ASSESSMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE COMMUNITY: BEFORE AND AFTER THE JAGOI BABANG STATE CROSS BORDER POST, WEST KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA

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Abstract

This study aimed to determine the economic and social impact on the community of constructing the Jagoi Babang cross-border post (PLBN) in West Kalimantan, Indonesia. The method used in this study is a quantitative method, which uses questionnaires to the community in the Jagoi Babang sub-district to be able to answer the formulation of problems in this study, which include: (i) What was the economic condition of the Jagoi Babang community before and after the construction of PLBN?, (ii) What was the social condition of the Jagoi Babang community before and after the construction of the PLBN?. Therefore, the data used in this study is primary data, and the statistical method is descriptive. The results of this study are known: (i) the operation of the Jagoi Babang PLBN has an impact on improving the economic indicators of the community around the PLBN; (ii) the operation of the Jagoi Babang PLBN has an impact on improving the social indicators of the community around the PLBN. The novelty of this research is related to the object of research, namely the economic and social impacts of the construction of cross-border posts (PLBN), which have not been studied much before.

Keywords: Economic Indicators, Social Indicators, Cross-border Post

Introduction

In the world, Indonesia is often called an archipelago country, consisting of a cluster of islands. Moreover, the archipelago comes from Greek, which means "arkhi," namely head or leading, and "pelagos," meaning sea. Referring to the origin of the word archipelago, Indonesia is a country whose territory is dominated by islands with an ocean around it (Deng et al., 2020). Furthermore, with so many islands in Indonesia, Indonesia is ranked sixth with the highest number of islands worldwide after Sweden, Norway, Finland, Canada, and the United States (Zaenuddin, 2023). According to Suharyanto et al. (2020) and Utomo (2010), the number of islands in Indonesia amounted to 17,001 spread across 34 provinces, while the ten provinces with the most significant number of islands are illustrated as follows:

Source: Annur & Ahdiat (2023)

Figure 1. Ten Provinces with the Most Islands in Indonesia
As shown in Figure 1 above, it is known that of the 17,001 islands in Indonesia, as many as 13,211 islands, or a total of 78%, are in these ten provinces. There are eleven provinces in Indonesia that border other countries both by land and where the province covers:

- Aceh: Bordered by India and Thailand via the Andaman Sea and the Strait of Malacca.
- Riau Islands: Bordered by Malaysia and Singapore via the Strait of Malacca and the South China Sea.
- Riau: Bordered by Malaysia via the Strait of Malacca.
- West Kalimantan: Bordered by Malaysia on the island of Borneo.
- North Kalimantan: Bordered by Malaysia on the island of Borneo.
- East Kalimantan: Bordered by Malaysia on the island of Borneo.
- Central Kalimantan: Bordered by Malaysia on the island of Borneo.
- South Kalimantan: Bordered by Malaysia on the island of Borneo.
- East Nusa Tenggara: Bordered by Timor Leste on the island of Timor.
- Papua: Bordered by Papua New Guinea on the island of New Guinea.
- West Papua: Bordered by Papua New Guinea on the island of New Guinea.
- North Sulawesi: Bordered by the Philippines via the Sulawesi Sea.
- North Maluku: Bordered by Palau and the Philippines via the Moluccan and Philippine Sea.

Referring to the provinces bordering other countries mentioned above, one of the largest islands owned by Indonesia is the island of Kalimantan, wherein there are three countries, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, and Kalimantan. Based on the borders of Indonesia, Malaysia, and Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia are neighboring countries with direct land borders (in Kalimantan-Borneo Island). Currently, three cross-border posts (PLBN) have been inaugurated, namely PLBN Entikong, PLBN Aruk, and PLBN Nanga Badau (Alunaza et al., 2022; Deng et al., 2020; Tiya et al., 2019). Furthermore, some PLBNs have just been inaugurated in West Kalimantan, including the Jagoi Babang PLBN in Bengkayang Regency, West Kalimantan. On the other hand, cross-border posts (PLBN) have a function as follows:

- Checked and controlled individuals’ movement in and out of the country, including checking travel documents such as passports and visas.
- Inspect and control goods imported and exported across borders to ensure compliance with customs regulations, including payment of appropriate taxes and tariffs.
- Conduct checks to prevent smuggling of illegal goods, such as drugs, weapons, or other prohibited items.
- Inspect goods, animals, and plants entering the country to prevent the spread of diseases and pests that might damage the ecosystem or local human health.
- Ensure national security by preventing the movement of individuals or goods that may endanger national security, such as terrorists or hazardous materials.
- Help facilitate legitimate and legal trade and tourism, supporting local and national economies.
- Enforce national and international laws and regulations regarding moving persons and goods across borders.
- Maintain good relations with neighboring countries through efficient and effective border management following international treaties and conventions.

