

KARANG TARUNA COUNSELING PROGRAM TO INCREASE ITS ROLE AND CREATIVITY

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Abstract

Youth is a pioneer for the progress of Indonesian because youth is the next generation that should have a broad range of knowledge and skills together with firm principle. Young people have to be built and directed so that his role can be beneficial. Similarly, with the youth in the region of RT. 02 and 03 Cibereum Village, the majority of the young people are very religious because 85% of youth that is living in this region are mostly pesantren alumni. However, the youth only has the ability and knowledge for themselves and not to society. In this village, young people join the Karang Taruna activity and Ikatan Remaja Masjid (IRMACH), but they are more active in religious activities so that this management organization is a need to be developed and nurtured to make the young people in this region became more active and creative in other aspects. For that reason, we carry out counseling to youth in the RT.02 and 03 so that they can perform the function and role as a part of the society to build community life with creativity. This activity was attended by 25 young people from the two regions RT. 02 and 03 Cibereum Village, Cisarua District.

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INTRODUCTION

Youth is the hope of the nation to give change in the future (Mustaqim and Tohari, 1:2010). Young people have almost all the resources to develop their thinking. They can be the pioneer for the society changes. Youth as the next generation of future leaders should be proactive and contribute to development the nation in various sectors. In Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia No. 40 Year 2009 about Youth say that “In the renewal and development of the nation, youth has a strategic function and role, so it is necessary to develop its potential and role through awareness, empowerment, and development as part of the national development.” Youth is an important role of the national development. Youth participation in politics, for example, must be understood as a contribution to the acceleration of change (Sumardi: 2013).

There are a variety of youth organizations in Indonesia. There are national standard organizations, regional level, and also local level. One of the existing youth organizations is Karang Taruna. Karang Taruna as a social organization that contributes to the village progress. Karang Taruna has been 51 years old, and it is an integral part of rural development (Rotorasiko: 2013) Karang Taruna as a youth organization that has a service function. So in

essence Karang Taruna has fulfilled the requirements to be developed as social Infrastructure in rural/urban villages. As a social infrastructure, then Karang Taruna should be considered as a Government partner to develop rural development. Social infrastructure has a mission to provide the society's aspirations for voice the development. Society in the RT. 02 and 03 are located in the Cibereum village, the Cisarua District. There are 120 families in the village which are divided into two community groups. Villages with high population density gave birth many future generations. The young people in this region work in the many stalls selling snacks along the highway; some also work as a farmer on the farm owned by Bina Bakti foundation. As young people that active in interaction through communication and commerce certainly, the young people in this village has a high potential to develop quality people. It is required extensive knowledge and insight to develop community development in this village that the role and function of the youth go well. Related to the self-development of young people in the Coblom village, it has formed an organization of Karang Taruna under the management of RT 02 and 03.

The ability of youth has to be developed through their potential and fields that incorporate in the organization. Certainly, it must require a proper management in the organization so that its tasks and functions of the organization go by the rules. Similarly, with Karang Taruna organization in RT.02 and 03, they need extensive knowledge and insight to develop an organization that has been formed. The reality on the ground shows that Karang Taruna works in the absence of management, both in the management, development, and programs. For that reason, we do counseling to help manage the organization of Karang Taruna in RT.02 and 03, to solve these problems, we conduct counseling on "Management of Karang Taruna to Increase Participation of Youth Creativity." The target in this counseling is to provide insight for the members of Karang Taruna to perform their role in society and help in the management of Karang Taruna organizations to carry out their duties and functions accordance to AD /ART.

The purposes of this community service are to enhance Karang Taruna organization role and creativity, among others:

- a. Actualize the growth and development of Karang Taruna awareness and creativity.
- b. Provide knowledge about youth and its function.
- c. Regenerate and equip young people in of the RT 02 and 03 Cibereum Village Cisarua District so that they can establish Karang Taruna positive activities.

Through this Community Service Enhancement Role and Creativity Program in the form of training and organizational leadership to the youth in the RT 02 and Cibereum Village Cisarua District, are expected to obtain outcomes as follows:

- a. Skilled young people in the lead and organize.
- b. Optimized youth functionality/usability.
- c. Created useful youth.
- d. Community acknowledgment that youth as an innovator.

Community Service Enhancement Role and Creativity Program are expected to obtain some benefits as follows:

- a. Regarding the social:
 - b. Increase youth generation cooperation.
 - c. Give inspiration to youth to help village officials in implementing social welfare.
 - d. As a motivation to youth to be positive and share with others.
- e. Regarding the science and technology: to generate intelligent Karang Taruna to lead and organize.

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Rotorasiko (2013: 1) define Karang Taruna as follows Karang means place. Taruna means teenagers or young men. So Karang Taruna means a place of the youth activities. Karang Taruna was born on September 26, 1960, in Kampung Melayu, Jakarta. In the course of its history, Youth has conducted various activities, to contribute tackling Social Welfare problems, especially young people problems in their environment, according to local conditions and each capability. In the beginning, Karang Taruna activities just to spending time. They do positive activities like recreation, sports, Pramuka, and religious education for orphans, school dropout children, uneducated children, the children who are hanging around and playing cards, and also children who fall into alcohol and drugs. In the course of its history, from time to time Karang Taruna activities have been progressing up to the sector *Usaha Ekonomi Produktif* (UEP) that helps create work opportunities or business for unemployment and school dropout teenagers. This organization was established and fostered by the Ministry of Social Affairs. Karang Taruna almost exists all over Indonesia. Karang Taruna name adapted to conditions in of each region. Karang Taruna members are youth, especially those who drop out of school and unemployed. In some areas Karang Taruna members are students. They are still in junior high or senior high school. Karang Taruna was established to guide the youth, especially school dropouts and unemployed. If they are not given additional education in the form of various skills, they can cause many problems. Juvenile delinquency until the acts of criminality, it could and easily develop in teenagers who are unemployed. In this organization, youth learn various skills for their life. Through Karang Taruna education young people are expected to become active and productive. Finally, they can live independently.

