

ABSTRACT

PSYCHOSOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITION OF LEPROSY PATIENTS

**(Research of the Leprosy Patients in Kampung Sawah Village,
Subdistrict Tanjung Karang Timur, Bandar Lampung City)**

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Leprosy is a chronic infectious disease caused by bacteria *Mycobacterium leprae* which primarily attacks the peripheral nerves and secondarily affects the skin and other organs. It does not only impact on the patient's physic, but also on the patient's psychology and financial condition

This research aims to describe psychosocial and economic condition of leprosy patients in Kampung Sawah village, Subdistrict Tanjung Karang Timur, Bandar Lampung city. Research method that is used in this study is a qualitative research, with the data collection of interview, observation, and documentation. There are several analysis data that are used: such as data reduction, data serving, and conclusion.

Based on the research, it is shown that psychosocial condition of leprosy patients in their family are quite good. In family, they act completely fine and keep the communication well with family members. When their family find out that there is informant infected leprosy, that suggest to take him to hospital and do the physical treatment intensively. Moreover, it gives pleasant feel in the family. In contrast, it shows the bad condition for psychosocial condition of leprosy patients in their environment because of the ashamed feeling in patients if this case is known by many people. Automatically, it will make this situation worse in environmental condition. they tend to be introvert and do not attend the activity in society in order not to be known by them. It will make sense that the interaction among them is unstable continuously. Besides that, the good condition for financial is illustrated. They still have their own occupation and work as well. Furthermore, from its income, they are able to fulfill their needs quite fine and to start their healty life in order to heal the illness.

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