

## Madrasah Head Policy in Improving Education Quality

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### ABSTRAK

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This article discusses the management of the Madrasah Head Policy in improving the quality of education. In this article is a descriptive qualitative research that reveals, finds and explores information about the management of the Madrasah Head Policy in improving the quality of education. Research finds that policies made by leaders in educational institutions are the most important factors for achieving educational goals. The policy of the head of the Madrasah in improving the quality of education in the Madrasah. It will not be separated from the three elements of education, namely, input, process, and graduates. To achieve this, the head of the madrasah must have a strategy or steps in planning, organizing, mobilizing and supervising. And the Head of madrasah in improving the quality of education must have an attitude of loyalty, integrity, and commitment to achieve the quality of education

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### 1. Introduction

The head of the madrasah as an educational leader must be able to know and understand various positions, circumstances and what is desired by both teachers and administrative employees and other helpers. So that good cooperation can produce harmonious thoughts in efforts to improve madrasahs. The head of the madrasah is the driving force behind the direction of madrasah policy, which will determine how the goals of the madrasah and education in general are realized. The head of the madrasah is required to always improve the effectiveness of performance so that it can provide satisfactory results (Hidayat & Machali, 2018; Manap, 2013). The quality of education is not a stand-alone but is a unity that is interconnected and related as a process in a system, when discussing the problem of education quality, it will not be separated from three elements of education, namely, inputs, processes, and graduates (Amin, Arsil, Fathurrochman, Bahri, & Rahmaningsih, 2019; Pretorius & Macaulay, 2019; Ristianti, Danim, Winarto, & Dharmayana, 2019).

Article 31 of the 1945 Act: Every citizen has the right to education. The constitutional foundation of this educational commitment opens up the greatest opportunity for the Indonesian nation to do good for the national education system through various policies in the field of government and development, including regional autonomy policies. The head of the madrasah must be able to give birth to innovative ideas that are useful for producing alternative policies in building (Hidayat & Machali, 2018). An education system that is efficient, quality and in accordance with the needs of the community in various fields of life

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Educational institutions are human resources that are the subject and object of development that need to be improved through educational channels in their functions, processes, and activities that lead to the achievement of national education goals

This article is expected to add literature and knowledge about the policy management of madrasah heads in improving the quality of education so that it can be used as a concept, step / strategy in the process of developing the potential to develop as a quality educational institution and able to compete with other educational institutions.

## **2. Literature Review**

### **2.1 Education Policy**

The world of education cannot live without policies, policies can be formulated by government agencies or madrasahs themselves. Policy is a principle that governs all behavior to guide a specific goal (Asmoni, 2018: 13). According to Rusdiana, (2015: 32) policy is defined as a set of rules formulated by the government to strive to form an education system that is in accordance with the common goals and ideals of building the country. In addition, education policy can be interpreted as all processes and results that have been formulated at the most important stages of education which are described through the vision and mission of education in order to achieve the goals of community education in a certain period. Education policies cover all elements of the education system, ranging from the Ministry of Education, district/city governments and related institutions, as well as education that requires tiered supporting policies. This policy covers all areas of educational operations for decisionmakers at all levels. Where education policy is influenced by state political trends, normative habits, values and concepts of the country's future (Ali, 2017: 147).

According to Gamage and Pang, policy consists of a statement about the goals of one or more broad guidelines to achieve those goals so that they can be achieved that are implemented together and provide a framework for program implementation

### **2.2 Madrasah Head Management**

According to Evans in his book *The Management and Control Quality* defines management as a social process to ensure the participation and involvement of a number of people in achieving certain goals. Furthermore, Maguard & Krone, revealed that management is an activity carried out by a madrasah head.

Management according to Tery & Rue, quoted is a process or framework that involves guiding or directing a group of people towards organizational goals or concrete goals. Management as an ability that later became the forerunner of a profession. Management is the application of functions: planning, organizing, directing, reporting, coordinating, financing, and supervising by using and utilizing available facilities and resources.

The management of the head of a madrasah is a series of activities that point to the efforts of the head of the madrasah and his subordinates to achieve the goals of the madrasah that have been set. The management of the head of a madrasah is the effort of the head of a madrasah as a leader to influence others (staff) to participate in achieving the goals that have been set before through four fundamentals of leadership, namely planning, organizing, leading and monitoring

The objectives of madrasah head management in general are:

1. Enable the organization to obtain and retain a capable, trustworthy and highly motivated workforce.
2. Increase and improve the capacity possessed by employees.
3. Develop a high-performance work system that includes strict recruitment and selection procedures, compensation and incentives system tailored to performance, management development and training activities tailored to organizational and individual needs.
4. Develop management practices and high commitment that recognize that educators and education personnel are valuable internal stakeholders and help develop a climate of cooperation and mutual trust.
5. Creating a harmonious working climate.

