# Gender Responsive Participatory Budgeting (GRPB) in Penang: The People-Oriented Model

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# Gender Responsive Participatory Budgeting "Different People, Different Needs"





# **HOUSING** — Council Rental Flats for Urban Poor

### **Ampangan Flats**

One 10-storey block 250 units 3-bedrooms Rental US\$35.00/mth



### Jalan Sungai Flats

Two 22-storey blocks 529 Units 3-bedrooms Rental US\$35.00/mth



# COMMUNITY – Multiracial working class



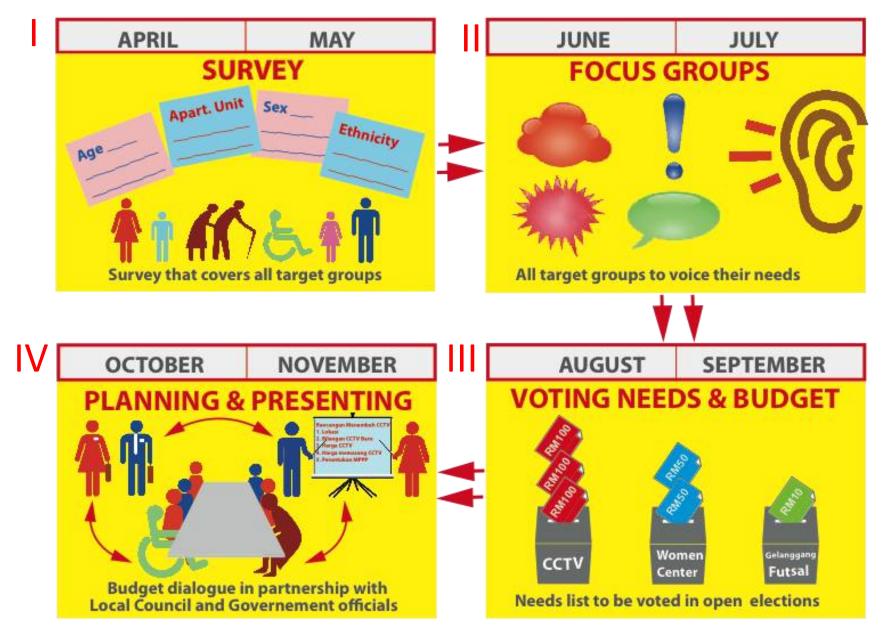






### DIFFERENT PEOPLE, DIFFERENT NEEDS

PROJECT PHASES AND SCHEDULE



# PHASE I – Survey Who are WE?

**Examples of Survey Forms** 

\*Responden yang ditemubual

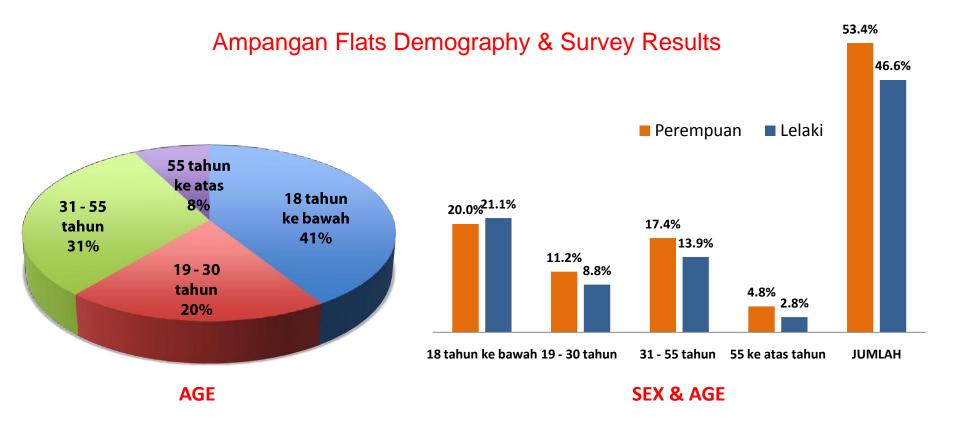
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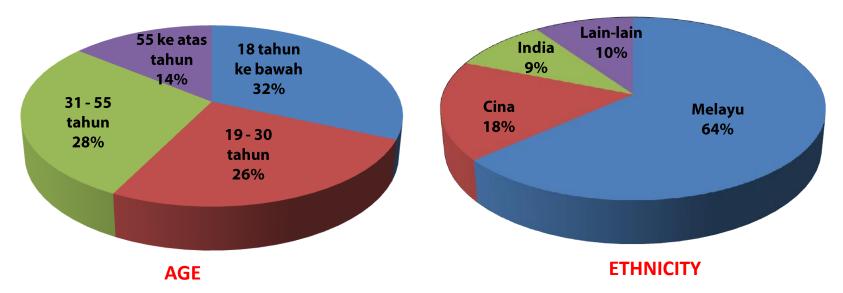
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OCCUPATION	Tidak Bekerja (Kanak2, Remaja, Pelajar, Wargaemas)	Tidak Ada Pekerjaan	Pekerjaan Tetap	Pekerjaan Sambilan	Suri Rumahtangga
Number	405	177	289	99	48
Percentage	39.8%	17.4%	28.4%	9.7%	4.7%

