

The Role of Strengthening Religious Moderation on People's Economic Development in Naga Juang District, Mandailing Natal Regency

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Abstract

This study to identify the strengthening of religious moderation and examine its relationship to the development of the people's economy in Naga Juang District, Mandailing Natal District. This study used a qualitative research method with a case study approach. This research was conducted in Naga Juang District, Mandailing Natal District. The Chief of Villages and Religious Leaders Naga Juang District. Data collection techniques used in this study include; observation, interview, documentation, focus discussion group (FGD). The results of this study indicate that the strengthening and application of religious moderation in Naga Juang District which has been going on so far has been going well. The community, religious leaders/community and the District Government have synergized with each other to strive to uphold a balanced and fair attitude in implementing values and teachings. the teachings of their respective religions. The existing economic facilities and infrastructure in Naga Juang District are still very limited. The majority of people who depend on the agricultural sector for their lives, responding to this, the District Government, Community/Religious Leaders and the community began to utilize protected forests in the Naga Juang District area to improve people's living standards while still paying attention to applicable laws and regulations and still paying attention to environmental sustainability.

Keywords

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I. Introduction

Indonesia as a nation that puts forward the values of God, is democratic and multicultural, tries to make religion a part of the human rights inherent in every Indonesian people and guaranteed by the 1945 Constitution. This harmonization of religious, democratic and multicultural life certainly requires a moderate attitude that can be interpreted as awareness and understanding of multiculturalism, which is able to appreciate differences, diversity and at the same time the desire to interact socially more fairly. The dominant culture or indigenous culture commonly influences the culture of the minority or the immigrant culture, and subsequently, the minority culture is affected by the dominant culture due to the cultural pressures of the culture itself (Pandapotan, 2020).

The Indonesian state realizes that religious diversity is part of the core capital and energy driving national development as a whole. However, religious diversity also has the possibility to create social conflicts, especially if religious diversity is not supported by an attitude of religious moderation. The economic condition of the population is a condition that describes human life that has economic score (Shah et al, 2020). Economic growth is

still an important goal in a country's economy, especially for developing countries like Indonesia (Magdalena and Suhatman, 2020). The concept of human resource development is an attempt to improve technical, theoretical, conceptual, and education and training. The types of development are grouped into informal development and formal development: 1) Informal development, namely employees on their own desires and efforts train and develop themselves by studying literature books that have to do with their work or position. Informal development shows that the employee is eager to advance by improving his work ability. 2) Formal development, where employees are assigned by the company to take part in education and training, both those conducted by the company and those carried out by educational and training institutions. (Setiawan, D and Marfistasari, A. 2021)

Financial statements are basically a source of information for investors as one of the basic considerations in making capital market investment decisions and also as a means of management responsibility for the resources entrusted to them (Prayoga and Afrizal 2021). Financial performance is a measuring instrument to know the process of implementing the company's financial resources. It sees how much management of the company succeeds, and provides benefits to the community. Sharia banking is contained in the Law of the Republic of Indonesia No.21 of 2008 article 5, in which the Financial Services Authority is assigned to supervise and supervise banks. (Ichsan, R. et al. 2021). The higher the company's leverage, the company tends to generate less cash, this is likely to affect the occurrence of earning management. Companies with high debt or leverage ratios tend to hold their profits and prioritize the fulfillment of debt obligations first. According to Brigham and Ehrhardt (2013), the greater the leverage of the company, it tends to pay lower dividends in order to reduce dependence on external funding. So that the greater the proportion of debt used for the capital structure of a company, the greater the number of liabilities that are likely to affect shareholder wealth because it affects the size of the dividends to be distributed. (Yanizzar, et al. 2020)

The current era of economic globalization, of course, requires the Indonesian people to be prepared in world economic competition. The Indonesian nation must focus on efforts to increase economic growth in order to be able to compete with other nations. Social conflicts between religious communities should no longer need to occur in a religious, democratic and multicultural country. If that happens, it will certainly break the concentration of the nation in the overall national development effort. Microeconomic developments are the foundation for economic growth in Indonesia. This show is small and medium industries have good prospects to be developed and have competitiveness and competitive advantage well and contribute to employment safety (Pradata et al, 2020). One form of microeconomics that can combine large amounts of labor with small capital is small and medium micro enterprises (Ulfha, 2019).

