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Abstract

**Dowry System and Age of Marriage – A Preliminary Report in a
Case Study in Manggarai and Ngada, Flores, Indonesia**

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The study examines the impact of the dowry (bride-price) on the age of marriage of the bride and bridegroom, and more broadly on family welfare. Since the impact is assumed to vary depending on the complexity of the dowry process, the study will investigate the size of the dowry and its contributing factors, parties (especially from the extended family network) involved in the process and the extent families of the couples follow all the steps required by the tradition in implementing the dowry process.