



The Role of Youth Organizations in Lempur Hilir Village, Gunung Raya District, Kerinci Regency

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ABSTRACT

The role of youth is very important and is often associated with the progress of a nation. This has happened since the time of the Indonesian independence struggle, including the history of the youth oath declaration which is one proof that Indonesian youth have an important role in the role of the nation's struggle. In Permensos No. 25 of 2019, Karang Taruna in carrying out its duties is based on Pancasila and the 1945 Constitution, where Karang Taruna is an organization formed by the community as a potential and source of social welfare and the authority of Karang Taruna is to develop the potential of the younger generation and the community. From the description and description above, the author conducted research in Lempur Hilir Village, Gunung Raya District, which is stated in the research title The Role of Karang Taruna in Lempur Hilir Village, Gunung Raya District, Kerinci Regency. This type of research is normative juridical by studying various literature and legislation, as well as legal theories regarding the role and function of Karang Taruna in Lempur Hilir Village. The research approach methods used include, Conceptual Approach, Statute Approach, and Case Approach. The role of Karang Taruna in Lempur Hilir Village has been running well but has not been running optimally. This is due to various indicators, especially in making decisions on the vision and mission of Karang Taruna.

Keywords: Role; Karang Taruna; Function

INTRODUCTION

The role of youth has an important meaning and is often associated with the progress of a nation. In fact, the contribution of youth in the context of national and state life is no longer in doubt. This role has been seen since the time of the Indonesian independence struggle, where one proof is the declaration of the Youth Pledge on October 28, 1928. This historic event became a major milestone for the youth movement throughout Indonesia in an effort to fill and maintain Indonesian independence.

The spirit of unity reflected in the Youth Pledge also played a major role in the process of the Proclamation of Indonesian Independence in 1945. The spirit of the youth movement did not stop there, but continued into the current reform era. Throughout its history, youth have been viewed as a very valuable national asset and have become the main pillars in the development and progress of the nation. The younger generation is considered a component that needs to be involved because they have physical strength, new insights, innovation, and high creativity. Without the active role of youth, a nation will find it difficult to experience significant change.

As the next generation of the nation, youth have a strategic role. One of them is as an agent of change whose task is to encourage transformation in society, both at the national and regional levels. Positive changes initiated by youth can direct society towards a better future. In addition, youth also play a role as agents of development, where they have the responsibility to participate in development in various sectors, both physical and non-physical. This role includes developing the potential and productivity of the younger generation to support the development of the Indonesian nation as a whole.

The strategic role of youth in development was also emphasized by President Soekarno through his famous statement, "Give me a thousand old men, and I will uproot Semeru from its roots. Give me ten young men, and I will shake the world." This statement emphasizes how great the role of youth is in driving change and national development. As a generation of change, Indonesian youth are required to be able to analyze changes in the times and determine which aspects need to be changed and which must be maintained. This is where the idea of forming a youth organization emerged, which aims to contribute to national development.

Youth organizations have a significant role in national and state life, especially within the framework of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia. The formation of this organization aims to motivate the community to form similar organizations at various levels of government, starting from neighborhood units (RT), residents' units (RW), hamlets, to villages and sub-districts. One real example of such a youth organization is Karang Taruna.

According to Law Number 40 of 2009 concerning Youth and Regulation of the Minister of Social Affairs Number 25 of 2019 concerning Karang Taruna, this organization aims to (1) increase awareness and social responsibility of the younger generation in anticipating and preventing social problems among young people, (2) develop the abilities of the younger generation in implementing social welfare through social rehabilitation, social security, social empowerment, and social protection, (3) build the character of the younger generation who are intelligent, skilled, have personality, are innovative, and work hard, (4) develop the potential and capacity of the younger generation, (5) foster the spirit of social entrepreneurship of the younger generation for independence in improving social welfare, (6) encourage the younger generation to become the glue of unity in the diversity of society, and (7) build partnerships between the younger generation and various parties in order to improve social welfare.

Karang Taruna is a community institution that is a forum for developing the younger generation. This organization grows and develops based on awareness and a sense of social responsibility from, by, and for the community, especially the younger generation at the village or sub-district level. Karang Taruna mainly focuses on social welfare efforts and functions as a social organization that is fostered and developed functionally by the Department of Social Affairs.

Membership of Karang Taruna is automatic (passive system), which means that every young generation aged 13 to 45 years in the village or sub-district area automatically becomes a member. This is regulated in Article 18 of Permensos Number 25 of 2019, which states that membership of Karang Taruna includes the young generation in the village or sub-district. The rules regarding membership are further explained in the articles of association and bylaws (AD/ART) of Karang Taruna.

Article 3 of the Minister of Social Affairs Regulation Number 25 of 2019 explains that Karang Taruna in carrying out its duties is guided by Pancasila and the 1945 Constitution. As an organization formed by the community, Karang Taruna has an important role in developing the potential of the younger generation and the community. In addition, Karang Taruna plays an active role in preventing and overcoming social problems through social

rehabilitation, social security, social empowerment, and social protection, including implementing national priority programs.

Based on the above explanation, the researcher conducted a study in Lempur Hilir Village, Gunung Raya District, Kerinci Regency. This study aims to examine the role of Karang Taruna in optimizing the development of the younger generation and identifying the obstacles faced in achieving the vision and mission of the organization.

METHOD

This study uses a normative legal method that focuses on the study of literature and laws and regulations, as well as legal theories relevant to the role and function of Karang Taruna in Lempur Hilir Village. The normative legal method was chosen because it allows researchers to explore and understand legal concepts from various sources.

The research approaches used include four main approaches. First, the Conceptual Approach, where researchers build research concepts by referring to views and doctrines in legal science. This legal concept can be obtained from the views of legal experts, doctrines, and legal principles contained in laws and court decisions.