### **2.3 Duties of the Head of Madrasah in Improving the Quality of Education**

The management of the head of the madrasah greatly determines the success of the madrasah in maintaining quality. Leadership comes from the word lead which means to carry out the duties of the head of the madrasah. Quoting Veithzal Rivai Zainal, et al (2013). quoting the opinion of a number of experts that the head of the madrasah obeys: 1) Darvis and Filley,

explain that the task of the head of the madrasah is a person (or group of people) occupying a management position or doing the work of leading, 2) Robert Tanembaum explains that the duties of the head of the madrasah are those who use formal authority to organize, direct and control the subordinates who are responsible, so that all parts of the work are coordinated to achieve the goals of the organization.

### **3. Methodology**

The research method used is qualitative with a descriptive approach to analysis. This research is a qualitative research both individually and in groups which aims as an analysis and descriptive of an event, event, social activity, behavior, beliefs, opinions, community thoughts (Sukmadinata, 2017: 60). Descriptive analysis is a style of analysis whose purpose of this study is to decrypt the object under study through the process of exploring facts and object data in the field as it is. To achieve this goal requires data extracted from a process of deep observation. For this reason, this research was conducted using a qualitative approach. The qualitative approach in question is that first researchers look for literature or theories related to research, then the theory is compared with the conditions of the research field.

## **4. Results and Discussion**

### **4.1 Education Policy**

Policy is etymologically derived from the Greek word "*polis*" which means city. Education policy analysis can be understood through both methodological and conceptual approaches. Methodology is essentially the entire process systematically undertaken to institutionalize policies within an institutional system and mechanism. Conceptually, policy analysis is a science of social engineering, which means that it is a science aimed at generating benefits from concepts and theories in various social science disciplines to solve problems faced by a public policy.

Education policy is one of public policy. Public policy is a policy that concerns the general public. Public policy is part of political decisions, where these decisions concern and affect the community and are understood as the best choice from various alternative choices regarding public affairs that are the authority of the government (Kusumawati, 2019).

Based on the description above, it can be concluded that education policy is the entire process and results of the formulation of strategic steps in education which are described from the vision, mission of education in order to realize the achievement of educational goals in a society for a certain period of time (Ramdhani & Ramdhani, 2017). According to Nurharjatmo, with his model formulating a number of factors that affect policy performance are; 1) certain standards and objectives that must be achieved by policy implementers, 2) availability of resources, both in the form of funds, technology, facilities and other infrastructure, 3) good communication between organizations, 4) characteristics of implementing bureaucracy, 5) social, economic, and political conditions (Amin et al., 2019).

There are several aspects covered in education policy, including: 1. Education policy is born from the unity of theory and practice 2. Education policy has validity in personal development and the society that has that education 3. Education policy is aimed at the needs of learners 4. Education policy is concerned with the elaboration of the vision, mission and objectives of education 5. Education policy has a clear purpose to give birth to the right education.

Education policy is a form of action taken on several considerations, to direct the manager / head of the madrasah in determining the future of the madrasah in accordance with the vision, mission of education in order to achieve the desired educational goals (Mardlotillah, 2013).

The factor that determines organizational change, development, or reconstruction is the implementation of organizational policies so that it can be felt that the policies are really functioning properly. Thus it can be concluded that policies are made to be guidelines in action, directing activities in the organization to achieve the goals that have been set.

### **4.2 Quality of Education**

Quality is the fulfillment of stakeholder needs, has a prevention system, has flawless standards and has a price measure of dissatisfaction. Quality in the field of education includes the quality of inputs, outputs and outcomes. Educational input is declared quality if it is ready to process, the quality education process if it is able to create an atmosphere of active, innovative, creative, effective and fun education. Educational output is said to be of high quality if the academic and non-academic learning outcomes of students are high. Outcomes are declared quality if graduates are absorbed in the world of work, fair salaries, all parties recognize the greatness of graduates and feel satisfied (Beerkens, 2018).

Talking about the quality of education means examining all dimensions of education that are interrelated with one another. In addition, determining characteristics or measures to show the quality of education is very complicated, however, several indicators can be used as signposts, including: student learning achievement, supporting facilities and infrastructure, the

quality of teachers and school management. The quality of education is a comprehensive description and characteristics of internal and external services that demonstrate the ability to satisfy the needs expected or implied including educational inputs, processes, and outputs.

Total Quality Management in education is a philosophy of continuous improvement where educational institutions provide a set of means or tools to meet or even exceed the needs, desires and expectations of current and future stakeholders (Jabbar & Hussin, 2019). In the world of education, a quality madrasah is a madrasah that determines success in the process, *out put, and out come*. If the quality of education is to be achieved, students, teachers, staff and communities must work together to achieve the goals. In improving the quality of education, we must pay attention to several components: a) Students and Teachers b) Curriculum c) Educational facilities and infrastructure d) Management of madrasah, including management of classes, teachers, students, facilities and infrastructure, improvement of discipline and leadership e) Management of the educational process, including teacher appearance, mastery of material, and use of educational strategies f) Management of funds g) Evaluation h) Partnership, Includes the relationship of madrasahs with other institutions.

