



## The Synergy of Progressive Youth Warriors with Community Welfare in the Era of the Covid-19 Pandemic

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### **Abstract**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a social impact on the world community and Indonesia in particular, causing social inequality in people's lives. Therefore, the role of youth fighters is needed for the welfare of the community. The problem raised in this study is how to form a synergy of young fighters in the welfare of society. The purpose of this study is to analyze the form of synergy of progressive young fighters with the welfare of the community in the era of the covid-19 pandemic. The method used is qualitative. The results of this study obtained a form of synergy of young fighters in community welfare in the form of verifying and validating integrated social welfare data then conducting social mapping, and also conducting social-preneur activities.

**Keywords:** *Form of Synergy; Young Fighters; Welfare; Covid-19*

### **Introduction**

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit most countries in the world. Based on data from the Ministry of Health, Covid-19 is caused by SARS-CoV2 which is capable of causing infections in the respiratory tract<sup>1</sup>. This disease first appeared in the Wuhan area, China in December 2019. Based on WHO data, there were 275,233,892 confirmed cases of coronavirus and 5,364,996 confirmed deaths.<sup>2</sup> This is shown in the five countries that have the highest rate of Covid cases in the world as shown in Table 1 below. Based on these conditions, Covid-19 is a case that needs to be taken seriously.

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<sup>1</sup>. Kemenkes. 2019. <https://www.kemkes.go.id/folder/view/full-content/structure-faq.html>

<sup>2</sup>. WHO. 2021. Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. URL: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Table 1. Countries with the Highest Covid-19 Cases in the World

| No | Country                  | Total cases |
|----|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1  | United States of America | 34,801,717  |
| 2  | India                    | 30,944,893  |
| 3  | Brazil                   | 19,152,065  |
| 4  | France                   | 5,833,175   |
| 5  | Russia                   | 5,820,849   |

Source: tribunews.com (2021)

Based on Table 1 above, the rate of COVID-19 cases is the highest in the United States. This COVID-19 pandemic cannot be tolerated. This is because the implications of this covid pandemic condition are not only felt by one country but also have cross-country implications so that good international cooperation is needed.<sup>3</sup>

Especially in Indonesia, the covid pandemic began to occur in 2020 until now. To overcome the impact of covid, a regulation was made in the form of Decree of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia Number Hk.01.07/Menkes/382/2020 concerning Health Protocols for the Community in Public Places and Facilities in the Context of Prevention and Control of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19).<sup>4</sup>

Even though there are regulations regarding covid-19, it turns out that this covid-19 pandemic has had an impact in various fields, political, economic, social. One of the social impacts that arise is an increase in the poverty rate. This is due to a decrease in income because many of their family members have been laid off. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on poverty can last for quite a long period, it can even affect the quality of future generations<sup>5</sup>. The prolonged condition of the COVID-19 pandemic will exacerbate the level of poverty<sup>6</sup>.

In this case, Indonesian youth have a big role in tackling the impact of COVID-19. Sas part of the Merdeka Campus Program of the Ministry of Education and Culture-Ristek Dikti launched the Young Fighters program. The young warrior isa social laboratory for students to apply their knowledge and knowledge to give a concrete social impact. Students go directly to areas that need assistance, students collaborate (internships) at the Ministry of Social Affairs and together with the Ministry of Social Affairs, students will design and execute social programs relevant to the area<sup>7</sup>. The youth fighters program is quite effective in alleviating poverty in the city of Surabaya. The community, especially young people, are able to feel the positive impact of the youth warrior program. This group of young people has started their own independent business so that they can improve the family's economy<sup>8</sup>. This young warrior program is one of the programs to reduce poverty so that the community can be empowered and reduce the level of

<sup>3</sup>Muhamad, S. V. 2021. Pandemi covid-19 sebagai persoalan serius banyak negara di dunia. *Info Singkat*. Vol. XIII, no. 133

<sup>4</sup>Keputusan Menteri Kesehatan Republik Indonesia Nomor Hk.01.07/Menkes/382/2020 Tentang Protokol Kesehatan Bagi Masyarakat Di Tempat Dan Fasilitas Umum Dalam Rangka Pencegahan Dan Pengendalian Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19).

<sup>5</sup>Aeni, N. 2021. Pandemi Covid-19: Dampak Kesehatan, Ekonomi dan Sosial. *Jurnal Litbang*. Vol. 17 (1): 17-34.

<sup>6</sup>Whitehead, M. Taylor-robinson, D., & Barr, B. 2021. Poverty, Health, and Covid-19 Yet Again, Poor Families Will be Hardset Hit by The Pandemic's Long Economic Fallout. *BMJ*, 372.

<sup>7</sup>Kementrian Sosial. 2021. Pedoman Pejuang Muda. Kementrian Sosial dan Kemendikbudristek Dikti.

