

Factors Affecting Early Marriage in Kati Maju Village, Ketambe District, Southeast Aceh Regency

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Abstract

In Indonesia, the marriage rate always increases from year to year. In 2017 there were 1,936,934 people who married and the number increased to 2,016,171 people in 2018. The aim of the research was to determine the description of factors that influence early marriage in Kati Maju village, Ketambe subdistrict, Southeast Aceh district. This type of research uses observation methods related to early marriage. The data analysis technique used in this research is qualitative descriptive techniques, where all data is obtained from observation, interviews and documentation. The research results that cause early marriage are economic factors based on the economic needs that are most felt to be urgent in the family. Parents marry off their young children because parents have low awareness of the importance of their children's education, so they prefer to stop their children from going to school because they think it is a waste of time and money. And social factors assume that unmarried children are a burden on the family and must bear shame. It is recommended that health workers provide education and outreach to families regarding the impact of early marriage on their reproductive health.

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Introduction

A healthy marriage is a marriage between a man who is 25 years old and a woman who is 20 years old. This is considered on the basis of the readiness and importance of the reproductive system in marriage (BKKBN, 2012).

Factors that contribute to early marriage include knowledge. Low knowledge causes a teenager to not know the dangers and risks arising from the impact of early marriage, so that teenagers tend to get married at an early age without knowing the causes and consequences in the long term (Suryati & Vida, 2011)

Peer factors are a form of encouragement or acceptance among teenagers, where the role of negative peers is a big risk for early marriage. In adolescence, someone spends more time with their peers than with their parents (Suryati & Vida, 2011).

Based on data from BKKBN (2013), Lampung Province, marriages under the age of 16 years in the 10 - 15 year age category in 2011 reached 8.41%, increasing in 2012, young women aged ≤ 16 years who entered into early marriages amounted to 8.53% and increased again in 2013 it reached 8.64%. If we look at regional types, in 2013 the percentage of women who married early (less than 16 years old) in urban areas was smaller than in rural areas, namely 7.01% and 9.29% respectively (Risksdas, 2013). Based on data from the Central Statistics Agency (BPS) of Tulang Bawang Regency, in 2011 it was recorded that 20.83% of them were early marriages, where the bride's age ranged from 16-19 years. In 2012 it increased to 25.80% of which were early marriages, where the bride's age ranged from 16-19 years. In 2013, 27.27% of them were early marriages, where the bride's age ranged from 16-19 years (Field, 2004).

Early marriage occurs both in urban and rural areas. Early marriage in rural areas is higher than in urban areas. Specifically in Kati Maju Village, Ketambe sub-district, Southeast Aceh Regency, Aceh Province is also not free from cases of early marriage, basically Southeast Aceh district is one of the areas that has a high divorce rate. Quoted from the office of the Southeast Aceh District Sharia Court, divorce cases in Southeast Aceh district continue to increase every year. In 2020 there were 160 cases handled, in 2021 there were 493 cases and in 2022 there were 490 cases.

The community in Ketambe sub-district, Southeast Aceh Regency itself is categorized as a mechanical community type. This is because they have a very close family system, if there is a problem in a small family the large family will automatically get involved. In Ketambe sub-district, especially in villages, there are still many cases of early marriage, based on the records of the Ketambe sub-district religious affairs office (KUA), the highest number of data was recorded from 2015 to 2022, in 2022 there were 91 couples who married at an early age (BKKBN, 2013)

Based on secondary data from the Ministry of Religion of Southeast Aceh Regency, Ketambe District was ranked first in 2020 with 78 married people aged under 15-19 years, while in 2021 there was a decline of 66 people. In 2022, the number of early marriages in Ketambe sub-district will increase again, although in the previous year it has decreased starting from January-October 2022. The number of people who married under the age of 15-19 years was 91

There are several factors that cause early marriage in the community in Kutamaju Village, Ketambe District, one of which includes economic factors. The results of the interviews were divided based on the type of informant, namely the respondent and the respondent's own family, with the results of respondents having early marriages at the time of marriage, on average they dropped out of school starting from grade 1 of junior high school and did not continue their studies and they continued school by taking package C, dropping out of school in grade 1 SMA/MA, class 2 of SMA, and class 3 of SMA (at the time of the exam). The average age of those involved in early marriage is around 12 - 19 years old.

