

Government's Strategy in Minimizing Violence Against Children In Lhokseumawe City

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Abstract

The Government's Strategy in Minimizing Violence against Children in the Office of Women's Empowerment, Child Protection, Population Control, and Family Planning of Lhokseumawe City. The problem that occurs in this study is cases of violence against children that continue to occur every year, especially cases of child abuse (Aged 5-12 years) where in 2016 there were 5 cases, in 2017 it increased by 15 cases and then in 2018 it decreased by 4 cases then in 2019 (Second Quarter) increased to 5 cases, so that reliable strategies from the government are needed to reduce cases of violence. The focus of this research is on how the strategy is carried out by the government and what are the obstacles faced when implementing the strategy. The purpose of this study is to find out how the strategy to minimize violence against children and what obstacles are faced by DP3AP2KB Lhokseumawe City. This research uses a qualitative approach with a descriptive method. In collecting data, researchers make observations, interviews, and documentation. The results of the research that have been obtained by researchers explain that the strategy carried out in minimizing violence against children is to carry out prevention and handling efforts and in implementing the strategy experience obstacles, namely the allocation of the budget for child protection is still limited and the strengthening of human resources (HR) is still weak, causing the programs that have been planned to be still less than optimal, and the lack of public awareness and knowledge to report/follow up on violence that occurs which causes perpetrators to experience less deterrent effects. With this problem, DP3AP2KB of Lhokseumawe City must continue to improve its performance optimally and thoroughly so that acts of violence against children do not occur again.

Keywords Government Strategy, Child Abuse

Introduction

The Office of Women's Empowerment, Child Protection, Population Control, and Family Planning of Lhokseumawe City experienced various obstacles such as limited budget allocation for child protection, causing the planned programs to be less than optimal, weak human resources, and low public awareness to report/follow up on violence that occurred. The impact of this has caused cases of child violence that still continue to occur every year in Lhokseumawe City. Based on records from the Child Protection Sector, it can be seen that throughout 2019 (Third Quarter) the child protection sector at DP3AP2KB has handled as many as 22 cases of child abuse, there were 9 victims of sexual abuse, 5 victims of rape, 3 abuse, 3 neglect, and 2 beatings.

A viral case of violence against children occurred, "In Gampong Tumpok Teungoh, Banda Sakti District, Lhokseumawe City, Aceh A 9-year-old child with the initials MS became a victim of abuse by his own parents, namely MI (39) and UG (38) by being tied up using a chain even since the age of six has been forced to beg with a target of 100 thousand per day". (News source(s) iNews.id, accessed 4 November 2019).

The above case is certainly not in line with government regulations as stated in the Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 35 of 2014 concerning Child Protection and then strengthened by Qanun Number 11 of 2008 concerning Child Protection. The sanctions that will be given to perpetrators of child abuse acts article 80 of Law Number 23 of 2002 are: (1) Everyone who commits atrocities, violence or threats of violence, or abuse of children, shall be sentenced to a maximum imprisonment of 3 (three) years 6 (six) months and/or a maximum fine of Rp.72,000,000.00 (seventy million rupiah); (2) In the event that the child as referred to in paragraph (1) is seriously injured, the perpetrator shall be sentenced to a maximum imprisonment of 5 (five) years and/or a maximum fine of Rp.100,000,000.00 (one hundred million rupiah); (3) In the event that the child as referred to in paragraph (2) dies, the perpetrator shall be sentenced to a maximum imprisonment of 10 (ten) years and/or a maximum fine of Rp. 200,000,000.00 (two hundred million rupiah). Based on the results of the initial survey conducted by the author, the following will explain the latest 4 years of data on cases of child violence that occurred in Lhoskeumawe City

Tabel 1.1

Number of Cases of Violence Against Children (Aged 5-12 Years) in DP3AP2KB Lhokseumawe City

| No | Year | Number of Cases |
|----|------|-----------------|
| 1 | 2016 | 6 |
| 2 | 2017 | 15 |
| 3 | 2018 | 4 |
| 4 | 2019 | 5 |

Source: Dinas Pemberdayaan Perempuan, Perlindungan Anak, Kontrol Residents, and Family Planning of Lhokseumawe City, Year 2020

The settlement of child abuse cases in Lhokseumawe City has decreased and increased every year, which can be seen from the total cases that occurred in 2016 as many as 6 cases, but in 2017 it experienced an increase of 15 cases and then in 2018 it decreased by 4 cases and then in 2019 (Second Quarter) increased by 5 cases.