The function of PLBN above, one function of the existence of PLBN is to increase economic activity to support the local economy, which can increase national economic growth.

Next, the Human Development Index (HDI) in 2022, West Kalimantan province is very low, ranking fifth as the province with the lowest HDI in Indonesia (Muharrami, 2022). Regarding Choerudin et al. (2023), Suripto (2011), and Umiyati et al. (2022), HDI has a close relationship with welfare HDI reflects the average quality of life in a country through health, education, and economic indicators, so if the HDI in West Kalimantan is low, then the welfare of the people of West Kalimantan still needs to be improved. Thus, the construction of PLBN can be one solution to support the HDI component of welfare for people in West Kalimantan, especially residents living around the Jagoi Babang PLBN. Jagoi Babang is a sub-district in Bengkayang Regency, West Kalimantan. Serikin Sarawak, Malaysia, directly borders this sub-district. Based on statistical data from Bengkayang district, Jagoi Babang sub-district is the largest sub-district with an area of 655 km² or covers about 12% of the total area of Bengkayang Regency, but only has a population of 10,836 people. The Jagoi Babang PLBN Border Area covers three districts, namely (i) Jagoi Babang sub-district which is directly bordering, (ii) Siding sub-district, and (iii) Seluas sub-district, therefore residents in the three sub-districts are entitled to be given a Cross Border Pass.

Following the phenomenon where West Kalimantan province is one of the provinces with low HDI and also the newly inaugurated Jagoi Babang PLBN, the formulation of the problem in this study includes: (i) What was the economic condition of the Jagoi Babang community before and after the construction of the PLBN?, (ii) What was the social condition of the Jagoi Babang community before and after the construction of the PLBN?. Therefore, based on the formulation of this problem, this study aims to analyze the economic and social conditions of the people of the Jagoi Babang sub-district before and after the construction of PLBN. The implication of this study is to provide information and references related to the economic and social impacts on the community from the construction of PLBN. The novelty of this research is related to the object of
research, namely the economic and social impacts of the construction of cross-border posts (PLBN), which have yet to be studied.

Research Method

The method used in this study is a quantitative method, which uses questionnaires to the community in the Jagoi Babang sub-district to be able to answer the formulation of problems in this study, which include: (i) What was the economic condition of the Jagoi Babang community before the construction of PLBN?, (ii) What was the economic condition of the Jagoi Babang community at the time after the construction of PLBN?, (iii) What was the social condition of the Jagoi Babang community before the construction of PLBN?, (iv) What was the social condition of the Jagoi Babang community after the construction of PLBN?. Therefore, the data used in this study is primary data. The statistical method in this study is a descriptive method, which describes data sets using easy-to-understand measures (Nugroho, 2020; Nugroho, Fajarsari, et al., 2023; Oktris et al., 2022). Furthermore, this study uses scores to measure economic and social conditions from the respondents’ answers, namely: Score 1= Very Poor, score 2= Poor, score 3= Fair, Score 4= Good, and Score 5= Very Good. Respondents of this study amounted to 90 people with characteristics of people who have lived in the Jagoi Babang sub-district for at least ten years, as evidenced by resident identity with an age range of 30 years to 55 years.

Results and Discussions

1. Economic Conditions of the Community Before and After the Jagoi Babang PLBN

The results of a survey of 90 community respondents in the Jagoi Babang sub-district related to economic conditions are as follows:

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<td>0.19</td>
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<td>Ease of job search</td>
<td>0.12</td>
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<td>Ease of obtaining Indonesian Products</td>
<td>0.11</td>
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<td>Ease of obtaining Malaysian Products</td>
<td>0.10</td>
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<td>Ease of financial services</td>
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<td>Ease of obtaining Malaysian Products</td>
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Based on the results of data processing from respondents' answers related to economic indicators both from Table 1 and Table 2 above, the following can be known:

