

Socialization on the Prevention of Underage Marriage, Sambik Bangkol Village, Gangga District, North Lombok Regency

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Abstract

The issue of early marriage is not new in Indonesia; it is a social problem that affects adolescents, with the majority of victims being young girls. In general, cases of underage marriage often occur in rural areas, and this frequently happens in families with low income, low education, and school dropouts. The world has made rapid progress in all fields, yet there are still many people who marry off their children at a young age, or more precisely, marry underage. Early marriage poses significant risks to the health of both mothers and children. The purpose of this community service is to provide education on early marriage in an effort to prevent underage marriage. The village of Sambik Bangkol in the Gangga District of North Lombok should be able to disseminate information about the impacts and issues of early marriage, as well as information to the wider community. The impact and issues of early marriage and community service are carried out through surveys, pretests, outreach with discussions and reviews, and discussions. The activity will take place in August 2024. This activity was attended by teenagers, middle school students, adults, and parents in Sambik Bangkol Village, Gangga District, North Lombok Regency.

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INTRODUCTION

Marriage and all its legal consequences in Indonesia are regulated in Law Number. 1 of 1974 concerning Marriage and its implementing regulations, namely Government Regulation no. 9 of 1975. In accordance with its form, this marriage law applies to all Indonesian people without exception. The aim is to provide legal certainty for the Indonesian people, especially those related to marriage and all the legal consequences it causes. Marriage is a physical and spiritual bond between a man and a woman as husband and wife with the aim of forming a happy and eternal family (household) based on belief in the Almighty God (Article 1 of Law No. 1 of 1974 concerning Marriage)

Marriage between minors is a violation of applicable law or regulations. This action is not good to do because it results in the emergence of many problems, one of which is the social impact in the future. Marriages that occur under age, especially in women who have not yet reached the specified age, are also often known as early marriages (Novchi et al., 2021)

According to several studies, it shows that if someone marries underage, they will experience problems in the household, which often gives rise to many problems such as maternal and infant deaths, domestic violence and divorce, quite a few babies are thrown away

because they are not yet ready to become a mother and father.

In this modern era, the government has changed the laws regarding marriage to avoid problems in marriage and to improve welfare. With current developments, regulations have been revised, the age limit for marriage for a woman and a man is set at 19 years.

The case of underage marriage is not a new thing in Indonesia, underage marriage is a social problem that occurs among teenagers, and most of the victims are female teenagers (Adhim, 2002). In general, cases of underage marriage or early marriage often occur in rural areas and this often occurs in families whose economic level is still low, have low education and, moreover, some have dropped out of school so that knowledge of cases of underage marriage is very limited (Gussevi et al. al., 2023).

As we know, underage marriage has negative social, psychological and health impacts. The social impact between family, neighbors and society is less harmonious. There are health impacts such as pregnancy problems, giving birth to children with low body weight, bleeding, and even a higher risk of death.

If at a young age, a woman marries, then the mother and the fetus in the mother's womb fight over each other to get nutritional intake,

especially since the emergence of social problems arises because this early marriage occurs and we need to know that underage marriage is a one of the problems in Indonesia, therefore we carry out community service (PKM) Sambik Bangkol with the hope of providing benefits related to underage marriage or early marriage so that people know and have a basis for guiding their children about the impact of early marriage in later on

The problem formulation in this socialization activity is: Sambik Bangkol Village is currently experiencing problems, one of which is the high rate of early marriage which is caused by several factors ranging from economic factors, parents and education.

Through this PkM activity, there are several findings that underlie child marriage, especially in Sambik Bangkol Village which is facing several problems related to the high rate of early marriage, especially among teenagers who are still considered children.

1. Economy

Families or teenagers who live below the economic line still marry at a young age to lighten the burden on their parents. The low level of education and knowledge of parents and children causes a tendency to marry their children under age.

2. Parent

From the field results, it was found that parents were worried about being disgraced because their child was pregnant out of wedlock due to unhealthy relationships.

3. Education

Factors that cause early marriage are then looked at from education. Due to a lack of knowledge from parents, society is more likely to marry without considering the consequences and impacts of problems faced in the future.