Naga Juang District is one of the sub-districts in the Mandailing Natal Regency, North Sumatra Province which consists of 7 villages with a total area of 5,738.97 Ha. Naga Juang District is also known to have harmony and tolerance between religious communities.

Religious moderation that has been firmly entrenched in the routines of the village community in Naga Juang District is certainly one of the basic capitals for development. However, it turns out that all villages in Naga Juang District are still in the category of underdeveloped villages. of basic services, infrastructure, accessibility/transportation of public services and minimal or limited government administration (Bappenas and BPS, 2018). This of course affects the economic condition of rural communities in Naga Juang District.

Based on the description above, the strengthening of religious moderation which is formed from the achievement of harmonization of religious life and its relation to the development of the people's economy in Naga Juang District is interesting and important to be reviewed in more depth. Through a more in-depth study, it is hoped that it will be known how the role of strengthening religious moderation in the development of the people's economy in Naga Juang District is. For this reason, researchers are interested in bringing up the theme of religious moderation and populist economy in Naga Juang District in a study entitled "The Role of Strengthening Religious Moderation on the Development of People's Economy in Naga Juang District, Mandailing Natal Regency".

II. Research Method

This study uses a qualitative research method with a case study approach. The chosen method and approach aim to identify one specific case, namely strengthening religious moderation and assessing its relationship to the development of the people's economy in Naga Juang District, Mandailing Natal Regency.

In general, the data collected in this study are primary data and secondary data. Primary data are data obtained from visits and direct interviews with the Naga Juang Sub-district Head, Banua Rakyat Village Head, Humbang I Village Head, Sayur Matua Village Head, Tarutung Panjang Village Head, Tambiski Village Head, Simanosor Village Head, Tambiski Nauli Village Head and other figures. Naga Juang District Religion. Secondary data is data obtained from relevant agencies related to the study, in the form of notebooks, reports and literature such as books, internet, laws and regulations, and other related written sources.

III. Result and Discussion

This section presents the research results. The research results can be supplemented with tables, graphs (pictures), and/or charts. The results and discussion section describes the results of data processing, interprets findings logically, and relates them to relevant reference sources.

3.1 Strengthening and Application of Religious Moderation in Naga Juang District

The strengthening and application of religious moderation in Naga Juang Sub-district that have been ongoing so far include; a) The tradition of buying Eid clothes together (Muslim and Christian communities) in order to enliven Eid Al-Fitr; b) The tradition of cooking together lemang (Muslim and Christian communities) in order to enliven the Eid al-Adha; c) The tradition of collecting funds from the Muslim community to help the Christian community's Christmas and New Year Celebrations; d) Tradition of conflict resolution between Christian communities by involving Religious/Muslim Community Leaders; e) The tradition of prohibiting marriages of different religions in order to avoid family conflicts; f) Routine inter-religious dialogue with the Naga Juang District Government in order to maintain and maintain harmony and tolerance between religious communities.

From the search results of researchers in Naga Juang District, it was concluded that the strengthening and application of religious moderation in Naga Juang District which had been going on so far had been going well. the values and teachings of each religion. The community has also placed and believed in Pancasila as the best umbrella together that

puts everyone equal before the law with the same rights and obligations as citizens, avoiding discrimination regardless of ethnicity, religion, race and inter-group (SARA).

