**Permaculture in my Community**

As the week presentation showed, permaculture has three ethics which are earth care, people care and fair share. On this earth which we are living on, we have to take care of all living beings and protect them. Also, humans are interconnected and should take care of each other and it is our mutual responsibility. Besides, we have to use resources as much as we need.

Then we studied 5 Permaculture Design Principles by Mollison and 12 Permaculture Design Principles by Holmgren which helps us have a sustainable project. The third principle by Mollison is that the problem is the solution. We can make a problem into a solution. Whenever there is a problem, there is a solution as well. Sometimes the problem can be a solution. Everything is a positive resource; we are the ones who decide how to use it. As Steve Maraboli said, “Sometimes **problems** don't require a **solution** to solve them; Instead, they require maturity to outgrow them." In my community, there are very many problems related to the environment. In the spring season, there is very much flood and that causes damages and harms the people's landscapes and plantings because not being plants and grass in the areas around. Also, people in this community are having problems with fuels for cold winters. Because the fuels are finished by overusing it. This is a very bad problem.

If the people of this community come together, they can change this to a solution. But this can take at least 5 years. In 5 years, these problems can be solved. For that, first, no one should cut the plants and grass in this area because the plants' seeds should spread more. Also, people can find the seeds of bushes for fuels. In some years, the large area can provide bush for fuel and there will less flood and will not damage the landscape and trees in the main part of the village. It has its own obstacles. It is very difficult for people to provide their fuel from other places. If they bought coal and oil for fuel, it is more harmful to the air and also it is much expensive for the people. But if people decide, there is a possibility of buying bushes from the villages around for at least four to five years.

There are also many things that are used or not valued but they can help permaculture. For example, the much freshwater our village has is not valued and also the wild plants in the mountains. If there be a factory, they can be export to other areas where have salty water and wild plants (?) can be used to make medicine. There are very many obstacles, for example, people can't understand how they are valuable and they aren't any export to search about how to use many unknown plants in the mountains and jungles.

Furthermore, there is something in my community to be recycled like information and materials. There can be a public library where people could take a book and return when they finish. Different people can use one book instead of buying many books. It is easy for people to do such an action. While a gathering, people can decide to collect books from those who no longer need their books at home and also buy some new important books from another library and put it in access for all the people.

Thank you,

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