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#### **Abstract**

This study aims to determine the implementation of child protection policies in Sukabumi Regency, especially violence against children. This study uses the theory of policy implementation proposed by Edward III (2003). The method used in this study is a qualitative method with a descriptive approach. Techniques Data collection was carried out by means of interviews, documentation and audio-visual materials. The results of this study indicate that the implementation of child protection policies in Sukabumi Regency refers to the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 concerning the implementation of child protection that has not been fully implemented optimally according to the policy implementation indicators proposed by Edward III that there are 4 dimensions that affect the success of an implementation policies, namely: communication, resources, disposition, and bureaucratic structure. In implementing policies from policy implementers to organizations or the public, the communication that exists in DP3A has not run optimally the lack of budget from the government, as for the disposition, pleased with the willingness of the implementors to bring the policy has been going well, while the existing bureaucratic structure in the DP3A has been running optimally with respect to the suitability of the bureaucratic organization that is the organizer of the implementation of public policy.

## Keywords

policy implementation; child protection; violance



#### I. Introduction

Definition of children according to Law no. 35 of 2014 concerning Child Protection Article 1 (1), "a child is someone who is not yet 18 years old, including children who are still in the womb". Acts of violence are not in accordance with Indonesian law, namely Law Number 39 of 1999 concerning Human Rights article 2 that the Indonesian nation recognizes that every person has human rights that must be protected, respected, and enforced. In addition, it is not in accordance with Article 4 of the Law on Child Protection which states, "every child has the right to live, grow, develop, and participate properly in accordance with human dignity and protection from violence and discrimination".

Children are a mandate as well as a gift from God Almighty which we must always protect because they have inherent dignity, worth, and rights as human beings that must be upheld. Children's rights are part of human rights which are contained in the 1945 constitution and the United Nations convention on children's rights in terms of the life of the nation and state. (Source: Office of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection Sukabumi Regency, 2021).

Child abuse is an intentional act that causes harm or harm to children physically or emotionally. Violence is an act that causes physical or psychological harm to children by adults or peers, cases of violence against children have mushroomed in the community,

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due to the public's perception and knowledge of the various forms of violence against children. logically violence against children is often followed by indecent acts, such as: sexual violence, murder, domestic violence

, trafficking (human trafficking), and bullying. This is what proves that violence against children is still a problem that needs to be dealt with in depth and if it is ignored continuously, children as they should be the next generation of the nation will lose their role in the future. (Source: Office of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection Sukabumi Regency, 2021)

Sukabumi Regency is one of the areas where the rate of violence against children is relatively high when compared to some areas in West Answer, based on data from the Sukabumi Regency Women's Empowerment and Child Protection Service, there is a significant increase for 2020 when compared to 2019. In 2020, the increase The number of cases of violence against children in Sukabumi Regency was influenced by the onset of the Covid-19 virus. The outbreak of this virus has an impact of a nation and Globally (Ningrum et al, 2020). Cases of violence against children that occurred in Sukabumi Regency include acts of domestic violence against children, in addition to physical acts, neglect of children is an inseparable part, There are many factors that support the occurrence of violence against children in Sukabumi Regency. To get a clearer picture, see the table on data on violence that occurred in Sukabumi Regency in 2017-2021:

Number of Victims of Violence Against Children No. Case Type year 2021 Domestic Violence Sexual Violence Trafficking Other Amount

**Table 1.** Data on violence against children in Sukabumi District

Source: Office of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection (DP3A) Sukabumi Regency, 2022

From the table above, it can be seen that the increase in cases of violence against children in Sukabumi Regency experienced a significant increase in 2020. How can a government policy reduce these cases.

Based on the explanation above, by looking at the high number of violence against children and it is the government's obligation or duty to reduce the number of violence, not only from the relevant institutions in terms of handling the prevention of violence against children, but for researchers all elements of both law enforcement and the community must be directly involved or minimize cases of violence against children in the environment around us, because basically children are the successors that we must maintain their growth, so that later they can become a good generation for themselves, their families and the country.