Most of the parents of early marriage perpetrators do not know about their marriage plans and basically do not approve of them, marriages occur because of promiscuity which ends up being raided by the community and Satpol PP and ultimately inevitably they have to get married on the same day and also marriages occur through a process merarik (elope), which in the end inevitably gets married. There are some parents who are aware of their plans for marriage, because their children are no longer in school and have only finished junior high school, due to economic factors, namely there is no money to continue their education, causing them to think that it is better to get married than to be unemployed.

From the explanation above, we can all know that maturity is necessary both physically and mentally, because it will affect the lives of our children in the future. Therefore, it is very important to pay attention to the age of the child who is getting married. Therefore, in early marriage, there is no need to maintain trust and responsibility as husband and wife, and husband and wife actually realize by feeling how they carry out their trust because trust is a responsibility to the people they lead.

Methods

This type of research is qualitative which describes and describes the phenomena that occur among perpetrators of early marriage. The informants in this research consisted of two, namely the main informant and supporting informants. The data analysis technique used in this research is a qualitative descriptive technique, where all data is obtained from observation, interviews and documentation.

Results and Discussion

Data collected in this research was through interviews, observation and documentation. Data that was not revealed through interviews was supplemented with data from direct observations carried out in the time period from July to August. To strengthen the substance of the data from interviews and observations, a search was carried out on existing documents and archives. All data from this research are described based on the research focus, namely as follows:

Economic Factors Against Early Marriage in Kati Maju Village, Ketambe District

Based on research results, the residents of Kati Maju Village depend on the results of their agriculture, because most of their area is plantation area. With limited ability and knowledge, agricultural products can sometimes not be sufficient to meet daily needs.

Based on the results of observations carried out by researchers in Kati Maju Village, this economic family background with uncertain income can trigger the marriage of underage children, which is one solution in meeting family needs.

This is as expressed by (Informant I) who gave the narrative that "

When I found a partner who I felt was suitable, my parents immediately agreed if I married, because for the family what is important is that it is suitable and can meet the family's needs, especially daily needs, because if my partner is able to meet my needs, then I will make a decision. That. This method can also help my parents' daily needs, because I still live with my parents. (Interview, August 11, 2023). This was confirmed by (Informant II), Mrs. Bunga, who stated that:

My job as a seaweed worker with many children requires me to work hard so that the daily needs of family members are met, so that if someone is ready to apply and has a good job, just accept it. This marriage can also lighten my burden and even increase my daily needs from the results of my holy husband's work. "(Interview, August 11, 2023).

This economic reason was also the reason for Riswandi Pak Nawir's parents (Informant III) who said that:

My income is only limited, so if the child feels he is capable of living on his own and has a suitable partner, it's best to marry him off, to make things easier because he's not old enough, just get married first. In this way, the family's economic burden can be reduced and can help with the costs of other siblings (Interview, 10 August 2023).

The statement from Riswandi's father illustrates that for economic reasons parents easily give consent to marry off their children even though they have to use the Siri method to avoid the marriage administration process, because they are still relatively young. Even for the reason of marrying off their child, parents feel that they will receive relief and additional needs from their child's companion who has to live at home with his parents, because he is not yet able to live independently.

Furthermore, economic reasons which are one of these factors were also felt by one of the parents who matched their child while studying at one of the Tsanwiyah madrasahs, namely the parents of Wisna (Informant IV), Imran said that:

If you already have a partner who is suitable and capable of living in a household, it's best to marry him. This method can be a solution because you don't have enough money to go to school, so other relatives who can't afford to settle down and haven't found a partner will be helped. I don't think age is a problem for them, it's just an administrative

issue, so I immediately submitted an application to the court. (Interview, August 14 2023).

This is also what was said by the eldest brother who took on the role of Dedi's parent after his parents died, Mr. Kancong (Informant V), who said that "

Age does not determine whether a person gets married because the daily needs that must be met, such as clothing, food, are also very important to consider, so if you have chosen to get married, then he is ready to work to support himself and his family, so that the burden on parents is reduced. (Interview, August 18, 2023).