<sup>8</sup>Fahnanda, A. J., R. T. Rahmadevi, M. S. Syahputra, K. E. Wahyudi. 2021. Efektivitas Program Pejuang Muda dalam pengentasan kemiskinan di kota Surabaya. *Journal Publichuo*. 4(2): 447-456.

unemployment in the community. In addition, this program is also able to help community businesses, be able to increase marketing through international markets and be able to collaborate with strong parties to improve promotion and marketing.<sup>9</sup>

Based on the description above, there is a need for research on the form of synergy of progressive young fighters in the welfare of society in the era of the covid-19 pandemic. In this study, the formulation of the problem raised is how to form a synergy of progressive young fighters in the welfare of society in the era of the covid-19 pandemic. The purpose of this study is to analyze the form of synergy of progressive young fighters in the welfare of society in the era of the covid-19 pandemic.

### **Research Methods**

The research employs a doctrinal study domain. It is a normative research using a normative juridical approach by a deductive method<sup>10</sup>. The approach looks at the law as an abstract, logically constructed and systematic rule system until it is ready to implement.<sup>11</sup> A deductive method employs a way of thinking started with a norm or rule.

### **Discussion**

Young fighters are students who apply their knowledge and knowledge to make a concrete social impact. The form of activity in this young warrior is that students act as agents of social change, through activities (1) mapping of problems; (2) identification of alternative solutions; (3) formulation of the best solution; (4) resource and outreach planning; (5) mobilizing the participation of community elements; (6) implementation and reporting as well as impact measurement. The scope of work in the Young Fighters is that students go directly to areas that need assistance, students will collaborate (internships) at the Ministry of Social Affairs to support their programs. Students together with the Ministry of Social Affairs will design and execute relevant social programs for the area.

In this case, the partners who work together in the youth warrior program are the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Social Service. The form of synergy between young fighters and the government, especially to the ministry of social and social services, is in the form of humanitarian project activities, which have several social activities, including the development of social assistance programs, empowerment of the poor and the elderly, healthy lifestyles and environmental health, as well as facilities for the public interest.

In this youth warrior program, entrepreneurship-based social projects are also implemented through the Team-Based Project. One of the entrepreneurship-based social project activities that have been carried out by young fighters in the Blaran village area, West District, Magetan is a training program for making woven bags which later the results of this training will be used as an informal sector business that is able to encourage the community's economy and improve the quality of life. Empower people who receive social assistance. This entrepreneurship-based social project activity involves the entire local community so that it can support the welfare of the people in the area.

The socialpreneur program carried out by young fighters in the Kalibaru area, North Jakarta is the processing of shellfish waste into a mixture of paving blocks. The socialpreneur program emerged

<sup>9</sup> Putra, S. A., R. Rusmanjaya, M. H. Rusydany, S. Wibawani. 2020. Evaluasi program pahlawan ekonomi dan pejuang muda menuju sustainable development goals di kota Surabaya. *Jurnal Syntax Transformation*. Vol. 1(3): 7-13

<sup>10</sup> Arif, Hidayat. 2006. *Kebebasan Berserikat di Indonesia (analisis pengaruh perubahan sistem politik terhadap penafsiran hukum)*. Badan Penerbit Universitas Diponegoro. Semarang. Hlm. 52

<sup>11</sup> Yusriyadi. 2010. *Tebaran Pemikiran Kritis Hukum dan Masyarakat*. Surya Pena Gemilang Publishing-cet 2, Malang. Hlm. 19.

because in the Kalibaru area there is a lot of shellfish waste that is not utilized and pollutes the environment. Therefore, young fighters in the Kalibaru area initiated a social-preneur program in the form of K'rang. K'rang is designed as social entrepreneurship for a sustainable program by maximizing the potential of shellfish waste to become something that has a high selling value and as a new media to increase the side income of the surrounding community. The benefits are not only that, but can support the achievement of the 8th point Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), namely decent work and economic growth. SDGs point 8 supports inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

With the socialpreneur program carried out by these young fighters, they are able to prosper the people in their target area. Based on the Law of the Republic of Indonesia Number 11 of 2009 concerning Social Welfare, social welfare is a condition of fulfilling the material, spiritual, and social needs of citizens in order to live properly and be able to develop themselves, so that they can carry out their social functions.

Welfare is a social, material, and spiritual system of life and livelihood which includes a sense of safety, decency, and inner and outer peace that enables every citizen to make efforts to fulfill the best possible physical, spiritual and social needs for themselves, their household, and society<sup>12</sup>. There are 3 aspects that include social welfare, including:

- 1) living conditions, namely the fulfillment of physical, spiritual and social needs
- 2) institutions, which involve social welfare institutions and various humanitarian professions that carry out social welfare efforts and social services
- 3) activities, which are organized activities to achieve prosperous conditions<sup>13</sup>.

For partners, young fighters are useful for improving students' soft and hard skills. Communication is one of the most important parts in the implementation of young fighters. This is because young fighters immediately plunged into the village to verify and validate data on the Integrated Social Welfare Data (DTKS) which includes Social Welfare Service Needs (PPKS), Social Assistance and Empowerment Recipients and Social Welfare Potentials and Resources.

## **Conclusion**

Young fighters are a group of students who are engaged in the social field concretely. The form of synergy of young fighters in the welfare of the community is to carry out social mapping, conduct a social-preneur project to support economic growth and social welfare in the target villages.

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