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Understanding Related to Early Marriage Counseling to PKK Mothers in Petiken Village, Driyorejo District, Gresik Regency

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A B S T R A C T

The people of Petiken Village, Driyorejo District, Gresik Regency have a tendency to marry underage. This is based on the results of research conducted in 2022. Marriage that is carried out at an early age will cause problems both from health, legal and educational aspects. The purpose of implementing this community service activity is to provide information and increase the knowledge of the people of Petiken Village due to early marriage from the aspects of health, law and family education. The community service activities carried out are in the form of identification of local wisdom of the community, identification of village community resources, counseling related to early marriage including legal aspects, reproductive health, adolescent health and indirect impacts of early marriage. The result of the counseling provided is that all PKK administrators agree and support all efforts that can reduce the incidence of early marriage in the Petiken village area by forwarding the results of this counseling to early childhood children and their parents that marriage should be carried out when a person is mentally and socially and physically ready. This will have a positive impact on the new generation of quality.

INTRODUCTION

In the latest women's chat television program (Opinion) on April 17, 2020 regarding the percentage of early marriage incidence in several provinces in Indonesia, the following data was obtained: that the percentage of marriage occurrence in the South Kalimantan region was 23.87%, East Java was 20.38%, Jambi was 17.36%, and the West Sulawesi region was 20.10%. In addition, data was obtained that Indonesia is the number 2 largest country in Southeast Asia after Cambodia which contributes to early marriage, as well as ranking 7th in the world in terms of early marriage. Referring to the Child Protection Law Number 23 of 2002 in Chapter I, article 2 is described that "a child is a person who has not yet reached the age of 18 (eighteen) years, including a child who is still in the womb". From this concept, it can be concluded that early marriage means someone who gets married when he is not yet 18 years old, so he belongs to the age group of children who are still under the protection of their parents.

Each creature is created in pairs to love and love each other because of creating a sacred family. Family is basically an effort to obtain happiness and prosperity in life. According to Law Number 1 of 1974, Marriage is an innate bond between a man and a woman becoming husband and wife for the purpose of

creating a family or a place to live on a happy ladder and never die from the One Godhead. Early marriage is a marriage between a man using a woman who is still immature, both psychologically and mentally. Marriage is a bond, a very binding convention, control, and mutual respect between one and the other. Because human beings are creatures who have priority (fitrah), every human being must have a good view of each other and do good for all. Because biology is a business that depends on and cooperates. Early marriage is a marriage that is carried out at a very young age, an age that is not medically and psychologically immature.

Similar things happen a lot in Petiken Village, Driyorejo District. Most of the villagers work as farmers. The results of the survey in the form of interviews with villagers, the majority of whom are elderly, stated that many teenagers have been married early in their villages with an age range of 21 – 25 years.

Marriage is not an easy case and is not only a union to 2 parties but also the application of the role. Generically, early marriage is determined by several factors, namely economic factors, low level of education, customary factors, the impact of mass media and exclusive conditions such as getting pregnant outside of marriage. Economic factors generally occur because families are experiencing economic difficulties because of which they are forced to marry. The mass media factor that is currently booming is the ease of internet access because of which it makes it easier for people to open websites that are not useful.

In the phenomenon of early marriage, women are often the victims. Adolescent girls who get pregnant before marriage are conditioned to get married because of pressure from society that if they do not get married, they will become the subject of discussion. In fact, the impact of marriage too early on the health of adolescent girls can lead to an increase in deaths because they are not physically ready to give birth. Another impact is that they lose the right to education, the right to parental protection, and their mental unpreparedness to share roles that may not be able to be performed optimally, causing them to become more and more distressed. To reduce this phenomenon, we think that one of the parties who can be extension agents regarding the negative impact of early marriage is PKK members in their respective villages. The role of PKK mothers as educators, extension agents, and companions for early childhood is very important, especially for children who are included in the adolescent category. This age group is often a related subject in the occurrence of early marriage. Counseling that can be carried out by PKK mothers not only contains the negative impact of early marriage, but teachers and parents can also provide counseling for parents about the importance of parental parenting for adolescents.

Early marriage should be prevented, for that it is necessary to make various efforts that must be conveyed to children, adolescents, parents, and the community (in this case teachers) that early marriage should be prevented. There is also a need for a discussion that discusses what efforts can be made to minimize the occurrence of early marriage and minimize the negative impact on adolescent women.