Lack of knowledge about the impact of early marriage. Firstly, early marriage occurs due to a lack of adequate knowledge regarding the impact of early marriage, which results in teenagers thinking that getting married can reduce the burden on their parents.

METHOD

In KKN activities in the Sambik Bangkol village community, there are several programs that must be carried out by STKIP Hamzar KKN students, one of which is preventing child marriage. The activities carried out were in the form of outreach or seminars on the prevention of child marriage which were located at the Sambik Bangkol village office. There are several stages carried out by KKN students, namely:

First identify primary needs. Namely the need to carry out a series of activities that have been planned to fulfill the tasks of the work program. On this occasion, the identification of the needs required is the presenter himself, then the allocation of time and place, and the participants in the implementation of socialization on the prevention of child marriage.

The two implementation activities cover the time of implementation of activities located at the Sambik Bangkol village office. The implementation of this activity was carried out in the morning (09.00-finish), the presenters came from the head of UPTD LPA, participants came from junior high school students in Sambik Bangkol village, then finally the committee members came from a combination or collaboration of KKN & KKP from Other campuses include KKN STKIP Hamzar, KKP Mataram State Islamic University, KKN STIS Darul Falah, KKN IAIQH Bagu.

1. Before the socialization was carried out, a briefing was given to each participant present, numbering around 50 people.
2. The opening was carried out by the Head of Sambik Bangkol Village, namely Mr. Suhaedi, A.Md who explained the purpose and objectives of the event and at the same time introduced the Speakers who would provide Socialization
3. Socialization or counseling regarding the meaning and scope of underage marriage by Mrs. Yulkarnaini and the factors causing underage marriage by the chairman of the North Lombok PPA UPTD
4. Counseling about things that must be considered to avoid or prevent underage marriages, rights as a child and the age limit

for marriage in Law Number 16 of 2019 by the chairman of the North Lombok LPA, Mr. Bagiarti.

5. Question and answer event between resource persons and students to deepen and sharpen the material that has been provided and answer various problems faced by the participants and find the most effective solutions. With the question-and-answer process, it is hoped that the material provided in the counseling will be more developed.
6. The closing of the extension event is accompanied by messages and impressions from the implementation of the extension.
7. Group photo

Following are several photos of early marriage socialization activities carried out in Sambik Bangkol Village, North Lombok:



Figure 1: Provision of materials by the Chair of the North Lombok LPA



Figure 2: Group photo of the Chair of the UPTD PPA and the Chair of the North Lombok LPA along with some of the participants from junior high and high school students



Figure 3: Group photo of the Chair of the UPTD PPA and the Chair of the North Lombok LPA with STKIP Student Hamzar as the organizer of the Socialization activity.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

PKM activities are carried out by providing outreach on underage marriage or early marriage, Sambik Bangkol Village, Gangga District, North Lombok Regency. In implementing KKN, it was found that the majority of teenagers and adults were very enthusiastic when socialization was held through this activity. It was hoped that participants would understand the impact of underage marriage in the future so that they would not be hasty in entering into a marriage relationship.

Underage marriage is one of the triggers of population problems which can increase the rate of population growth, this also has an impact on

increasing birth rates and maternal and child deaths (Ridho al Akbar et al., 2023). From this, we are trying to overcome this problem, one of which is through the program that we are implementing, namely the socialization of underage marriage with the theme: Creating a North Lombok Regency that is free from child marriage and launching a planning generation, especially among teenagers, so that teenagers are motivated to continue or carry out educate to a higher level and get married with good planning, both mentally, physically and materially prepared.

One of the causes of underage marriages often occurs due to uncontrolled promiscuity according to several informants of free association of teenagers, one of the causes of this occurrence is because parents are less responsible in paying attention and controlling their children, which often results in pregnancies outside of marriage. which culminates in underage marriage. Underage marriage or often referred to as early marriage cannot be separated from the influence of a person's family, society or environment.