3.2 Development of People's Economy in Naga Juang District

The development of the people's economy that has been running so far in Naga Juang District can be concluded in several ways; a) The Status of the Developing Village Index (IDM) of all villages in Naga Juang Sub-district is included in the category of Underdeveloped Villages that needs attention from the District Government, Community/Religious Leaders and the community; b) The use of protected forests as agricultural land in Naga Juang District needs to be managed properly, measured, directed and prioritizes the welfare of the people of Naga Juang District; c) Cooperatives as one of the identities of the people's economy and BUMDes as one of the derivatives of cooperatives need to be developed to the maximum so that they make a real contribution to the welfare of the people of Naga Juang District; d) Farmer groups as a forum for the community to gather and work together in managing their agricultural land need to be provided with knowledge, education and training from the District Government through the Village Head more intensely and continuously so as to make a real contribution to the welfare of the people of Naga Juang District; e) Facilities and infrastructure to support community economic activities in Naga Juang District are also a separate homework for the District Government to further maximize them.

3.3. The Role of Strengthening Religious Moderation on People's Economic Development in Naga Juang District

Naga Juang Subdistrict is one of the areas in Mandailing Natal Regency which has cultural and religious diversity which can be used as a portrait of religious moderation. Social interaction between religious communities runs smoothly and smoothly without experiencing significant obstacles. In the midst of globalization of technology and information that covers all aspects of people's lives including socio-cultural and religious, the majority of the people of Naga Juang District are able to respond positively. Negative issues of socio-cultural and Massive spread of religion is apparently not able to undermine the foundation of inter-religious harmony that has been built so far.

All elements of the community of Naga Juang District are aware of the importance of togetherness, kinship, tolerance and harmony between religious communities. This awareness is then applied in the form of a tradition carried out by all existing elements of society. The tradition of buying Eid clothes together, the tradition of cooking lemang and the tradition of collecting funds are three of the many traditions carried out by the community from generation to generation.

Furthermore, if viewed from the socio-economic aspect of the Naga Juang District community, it is still in the category of being left behind. The natural potential that is owned has not been able to be managed more optimally for the welfare of the community. However, all elements of society are still trying to improve their standard of living. each village to become a forum for the community to optimize their agricultural products. The District Government through the Village Head also continues to be committed to improving the welfare of the community as a whole. Solutions are also being developed to improve community welfare. One of them is through the use of protected forests as agricultural land.

Togetherness, kinship, cooperation, tolerance and inter-religious harmony that are rooted in the social life of the people of Naga Juang District are important points for improving community welfare in the future. The lack of conflicts that occur with the

existing social and religious diversity is a benchmark for every element of society to continue to be creative and innovate in economic development in Naga Juang District.

IV. Conclusion

The strengthening and application of religious moderation in Naga Juang Sub-district which has been going on so far has been going well. The community, Religious/Community Leaders and the District Government have synergized with each other to seek to uphold a balanced and fair attitude in implementing the values and teachings of their respective religions. The strengthening and application of religious moderation in Naga Juang Sub-district that have been ongoing so far include; a) The tradition of buying Eid clothes together; b) The tradition of cooking lemang together; c) The tradition of collecting funds for Christmas and New Year's Celebrations; d) Tradition of conflict resolution between Christian communities by involving Religious/Muslim Community Leaders; e) The tradition of prohibiting marriages with different religions; f) Inter-religious dialogue routines with the Naga Juang District Government.

Existing economic facilities and infrastructure in Naga Juang District are still very limited. BPS data for Mandailing Natal Regency in 2021 shows that there is only one market with permanent buildings and no hotels or hostels/wisma/motels in Naga Juang District. There are no financial institutions (Commercial/Private/Rural Banks) operating in Naga Juang District. Furthermore, there is only one Village Unit Cooperative which is still active in Naga Juang District. The majority of people who depend on the agricultural sector for their lives, responding to this, the District Government, Community/Religious Leaders and the community began to utilize protected forests in the Naga Juang District area to improve people's living standards while still paying attention to applicable laws and regulations and still paying attention to environmental sustainability.

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