METHOD

The many negative impacts of early marriage give rise to the idea that early marriage is not recommended. In this community service activity, we use two methods that can accommodate discussions about what early marriage is and its impact on women, as well as what efforts can be made by teachers to minimize the occurrence of early marriage events and minimize negative impacts for adolescent women.

The two methods are:

1. Lecture Method: this method contains counseling activities to the teachers who attend about the percentage of early marriage in Indonesia, the factors that cause early marriage, the impacts of early marriage, and solutions that can be done to minimize the incidence of early marriage.
2. Focus Group Discussion (FGD) method: after all the material has been presented, the author asks all PKK members who are present to enter the groups that have been formed to conduct discussions. After that, the author also provided a question-and-answer room about the results of the discussion in each group.

The participants who attended early marriage were more in-depth because they were discussed from various perspectives.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Counseling to the community is an effort to disseminate science, technology, and art to the community. These activities must be able to provide added value to the community, both in economic activities, policies, and (social) behavior change. Explain that service activities have been able to make changes for individuals/communities and institutions both in the short and long term.

The counseling activity was carried out at the PKK Office of Petiken Village, Driyorejo District, Gresik Regency on July 30, 2022. The activity was attended by the Village Head and PKK Members who serve at all levels of society in the village. Overall, the counseling took place smoothly and was filled with enthusiasm of the participants through the many questions asked and the responses given.

Early marriage can occur due to the condition of the community that does not understand the impact of early marriage on women who are not physically or mentally ready for early marriage. Quite high risks occur for women at an early age, such as: maternal death after childbirth due to unprepared reproductive organs, loss of opportunities as individuals to be productive, loss of self-identity due to an early age not being ready to perform dual roles, psychological pressure when seeing differences in activities with peers such as peers who have more time to play, Rentang receives domestic violence treatment so that it causes conflicts within him, and other risks. So, the impact of early marriage in addition to health that can cause death, there is also psychological pressure in performing an unprepared role.

The early age makes teenagers not able to think long for the actions taken, the mental losses can be felt by girls to be greater, because: tied to their role as mothers and childcare, the role as a wife, the role as a daughter-in-law from a family whose parenting style may be very different from the pattern in her family. In the coverage of 6.com, Jakarta, it is explained that there are several disadvantages in the event of early marriage, such as the following: (1) Responsibility, (2) adolescent life, (3) divorce, (4) education, (5) childcare. Responsibility is closely related to the role of those who marry young in terms of caring for and raising children. Opportunities for self-development are limited because of the emphasis on responsibility in taking care of the family. While they are not ready to take on dual roles in the family. By marrying early, it means that there is adolescence, the period of getting along and chatting with children of his age is lost, because the role becomes big. Getting married early may take away from the fun of adolescent life. This can affect his growth as an individual. In many cases, they can become irresponsible citizens. This may be related to tension and stress experienced too early, when their minds have not been able to cope with it. The social impact caused by early marriage can contribute to divorce. Because there are times when early marriage does not necessarily mean that both parents agree. Marriage is carried out only to prevent it from becoming a lip service for the environment. Beyond that, divorce often occurs. In early marriage, the people who feel this abuse the most are usually women. Because they have to take care of children, get ridiculed and are less accepted in the environment, on the contrary, men are easily free from what happens.

The experience they feel after marriage can be for a moment of fun because what they want is achieved. The social impact and life they live may not be as easy as their marriage, because they never think about the risks of the decisions they make. Being young and having to shoulder a life that was unimaginable before, can make them easily ignite in quarrels, because actually they are not mentally ready. The chances of getting divorced will be easy. Especially if their economies or needs are not met as they enjoy with their parents, it can also be a trigger for divorce. Some young families who get married easily divorce and remarry another man.

Early marriage that occurs means depriving them of the freedom they have had. Such as attending education, having friends their age to chat with, these things are no longer possible for them to do. Because his friends could not possibly join again, because his duties and responsibilities had been different. His friend studied while he took care of his children and family. The goals are very different. Even if you return to education, you can do it at night, if you have strong motivation.

The new task that demands responsibility is to take care of children, because in Indonesia it adheres to the patriarchal tradition so that often the task of parenting is left to the mother. It is unimaginable that childcare is left entirely to herself (the daughter). Meanwhile, during the process of having children, it is not necessarily in the area that there is a briefing on how to take care of children. Young couples who

may be socially-emotionally unprepared will have to take care of their children, including how they provide balanced nutritional intake. It can be concluded that the disadvantages and negative impacts of early marriage are very complex, like tangled threads. They really need assistance and enlightenment in welcoming the life they live by filling and developing their potential. This can only be done, people who are sensitive to the needs of adolescents, how they can fill themselves with positive things, see the opportunities and opportunities available in their respective regions.