- Economic indicators of financial services have a vital role in enhancing economic growth. Banks are one example of a financial service that can boost economic growth by facilitating access to credit to entrepreneurs in the area (Nasfi, Solikin, et al., 2022; Nugroho et al., 2021, 2022; Nugroho, Mastur, et al., 2020). Furthermore, such credit will support entrepreneurs to expand their businesses and thus boost the economic growth of the local area (Afoukane et al., 2021; Herliansyah et al., 2020; Nugroho, Cetin, et al., 2023). Tables 1 and 2 show that the financial services score before the PLBN was 2.54, categorized as poor. After the construction of the Jagoi Babang PLBN, it increased to 3.66, a fair category. This condition shows that the construction of PLBN was followed by the development of supporting facilities and infrastructure, such as the increase in bank outlets and ATMs around PLBN Jagoi Babang.

- Economic indicators of job search, employment, and economic growth are interrelated and have a complex and mutually influencing relationship. (Hasan et al., 2022; Labetubun et al., 2021; Valliere & Peterson, 2009). Economic growth can impact increased production and consumption (Huh, 2011; Monteiro & Turnovsky, 2008; Nugroho & Arafah, 2020). Therefore, referring to the results of the research questionnaire in Table 1 and Table 2, it is known that before the construction of the Jagoi Babang PLBN, the score for finding work was lower, which was 3.25, including in the fair category, and after the Jagoi Babang PLBN, it increased job opening where the score reached 4.19, including in the good category. This is in line with the increasing access of people in the Jagoi Babang Sub-district to financial services, which impacts the growth of business expansion, thus increasing the demand for labor.

- Economic indicators of the availability of consumer goods made in Indonesia, to fulfill their needs, people need consumer goods to fulfill their household needs (Machmuddah et al., 2020; Nugroho & Malik, 2020; Saccani et al., 2006). An increase in the consumption of goods from the community creates demand, which encourages companies to increase production. Increased economic activity can impact economic growth (Baynes et al., 2011; Kamal et al., 2022). On the other hand, people living on the border can buy consumer goods from other countries. Furthermore, referring to the study's results, after the existence of the Jagoi Babang PLBN, it increased the economic indicators on the availability of consumer goods score to 4.11, which previously amounted to 3.22.

- Economic indicators of the availability of Malaysian-made consumer goods and the increasing purchasing power of the community around PLBN Jagoi Babang impact the consumption of Indonesian people, including buying Malaysian products. This is indicated by the score of Malaysian-made consumer goods from 3.61 to 4.07 after the presence of PLBN Jagoi Babang.

- Overall economic indicators show an increasing impact from a score of 3.15, which is included in the fair category, increasing to 4.07 or including the good category after the Jagoi Babang PLBN.

2. Social Condition of the Community before and after the existence of PLBN Jagoi Babang

The results of a survey of 90 community respondents in the Jagoi Babang sub-district related to social conditions are as follows:

Table 3. Results of the Social Condition Questionnaire Before there was a Jagoi Babang National Border Crossing (PLBN)

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<tr>
<td>Healthcare Availability</td>
<td>0.17</td>
<td>0.68</td>
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<td>Ease of Getting Nutritious Food</td>
<td>0.15</td>
<td>0.63</td>
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<td>Availability of Formal Education Facilities</td>
<td>0.36</td>
<td>0.47</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ease of Access to Places of Worship</td>
<td>0.07</td>
<td>0.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Highway and Connecting Bridge Conditions</td>
<td>0.12</td>
<td>0.55</td>
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<tr>
<td>Availability of Tourist Attractions and Entertainment</td>
<td>0.27</td>
<td>0.79</td>
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<td>Average</td>
<td>1.41</td>
<td>3.97</td>
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Ease of obtaining nutritious food, referring to the results of this study, it is known that there is an increase in access to nutritious food in the community, which previously scored access to nutritious food at 2.95 (poor) increased to 3.92 (fair). The ease of obtaining nutritious food relates to people’s access and affordability to food with good nutritional value for health. This includes the availability of foods containing essential nutrients such as protein, vitamins, minerals, fiber, and healthy fats. The goal is to ensure that individuals and communities have adequate access to foods that support optimal growth, development, and body function (Schulz et al., 2002). Therefore, the availability of nutritious foods in markets, shops, or food facilities is a significant factor. If nutritious foods are sufficiently available and varied, it will be easier for people to choose foods that are good for their health (Harden et al., 2011).

