

Community Social Capital in Assisting Less Fortunate Children in Marginal Areas: An Ethnographic Study of the Bong Suwung Community in Yogyakarta

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ABSTRACT

Education is one of the 17 goals contained in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which aims to make human life on earth better. Education for all (EfA) Goals are noble ideals as global goals. However, in reality there is still inequality in access to quality education. Not all children have received educational services that are in accordance with their conditions, especially children who live in marginal areas. This condition is exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic which causes problems for community welfare and learning loss. The socio-economic vulnerability of parents in marginal areas causes children to experience obstacles in developing their potential. This condition requires the presence of communities and alternative care institutions to provide assistance to disadvantaged children so that no child is left behind. This study aims to explore ethnographically the social capital owned, built, and developed by communities in marginal areas, namely Paguyuban Bong Suwung Yogyakarta in assisting disadvantaged children. Social capital in question includes: trust, social networks, values ??and norms, as well as participation to obtain social benefits. This study uses a qualitative approach with ethnographic methods to develop a complex and complete description of the culture of groups with the same culture, in this case associations in marginal areas to understand the native point of view. The purpose of ethnography is to inform theories of cultural ties, find grounded theories, understand the complex reality of society, and understand the behavior of actors in the community. Data collection is mainly through observations, interviews, symbols, artifacts, and various other data sources. In carrying out data analysis, there are three key activities, namely: a) notice things: find something, b) collect things: collect something, and c) interpret. The expected results in this study are the collection of data on: 1) social capital in the community which includes trust, social networks, values ??and norms, and participation to obtain social benefits; 2) the role of the association and the role of actors in the community, 3) the relationship between actors who establish partnership networks, 4) the mentoring process carried out by the Bong Suwung Community for disadvantaged children in marginal areas.

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