

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

In this chapter the writer would like to present the background, the statement of the problems, objectives, the significant, scope and limitation and, definition of terms of the study.

### **1.1 Background of the Study**

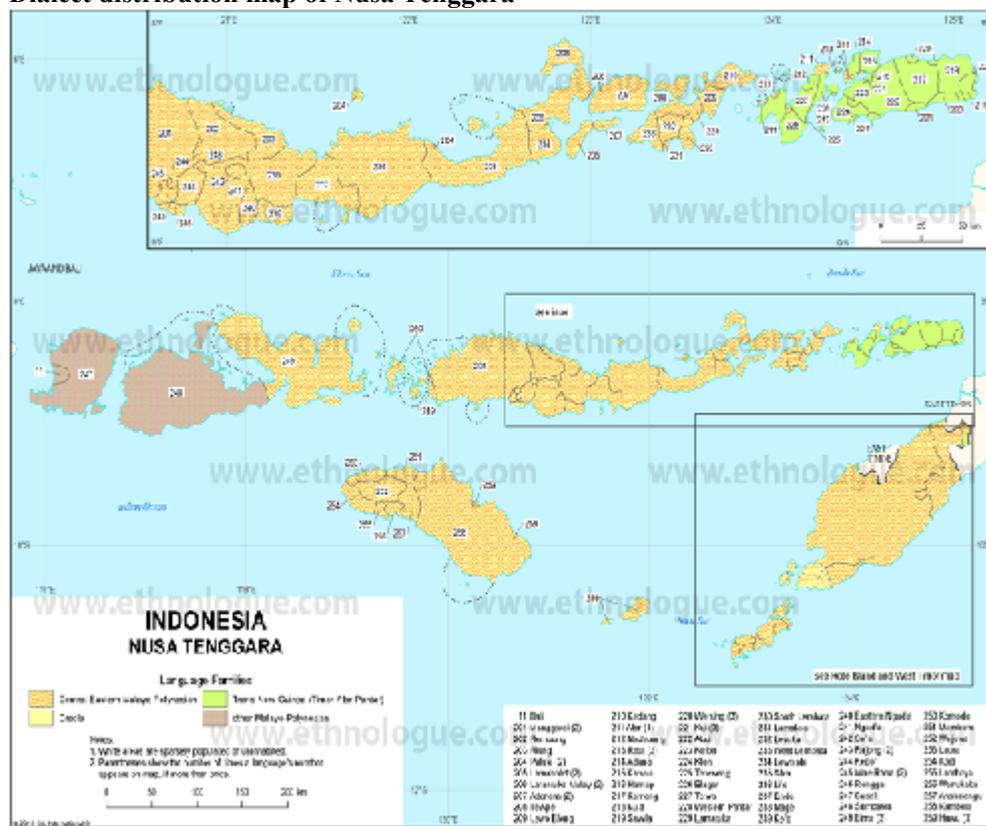
Language holds a very important role in daily communication of daily life. People can share or able to exchange knowledge, beliefs, opinions, wishes, threats, commands, thanks, promises, declarations and feelings. Furthermore, language as a tool of communication also expresses and manipulates something or someone in human's environment, cultures, life style, daily activities and in many other kinds of social interactions.

The study of language which pays attention to social aspects is commonly called sociolinguistics. It shows people in certain communities use their language to communicate among them. Moreover, the use of language in interaction entails more than simply exchanging information about thoughts and factual things between one person to another, it is an important process in which the relationships among people are outlined and negotiated. Participating in conversations, people consciously or unconsciously show their identities, their belonging to a specific culture or group and their tendencies to become close or distance from others. A significant linguistic area in which all these functions are highlighted is "terms/forms of address". These linguistic elements are almost never neutral in the interpersonal

meanings they convey, that is, the choice of particular form inevitably entails the expression of particular feelings and attitudes, which is the result of the interlocutors' evaluation of the nature of the relationship between them.

According to Brown and Levinson (1987: 27) terms of address are vital linguistic mechanisms by which speaker's attitude toward, and evaluation of his or her relationship with another speaker is mirrored. It makes the terms of address has been focus of attention by large number of researchers in the area of sociolinguistics.