In more detail, the factors causing underage marriage are:

- a) Educational factors. Education is a scalpel that is quite powerful and powerful in changing a customary and cultural system that is deeply rooted in society. Several factors cause underage marriages to occur after considering themselves to be adults and capable of responsibility. After dating for some time during their junior high school years, just graduating from high school or not yet graduating from high school, they have begged their parents to marry them and there are several causes for underage marriages to occur. age especially. (Eleanora et al., 2022)
- b) He felt he was able to take responsibility. Many couples of puberty teenagers think they are capable and ready to get married even though they don't have a permanent job. Parents allow it so that a marriage occurs that is basically not ready.
- c) Promiscuity It is common knowledge that many teenagers today have fallen into promiscuity. This promiscuity occurs in big

cities such as Jakarta, Bandung, Surabaya and Medan and has even occurred in villages or villages. So, parents quickly marry off their children to avoid getting pregnant out of wedlock, before they know they have the courage to have intimate relations.

- d) Covering the shame The cause of early marriage which is very risky is when you get pregnant before marriage, it is a big shame if your teenage child is already pregnant even if you are not married, this is the dilemma as a parent, with a very heavy heart the parents marry off their child in order to cover the shame, however There were also parents who were happy about this incident by holding a big party for their children who were pregnant out of wedlock.
- e) Arranged marriages In this modern, computerized and global era, there are still Siti Nurbaya-style marriages, namely arranged marriages by parents, while the teenage child does not want to settle down, in order to comply with the parents' request, the teenager accepts even though she is not ready to do so. married.
- f) Marriage or Marriage Worship is the Sunnah of the Prophet, which means worship, if the marriage of an Adam's child is based on faith and piety and is sincere in carrying it out, then it becomes and is worth worship, but if it is just love, or because of lust, it can be worthless as worship, so that in the law of munakahat There are several marriage laws, namely obligatory, sunnat, permissible and haram, underage marriage falls into which category. (Erma et al., 2022)

Remembering that someone who marries underage has an impact on health, including because women who are under 19 years of age become pregnant or give birth and can be at risk during the birthing process. Women who marry at a very young age are more at risk of having a miscarriage, moreover, women who marry underage have a rate of miscarriage and death during childbirth which is 2 times greater risk for the mother and child.

Therefore, here are some of the impacts of underage marriage explained by (Gussevi et al., 2023)

In reality, teenage marriage will affect their post-marriage life. Even though there are good impacts, underage marriage will have many negative impacts.

The negative impacts of underage marriage include:

- 1) Increasing marriage and divorce of minors. Early marriage is considered one of the causes of the increasing divorce rate in Indonesia. Marriage during adolescence often results in divorce. They are not ready to take moral responsibility for every job they are responsible for. Adolescence, which is a transition period from childhood to adulthood, is often referred to as the identity exploration phase. They often experience mental turmoil because they still have an unstable mental attitude and are not yet emotionally mature. As a result of an unstable psychological situation, this causes emotions to become uncontrollable and Domestic Violence (KDRT) occurs. Disharmony in the family and the existence of domestic violence are very vulnerable to ending in divorce.
- 2) High death rates for pregnant women and children. Young pregnant mothers will experience malnutrition during their pregnancy, because the mother is still in her growth and development period, resulting in a struggle for nutrition between the mother and the child she is carrying. Due to inadequate growth and development while the baby is in the womb or birth failure caused by the mother's unprepared reproductive organs, the baby experiences physical and/or mental disabilities. This has a significant impact on maternal and child mortality. Apart from that, child marriage has a negative impact on almost every element of life. One of the impacts can be seen from the factors that cause cervical cancer in women who marry young as follows:
 - a) A woman enters puberty at the age of 16, and some of them will even experience their first menstruation. This 16-year-old teenager is actually not ready to be a housewife, both mentally and physically.
 - b) A 16-year-old woman, she had only completed nine years of formal education,

and the majority of them dropped out of school after getting married. Even though education at school influences the way he educates his children later.

- c) Marriage at a young age gives girls the opportunity to get pregnant at a high risk, because girls have maternal and child complications during pregnancy, such as anemia, pre-eclampsia, eclampsia, miscarriage, premature labor, death, bleeding, etc. These are the things that often happen.
- d) Early marriage means increasing the chance of having children. Delaying marriage means shortening the birth time. By delaying marriage and living with a small family, this will clearly have an impact on population growth. Actually, there are also positives from underage marriage.

