



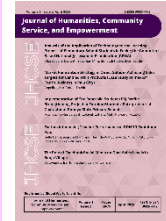
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The Role of Village Government in Increasing the Potential of the Village to Become an Independent Village

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<p>Historis: Submit 3 January 2024 Review 8 January 2024 Revision 16 January 2024 Accepted 25 January 2024 Publish 31 January 2024</p> <hr/> <p>Keywords: Government Role, Village Government, Village Potential</p> <hr/> <p>Corresponding Author: Nadi Iswandi email: nadiiswandi@gmail.com</p>	<p>This research was conducted to find out the role of the Wuasa Village government, North Lore subdistrict, and Poso Regency in creating a developed and independent village, as well as the factors that influence it. This type of research is descriptive research with a qualitative approach. Data was collected using field observation, interviews, and documentation methods. The results of this research show that the role of the village government in realizing a developed and independent village in Wuasa Village, Lore Utara subdistrict, Poso Regency, is to process the village's potential well. Village officials collaborate with local communities to cultivate existing village potential.</p>

INTRODUCTION

Village governments play an important role in realizing an independent village, where they are responsible for economic progress, infrastructure, development, and education. The good and bad of development in an area can be seen from the implementation and benefits of government programs in the field of education and infrastructure development, which have an impact on economic growth. The village government, as the representative of the central government in the village, ensures that programs are implemented that can encourage economic growth for the benefit of the community in the village. Thoha inside Syafitri & Sadad (2022) state that a role is a set of behaviors a person carries out based on his or her character. This situation can be motivated by a person's psychology to take the desired action in his heart, whereas according to Soekanto in Majdi et al. (2020), Role is a dynamic aspect of function (status); if someone fulfills his duties by his function, then he plays a role. Implementing government programs is the government's duty to serve the community to create a prosperous and peaceful society.

Siagian stated that the role of village government or village institutions in national development in Syafitri & Sadad (2022) is that the government plays a dominant role in the development process. The roles identified are stabilizers, innovators, modernizers, pioneers, and

self-executors of certain development activities. These roles are explained in detail as follows: 1) Stabilizer. The village government acts as a stabilizer that can reduce changes that cause social unrest, especially those threatening the integrity of the nation and its unity; 2) Innovator. Government must be the source of new things; 3) Modernizer. The village government encourages its villages to become strong, independent, and treated as equals by other villages through sustainable development programs. 4) Pioneer. The village government's role as a pioneer must be a role model for the entire community. 5) Executor. The village government plays a role as the implementer of development programs.

The potential possessed by the village also determines the acceleration of village development. Potential, according to today (2020), is abilities that have the possibility of being developed, such as strength, ability, and power that can be developed to become greater. The term potential is indicated for humans and other entities, such as regional potential, tourism potential, and so on. Meanwhile, according to Soleh (Endah, 2020), village local potential is the power, strength, and ability possessed by a village, which has the possibility of being developed in order to improve community welfare.

Wuasa Village is in the Northern Lore, Poso, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia subdistrict. It has an area of 113.11 km², and Wuasa Village will have 3,470 residents in 2024. Located in Napa Valley, 105 km south of Hammer, Wuasa Village is connected to the provincial capital via Trans Sulawesi National Road. As the sub-district capital and connecting point between Poso and Palu, Wuasa Village has more economic, social, and administrative activities than the surrounding villages. Despite its administrative status and relative economic prosperity, Wuasa has all the characteristics of a village built by the government, such as other transmigrant and resettlement villages throughout Indonesia. A quick survey of the public facilities owned by this village gives a good impression of this village.

The phenomenon in Wuasa Village is that Wuasa Village has become an independent village; this is proven by the 2023 Development Village Index, where the value obtained is 0.8284 or is in the independent village category. The development infrastructure in Wuasa Village is very supportive of becoming an independent village because the layout of the development in Wuasa Village is almost the same as that of the City Regency. In social sciences, independence (resilience) is often equated with autonomy, not dependence or freedom, managing oneself, and self-sustainability. Meanwhile, according to Verhagen in Endah (2018), if you look at the perspective of community development, community independence is a certain state or condition that an individual or group of people wants to achieve and is no longer dependent on the help of third parties in securing their interests. Law Number 6 of 2014 concerning Villages, and Government Regulation Number 43 of 2014 concerning instructions for implementing Law Number 6 of 2014 concerning villages, where it is explained that active community involvement, participation, and empowerment are the main factors in implementing village autonomy (explanation Law Number 6 of 2014 concerning Villages). In this law, the Village Government has an important role in exploring the assets and potential that exist in the village for the successful implementation of the Village Government, which impacts improving community welfare. (Syaifudin & Ma'ruf, 2022).

