ABSTRACT

The organic farming system is an agricultural system that keeps the environment friendly. Organic farming system in its implementation avoids chemicals as raw materials in agricultural practices. Organic farming system is expected to be a solution in building agriculture and improving the welfare of farmers. The subjects of this study were four farmers who joined in the Organic Farmers Network (JARPETO) group. This study aims to explore and understand the experience obtained by individuals in living organic farming system to determine the meaning of organic farming system for each individual. In line with the purpose of the research, the approach of Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) is chosen as a reference. The IPA approach is chosen because it has a systematic data analysis procedure. This systematic procedure led to a deep depth of meaning on the various backgrounds, experiences, unique events, and subject thinking through in-depth interviews. The results of this study found that undergoing organic farming systems led to a variety of experiences related to individual travel in recognizing organic farming systems, the process of moving from chemical to organic farming systems, to applying and consistently using organic farming systems.

The results of this research are 3, namely (i) the development of organic agriculture is experiencing various obstacles, namely: government support is lacking, the mindset of farmers is still difficult to change, negative assumption towards organic farming, farmers have period of migration, agricultural land not yet sterile, As a troublesome agricultural system (ii) social capital in the form of values, norms, trusts and social networks play a role in overcoming the constraints faced by organic farmers (iii) the development of organic agriculture is expected to encourage 3 important aspects namely: economic aspects, health aspects and ecological aspects.

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