# OPTIMIZING THE ROLE OF THE VILLAGE CONSULTATIVE BODY IN MONITORING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE VILLAGE HEAD IN BUATA VILLAGE, BOTUPINGGE SUB-DISTRICT, BONE BOLANG REGENCY

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### **ABSTRAK**

This study aims to determinate the opmizating of the role the Village Deliberation Agency (BPD) in Supervising the performance of the Village Head in Buata Village, Botunpingge District, Bone Bolango Regency. This research method used a qualitative research approach with a qualitative research design because it focuses on several aspect in the form of interviews, open data collection, and document collection. This research was carried out at yhe Buata Village Office, Botupinge District, Bone Bolango regency, for 2 moths and 2 weeks from Ari 17, 2023 – Juni 26, 2023. Optimizing the Role of the Village Deliberation Agency (BPD) in Supervising the Performance of the Village Head in Buata Village shows that its performance is quite good seen from the perspective of BPD in responding to serious matters such as complaints and aspirations from the community and also how to cooperate between the BPD, the Village Head, and also the Village Government in proposing the development of a Village Deliberation Agency in Buata Village, Botupingge District, Bone Bolango Regency, is well implemented. However it still needs attention from the regional Government so that the performance of the BPD can be Improved.

Keywords: Optimizing, Role, Village Deliberation Agency

#### INTRODUCTION

The Village Consultative Body serves as a vehicle for the realization of democratic ideals in village governance. Here we have what is called a "Parliament". Given that regional autonomy in Indonesia has been underway for a long time, the BPD is a relatively new institution. BPD members are elected to represent the villagers, and the area they represent is determined after careful consideration and consensus. BPD membership includes various layers of society, such as professionals, religious leaders, businessmen, community leaders, and other leaders. BPD members serve for six years, with the possibility of one more term through re-election. It is important to note that BPD members and leaders are

not permitted to serve in both capacities as village officials and village heads. This institution serves as a metaphor for democratic ideals in village governance. The BPD can be likened to a "Parliament" functioning within the village. It was established in accordance with the provisions of the Act and is relatively new to the Village, especially with the onset of the period of Regional Autonomy in Indonesia.

According to Ministerial Regulation No. 110/2016, in addition to overseeing the implementation of the responsibilities of the Village Head, the BPD is responsible for collecting and channeling the hopes and dreams of the Village community, and cooperating with the Village Head in the context of reviewing and approving Draft

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Village Regulations. These three functions lead to the conclusion that the BPD is an organization that has the authority to establish village regulations, which serve as guidelines in implementing village development."[1]

Villages receive revenue from a variety of , and the management and use of this revenue varies. Given that the BPD serves as a representative of the community, there are concerns over the Village's ability to oversee the use of this money given the challenges of managing its finances. This is often discussed in relation to the Village Law, as the BPD's perhaps less-than-ideal performance greatly affects the implementation of the Law. Therefore, in realize order to successful Village Development, which will be discussed in more detail in this article, it is necessary to strengthen the performance of the BPD in overseeing elements financial of management and supervision.

### **RESEARCH METHODS**

To analyze and characterize phenomena or research objects with social behavior, attitudes, and perspectives of individuals and community groups, this research uses qualitative methods. Those who conduct qualitative research have certain assumptions about the validity of the theory, the ability to generalize reproduce results, the construction of bias protection, and the control of alternative and counterfactual explanations. The research technique includes a qualitative research approach.

In contrast to national qualitative techniques, qualitative methods include ways of data collection, analysis, interpretation, and report generation. Some examples of these methods include using open-ended questions during data collection, analyzing text or images, presenting data visually in the form of tables and figures, and allowing personal interpretation of results."[2]

Rather than transforming human behavior into a qualitative entity, qualitative research seeks to preserve the form and substance of human behavior while analyzing its characteristics. It does not rely on data derived from statistical techniques, number concepts, or mathematical reasoning, which distinguishes it from quantitative research."[3]

Since there are several aspects that need to be collected in order to improve the supervision of the Village Head's performance, a qualitative approach called theme analysis will be used to collect data for this research. Based on the results of the research, efforts will be made to improve the BPD's ability to carry out the task of supervising the performance of the Village Head, fostering a culture of responsibility, and learning from past mistakes to make the supervision mechanism even better.

To answer a problem or test a theory, research is carried out by collecting, organizing, processing, analyzing, and presenting data impartially and objectively. According to Sugiyono, research techniques are based on scientific ideas and are used to gather information for targeted benefits."[4]

Primary data can be obtained directly from the source (such as interviews) or through observations made at the research site (Buka Village, Botupingge Sub-district, Bone Bolango District). The main method of primary data collection is through field

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surveys that follow the original data collection method."[5]

The researcher must prepare in advance everything that will be needed in this research, including making research questions or research hypotheses that will be submitted, in order to collect data in line with the chosen research design.

This data source is collected through 4 stages, namely 1). Observation 2). Interview 3). Documentation 4). Informants. Where the 4 aspects above are very important when friends take qualitative research methods with the aim of making the information more relevant and guaranteed accuracy.

The following is a brief explanation of the 4 aspects above:

Observation in this study is an observational data collection strategy intended to study human behavior or work processes with a relatively small number of respondents. Observation and methodical documentation of the events under study are observation as a data collection approach[6].

Interview is the stage where one of the most effective methods of collecting data in social science research. When the researcher and the research subject (respondent) are actively involved in the process of gathering information for primary data purposes, this methodology is used. To achieve the research objectives, interviews are used to collect data regarding facts, opinions, feelings, desires, and other topics. During the interview process, all parties should actively and directly participate in order to obtain accurate and high-quality data and objectives."[7]

Documentation is the collection of data find and information for the purposes of reports and research assistance is through

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documentation which includes books, archives, written works, figures, and photographs in the form of reports and information.