An independent village is a village that can meet its own needs without depending on government assistance. Several factors influencing a village towards becoming an independent village are human resource potential, natural resource potential, buyer (market) potential, institutions, and local culture. (Fatmawati et al., 2020). An independent village is a village that can meet its needs, and if there is assistance from the Government, this assistance is only stimulating. Independent village development includes development planning activities that are participatory, transparent, accountable, and detailed. These activities go through a series of stages: planning and preparation, general village identification, village asset analysis, and village development plan deliberations (musrenbangdes). (Kushartono, 2018). The concept of village independence or independent villages mandated in the Village Law is certainly something that has been introduced

previously. This non-political concept has been known since 1993 and has become an icon and micro-local movement in various places. Many institutions (government, regional government, state-owned companies, companies, donor agencies, NGOs, and universities) are busy discussing and mobilizing independent villages. Village independence certainly does not stand alone. However, it is very important to look at the relationship between villages and the state, including the government's approach to villages. Village solitude shows the isolation of villages, so it is natural that thousands of villages are labeled as underdeveloped villages (Ar & Rohaeni, 2023).

RESEARCH METHOD

This research was carried out by observation, namely conducting direct observations of the activities of the Wuasa Village governmentsubdistrictNorthern Lore, Poso, Central Sulawesi, so that researchers can find out how the Wuasa Village government activities. The data collection technique in this research was carried out in stages from observation, data collection, documentation, and interviews with several informants whom the researcher had chosen as sources in this research. There were 3 informants or sources in this research: the Wuasa Village Head, the Wuasa Village Secretary, and the Wuasa Village Treasurer.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In researching the role of Village government in increasing the potential of Villages to become independent Villages in Wuasa Village sub-district Northern Lore, Poso, Central Sulawesi. The role of the government is to bring about change in societal unrest, especially those that can threaten the integrity and unity of the nation. The efforts made by the Wuasa Village government to make the Village independent include providing support to existing institutions in the Village, transparency of Village finances, improving the quality of human resources, and conducting outreach to the Village community. The aim of implementing the Village government is to improve the community's welfare so that the village government's task is to provide services and empowerment, as well as the development that is entirely aimed at the interests of the community. In this way, the Village Government can encourage the Village to become an advanced or independent village by providing more support to the Village community through existing stakeholders. An independent Village is a Village that has the availability and access to adequate basic services, adequate infrastructure, and accessibility/transportation, which is easy, good public services, and good government administration.

The village government supports institutions to maintain integrity and stability towards a developed and independent village. The aim is to provide space for people to improve their skills.

Table 1 Potential and Infrastructure Report for Wuasa Village, North Lore District, Poso Regency

Village Potential	Infrastructure
Mountains	Public health center
Lake	Education
Forest	Police
River	Danramil
Hot water	Worship place
Waterfall	Alfamidi

Village Potential	Infrastructure
History and religion	BRI
Tradition and art	Subdistrict office
Wuasa Farms	Pertamina

Source: Development Village Index 2023

The Wuasa Village government is very active and enthusiastic in helping the community directly and in activities for the benefit of the village. The activities carried out by the Wuasa Village government include community collaboration, community service every Saturday, prioritizing greening, fair distribution of aid in the form of Raskin, and being active in the field of sports for young people and creating programs or activities aimed at developing the Village and later supporting the economy of the community in the Village. Business management training functions to improve the community economy and organize everything in running the business to achieve the expected goals.

The development of village potential that the Wuasa Village government has carried out is as follows:

1. Socialization of potential development through village meetings attended by village officials, Village Consultative Body, Village Community Empowerment Institution, Community Association (RW) Leaders, Neighborhood Association (RT) Leaders, village institutions, and community leaders. In this socialization, it is necessary to convey the intention of developing the village potential of each RT, then collect it at the RW meeting to be sent to the village government.
2. Village data collection and community needs by each RT
3. The village government collects and records village potential and community needs from each RT/RW and institutions' input.
4. Village meetings formulate village potential to be developed based on needs, costs, and benefits from development results. This deliberation also formed development teams according to their needs and expertise.
5. Each development team conducts field surveys and assessments to formulate a development priority scale to implement effectively and efficiently.
6. The survey and study results are presented at the village meeting, to be agreed upon as a village development program, and included in the Medium Term Development Plan and Annual Program documents.
7. Implementation of village potential development is carried out by a team formed at a village meeting involving the community.

Based on the research results, it can be seen that in the process of increasing the status of a village from a developed village to an independent village, the village government must play an optimal role in improving services to the village community and be able to provide changes in performance for the benefit of the village so that the village can turn into an independent village. The government's efforts to advance villages result from synergy between the government, the development team, and community empowerment in village development.

In pushing the village forward to become an independent village, the Wuasa Village government is making efforts to provide support to the community through support both in action and in the service sector, which will then be able to function according to its function and improve the quality of human resources by following the rules in the process of change and being able to make human resources better. The village government's utilization and development of the village's

potential are very good. The community generally accepts it very well because managing the village's potential is truly intended for the community's welfare.

Independence in Wuasa Village is also obtained from managing BUMDes and exploiting the potential in the form of natural resources and human resources. Village-owned enterprises (BUMDes) also foster local social values and provide support and care for marginalized groups, thereby making communities more creative and efficient.

CONCLUSION

Based on the observations and discussions, it can be said that the government plays a very important role in training and motivating the community so that the community can be enthusiastic about every village activity. The success of the Wuasa village government in supporting village development must be connected to work programs that empower the local community. The role of BUMDes in encouraging village development has increased the empowerment of local communities in contributing to village development. The Village Government provides training and assistance to the community in developing businesses and improving the quality of their products.

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