



The Role of The Bina Harapan Community in Developing The Potential of Persons with Disabilities: A Case Study of Ngembal Village, Wajak District, Malang Regency

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Abstract

The existence of a community in a particular environment is very useful and very much needed in shaping the self-identity of the members in it. The quality of a community lies in the involvement of members, administrators, and activities. In the disability environment in Ngembal Village, Wajak District, Malang Regency, the Bina Harapan community bridges various activities to support the potential of each individual with disabilities, ranging from children to adults according to their abilities. The type of research used by researchers is a qualitative method with observation and in-depth interviews. The results of this study indicate that from the information obtained, community leaders have a work program to support the potential of persons with disabilities by holding meetings twice a week, namely on Friday and Sunday. The work program that is carried out is different at each meeting to avoid boredom, the work program includes learning to draw, read, write, recognize currency, plant, make batik, learn to cook and embroider. Of course, the above work program will experience many obstacles because it adapts to the ability of the condition of the individual with disabilities themselves. The existence of Paguyuban Bina Harapan Wajak is a form of concern for people with disabilities with the hope that people with disabilities will be able to live independently and be more confident in the future.

Keywords: People With Disabilities, Potential, Community

1. Introduction

According to the International Labour Organization (2014), a person with disabilities is someone who has a physical, sensory, intellectual, or psychosocial disorder that can affect the person's ability to carry out their daily activities. While Disability according to the American Psychological Association (APA, 2013) is often described as a condition that can include physical, mental or sensory limitations that impact on an individual's ability to function optimally in daily life. These limitations can affect various aspects, including work, education and social interaction. With the above understanding of some of the problems that occur in people with disabilities, a community has a very important role in overcoming these problems. The existence of a negative stigma in society that makes people with disabilities underestimated so that their existence is not considered will more or less make them feel inferior or lack confidence.

Persons with disabilities are an integral part of society who have equal rights to participate in various aspects of life. However, in practice, they often face various barriers, both physical and social, which limit their potential and quality of life. One of the efforts to overcome these problems is through community empowerment.



Figure 1. Reading Assistance Activities for Children with Disabilities

According to McMillan and Chavis (1986), The definition of community is a collection of members who have a sense of belonging, are bound between one another and believe that the needs of the members will be met as long as the members are committed to continuing together. From this definition, it explains that a community has a role to accommodate a group of people who have the same feelings and needs. The Wajak community of hope itself was established in 2021 to accommodate people with disabilities in order to develop their potential.

2. Research Method

This research uses a qualitative approach because the data used is non-numerical data, This study used a qualitative approach because the data used were non-numerical data, which consisted of information collected from observations and interviews with the Bina Harapan Wajak community regarding the ease and challenges in providing support to accommodate people with disabilities. Data collection techniques at the time of observation were carried out by participating in community activities to see firsthand the dynamics and interactions that occur in it, at the time of the interview was carried out by means of in-depth interviews involving community members such as parents of children with disabilities and, people with disabilities, Bina Harapan Community administrators, and other related parties who volunteer at Bina Harapan Wajak. In addition, discussions were also held which aimed to collect data from several people simultaneously to get a broader and more accurate perspective.

3. Results and Discussions

The results of the research on the Bina Harapan community have an important role in developing the potential of people with disabilities in Ngembal Village, Wajak district, Malang



Regency. this community research focused on mentoring, and identifying programs that have been implemented by the Bina Harapan community, such as skills training, therapy, or social activities.

Skills themselves are needed for people with disabilities to support a better life. the skills carried out include batik, writing, embroidery, planting and many more. while the therapy carried out in this community depends on the condition of each person with disabilities because there are various conditions of disability ranging from deafness, down syndrome, autism, and others. Social activities carried out in this community are also taught to always greet fellow friends, share and help each other.

At the time of the research, the activities were carried out on Sundays at 13.00 to 15.00 with the material of writing, sticking, composing and practicing batik ciprat. From this activity, it is hoped that it can hone motor and sensory abilities, especially for children with disabilities. From the results of research with participatory data collection and direct involvement in the community, it was found that there were several children who were constrained in carrying out writing activities, sticking to arranging due to weak muscle conditions, to disability factors, in the process of ciprat batik there were several children who were still unable to control their emotions properly.

We conducted research on 12 members of the disabled community, consisting of 2 toddlers, 5 children, 3 teenagers, and 2 adults with disabilities. From the results of the research there are 2 toddlers who still cannot read and paste, and 3 children who cannot read, 5 children who can paste, 3 teenagers who can paste and read, and 2 adults who cannot read and paste. Meanwhile, making splash batik can be done by 10 people because 2 of them are still toddlers.

Tabel 1. Training Material Preparation

Characteristics	N	Percentage (%)
Reading	5	41.67
clinging	8	66.66
Make batik	10	83.33

The sticking activities carried out aim to increase the creativity of persons with disabilities and there is also an introduction to the term sex education (introduction to sex) for efforts to prevent harassment of persons with disabilities who are often used as objects of sexual harassment. Yusuf Madani (2003: 91) states that sex education is the provision of correct knowledge and prepares it to adapt well to the world. knowledge and preparing him to adapt well to sexual attitudes in his future life. with sexual attitudes in his future life. Providinthis knowledge causes a person to acquire a logical towards sexual and reproductive issues.



Figure 2. Attachment and Sex Education Activities for Children and Adolescents with Disabilities

4. Conclusions

This research shows that the skills training program organized by Bina Harapan Community has successfully increased the confidence and independence of people with disabilities in Ngembal Village. With the right support, people with disabilities are able to achieve various achievements in various fields of life that will be useful in the future. This case study demonstrates the effectiveness of programs or initiatives run by Bina Harapan Community in a local context, namely in Ngembal Village. The results of the research can provide an overview of how such programs can be adapted and applied in other areas with similar conditions. However, there is still a need to improve rehabilitation facilities to support the development of their potential optimally given the lack of teaching staff and facilities due to the place far from the city.



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