The positive impacts of underage marriage include:

- 1) Clarify marital status. Their marital status is proven by getting married even though they are still minors, thereby preventing social defamation. They can also validate their marital status in the eyes of religion and the state by submitting a Marriage Dispensation application to the Religious Court because they have verifiable documentation about their marriage.
- 2) Clarify the fate of the child. Marriage between father and mother has a good impact on their children. After children are born from the marriage, their children have father and mother figures, something different would happen if the underage couple were not married.
- 3) Get good recognition from the environment. By carrying out a marriage, even though the couple is still under age, society will view them as husband and wife because they have carried out the marriage. Their and their families' good names will be protected. Compared to not having a marriage, while it appears that their relationship is very close, society will give them a negative image and could also give rise to slander.

- 4) Prevent bad morals or social values. By carrying out marriage even though the couple is underage, this will prevent bad morals or social values because their relationship is so close. Instead of doing things that violate religious rules and norms that apply in society, it is better for them to get married.
- 5) Prevent adultery. By carrying out the marriage even if the couple is underage, then this will be avoided from adultery. Teenage couples who have a very close relationship, it is impossible to be separated, then it is feared that they will commit adultery repeatedly, so it will be better for them to marry. Based on the description above, it can be understood that underage marriage also has a positive impact, but in fact when analyzed further it will be seen that it causes more negative impact on the party who does it than the positive impact obtained

Early marriage in Sambik Bangkol Village is caused by the low economic level and many children. The economic burden that is felt on the family often causes parents to encourage their children to get married quickly. Marrying off children, especially girls, is one solution for them to ease the financial burden they face, because married girls are the responsibility of their partners or husbands.

Some people believe that marrying their children without thinking about minors to someone who has a fairly high economic status will improve their family's standard of living, especially the status of the child. This is intended so that the child's family, especially women, can have a decent life and be able to improve the family name and economic life of the family. This is one of the biggest causes of marriage at an early age.

Apart from that, the lack of knowledge of parents about the impact of early marriage is an important thing that must be educated in the Sambik Bangkol Community. This is because

Lack of parental knowledge regarding the impact of early marriage which often occurs. They do not know the

future consequences of the marriage. As stated by several informants in interviews, "the knowledge and education of parents who lack understanding and do not know the consequences of underage marriage are the main factors faced in this village."

Underage marriage or early marriage is a marriage that occurs at a very young age which can certainly cause harm. Underage marriage or often called early marriage is a marriage that is carried out with insufficient preparation, including physical, mental and material preparation. Because there is not enough preparation, early marriage is considered a hasty marriage. (EB Surbakti, 2008)

By holding this PkM, it is hoped that it will be able to help and prevent underage marriages in Sambik Bangkol village so that the community can be free from early marriages because marriages carried out at that age can cause risks in the future such as divorce, risk of pregnancy problems. affected by diseases, both mother and child, stunting and others. Therefore, it is very important for society, especially parents and teenagers, to think about the impact of underage marriage in the future.

CONCLUSION

From the results of evaluations, observations and direct responses from the participants, the results of this service activity were quite successful considering that there was an increase in understanding regarding the importance of preventing early marriage and

Law Number 16 of 2019 concerning the Age Limit for Marriage after attending counseling in Community Service activities (PkM). Child marriage is influenced by various things, including those related to economics, education, parents, social culture, and pregnancy before marriage. The negative impacts of underage marriage include: high maternal and infant mortality rates, as well as marriage and divorce rates for underage children which continue to increase. Meanwhile, the benefits of underage marriage include clarifying marital status, clarifying the fate of children who need the

image of father and mother, gaining good recognition from the environment, preventing bad morals or social values and preventing adultery. Underage marriage does have a positive impact, but actually there are more negative impacts for those who do it. Regarding the age limit for marriage, Law Number 16 of 2019 concerning the Age Limit for Marriage states that the minimum age for marriage for women is the same as for men, namely 19 (nineteen) years.

SUGGESTION

After participating in PkM activities, people should be able to utilize the knowledge gained from this activity to reduce the number of underage marriages. The large number of participants in this outreach shows the enthusiasm of residents to take part in this activity.

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