### Dialect distribution map of Nusa Tenggara



Source: [www.ethnologue.com](http://www.ethnologue.com)

Talking about terms of address, here the writer would like to talk about Manggarai Language. Manggarai Language is spoken by most people who live in Great Manggarai area. Great Manggarai consists of East Manggarai Regency,

Manggarai Regency and West Manggarai Regency. All these areas mostly speak Manggarai Language. Thus, it is considered as regional dialect. Therefore, there are some dialects spoken in these three regencies and one of them is West Manggarai Dialect. Terms of address in West Manggarai Dialect can be distinguished according to situation both formal and informal situation in community of speech. Example of using terms of address in formal situation such as the way they call each other in special occasion like “*mengkoe*” for “*aunt*” or *To’a* for “*uncle*” but in informal situation they might call “*ine de Nata, ine de Sebet*” or “*ame de Nata, Ame de Sebet*” which refers to the first child of this aunt or uncle.

Based on the background explained above, the writer would like to conduct a research entitled “Terms of Address of West Manggarai Dialect of Manggarai Language Spoken in Komodo Subdistrict”

## **1.2 Statement of Problems**

Based on the problems described, the writer would like to formulate the problems in the following questions:

1. What are kinds of the terms of address used in West Manggarai Dialect of Manggarai language spoken in Komodo Subdistrict for addressing people?
2. What are the social factors of addressing people using certain terms of address in West Manggarai Dialect of Manggarai language spoken in Komodo Subdistrict?
3. What are the functions of address terms using by people of Komodo Subdistrict?

### **1.3 Objective of the Study**

In line with problem statements that having been stated, this study has some objectives which are actually the aims of doing the study. The objectives in detail are as follow:

1. To find out the terms to address people of West Manggarai Dialect of Manggarai Language spoken in Komodo Subdistrict.
2. To describe the social factors of addressing people using certain terms of address of West Manggarai Dialect of Manggarai Language spoken in Komodo Subdistrict.
3. To reveal the functions of using address terms in West Manggarai Dialect of Manggarai Language spoken in Komodo Subdistrict.

### **1.4 Significant of the Study**

This study has some significance. They can be addressed to the following person:

#### **1. For the Writer.**

The writer himself wants to know about the terms of address from Komodosubdistrict and to improve the writer's knowledge about sociolinguistic aspect especially the relationships between language and culture in Komodo subdistrict through the use terms of address.

#### **2. For the Readers.**

In this purpose, the writer wants to help the readers to know well about the terms of address in West Manggarai Dialect of Manggarai Language. They may visit there someday and may use the proper terms to people there.

### **3. For Researcher**

This study is used as a reference by other researcher who will conduct the same study.

### **4. For the Students of English Education Study Program of Widya Mandira Catholic University.**

The result of this study may give information of the local culture, local language, local cultural linguistics based on which perpetuation is done. It goes in line with the mission of the English Education Study Program Teacher Training and Educational Sciences Faculty of Widya Mandira Catholic University that is:

1. To organize the standard tri dharma of the institute.
2. To manifest the spirituality of The Word through the witness of St. Arnoldus Janssen
3. To maintain the graduations with the quality, characteristic, superiority, creativity and innovative.
4. To make the local wisdom well known and develop the culture of people of NTT.

### **1.5 Scope and Limitation**

Linguistics covers a wide range of linguistics topics. In general, it covers two main parts such as microlinguistics and macrolinguistics. This study was focused on macrolinguistics specifically on socioinguistics which concentrates on social interactions of the terms of address used in Komodo Subdistrict of West Manggarai Dialect of Manggarai Language. It is limited to the terms of address

people especially use in family and non-family relationship, age, gender, and social status.

## **1.6 Definition of Terms**

In this writing, the writer realizes that there are some difficult words or some technical terms that need to be well described again to make readers well understand. They are well explained in the following part :

### **1. Sociolinguistics**

Sociolinguistics aim is to move toward a theory which provides a motivated account of the way language is used in a community, and of the choices people make when they use language. For example, when we observe how varied language is we must search for the causes (Holmes, 1992:16). In this study, it means the study of language use of people in Komodo in their social interaction.

### **2. Komodo Subdistrict**

Komodo Subdistrict is an area or place that is located in West Manggarai Regency.

### **3. West Manggarai Dialect.**

West Manggarai Dialect is a dialect that is spoken by the native speaker of community of speech of some area in West Manggarai Regency.

### **4. Manggarai Language**

Manggarai Language is a local language spoken by a group of people who live in Manggarai.

## **5. Terms of Address**

Terms of address are used to address someone in interaction by means of language.