Second, the Statute Approach which focuses on the analysis of legal regulations related to Karang Taruna. In this approach, researchers explore and examine various relevant laws and regulations, such as the Law and Regulation of the Minister of Social Affairs, which are the legal basis for Karang Taruna.

Third, the Historical Approach, which is used to trace the development of the role and function of Karang Taruna over time. This approach allows researchers to understand the background and evolution of legal regulations governing the Karang Taruna organization. Through a historical approach, researchers can explore the dynamics and changes in regulations that affect the role of the organization.

Fourth, Case Approach, which is done by analyzing concrete cases related to Karang Taruna. In this approach, researchers identify the problems faced by the organization and the solutions applied. Through this approach, the role, function, and challenges of Karang Taruna in Lempur Hilir Village can be understood more clearly.

This study uses a data collection method in the form of document studies. This study was conducted by collecting primary and secondary legal materials from books, scientific journals, laws, and other documents relevant to the research topic. The data collection technique was carried out using a card system, where information from various sources was grouped and arranged systematically.

After the legal materials are collected, the next step is data processing and analysis. The data obtained is grouped by type, then arranged systematically. Furthermore, interpretation is carried out to understand the meaning of the legal rules obtained. Normative analysis is carried out to identify the principles and norms contained in the regulations. With this approach, it is hoped that a complete and in-depth understanding of the role and function of Karang Taruna in Lempur Hilir Village can be obtained.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The young generation has an important role as a national asset, but the role of young people today tends to show less sense of social responsibility. The role of young people can not only be realized through formal education, but also through participation in organizations such as Karang Taruna. This organization functions as a forum for developing the young generation which aims to improve the social welfare of the community, especially at the village or sub-district level.

Karang Taruna is a social organization that functions as a means of developing the

potential of the younger generation in society. This organization grows and develops at the village or sub-district level based on the social awareness of the local community. In this context, Karang Taruna is tasked with organizing various programs aimed at improving social welfare and human resource development. Karang Taruna also has close relations with village government institutions and other community organizations.

In Lempur Hilir Village, the role of Karang Taruna has been running well even though it still faces various obstacles. Based on an interview with the Head of Lempur Hilir Village, Mrs. Emi Ilyas, it was revealed that the role of Karang Taruna has not been fully optimized. One of the main obstacles is the lack of support in decision-making related to the organization's vision and mission. In addition, the availability of funds and material and non-material support from related parties is still limited. This causes Karang Taruna to only be active in certain activities, without consistent program sustainability.

This opinion is in line with the findings of Cahyono (2017), who stated that the main obstacle in managing Karang Taruna is the difference of opinion between the village government and the Karang Taruna management. The debate in decision-making often hampers the implementation of the program. In addition, limited financial support from the village government is also one of the main challenges in managing this organization.

Functions and Objectives of the Youth Organization of Lempur Hilir Village

Karang Taruna has several main functions, including:

1. Organizing social welfare efforts in the community.
2. Providing education and training for the younger generation according to their needs and potential.
3. Increasing community empowerment, especially the younger generation, in an integrated and sustainable manner.
4. Encourage the development of entrepreneurial spirit among the younger generation.
5. Instilling social awareness and responsibility in the younger generation.
6. Fostering a spirit of togetherness, family, and social solidarity within the framework of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia.
7. Facilitating the development of creativity of the younger generation to improve social welfare and productive economy.
8. Organizing social advocacy for vulnerable groups, such as the poor, people with disabilities, street children, and victims of social disasters.
9. Strengthening communication networks and partnerships with various related parties.
10. Implementing efforts to prevent and overcome actual social problems.

The main objectives of Karang Taruna include:

1. To produce members of society, especially the younger generation, who are qualified, intelligent, innovative, skilled and socially responsible.
2. Improving community welfare, especially the younger generation, through sustainable and targeted programs.
3. Encourage the development of businesses that support the independence of the younger generation.
4. Building partnerships that ensure the sustainable increase in the potential and capacity of the younger generation.

With these functions and objectives, it is expected that Karang Taruna can be more optimal in carrying out its role in Lempur Hilir Village. Through increased support from the village government and related institutions, the role of Karang Taruna can be strengthened in creating an independent, productive, and competitive young generation.

CONCLUSION

Karang Taruna is a social organization that aims to be a forum for developing the potential of the younger generation. This organization grows and develops based on awareness and social responsibility that is born from, by, and for the community, especially the younger generation in the village or sub-district area. The main focus of Karang Taruna is to improve social welfare through capacity development and empowerment of the younger generation.

The role of Karang Taruna in Lempur Hilir Village has been running well, although there are still some obstacles in its implementation. One of the main obstacles is the less than optimal decision-making related to the organization's vision and mission. In addition, there are limitations in terms of financial support as well as material and non-material support from related parties. As a result, Karang Taruna activities are sometimes only seen during certain events or activities, and have not been able to create sustainable programs.

To overcome these obstacles, full support from the village government is needed, especially in terms of coaching and funding. In addition, synergy between Karang Taruna, the village government, and the community is needed so that the role of this organization can run more optimally. Support in the form of direction, facilitation, and strengthening the organization's vision and mission can encourage Karang Taruna to play a more active role in developing the younger generation and social welfare.

Overall, Karang Taruna has great potential to support the development of the younger generation and improve social welfare at the village level. With good management and support from various parties, Karang Taruna can become a driver of social change and a main pillar in creating an independent, productive, and competitive younger generation. Therefore, the role of Karang Taruna needs to be continuously strengthened through effective cooperation between the village government, organizational administrators, and the community.

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