Improving the quality of madrasah according to Sudarwan Danim (2013) involves five factors: 1. Effective leadership of the head of the madrasah 2. Students, "children as the center" so that students' competencies and abilities can be explored 3. Maximum teacher engagement. 4. A fixed but dynamic curriculum, so that quality objectives can be achieved 5. The network of cooperation is not only limited to the madrasah environment and community but with other organizations, such as companies/agencies 6. Leaders and employees must become a whole team (team-work) that needs each other and fill each other's shortcomings so that targets (goals) will be created properly. To increase student activity and creativity, increase learning discipline, the principal must apply the following steps: 1) Increasing student activity and creativity, the educational process is essentially to develop student activities and creativity through various student interactions; 2) Improvement of learning discipline, madrasah discipline can be interpreted as a state of order in which teachers, madrasah staff and students join the madrasah, subject to established regulations gladly; 3) Increased learning motivation, Mulyasa (2011) states that students will learn seriously if they have motivation. In relation to this, teachers are required to have the ability to generate student motivation so that they can achieve learning goals.

Quality education process if all components of education are involved in the educational process itself. Quality referred to in an educational perspective is quality in a relative concept, especially related to customer satisfaction. There are two education customers, namely: external primary (learners), external secondary (parents, government leaders, and companies) and external tertiary (job market and society at large).

From this description, it can be understood that the quality of education is the ability of educational institutions to utilize educational resources in an effort to change the behavior of students to improve the expected abilities.

### 4.3 Education Quality Improvement Policy

In the education unit, occupying two positions is important to be able to ensure the continuity of the educational process as outlined by laws and regulations. First, the principal in managing education in the school as a whole. Second, the Principal is the formal leader in his school (Lauen, D & Gaddis, 2016; Widodo, 2016).

Leaders must be able to anticipate sudden changes, be able to correct weaknesses, and be able to bring the organization to goals within a predetermined time frame. So, it can be said that leadership is the key to the success of an organization. In addition, in every collective work, leaders are needed to streamline every step of the activity (Hidayat & Machali, 2018; Muazza, Mukminin, Habibi, Hidayat, & Abidin, 2018).

The principal as a leader should always try to pay attention to and practice the seven leadership functions in school life in daily practice (Irmayani et al., 2018). Mulyasa (2011) explained that in the new paradigm of education management, school principals must at least be able to function as educators, administrators, supervisors, leaders, innovators, and motivators: 1) principals as educators; 2) the principal as manager; 3) the principal as administrator; 4) the principal as supervisor; 5) the principal as a leader; 6) principals as innovators; 7) the principal as a motivator

As a manager, of course, must have a variety of certain skills, namely: 1) the mental ability to coordinate all interests and activities of the organization; 2) humanitarian skills, the ability to work by understanding and motivating others both as individuals and groups; 3) administrative skills, namely by planning, organizing, staffing and supervising; and 4) engineering skills, namely the ability to use equipment, procedures, techniques from a particular field such as machinery, and so on"

The head of the madrasah as a manager in essence is to carry out management functions, Management is a clear process that includes planning, organizing, mobilizing and supervising organized to achieve predetermined goals with human potential and other resources.

Beare and Boyd (in Syafaruddin, 2008: 117) proposed five types of education policies including (1) Setting goals and targets of a madrasah; (2) distribute education services and resources, (3) determine the objectives for the provision of education services, (4) determine the education services to be provided, (5) to determine the capitalization value of education quality to encourage economic development. In this case, there are 3 stages which include formulation, process, and assessment, so that the head of the madrasah is obliged to formulate, implement and evaluate education policies as professional officials.

Other efforts in improving the capabilities of the madrasah. The head of the madrasah in improving the quality of education must have an attitude of loyalty, integrity, and commitment. The efforts made by the head of the madrasah in improving the quality of education include:

1 Loyalty; Things that must be built by the head of the madrasah together with teachers and staff, to realize a goal that is in accordance with the vision and mission of the school, with the loyalty possessed so that the goals of the madrasah can be easily achieved.

2 Integrity; The thing that must be realized in a leadership, is integrity, with integrity will show complete unity so that it has the potential and ability to radiate authority, honesty.

3 Commitment; a situation in which a person makes an agreement (attachment), both to himself and to others, is what must be carried out by a leader who must build a joint commitment with his subordinates (teachers and staff) to achieve a goal in accordance with the objectives of the madrasah.

These three things must be applied in a leadership in order to improve the quality of education, because without loyalty, integrity and commitment in carrying out a leadership, of course, the leadership will not be able to have quality quality.

## **5. Conclusion**

Education policy is the entire process and results of the formulation of strategic steps in education which are described from the vision, mission of education in order to realize the achievement of educational goals in a society for a certain period of time. Quality education process if all components of education are involved in the educational process itself. Quality referred to in an educational perspective is quality in a relative concept, especially related to customer satisfaction. There are two education customers, namely: external primary (learners), external secondary (parents, government leaders, and companies) and external tertiary (job market and society at large).

Efforts of the Head of Madrasah to improve the quality of education, namely instilling leadership attitudes that are loyalty, integrity and commitment in realizing the achievement of quality education goals.

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