Gustad and Berdie (1953: 3-19) define counseling as follows Counseling is a learning-oriented process, carried on in a simple, one-to-one social environment, in which a counselor, professionally competent in relevant psychological skills and knowledge, seeks to assist the client, by methods appropriate to the latter's needs and within the context of the total personnel program, to learn more about himself and to accept himself, to learn how to put such understanding into effect in relation to more clearly perceived, realistically defined goals to the end that the client may become a happier and more productive member of his society.

According to Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary program is plan of things that are done in order to achieve a specific result; a set of instructions that tell a computer what to do; a thin book or a piece of paper that gives information about a concert, play, sports game, etc

According to Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary role is the character played by an actor; a part that someone or something has in a particular activity or situation; the part that someone has in a family, society, or other group. According to Cambridge Dictionary creativity is the ability to produce original and unusual ideas, or to make something new or imaginative.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research uses qualitative descriptive approach; it describes the form of words written or spoken about people and behavior. The subject of the research consists of 25 young people in the Karang Taruna organization from the two regions RT. 02 and 03 Cibeureum Village, Cisarua District. Focus in this study is counseling about Karang Taruna organization management to increase its function and role in the national development. Data gathered are from observation and interviews. Analyses of the data in this study are data reduction, data presentation, and conclusion.

The first stage, which is the preparation stage, covers the licensing of the university authorities and village destinations, preparations for a training place that took place at the Karang Taruna hall, and preparation of tools and equipment for training.

The second stage, i.e. implementation stage which includes counseling and direct training to communities in RT 02 and 03 Cibeureum Village, Cisarua District.

The third stage is monitoring stage, where the participant is supervised by the team either by the program management team and evaluator team directly. In leadership training and organizational activities also the evaluation results that have been done during the training will

be compiled and submitted by the program management team to monitors team or evaluators.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

Community service activities that are conducted by a team consists of counseling sessions for Karang Taruna member who is under the management of RT 02 and 03 Choblong village. Our activity program is counseling Karang Taruna member that aims to develop the Karang Taruna management to increase the role and youth creativity of the Choblong villagers. Karang Taruna is a youth organization in Indonesia which is a forum for nonpartisan youth development, which grew by consciousness and social responsibility from, by and for the people especially the young generation in the village or same social community, which is specially engaged in social welfare. As a youth social organization, Karang Taruna is a forum of coaching and development also empowerment in efforts to develop economic and productive activities using all of the potential that is available in the environment both human resources and natural resources that already exist. As a youth organization, Youth guided by the Basic Guidelines and Guidelines for Household where it has also arranged on the board structure and term of office in the respective regions ranging from the village until National. All this is a manifestation in the regeneration of organization for the sustainability of the organization and Karang Taruna members coaching both in the present and the future. Karang Taruna in the Choblong village is youth who have high spiritual characters that carry out many religious activities. Karang Taruna also joins in Ikatan Remaja Masjid Kampung Choblong (IRMACH).

In the implementation of counseling activities to Karang Taruna members in this RT.02 and 03, we get some of the findings, among others: 1) the members of Karang Taruna are young people who have a high religious character. It can be seen in the activities performed by Karang Taruna, among others: a) Implement activities for the Ramadan 1437 H held in Al-Amin mosques located in RT 02 dan 03 Choblong village. b) Participate in the development DKM Al-Amin secretariat, c) Participate in developing a common bathroom in the Al-Amin Mosque area, d) Scheduled for their routine pray held every Monday night. This counseling also aims to help Karang Taruna to carry out their duties and functions in society, duties, and functions of Karang Taruna can be developed by creative human resources to develop quality society. As for the social activities carried out by Karang Taruna are dedicated social service and help orphans also elderly widows that are held on the 10th of Muharram every year. This activity is part of the Karang Taruna to help people who are economically disadvantaged, in particular for orphans and old widows. In the communication and social networks, Karang Taruna in RT.02 and 03 join in the assembly of *sholawat* from various areas in the Bogor district. Also, they are also active in the discussion forum for the roads construction with agricultural developer company Yayasan Bina Bakti which controls the entire plantation in the area of Choblong village. In

keeping environmental hygiene of RT 02/03 Choblong villagers, Karang Taruna implements Jumat Bersih and Kerja Bakti every Sunday. The activities that are performed by Karang Taruna provide benefits to people's lives in the area of RT 02 and 03 Choblong villages.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the activities that we have implemented, there are some conclusions; (1) Karang Taruna under the management of RT 02 and 03 are young people who have a high religious character, (2) Karang Taruna active in various social activities in Choblong village area. (3) Karang Taruna actively establishes communication with other communities to determine the unity of the youth in the Bogor District.

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