# Socialization of Early Marriage as an Effort to Reduce the Rate of Early Marriage at SMPN 2 Satap Kayangan

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**Abstract**

*Early marriage is a social problem that occurs very often both in urban and rural areas, including in Pendua Village. The aim of this community service is to convey about the disadvantages and negative impacts of early marriage. Through outreach using early marriage educational film screening techniques, it is hoped that it will provide awareness for middle-level students to local communities regarding the impact of early marriage. The method applied is socialization by showing educational films related to early marriage. The targets of this socialization are middle-level students in Pendua Village. The results of socialization show that early marriage has more negative impacts on both the bride and groom and their future offspring. From these outreach efforts, it is hoped that there will be increased awareness among students and the public regarding the negative impacts of early marriage and strengthen support for preventive measures.*

**Keywords:** Early Marriage, Effort, SMPN 2 Satap Kayangan.

## INTRODUCTION

The Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia (NKRI) is not immune from the many social problems caused by population growth which is increasing every year, one of the global issues that occurs is early marriage. There are many factors influencing the occurrence of early marriage, both internally and externally.

The increasing number of early marriages is caused by several very influential things, such as within the individual himself, the family or parents, the community environment and also the role of the local government. Regional governments, from regional heads down to their staff, have the obligation and authority to resolve this problem.

Pendua Village is one of the villages in Kayangan District, North Lombok. Where there are cases where children who are still 15 years old are allowed to marry, this is not in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations as in the 1947 law article 7 paragraph 1 explains *"Marriage is permitted if the man is at least 19 years old and the woman is at least 16 years old"*. And of course, this case violates existing laws. Based on the information above, the researcher chose the title about early marriage.

Socialization is a series of mass activities, providing a forum for people who will learn based on their talents and creativity. Socialization is a way for individuals to improve their personal human abilities and learn how to think critically, speak well and behave in public life. The following is the definition of socialization according to experts:

1. Edward Shils, socialization is a series of activities that each person goes through with the aim of devoting themselves to a particular group by learning the traditions and culture of that group.
2. Berger, socialization is a journey taken by an individual with the aim of becoming a member of a community group.
3. Nursal Luth, socialization is a condition where a person gracefully accepts and aligns a person with a certain group.
4. Horton and Hunt, socialization is a condition where an individual absorbs the rules of the society in which the individual lives.

Since films began to become known to the public, educators have looked at their use in the learning environment. In leading countries, learning films are starting to show rapid development. The film library already displays many films about learning in various

fields. Even certain schools already have independent film libraries.

Education is an effort to change individual behavior with the aim of making individuals more mature on the path of learning and practicing. Thus, educational films are learning films that have the aim of improving human behavior so that they act more mature.

## METHOD

In order to reduce the rate of early marriage in Pendua Village, the community service group uses an outreach method through educational films related to early marriage with the film title "Salak Kenjarian" by Imam Safwan. The socialization activity was held at SMPN 2 Satap Kayangan on Tuesday, 13 August 2024. The community service group provided material related to the factors that cause early marriage and the impact of early marriage through film screenings, as well as providing some material related to solutions to preventing early marriage. The implementation process and series of early marriage socialization activities are as follows.

1. Implementation Process
   a. Request permission from the Village Head to carry out early marriage outreach activities.
   b. Request permission from the SMPN 2 Satap Kayangan school to use the classroom as a location for socialization.
   c. Distribute socialization invitation letters to Ittihadul Falah Middle School and High School as well as Satap Kayangan 2 Middle School, considering that the target of socialization is middle level students.
   d. Preparation of the socialization location, such as cleaning the location, tidying up chairs and installing banners, is carried out the day before the socialization activity.
2. Series of Activities
   a. Before the activity begins, the community service group prepares the necessary equipment, such as: *lcd projector, sound system,* and films that will be shown.
   b. Socialization participants register before entering the room.
   c. Before the film was shown, socialization participants listened to remarks from the school principal and head of the community service group.
   d. Screening of the film "Salak Kenjarian".
   e. Delivery of material related to solutions to prevent early marriage.
   f. Implementation of quizzes with prizes by community service groups.
   g. Photo activity with early marriage socialization participants.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1. **Wedding**

In the 1974 law (article 1) defines marriage as the seriousness of a couple's physical and spiritual bonds that a man and a woman show in order to become a legal couple with the aim of becoming a family based on the first principle of the Almighty Godhead, from this explanation it can be understood that to form a household it must be based on the first principle.

According to the Islamic view, the word marriage can be interpreted as a sacred bond, sacred means a connection with religion. Marriage creates a bond for women and men with the aim of creating a family environment *sakinah, mawaddah, warahmah.*

People who carry out weddings certainly have certain goals. Through an Islamic perspective, the purposes of marriage include:
a. To preserve offspring.
b. Follow the Sunnah of the Prophet SAW.
c. To get offspring in the hope of getting the blessing of Allah SWT.
d. Make marriage a shield for yourself in protecting yourself *izzah*her as a woman, as well as making marriage a field of worship.
e. Aims to produce Islamic warriors.

