

Case Study – Participation and Subsidiarity

Answer these questions after reading or watching the case study. Circle the case study: Ronita Shaniella Rosalie Laxmi

<p>1. What was the main issue the person or community were experiencing? (e.g., right to education? Right to access to clean water?)</p>	
<p>2. What challenges did they experience before Caritas Australia's support? (How did the issue impact their life?)</p>	
<p>3. What in-country program provided support?</p>	
<p>4. How did the in-country program and/or Caritas Australia provide support?</p>	
<p>5. How did the person/community participate in the program?</p>	
<p>6. What decisions were made in partnership with the person/community?</p>	



Community Decision Making Simulation

Scenario One: Reducing Plastic Waste

Background: The community has noticed an increase in plastic waste in local parks and waterways. The local government, Caritas Australia and community members need to come together to develop a plan to reduce plastic waste and promote recycling.

Key Issues to Consider:

- *Awareness:* Educating the community about the impact of plastic waste
- *Recycling Programs:* Implementing effective recycling programs
- *Alternatives:* Promoting the use of alternatives of plastic, such as reusable bags and containers
- *Clean-Up Initiatives:* Organising community clean-up events

Discussion Points:

Government Official: What policies can be implemented to reduce energy consumption and promote sustainable transportation? How will you allocate funding for these initiatives?

Caritas Representative: How can you inform local Australian community about the global impact decisions here in Australia have? What key information/statistics can be used to inform the local Australian community?

Community Member: What changes can you make in your daily life to reduce your carbon footprint? How can you encourage others in the community to do the same?

Group Activity Steps:

1. Each group discusses their role's perspective on the key issue.
2. Groups undertake research to gather ideas
3. Groups develop a plan to reduce the community's carbon footprint, considering all perspectives
4. Groups present their plans to the class

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Scenario Two: Ensuring Access to Clean Water

Background: The local community has been facing issues with access to clean and safe drinking water. Contaminated water sources have led to health problems, and there is a need for a sustainable solution. The government, Caritas Australia and community members must collaborate to develop a plan to ensure everyone has access to clean water.

Key Issues to Consider:

- *Water Source:* Identifying and securing a reliable and clean water source
- *Infrastructure:* Building and maintaining infrastructure for water purification and distribution
- *Education:* Educating the community about water conservation and hygiene practices
- *Funding:* Securing funding for the project and ensuring its sustainability
- *Health:* Addressing health issues caused by contaminated water and preventing future problems

Discussion Points:

Government Official: What policies can be implemented to secure a clean water source? How will you allocate funding for the infrastructure?

Caritas Representative: How can you support vulnerable groups in accessing clean water? What educational programs are needed to promote water hygiene?

Community Member: What changes can you make in your daily life to conserve water? How can you encourage others in the community to participate in the project? How will the community maintain the water source?

Group Activity Steps:

1. Each group discusses their role's perspective on the key issue.
2. Groups undertake research to gather ideas
3. Groups develop a plan to ensure access to clean water, considering all perspectives
4. Groups present their plans to the class

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Scenario Three: Improving Community Health and Wellness

Background: The local government has identified a need to improve the overall health and wellness of the community. Key health issues include malnutrition, diabetes and mental health challenges. The government, Caritas Australia and community members must collaborate to develop and implement effective health improvement initiatives.

Key Issues to Consider:

- *Healthy Eating:* Promoting access to healthy foods and nutrition education
- *Physical Activity:* Encouraging regular physical activity through community programs and facilities
- *Mental Health:* Providing support and resources for mental health and wellbeing
- *Access to health care:* Ensuring all community members have access to affordable healthcare services.
- *Health Education:* Raising awareness about healthy lifestyles and preventative care.

Discussion Points:

Government Official: What policies can be implemented to promote health eating and physical activity? How will you allocate funding for health programs?

Caritas Representative: How can you support vulnerable groups in accessing adequate healthy food, health care and mental health services? What resources or programs are needed to help them?

Community Member: What changes can you make in your daily life to improve your health? How can you encourage others in the community to participate in health initiatives?

Group Activity Steps:

1. Each group discusses their role's perspective on the key issue.
2. Groups undertake research to gather ideas
3. Groups develop a plan to improve health and wellbeing, considering all perspectives
4. Groups present their plans to the class