# PHASE I – Survey Who are WE?

### Sungai Pinang Flats Demography & Survey Results



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Number	630	292	579	142	226
Percentage	33.0%	15.5%	30.9%	9.6%	12.0%

# PHASE II - Focus Groups What are OUR needs?

#### **Target Communities**

- 1. Children & Teenagers– 18 yrs & below
- 2. Youth --- 19-30 yrs
- 3. Adults --- 31-55 yrs
- 4. Senior Citizens --- 56 yrs & above
- 5. Disabled People

Teenagers (Female) – 18 yrs & below



Teenagers (Male) – 18 yrs & below



#### Disabled



Youth (Female) – 19-30 yrs



Senior Citizens



## PHASE II - Focus Groups

#### Education & Awareness of Our Needs

Children – Understanding the meaning of TARGET GROUPS through drawing "My Family"





Children- Understanding what are NEEDS by visiting sites which are "Best" and "Not Best"





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Ampangan Flats - 7 Major **NEEDS** derived from Focus Groups











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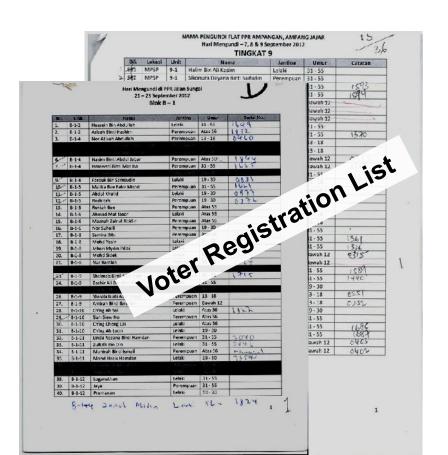
Sungai Pinang Flats - 6 Major **NEEDS** derived from Focus Groups







- Every resident above 10 yrs old are eligible to register and VOTE.
- Every voter is given 5 coupons worth RM500 as ballots to vote/budget
- All coupons which are colour-coded according to age group & gender.







#### PHASE III – VOTING YOUR NEEDS

### **Vote your Needs, Decide the Budget**

Registration and collecting coupons









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Counting votes according to colour-code (ie. according to Age/Target Group & Sex)





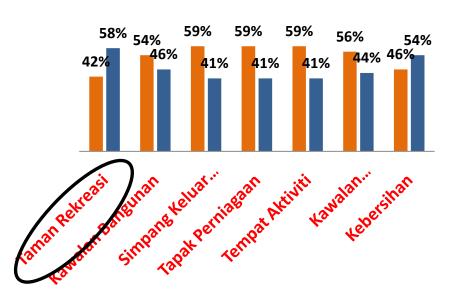


Final VOTE COUNT after 3 days for Voting

Ampangan Flats – 886 eligible voters					
Hari Mengundi	Votes  i 1	%			
Day 1	251	28.3			
Day 2	163	18.4			
Day 3	183	20.6			
Total Votes	597	67.3%			

Jalan Sungai Flats – 1667 eligible voters				
Hari Mengundi	Votes 1	%		
Day 1	409	24.5		
Day 2	234	14		
Day 3	517	31		
Total Votes	1160	69.5		

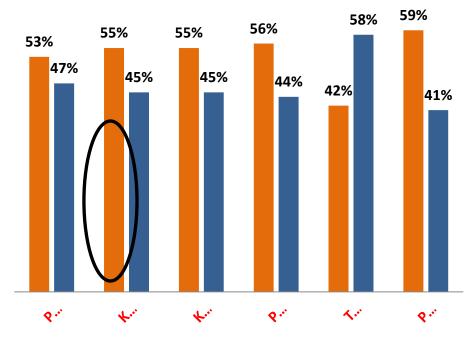
Ranking of Voting Results according to Needs & Sex



Ampangan Flats

Recreation Park won

42% females voted for it
58% of males voted for it



Sungai Pinang Flats **Building Maintenance** won
53% females voted for it
47% of males voted for it

# PHASE IV – PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION We are Empowered, We are Stakeholders

# Ampangan Flats WINNING NEED



#### Methodology & Process

#### Partners:

- Residents & Resident Association
- 2. Council representatives.
- 3. Facilitators

#### **Process:**

- Briefing by Councils on expenditure and Budget
- 2. Compile details of "winning" need from focus groups discussions.
- 3. Emphasize responsibility and agency of residents.
- Residents and Facilitators work together the plan implementation of "winning" need.
- 5. Presentation of working paper and budget to Councils.