Article 59 of the law mandates that the government and other state institutions are obliged and responsible for providing special protection to children who experience violence. The Sukabumi Regency Women's Empowerment and Child Protection Office has an important role to play in implementing policies on preventing violence against children, this policy is based on the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 which aims to ensure that every child has the right to live and fight for it. Sukabumi can

understand well what the rights and obligations of a child are and how to educate children well.

By looking at the high rate of violence against children and it is the government's obligation or duty to reduce the number of violence, the authors are interested in examining this phenomenon and problem further in a study, related to child violence and what the implementation of child protection policies in Sukabumi Regency is like. This research is interesting because of the ineffective implementation of the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 in preventing violence against children and how the DP3A policy in tackling violence against children in Sukabumi Regency, should be with the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 DP3A is able to provide socialization thoroughly in society itself. Moreover, this study shows that there are still many parents who do not understand and understand that violence against children can be from small things such as yelling, cursing, and physical violence that are considered normal, the above also provides quality work from the protection agency. children themselves so that we all understand and can provide and protect children as the generation that will replace us in the future. Based on the background of the problems described above, the researcher feels the need to conduct research on "Implementation of Child Protection Policies in Sukabumi Regency". the above also provides the quality of work of the child protection agency itself so that we all understand and can provide and protect children as the generation that will replace us in the future. Based on the background of the problems described above, the researcher feels the need to conduct research on "Implementation of Child Protection Policies in Sukabumi Regency". the above also provides the quality of work of the child protection agency itself so that we all understand and can provide and protect children as the generation that will replace us in the future. Based on the background of the problems described above, the researcher feels the need to conduct research on "Implementation of Child Protection Policies in Sukabumi Regency".

## **II. Review of Literature**

#### 2.1 Public Policy

Public policy according to Indiahono (2009:31), "Public policy in a substantive framework is within the realm of government efforts to solve public problems faced". Furthermore, according to Tahir (2011: 47), "Public Policy is identical with regulations or rules or can be interpreted as a legal product issued by the government which must be understood in its entirety and correctly". then according to Anderson (2007: 14) the elements contained in public policy include the following:

- a. Policies always have a purpose or are oriented towards certain goals.
- b. Policies contain actions or patterns of action of government officials.
- c. Policy is what the government actually does and not what it purports to do.
- d. Public policy is positive (a government action on a particular issue) and negative (a government official's decision not to do something).
- e. Public policy (positive) is always based on certain laws that are coercive (authoritative).

## 2.2 Policy Implementation

According to the Big Indonesian Dictionary (2007:441) "Implementation means implementation: this second meeting intends to seek the form of what has been agreed upon first". Meanwhile, according to Nugroho (2021:18) "Policy implementation in principle is a way so that a policy can achieve its goals". Then according to Tahir (2014:

56) "Implementation of a policy is a process to realize the goals that have been chosen and set to become reality".

According to Edward III (2003: 1), regarding policy implementation, namely: "Policy implementation is a crucial process because how good a policy is if it is not well prepared and planned for implementation, then what is the goal of public policy will not be realized".

# 2.3 Public Policy Implementation Model

In this study, using the model of public policy implementation proposed by Edward III (2003: 12): "In implementing policies to pay attention to four main issues so that policy implementation becomes effective, including the following:

- a. Communication, the first requirement for policy implementation is that those who have to implement a decision must know what they have to do, this communication requires accuracy, and communication must be accurately received by implementers. concerned with how the policy is communicated to the organization or the public and the attitudes and responses of the parties involved.
- b. Resources, implementation orders may be forwarded in a clear and consistent manner, but if the policy implementer lacks the necessary resources to implement the policy, then implementation will affect the success or failure of the policy implementer, with regard to the availability of supporting resources, especially human resources and budgetary resources. This is related to the skills of public policy implementers to carry out policies effectively
- c. Disposition includes the desire and tendency of the policy implementers to carry out the policy seriously so that the policy objectives can be achieved, in accordance with the willingness of the implementers to carry out the policy.
- d. Bureaucratic Structure, the bureaucracy is one of the organizations that most often implements policies. According to Edward III, there are two main characteristics of the bureaucracy, namely, work procedures and basic standards or standard operating procedures (SOP) and fragmentation, with respect to the suitability of the bureaucratic organization that is the organizer of public policy implementation.