The availability of formal education is one of the critical aspects of social indicators because education determines the quality of society. The better the level of education in a society, the better the civilization (Hidayah et al., 2018; Lind, 2019; Utami & Nugroho, 2019). This research shows that before the Jagoi Babang National Border Crossing, the availability of formal education facilities showed a score of 2.49. After the Jagoi Babang National Border Crossing, the score increased to 4.07. This shows an improvement in the category from the availability of formal education facilities in the poor category to the good enough category. After the establishment of PLBN Jagoi Babang, the availability of health services increased its to attend school, which also has implications for the ease of obtaining nutritious food relates to people’s access and red 3.73 and increased to 3.77 after the. This research shows that before the Jagoi Babang existed, community access to places of worship scored 3.73 and increased to 3.77 after the operation of PLBN Jagoi Babang. This shows no increase in the category, so places of worship are essential.

Based on the results of data processing from the answers of respondents related to social indicators from both Table 3 and Table 4 above, the following can be seen:

- **Availability of health services**, referring to the data processing results, it can be seen that in the period before the Jagoi Babang PLBN, the availability of health services had a score of 2.76, which is in the poor category. After the establishment of PLBN Jagoi Babang, the availability of health services increased its score to 3.87, which is in the good enough category. This shows that health services after the establishment of PLBN Jagoi Babang increased. This is because the construction of the Jagoi Babang PLBN triggered the construction of other facilities to support the workers and families of the PLBN. Therefore, facilities in the form of public clinics and doctor's practices have been available around PLBN Jagoi Babang. However, the purpose of health services is to improve the health of individuals. Some of the functions of health services are preventing diseases, providing treatment, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and providing health education to the community (Orlandi, 1987). Thus, good health services after the establishment of PLBN Jagoi Babang can help the surrounding communities to maintain and improve their health. Therefore, a healthy community has a better quality of life, high productivity, and the ability to actively participate in social and economic activities (Feldstein, 2017; Zamzami et al., 2022).

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needs for the community. Therefore, although there is no PLBN Jagoi Babang, the availability of places of worship for the community in Jagoi Babang Sub-district is adequate.

- The condition of connecting roads and bridges, good and well-maintained roads and bridges, can improve accessibility and community mobility. This is because the ability of people to move and do business from one place to another can affect their quality of life and economic opportunities (Canitez et al., 2020; Octaviani et al., 2023). In this study, it is known that before the construction of the Jagoi Babang PLBN, the score was 2.96, and after the Jagoi Babang PLBN, the score increased to 3.85. This shows that with the Jagoi Babang PLBN, infrastructure development has increased so that the availability of good roads and bridges can encourage economic growth by facilitating the movement of goods and services between regions and creating new opportunities for economic development and local communities.

- The availability of tourist attractions and entertainment, tourist attractions, and entertainment is one of the social indicators that provide insight into various aspects of community life (Fantony et al., 2023; Octaviani et al., 2023; Rosita Butarbutar et al., 2021). In addition, tourist attractions related to a community's cultural and historical heritage can reflect the importance of cultural identity and efforts to maintain ancestral heritage. It can be a community's pride in its cultural roots (Nugroho, 2019). The results of this study show that before the operation of PLBN Jagoi Babang, the score related to access to tourist attractions and entertainment was 2.84, or poor category increased to 4.36 or included in the good category after the operation of PLBN Jagoi Babang. This shows that PLBN Jagoi Babang has a significant impact and opens access to tourist attractions and entertainment.

- The overall social indicators of the community around PLBN Jagoi Babang show a change in score from 2.84, a bad category, to a score of 3.97 in the fair category after the construction of PLBN Jagoi Babang.

**Conclusions**

The conclusions in this study relate to economic conditions and social conditions before and after the operation of the Jagoi Babang cross-border post (PLBN) in West Kalimantan, as follows: The operation of PLBN Jagoi Babang impacts improving the economic indicators of the community around the PLBN; The operation of PLBN Jagoi Babang impacts improving the social indicators of the community around the PLBN. Therefore, the existence of PLBN Jagoi Babang not only functions for immigration, security, and customs processes but also has an impact on improving the economy and social aspects of the community around PLBN.

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