# Jalan Sungai Flats WINNING NEED



#### **Sungai Pinang Flats**

Bil.	Perkara	Perbelanjaan 2012 (Setakat 31 Oktober 2012) (RM)	Bajet 2013 (RM)
1	Pembersihan (setahun)	36,060.00	66,000.00
2	Penyelenggaraan Lif-lif Bulanan (setahun)	36,000.00	36,000.00
3	Pembaikan Lif-lif	16,412.00	48,600.00
4	Kerja-kerja Pembaikan Flat	185,423.00	252,540.00
5	Kerja Mengecat Semula		340,900.00
6	Kelengkapan Sistem Pencegahan Kebakaran		123,400.00
	Jumlah :	273,895.00	867,440.00



Through meetings, dialogues & planning, the budget was increased by over 300%.

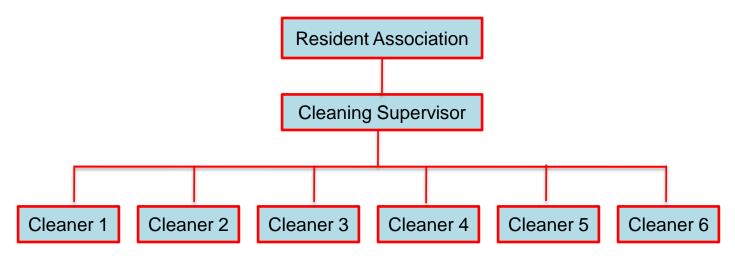
#### Main increaments:

- 1. Give cleaning contracts to residents.
- 2. Repainting building.
- 3. New fire-fighting equipment & pump.
- 4. Refurbishing abandoned building for community
- 5. New equipment for playground.

#### Proposal:

- Cleaning contract to be given to Residents/Residents Association to manage **Rationale:**
- External contractors have no stakes, and are interested in profits;
   whereas residents are stakeholders, and are interested to have cleaner environment.
- Provide jobs for community.
- Sense of empowerment, pride and ownership for community.
- Previous examples of participatory democracy has shown clear results.

#### **CLEANING CONTRACT: Structure of work & employment decided with community**



Applicants for Supervisor and Cleaners are to be interviewed by a panel consisting of Representatives from Resident Association, Council, GRB-PWDC Facilitators

#### **CLEANING CONTRACT: Budget planned by residents in dialogue with Council**

EMPLOYEES	SALARY	Syer Maii BENEF	TITS & INSURANCE	TOTAL
Penvelia SUPERVISOR/1MTH	1200	EPF	144	1364.15
(x 1 bulan)		socso	20.15	
6 Pekerja am penuh-	5400	EPF	648 (108 x 1)	6137.10
6 CLEANERS/1MTH	(900x 1)	socso	89.10 (14.85 x 1)	
J SALARIES/12M 79200 (THS Julian)			10815	90015
Peralatan & bahan m	nencuci (permula	an) CLE	ANING EQUIPMENT	5,000.00
Yuran tabung persatu	SIDENT ASSOCIATION	6,000.00		
Program & aktiviti kes	7,000.00			
	108,015.00			

Budget increased from RM66,000.00 (2012) to RM108,015.00 (2013)

PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP: Cleaners and Head of Resident Association



#### PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP: A Cleaner Environment

SEP 2012 NOV 2013









PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP: Empowerment & Entrepreneurship



- For an extra RM5.00/month, a household will receive a sticker and cleaners will remove garbage/waste from the household every day.
- This "experiment" initiated by the cleaners began with about 50 households signing up and it quickly increased to 250+.





PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP: A Colourful Environment

Voting a New Coat of Paint



Counting the votes for a color scheme





BALLOT BOX COLOUR SCHEME

### PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP: A Brighter Environment

SEP 2012 NOV 2013





#### PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP: "Homes" for Community Organisations





NOV 2013



Dilapidated shed turned into 4 offices for various Community organisations:

- 1. Phor Tay (Buddhist) Association
- 2. Islamic Center
- 3. Women's Center
- 4. Residents Association

#### **REFLECTIONS**

- Can Social interventions empower marginalised communities?
- How do fractured communities develop agency, organize and transform themselves?
- What constitutes concrete outputs and sustainability?
- Does real change require the formulation and mainstreaming of policies?