Literature Review

Strategy is a set of ways as a whole that relates to the implementation of ideas, a plan over a period of time. Strategy is an activity plan that uses methods and utilization of various resources or forces in an organization. Strategy is structured to achieve a certain goal, According to Tjiptono (2006:3) "Strategy comes from the Greek word *strategia* which means art or science to achieve a certain goal". According to Pringgowidagda in Mulyadi and Risminawati (2012:4) states that "strategy is defined as a way, technique, tactic, or strategy that a person does to achieve a predetermined goal". The term strategy according to Salusu (2006:85) comes from the Greek word *strategos* or *strategus* with the plural word *strategy*. *Strategos* means gender, but in ancient Greece it often meant state officer with extensive functions. In other words Salusu (2006:101) concludes that strategy is the art of using the skills and resources of an organization to achieve its goals through its effective relationship with the environment in the most favorable conditions.

According to David (2011:18) Strategy is a means together with the long-term goals to be achieved. Business strategies include geographic expansion, diversification, acquisitions, product development, market penetration, tightening, divestment, liquidation, and joint ventures. Strategy is a potential action that requires the decision of top management and large amounts of company resources. So a strategy is an action or activity carried out by a person or company to achieve a predetermined goal or objective.

According to Stephanie K. Marrus in the book *Strategic Management in Action* by Husein Umar (2008: 31) Strategy is defined as a process of determining the plans of top leaders that focus on the long-term goals of the organization, accompanied by the preparation of a way of knowing how to achieve these goals, according to Law Number 35 of 2014 concerning child protection. Children's rights are part of human rights that must be guaranteed, protected and fulfilled by parents, society, government and the State. In article 2 of Law Number 4 of 1979 concerning child welfare, it is stated that children's rights are as follows: The child is entitled to welfare, care, upbringing, and guidance based on affection, both in his family and in a special effort to grow and develop reasonably. Children have the right to serve to develop their abilities and social life, in accordance with the culture and personality of the nation, to become good and useful citizens. Children are entitled to care and protection, both during the womb and after birth. Children have the right to protection of the environment that may harm or hinder reasonable growth and development.

Method

This research the author uses a descriptive method and uses a qualitative approach, this approach is used to discuss in depth, comprehensively and in detail the government's strategy in minimizing violence against children in DP3AP2KB Lhokseumawe City.

Descriptive research is the search for facts by studying problems in society and the procedures that apply in certain situations including about relationships, activities, attitudes, views and ongoing processes and the influence of a phenomenon, the use of qualitative data, especially in research used for information retrieval that is explanatory not in the form of numbers but in the form of words and explanations describing specific circumstances, processes, behaviors and events. (Moloeng,2005)

Results and Discussion

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Violence against children is a form of abuse both physical and psychic. Physical abuse is abusive acts that harm the child and all other forms of physical violence against the child. Whereas psychic abuse is all acts of degrading the child. Various strategies are carried out by the government to deal with the problem of violence against children with preventive efforts, namely preventing and controlling the occurrence of violence against children, but this still often happens due to the lack of contribution to the community environment

Based on the SWOT analysis (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threats) that the author has done, several problems that occur in related agencies minimize violence against children that can be analyzed are:

Strength, the results of the analysis obtained, as for what is the power of the service to minimize violence against children, namely the existence of Law Number 35 of 2014 concerning Child Protection and strengthened by regional regulations (Qanun) Number 11 of 2008 concerning Child Protection, having the human resources needed in the Office of Women's Empowerment, Child Protection, Population Control and Family Planning, collaborating with several other related organizations/agencies, and implementing the programs/activities that are compiled.