Viewed from an Islamic perspective, marriage is grouped into five laws:

a. Compulsory marriage is mandatory for people who are prepared physically and mentally, and is also mandatory for those who, if they do not get married immediately, are afraid they will fall into the world of adultery.

b. Haram, the law of marriage will be haram for people who are getting married but have the desire to commit violence or hurt their partner.

c. *Jaiz* (can), marriage law will be *yes* when someone is ready both physically and mentally to get married, but can still protect themselves from committing adultery or not fall into adultery.

d. Sunnah, marriage is a sunnah for those who have the desire and are physically and mentally prepared.

e. Makruh, marriage is legally makruh for people who do not have the physical and spiritual readiness to build a household.

**2. Early-age marriage**

The World Health Organization or WHO explains that early marriage is a marriage carried out by a child who is less than 19 years old. The *United nation children fund* (UNICEF) also stated that early marriage is a marriage carried out by a child under 18 years of age.

In the 2019 legislation No.16, it is explained that marriage is a commitment made by a male and female couple to build a household. Apart from that, in the KBBI the word early can mean early in the morning or not yet. So from the explanation above we can conclude that the meaning of early marriage is a marriage carried out by a man and the opposite sex who are under 19 years of age or not old enough, therefore policies are needed relating to the minimum age limit for carrying out a marriage.

The causes of early marriage from a global perspective cannot be separated from educational and economic factors, surrounding culture and an unhealthy friendship environment.

**3. Results**

Based on the results of the socialization of early marriage through the screening of educational films by the community service group at SMPN 2 Satap Kayangan, it was concluded that there are various factors that can trigger early marriage, namely:

a. Social media is one of the triggers for early marriage. As time goes by, existing technology also continues to develop. Recently, there are quite a few platforms that display images or shows that can trigger the desire to get married early. One of them is the ease of accessing pornographic sites through various applications.

b. Economic problems, due to lack of funds to continue their education, parents advise their children to get married in the hope that their children will have a decent or stable life, but that is only the parents' expectations, but instead what happens is that there are many problems that lead to divorce.

c. Environment can be a trigger for early marriage. Low knowledge in the community can result in unhealthy environmental conditions. So that marriage at an early age becomes a normal and usual matter.

d. Lack of supervision from parents and free association where parents do not limit and do not see who the child associates with and do not limit the child's time in playing.

e. Parents do not support their children to continue their education, such as parents breaking their children's mentality so that children are not enthusiastic about continuing their education.

f. Lack of education from parents regarding the negative impacts of early marriage. So quite a few children think that married life is fun

without remembering the problems that arise after marriage.

Apart from the factors that can influence the occurrence of this case, the film also explains the impacts that can be caused, such as:

a. The increasing divorce rate is due to the lack of maturity on the part of each partner to resolve problems, so divorce occurs, for example, in domestic conflicts, someone only prioritizes their emotions without thinking about how to resolve the problem well and resorts to violence which leads to divorce. that's what increases the divorce rate.

b. Mental health for parents, what this means is that because of underage marriage, someone cannot control their emotions or their emotions are unstable and, in the household, there will definitely be conflicts or problems because they cannot control their emotions well, which is what leads to violence or domestic violence and can even cause divorce.

c. The risk of death for mothers and children is increasing, someone giving birth underage can cause many risks, for example bleeding, high blood pressure, whereas for children it is caused by the child being born prematurely or being called premature because the condition of the mother's uterus is still weak.

d. Health problems for children, such as stunting due to lack of care from parents, parents do not pay attention to children's nutrition because the mindset of parents who marry underage is different due to lack of education or training.

e. Economic problems are increasing and there are shortages.

Apart from the factors and impacts that can be caused by early marriage, the head of the community service group also delivered material related to solutions or ways to overcome these cases, such as:

a. Providing education about education is more important than underage marriage and always providing information to teenagers about free education or scholarships so that they remain enthusiastic about pursuing or continuing their education.

b. Regularly hold educational outreach related to early marriage. Especially to local teenagers to remind them about the negative impacts of early marriage.

c. Creating forums for local teenagers to prevent early marriage, such as communities for empowering women and children.

## CONCLUSION

1. The 1974 law (article 1) defines marriage as the seriousness of a couple's physical and spiritual bond between a man and a woman in order to become a legal couple with the aim of becoming a family based on the belief in the Almighty God.

2. Early marriage is a marriage between a man and the opposite sex who is under 19 years of age or not old enough, therefore policies are needed relating to the minimum age limit for carrying out a marriage.

3. Factors that can trigger early marriage include:
   a. Social media.
   b. Economic problems.
   c. Unhealthy environment.
   d. Lack of parental care.
   e. Lack of support from parents for education.
   f. Lack of education from parents.

4. The impacts that can arise from early marriage, namely:
   a. Increasing divorce rate.
   b. Affects the mental health of prospective parents.
   c. Risk of maternal and child death.
   d. Health problems for children
   e. Economic problems.

5. Solutions in dealing with cases of early marriage include:
   a. Providing education regarding the importance of education.
   b. Regularly hold early marriage education outreach.
   c. Creating a forum for empowering women and children.

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