

## Joyful Connections: Habema Marines Engage with Tomonsatu Children

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Yahukimo- The Marine Task Forces of Infantry Battalion 6, part of the Indonesian Armed Forces Operational Command HABEMA, are actively conducting mobile security operations along the border of Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, particularly in Yahukimo Regency, Papua Pegunungan Province. On Wednesday, October 17, 2024, the Bravo Post, led by Second Lieutenant Alter, conducted a Social Communication (Komsos) event with the children of Tomonsatu Village during a security patrol.

This Komsos initiative aims to build trust and cooperation between the Indonesian Armed Forces (TNI) and the local community, supporting the Indonesian Government's program for accelerating development in the Papua region.

Lieutenant Colonel Rismanto Manurung, Commander of the Marine Task Forces, emphasized the importance of the Soldiers' attention to the basic needs of the community around the post. During their patrol, the Marines seized the opportunity to interact with the children in a friendly manner. Local parents shared updates about the security situation in Tomonsatu Village, reporting it as relatively safe and conducive. The residents expressed their happiness at the Soldiers' visit, with Simon Tabuni, a local, stating, "Thank you, Commander Marines. God bless," reflecting the strong bond between the community and the Task Forces.

This heartfelt response underscores the positive impact of the Task Forces' efforts, highlighting the unity and support within the assigned area. Feedback from the residents is crucial for military operations, showcasing the influence of community engagement on the Task Forces' mission.

Following the activity report, Brigadier General Lucky Avianto, the HABEMA Commanding General, praised the Marine Task Forces' initiative to engage socially with the children of Tomonsatu Village. He remarked, "The Marines Task Forces' initiative is a testament to TNI's commitment to inclusive social communication with all stakeholders to support the acceleration of development in the Papua region." This acknowledgment from the highest authority in HABEMA emphasizes the significant impact of such initiatives on the region's development, fostering hope and optimism for a brighter future.