Economic factors are the path taken by some parents and perpetrators to find solutions for their future, even though this may not necessarily solve the problem. The solution they use could have new consequences in the future.

From this description, it can be concluded that the first factor that causes many teenagers in Kati Maju Village to marry early is because of economic problems.

Educational Factors

Apart from that, there is another factor that is closely related to economic problems, namely low awareness of the importance of education. In fact, many of them do not realize that marriage also requires good knowledge about the goals and what constitutes meaning in marriage. Education provides a change in mindset for everyone who can understand the essence of education. There are some parents who marry off their young children because of the parents' low awareness of the importance of children's education. This is one of the triggers for marriages to take place at an immature age. Some parents think that education cannot make a good contribution to students in the future, so they prefer to stop their children from going to school and then marry them off.

Based on observations made by researchers in Kati Maju Village, many students had to drop out of school because they wanted to get married.

"Some students who should have continued their education well, but had to stop going to school because of marital problems, either because of their own decision or because parents were not aware of the importance of education for their children's future. Some parents even thought that education was not an important thing at all. The most basic thing is that someone can meet their needs quickly." (Interview, August 2 2023) This was confirmed by Wisna's parent, Mr Imran, who said that "

"Selfi is one of the students from MTs Kati Maju Village who didn't go to school because I asked her to get married to one of the children of my acquaintance. The point here is that if there is an agreement between both parents, it's good to just marry her off, go to school until she finishes, that's the end of it." will get married too. And while there is someone who is suitable and can guarantee his future, the best way is to just go to the religious court because he is said to be 13 years old and still considered a minor. In this way, their needs can be met rather than having to go to school and having to think about the large school fees" (Interview, 14 August 2023).

Wisna, one of the students at MTs Kati Maju Village and one of the perpetrators of Early Marriage, confirmed the same thing.

"I stopped going to school because my parents felt that marriage was the best way. Continuing to go to school will also eventually lead to marriage (Interview, 14 August 2023).

Likewise, what was said by the informant, Riswandi, said that "

"I feel that the best way for my future is to get married because even if I stay in school, my parents can't afford it and also if I go to school, I will eventually get married. (Interview, August 10, 2023).

The description above illustrates that the informants' parents have very little understanding of the meaning of education, as can be seen from the way they respond to the meaning of education for their children's future. They think that getting married now by quitting school is also a better way because in the future their children will also get married.

From the information and explanations above, it is clear that some of the perpetrators and their parents do not understand the nature of education, in fact they do not know that marriage requires a good education, in order to understand the meaning of marriage.

Several parents who were interviewed by researchers only gave brief reasons for their approval of their child's marriage. As is the case with Fitri's parents who provided information that they did not consider the meaning of marriage before agreeing for their child to choose to marry. This kind of thing also shows that even parents do not understand the essence of what marriage should be, this needs to be resolved so that both children and parents need a good understanding of the meaning of marriage, of course this is needed through a learning process.

Some of the statements above provide information that the next factor that causes early marriage is their low awareness of the meaning of education. They also don't realize that marriage requires good knowledge.

Social Factors

The next factor that influences early marriage in Kati Maju Village is the problem of friends and the environment they socialize with. Relationships are the impact of the environment in which you interact, many things can happen by choosing the wrong friends and the outside environment to socialize with. According to the results of observations made by researchers in Kati Maju Village, apart from economic pressure and low understanding of the importance of education, social factors and the social environment trigger early marriage.

Several young teenagers in Kati Maju Village decided to get married because their social interactions had already brought them to a condition that required them to end their teenage years by becoming heads or housewives.

Based on the results of an interview with one of the perpetrators of Early Marriage, Maya said that:

"I grew up in an incomplete family, my parents were busy with work and other activities, so I looked for friends to hang out with. My friend took me to hang out with his friends and environment so I was introduced to a male friend who eventually became a special friend and as time went by our relationship bore fruit outside of marriage so I had to decide to get married. (Interview 20 August 2023)

This explains that friends and the environment can influence the future development of each individual, so that it is not uncommon for some teenagers to fall into things they don't want. Apart from that, busy parents are sometimes the trigger for this to happen because the child lacks attention from the parents.