Table 1. Results of Interview with Elderly Residents in Petiken Village

Name	Age	Problem Variables
Diajeng elvy	46 Years	Education level is the main factor in early marriage.
Dwi Wahyuni	42 Years	Getting married at the age of 21 years for women and 25 years for men is the ideal age.
Tutik Masrurroh Yusuf	49 years	Stunting Impact of Early Marriage
Tami	58 Years	Early marriage is often carried out around Pakiten village
Sugarti	53 Years	Socio-cultural, economic, parental and religious factors affect early marriage

Based on the table above, it can be concluded that some people admit that there have indeed been cases of early marriage in their villages. Also, with various responses and agreements on the factors that cause early marriage. So various effective and organized steps are needed to reduce cases of early marriage so that the trend of increasing cases can slowly decrease, and the community has a good insight into the importance of education for early childhood so that they can achieve their goals in the future. Because after all, the family plays an important role in how children can process more efficiently in the future.

Other impacts of early marriage that can arise are economic factors, low education, and traditional factors that cause mental and emotional immaturity resulting in problems in marriage and this is something that the community really needs to know. Social and economic maturity in marriage is very necessary because it is a buffer in turning the family wheel.

In general, the age that is still easy does not have a handle in terms of social and economic matters. What a teenager needs to get married at an early age is enlightenment from the adults around him and not judge his situation. However, they also need to be considered, and their rights protected as part of society. Therefore, this assistance is very beneficial for the local community, not only for teenagers but also for parents who play a major role in controlling the lives of their children.

The implementation of mentoring activities must of course have good management in its implementation, starting from planning, implementation to the question and answer or evaluation stage, so that the purpose of implementing early marriage counseling assistance can be carried out properly.

The counseling given to PKK members was carried out in a structured manner, starting from discussions related to marriage, early marriage to discussions of the Sakinah mawaddah warahmah family. Counseling activities carried out in the form of forums for the community are carried out in a targeted manner to provide motivation for the community and of course will be very useful and will be an added

value for the wider community. During child marriage counseling or counseling activities, the community is socialized and understood how to prevent child marriage and understand the risks of early marriage, not only information about early marriage but also received by the community understanding related to the *sakinah mawaddah warahmah* family. In the assistance of early marriage, the disadvantages of early marriage are also explained. This is also the first activity held in Petiken Village, so it received a positive response from the surrounding community.

With the guidance or counseling of child marriage, PKK members understand that child marriage poses many risks for child marriage perpetrators, so that PKK members can better understand the role of parents in raising children and providing insight. and education about the impact of child marriage.

This early marriage assistance or counseling will not only be known about early marriage, but the community will also know how to foster the *Sakinah mawaddah warahmah* family. With this assistance or counseling, the community will be more able to foster and create a harmonious family with the understanding obtained from the assistance or counseling carried out.

Assistance or counseling for early marriage, PKK members were given the opportunity to ask the speaker questions related to what had been conveyed that the community did not understand. Everyone is given time to ask their questions, so that the questions asked to build a mutual relationship with the presenter because feedback plays a very important role in developing the knowledge gained.

Based on the implementation of counseling activities on early marriage carried out by the author during the implementation process, the results achieved are that the community can develop knowledge about early marriage, especially on the negative impact that.

It happens to the perpetrators of early marriage and how to form a family that is *sakinah mawaddah warahmah*. So, it can be concluded that with the early marriage counseling, the community's knowledge is increasing. The public not only knows about the risks of early marriage but also knows how to foster or form a marriage that is *sakinah mawaddah warahmah*.

CONCLUSION

The results of this counseling activity in Pekiten village show that there are still many people who do not understand the impact of early marriage from all aspects of community and family life. Therefore, it is necessary to provide continuous guidance, especially PKK members to be more active in providing insight and dangers of early marriage and through this counseling activity, it is hoped that it will be able to increase the understanding of PKK mothers and change the paradigm that has been passed down from generation to generation in this Pekiten village. Therefore, early marriage causes more disadvantages, such as: increasing the number of deaths after childbirth, increasing divorces, producing new generations whose

growth and development tend to be incompatible with the supposed developmental tasks, the social burden of the family, and long-term social-emotional losses.

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