion	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

As of June 2004

Challenges and development plans

n/a

Inclusion in financial Sector

n/a

Sources

- Interviews and correspondence with PPSW representatives.