#### III. Research Method

The research method in this study uses the type of qualitative research. The qualitative research method according to Creswell (2016: 4) states that:

"Qualitative research are methods for exploring and understanding the meanings that some individuals or groups of people attribute to social or humanitarian problems. This qualitative research process involves important efforts, such as asking questions and procedures, collecting specific data from participants, analyzing data inductively from specific themes to general themes and interpreting the meaning of the data. Anyone involved in this form of qualitative research must apply a research perspective that is inductive style, focuses on individual meaning, and translates the complexity of a problem.

In addition, the approach that will be used by researchers in conducting research uses descriptive qualitative research methods.

A qualitative research method using a descriptive approach is used in this study entitled "Implementation of Child Protection Policies in Sukabumi Regency". The reason for using qualitative research methods with a descriptive approach is because research will reveal observational data based on observations and present data in a systematic, factual, and accurate manner based on data from observations in the field and to find out how the

implementation of a policy and policy process by government agencies in tackling violence against children in Sukabumi Regency because in the implementation phase of a policy it is influenced by communication, resources, disposition, and bureaucratic structure so it is necessary to get some answers from several informants regarding research.

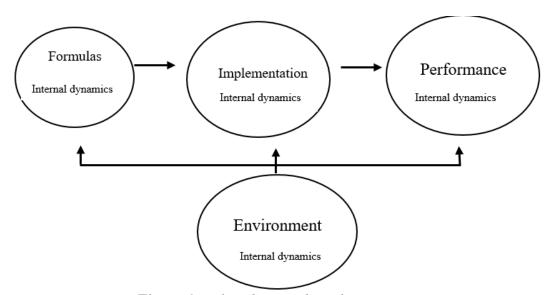
#### IV. Results and Discussion

## 4.1 Children Protection Legal Basis

- a. Law No. 17 of 2016 concerning Child Protection
- b. Law Number 23 of 2002 concerning Child Protection, as amended by Law Number 35 of 2014, and Amendment to Law Number 17 of 2016
- c. Sukabumi Regency Regulation Number 1 of 2018 concerning the Implementation of Child Protection
- d. Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2019 concerning the Implementation of Child Care in the Family and Alternative Care
- e. Sukabumi Regent Regulation No. 68 of 2018 concerning Alert Child Protection Friendly Posts (Ring Asi Post).
- f. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Number 065 / 1572 / Bid. PTKA 2020 "Handling Children Victims of Violence"

# **4.2 Child Protection Policy Process**

According to Nugroho (2021: 12) "Public policy has a process of "developing each other in the form of "value" contributions between sub-systems". This can be described as follows:



*Figure 1.* Value chain in the policy process

According to Nugroho (2021: 12) states that:

"From the picture, it can be understood that the value created at the formulation stage contributes to the implementation stage. Value created at the implementation stage contributes to the performance stage. Value created in the policy environment contributes to every stage, both formulation, implementation, and performance. This value creation approach is a management approach in the public policy process. Success at each stage

will contribute to success at the next stage. This success is referred to as value creation which is an important capital for the next stage.

From the explanation above, researchers can explain the policy process using the value chain, that the process of a policy consists of formulation, implementation, performance, and the environment that develop each other. This means that if one of these stages is successful, it will affect the success of the next stage.

The process of child protection policy in Sukabumi Regency is how a PERDA policy of Sukabumi Regency is formulated after that the policy is implemented to the organization and carried out and socialized to the people of Sukabumi Regency regarding child protection policies.

# 4.3 Implementation of the Policy of Sukabumi Regency Number 1 of 2018 Regarding the Implementation of Child Protection

Based on the results of research related to the theory of Edward III, a successful implementation of public policy is seen from 4 dimensions: communication, resources, disposition, and bureaucratic structure as follows:

#### a. Communication

The policy communication process should be accompanied by clear information so that the informed policy can be received clearly so that policy implementers and policy targets can know the intent and purpose of the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 concerning the implementation of child protection. Until now the communication process for delivering information has been running optimally but has not yet reached the community because only a few representatives attended the socialization. So far, there has been no special socialization for the Regional Regulation of Sukabumi Regency Number 1 of 2018 concerning the implementation of child protection to the community.

