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Sagapusatu Residents Celebrate Free Medical Services from TNI Task Force

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Krepkuri Nduga, MediaHabema- The 503/Mayangkara Task Force, part of the Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI) Operational Command HABEMA, has won the hearts of residents in **Sagapusatu Village** by providing **free medical treatment**

for elephantiasis (filariasis). Operating along the **Indonesia-Papua New Guinea border** in **Nduga Regency, Papua Pegunungan Province**, the Task Force partnered with the **Krepkuri Puskesmas (Community Hospital)** to address a serious health issue threatening the local population.

During early **October 2024**, **Captain Galih Widiharyo**, Commander of the **Batas Batu Post**, met with the head of Krepkuri Puskesmas to discuss health concerns affecting local residents. The **spread of elephantiasis** emerged as a major challenge, prompting both parties to organize a **free medical treatment campaign** to support the community.

On **October 29, 2024**, TNI soldiers and health workers gathered in **Sagapusatu Village** to begin the outreach program. **Mothers arrived in droves, bringing their children for treatment**, grateful for the opportunity to receive care without cost.

“Thank you, Commander 503. Our children have been treated for free. God bless you,” said **Rut Kogoya**, one of the local mothers, expressing her appreciation after the event.

The Commander of the **503 Task Force, Lieutenant Colonel Gurbasa Samosir**, stressed that **community welfare is central** to the Task Force’s mission. **“Our goal is not only to secure the region but also to ensure the basic needs of the people are met,”** he said.

The success of the initiative was welcomed by **Brigadier General Lucky Avianto**, the Commanding General of HABEMA, who praised the **503 Task Force’s humanitarian efforts**. **“This operation reflects TNI’s dedication to supporting local communities by addressing health challenges and promoting development in Papua,”** he stated.

This initiative is a **powerful example of how security forces can build trust and foster hope** through acts of kindness. Such efforts not only promote **peace and development** but also strengthen the bonds between TNI and the communities they serve.

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