Sanda, one of the perpetrators of Early Marriage, said a similar thing:

"My family, who was busy with material matters to meet the family's needs, and my father, who was only busy with his social friends, encouraged me to look for suitable places and social friends, so that ultimately led me to relationships that occurred

outside of marriage, this is the reason why resulting in my parents having to marry me off to cover up the family's disgrace (Interview 19 August 2023).

This reason was confirmed and added by Sanda's father, Burhan, who said that:

What's more, parents must do their best apart from marrying off their children who have already had relations before marriage and have stored the results in my daughter's womb. Marrying her off was the only thing the family could do for her survival and the family's good name. (Interview 19 August 2023).

Apart from that, according to Rahmita's statement, who is one of the perpetrators of this Early Marriage, stated that:

I grew up with a family that is currently not intact after my mother died, and my father also socializes a lot outside, triggering me to look for social friends who can provide a warm environment for communication, but instead the socializing that goes beyond boundaries occurs, so in the end there is the fruit of love from this association. And the best way is to get married even though I'm still young. (Interview 26 August 2023).

Then Astina, who is Devi Suki's younger sister, also added that:

With the future of education after graduating from junior high school, not knowing what it will be like is also a reason to look for friends to hang out with and friends to confide in to talk about the problems they are facing, so these frequent meetings result in relationships that are not what they should be, so marriage is the best way. (Interview August 26).

The description above provides an explanation that family conditions provide a way for the child to do things that will lead him to conditions that will destroy his future. According to observations made by researchers in several families such as Mr. Burhan's family, the child did this because of the parents' decision to decide on his education, so the informant looked for ways to find entertainment through friends and places to hang out. This was done because the informant wanted to find a place that could entertain him in the absence of activity.

Early marriage is a marriage carried out by someone who is relatively young. The relatively young age referred to is the age of puberty, namely between 10-19 years. Early marriage is a marriage legally carried out by a man or woman who does not have the preparation and maturity so it is feared that they will experience a number of big risks. This big risk will even have an impact on health during childbirth (Abu Al-Ghazali, 2004). Meanwhile, the definition of early marriage is a marriage bond that does not yet meet the requirements for a marriage according to the government. This age is considered still vulnerable to getting married, this is based on a person's level of emotional stability (Notoatmojo, 2003).

What drives early marriage and the impact of early marriage is that knowledge is the result of human sensing, or the result of a person's knowledge of objects through their senses (eyes, nose, ears and so on). The time itself from sensing to producing knowledge is greatly influenced by the intensity of attention and perception of the object (Mckercher, 2020). Most of a person's knowledge is obtained through the sense of hearing (ears) and the sense of sight (eyes). A person's level of knowledge in the cognitive domain has six levels. Knowledge is defined as simply remembering material that has been studied previously. Included in this knowledge is recalling something specific from all the material studied or stimuli that have been received (Notoatmojo, 2003). There are several factors that influence a person's knowledge, namely education, information media, environment, economic and socio-cultural status, and experience. Women's knowledge about early marriage includes the definition, factors that cause it, the impact on reproductive health, psychology and family life (Purnawati, 2023). The

main causes of early marriage are the desire to immediately have additional family members and the lack of understanding about the bad consequences of early marriage, both for the bride herself and her descendants (Abu Al-Ghazali, 2004).

In marriage, age and maturity are things that must be considered by men and women who want to get married. Because if we look at the existing phenomenon, mature people when married are seen to be better able to control emotions that will arise at any time in the family. This is possible because the quality of the mind and mentality are relatively stable so that they can control themselves and their partners and the environment around them. Maturity in the fields of physical-biological, socio-economic, emotional and responsibility as well as religious beliefs, this is a very large and meaningful capital in the effort to achieve happiness.

Conclusion

Early marriage is caused by economic factors, where the majority of residents, most of whom are farmers, have not been able to fully meet their needs, making this a solution, even though some of them have consequences that are not as expected. The consequences that will arise from early marriage include early divorce, where some young couples only live a short marriage because they are not yet mature in making decisions, so things may still be able to be improved, but these young couples choose to separate. 3. Improving the quality of education, there has been no improvement. Education realizes that education has a good future for those who take it. Then there needs to be cooperation between various groups in socializing the impacts and dangers of underage marriage.

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