#### b. Resource

Important resources include the right size staff with the necessary expertise, relevant and sufficient information on how to implement the policy and in other adjustments involved in implementation. Insufficient resources will mean that laws will not be enforced, services will not be provided, and appropriate regulations will not be developed.

In the resource process there are two resources that need to be discussed in the process of implementing child protection policies in Sukabumi Regency from the results of this study, including:

Human resources implementing the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 concerning the implementation of child protection, in terms of the expertise of the human resources in the Sukabumi Regency DP3A, however, the number of staff is still lacking and the distribution of information about policies to the community is still uneven so that the information obtained still perfunctory.

Budget resources, the budget is needed to finance the operationalization of the implementation of the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 concerning the implementation of child protection which must be disseminated evenly from the implementer to the community, of course it requires a budget, the lack of budget for spaciousness such as the budget for the provision of facilities, consumption, transportation, and budget for victims of violence against children, the lack of attention from the Sukabumi Regency government to the Sukabumi Regency women's

empowerment and child protection service resulted in several problems that required DP3A employees to be spacious.

## c. Disposition

This includes attitudes, willingness, tendencies to agree with the willingness of implementers not always ready to implement policies as they are policy makers. Consequently, decision makers are often faced with the task of trying to manipulate or work out all the dispositions of the implementor or to reduce his options. The implementors bring and implement the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 concerning the implementation of child protection seriously so that the policy objectives can be realized, namely reducing the number of cases of violence against children in Sukabumi Regency. Disposition is closely related to the commitment of policy implementers, but it is this commitment that is still being disputed by policy implementers in DP3A Sukabumi Regency.

#### d. Bureaucratic Structure

Pleased with the suitability of the bureaucratic organization that is the organizer of the implementation of public policy. As organizational units implement policies, they develop standard operating procedures (SOPs) to handle routine situations in a regular pattern of relationships. The bureaucracy is one of the organizations that most often implement policies. According to Edward III, there are two main characteristics of bureaucracy, namely work procedures and basic measures or standard operating procedures (SOP) and fragmentation. The SOP for child protection policies in Sukabumi Regency is based on the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 concerning the implementation of child protection, The SOPs that are well implemented by the DP3A are running as they should. This proves that cases of violence against children in Sukabumi Regency have decreased significantly from 2017 to June 2022, which can be seen from the following table:

Number of Victims of Violence Against Children Case Type year 2021 No. Domestic Violence Sexual Violence Trafficking Other **AMOUNT** 

Table 2. Data on violence against children in Sukabumi District

Source: Office of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection (DP3A) Sukabumi Regency, 2022

From the data above, we can see that the success of implementing the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 in reducing cases of violence against children in Sukabumi Regency in 2022 has been optimal.

#### V. Conclusion

The implementation of child protection policies in Sukabumi Regency which refers to the Regional Regulation of Sukabumi Regency Number 1 of 2018 concerning the implementation of child protection has not been fully implemented optimally according to

the policy implementation indicators proposed by Edward III that there are 4 dimensions that affect the success of a policy implementation, namely: communication, resources, disposition, and bureaucratic structure.

- 1. In the communication process, problems occur in the delivery process from the implementor to organizations and the community where the delivery of the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 regarding the implementation of child protection has not been evenly distributed to the community because only a few know the essence of socialization activities regarding the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 policy. In 2018 it was about the implementation of child protection and only representatives attended the socialization held by DP3A as policy implementers
- 2. Based on the human resources implementing child protection policies, the number is insufficient, seen from the vast area of Sukabumi Regency with a lack of human resources in DP3A which causes public ignorance about the socialization of overcoming violence against children regarding the Regional Regulation of Sukabumi Regency Number 1 of 2018 concerning the implementation of child protection. to provide knowledge about children's rights.
- 3. The disposition in the Sukabumi Regency DP3A has been implemented as the implementor's willingness to convey the Sukabumi Regency Regional Regulation Number 1 of 2018 concerning the implementation of child protection.
- 4. The existing bureaucratic structure in DP3A has been running optimally with respect to the suitability of the bureaucratic organization that is the organizer of public policy implementation, and works to implement policies in accordance with SOPs.

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