ABSTRACT

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Rural area in Central Sulawesi situated on high land has hilly contour and lacks of access and service for farmers, the factors inhibiting economic growth of rural community in Central Sulawesi. On the other side, there are some opportunities of promoting livelihoods and increasing income significantly, both from farm and non-farm. These are among the backgrounds of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) organization in developing a rural empowerment and agricultural development (READ) program in Central Sulawesi.

The program is a concept and innovation IFAD designed to promote livelihood in increasing poor community income in rural. Based on the above, a problem was formulated as follows: "To the extent of which the role of IFAD through READ on the increase of rural community income in Central Sulawesi?"

As a reference to the research problem, the theories on International Relation, Pluralism, International Cooperation, International Organization, Role and Income were presented. The method used in this research was historical-analytical method, that is to collect data by looking at the history of problem background and then developed into a research process. Then the hypothesis proposed was: "If the contribution of IFAD through Rural Empowerment and Agricultural Development (READ) program can be realized optimally and consistently by applying the four components of the program consisting of community empowerment, cultural and non-cultural agricultural enterprise development, rural infrastructure, and policy program and analysis, then they would increase rural community income in central Sulawesi.

Based on the data obtained it could be concluded that READ program in the time period of 2007-2008 has brought slightly increase in rural community income in Central Sulawesi, though it was not very significant. The READ program was very helpful for rural community particularly farmers in distributing their wet field proceeds by constructing and improving road access so that the farmers can easily distribute goods, hence the farmers gain wage from selling their products

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