Based on an interview with Morinawati, Skm., M.AP as the Head of Child Protection at DP3AP2KB Lhokseumawe City, stated that:

servicing the community who need help related to the problems experienced, the department must have a strong relationship by cooperating with several related parties such as the police, health offices, communities, etc., and the department also compiles various activity plans that will be carried out to prevent violence against children and increase the resources owned by their employees so that child protection is maximized". (Interview February 15, 2020)

Based on the results of the interview above, it can be concluded that the Dinas made various efforts to strengthen its organization in child protection efforts so that with this collaboration, it made it easier for the service to obtain data/information to be able to help victims of violence.

Weaknesses, the results of the analysis obtained, as for the weaknesses of the service to minimize violence against children, namely limited budgets to support more optimal child protection, limited professional human resources, inadequate facilities and infrastructure, not optimal support and / or participation of agencies / agencies and other parties related to the implementation of child protection, not optimal programs and activities that have been planned, and there are still many children victims of violence who have not been dealt with. A quality budget and human resources are important factors in the implementation of activities and programs that have been planned / prepared. Because if the budget is sufficient and the human resources owned are collected, it will support and carry out the processes in the protection of the child.

Opportunity, the results of the analysis obtained, as for what is an opportunity for the service when minimizing violence against children, namely getting support for policies for handling child violence carried out by agencies related to child protection, the existence of Law Number 35 of 2014 concerning Child Protection and strengthened by regional regulations (Qanun) Number 11 of 2008, Support provided to agencies in carrying out child protection such as the establishment of a special field of protection children, child protection institutions and cooperation with various parties that will provide benefits to the service so that the community entrusts the problems experienced by them to directly report them to the service to be resolved.

Threats, the results of the analysis obtained, as for what is a threat to the service when minimizing violence against children, namely human resources that are still minimal, the implementation of strategies in minimizing child violence is still not optimal and comprehensive, the budget is still insufficient for the handling and prevention of child violence, facilities and infrastructure for victims of violence are also not fully adequate such as shelters for abandoned children and child victims of violence, Currently, the department still experiences many obstacles in carrying out its duties, one of which is the lack of financial support and facilities such as shelters for children who are in the process of handling acts of violence, in implementing strategies to minimize violence against children, DP3AP2KB Lhokseumawe City carries out various handling and prevention of victims with preventive efforts, namely preventing and controlling the occurrence of violence. acts of violence against children.

Handling is providing social assistance in the form of cash, then assistance to victims during the process of reporting, counseling, facing the law and coaching victims such as guiding and providing positive advice. as well as conducting counseling and socialization of Child Worthy Cities directly to the community as a form of preventing violence against children, then involving the community with positive activities by providing child protection

education during National Children's Day and appealing to how important it is to protect children from acts of violence

Programs and activities in improving child protection have been prepared by the Office of Women's Empowerment, Child Protection, Population Control and Family Planning of Lhokseumawe City, one of which is the Harmony Program for The Policy of Improving the Quality of Children and Women whose activities are to train child growth and development for young couples / newlyweds with a budget of Rp. 153,430,000, - with the number of participants who follow as many as 200 people for 12 months and The Women and Children Institutional Strengthening Program whose activities are by conducting Training and Socialization of Child-Friendly Cities (KLA) and Children's Forums with a budget of Rp. 117,007,502, - with a total of 150 participants for 12 months. So far the program has been running for 3 years and the results of these activities have been socialized the formation of a child-friendly city although not yet in its entirety due to limited budget so that it is carried out gradually every year

Conclusions

The strategy carried out by the government in minimizing violence against children is through handling and prevention efforts such as providing social assistance in the form of cash, then assistance to victims during the reporting process, counseling, facing the law and coaching victims such as guiding and providing positive advice. As well as increasing prevention efforts as much as possible by involving parents, the community, and strengthened by cooperation by relevant agencies that can help children victims of violence.

carrying out its activities to deal with the problem of cases of violence against children by DP3AP2KB Lhokseumawe City experienced various obstacles faced, causing an activity to not run optimally. The internal factors that become obstacles in implementing child protection strategies are the lack of budget to carry out their activities optimally and thoroughly, the workforce is still incompetent and the facilities and infrastructure are inadequate. Then the external factor in implementing the child protection strategy is that public awareness to report violence that occurs to himself or others is very minimal, child violence is not detected because often the perpetrator is the closest person. And people are reluctant to participate in programs and activities implemented by the government and tend not to care.

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