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Building Bridges in the Highlands: Habema's Social Communication with Ndugusiga Residents Inspires Hope

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INTAN JAYA- Deep in the lush highlands of Papua Tengah, a powerful story of connection unfolded on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, as the Raider Infantry Battalion 509/Balawara Yudha Kostrad Task Forces under the Indonesian Armed Forces Operational Command HABEMA carried out a heartfelt initiative in Ndugusiga Village, Sugapa District. During their routine security patrol, the Soldiers engaged in Social Communication (Komsos) that not only ensured the safety of the area but also strengthened bonds with the local community.

A Mission Beyond Security

The 509 Task Forces, led by Lieutenant Colonel Dian Dessiawan Setyadi, have been steadfast in their commitment to addressing the fundamental needs of the communities within their operational area. Recognizing the vital role of trust and cooperation, the Soldiers utilized their patrol to connect with the residents of Ndugusiga, listening to their concerns and providing much-needed support.

While maintaining vigilance, the Soldiers distributed food supplies, a gesture warmly received by the community. The gratitude of the residents was palpable, with Mr. Agustinus Mujizau expressing his appreciation: *“Praise God, thank you, Commander 509. God bless.”* Such heartfelt words highlight the profound impact of these small yet meaningful actions.

Fostering Unity and Development

The efforts in Ndugusiga did not go unnoticed. Major General Lucky Avianto, Commanding General of HABEMA, lauded the initiative, emphasizing its importance in fostering unity and supporting the Indonesian Government’s program to accelerate development in Papua.

“The 509 Task Forces’ initiative exemplifies TNI’s dedication to inclusive Social Communication, ensuring that no community is left behind in the journey toward progress,” Major General Avianto stated.

This recognition underscores the broader significance of these efforts, where the synergy between the military and the local populace plays a pivotal role in shaping a brighter future for the region.

A Testament to Humanity and Service

The Marines’ actions in Ndugusiga illustrate the power of meaningful engagement and underscore TNI’s unwavering commitment to its people. By blending security operations with acts of kindness and compassion, the Task Forces are not only safeguarding the region but also planting seeds of hope and unity.

As the sun set over the majestic highlands, the bonds formed between the Soldiers and the people of Ndugusiga stood as a testament to what can be achieved when service is guided by empathy and humanity.

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