And the last is the informant, the informant in question is the person we make the object for collecting the most accurate data sources in digging up the information we want to know, the following is a list of informants in writing this scientific paper:

**Table 2.1 List of informants** 

No	Name	Position
1	Mr. Rusdin	Buata Village
	Suma, ST	Head
2	Mr. Yusran	Chairman of
	Ibrahim	BPD
3	Ms. Karmila	Community
Total		3 People

Since qualitative approaches follow established research guidelines, scientists can organize data by organizing it into groups or categories based on certain attributes. Data is grouped for easy understanding, access and use. There are several methods to organize data during sorting to make it logically ordered and easily accessible in its grouping. This makes the data easier for researchers to understand and organize, thus improving their ability to handle data storage.

Researchers must prepare in advance everything that will be needed in this research, including making research questions or research hypotheses that will be submitted, in order to collect data in accordance with the chosen research design. Data collection techniques include conducting interviews, gathering information from other sources, and collecting data. Researchers can also examine the data to

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look for patterns, correlations, and relevant themes once collected.

To collect data for this study, the researcher spoke with key informants in Buata Village, Botupingge Sub-district, Bone Bolango District, to find out the research participants' opinions on initiatives to strengthen the role of the village consultative body in monitoring the performance of the village head.

### RESEARCH RESULTS

### Performance of the Village Consultative Body in the Village

The findings of this study are about the increased interaction of the village head with the Village Consultative Body (BPD). The main objective of this study was to determine how much influence the BPD had on the performance of the Village Head during his tenure.

YI, as the Village Consultative Body in Buata Village, said:

"Our activities in the Buata Village Consultative Body are in accordance with the objectives we set and the tasks assigned to us by the organization. We highly value the village head as a member of the Village Consultative Body, and we appreciate his efforts when they bear fruit. In addition, we consider the village administration to play an important role here by providing important supervision and direction. "It is our job as BPD to keep an eye on the Village Head and ensure his priorities are aligned with what the community needs and wants."

KL, a community leader from Buata Village, stated:

"In my opinion, the BPD of Buata Village has been running quite well and has brought significant changes, especially in

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conveying the community's goals at the upcoming event which will be supervised by the Village Head. Ms. KL reiterated that the Buata Village Consultative Body is involved in regular communication and forum participation. The village holds discussions on a variety of topics, including issues related to developments that do not meet community standards and other challenges."

RS as the village head in Buata village, stated:

"In Buata Village, the Village Consultative Body has been running well in carrying out its duties and functions as the BPD. In addition, the BPD, the Village Head and the Village Government are mutually supportive partners, the Village Consultative Body always assists collaborates in carrying out its roles and responsibilities. The performance of the Village Head is greatly assisted by the presence of the Village Consultative Body. The BPD of Buata Village has made a considerable contribution in formulating appropriate policies in accordance with the needs of the community and in monitoring the effective implementation of these policies."

In realizing the progress of the village, BPD and village officials both have an important role, therefore supervision is the duty of BPD to ensure that performance priorities are in line with the needs of the community.

## The role of the Village Consultative Body in monitoring the performance of the Village Head.

YI, as the Village Consultative Body BPD in Buata Village said that:

"As our main responsibility, the Village Head and Village Government are https://journals.ubmg.ac.id/index.php/JEBA

under our supervision as part of our function as BPD. To maximize our performance and support the Village Government in carrying out its obligations, we are not just a supervisory body; we also constantly communicate and participate in all events and meetings in the Village."

KL, a community leader from Buata Village, stated that:

"Apart from communicating our goals as a community to the Village Head, I do not know exactly what the role of the Village Consultative Body has been, however, I believe that if the BPD and the Village Head can work well together, then the performance of the BPD and the Village Head can be maximized and can provide benefits to the Village and the community."

RS, the village head in Buata village, stated:

"Although the BPD supervises the Village Head in accordance with its corridors, it should not interfere too much with the performance of the Village Head and Village Government to ensure stability and resilience against government overthrow and other topics. Since all three entities are part of the "Village Consultative Body (BPD) must support each other" agreement, the Village Head, Village Government, and BPD work together to accomplish the task."

BPD is not only in charge of supervising the Village Head but also in supervising the entire Village Government in charge because it is their responsibility as BPD members.

Problems faced by the Village Council (BPD) in carrying out the activities mandated to it, as well as the ignorance of the wider community about the existence of the Council.

YI as a member of the Village Consultative Body (BPD) in Buata Village said that:

"When I think about the challenges I face as a member of the Village Consultative Body, I usually think about difficulties in communication. As a Village Consultative Body (BPD), we may experience difficulties in communicating with the Village Government and the Community. We all know that when two or more people can communicate with each other, everything becomes clearer, and we can make choices more quickly and easily."

KL, a community leader from Buata Village, stated that:

"The public is not informed about BPD programs and activities. In my opinion, the main problem with the BPD is that the community is not involved in decision-making or helping to clean up the town.."

"It can be said that most people in Buata Village, including myself, still do not fully understand all the tasks that they have to carry out in their capacity as members of the Village Consultative Body. Therefore, they need additional information about the obligations of this body. I am a member of the community who is a BPD, and my only contribution may be to further the development of the village."

RS, as the village head in Buata village, said that:

"Potential factors hindering the BPD's ability to carry out its duties effectively are a lack of resources and staff. "The operational efficiency of the Village Consultative Body (BPD) is also affected by government restrictions that limit the authority of the BPD."

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"There may be certain parties, such as the elderly, who do not fully understand this, or have never interacted directly with the BPD, for example when expressing concerns or objectives of the Village Head's activities."

### DISCUSSIONS

Optimizing the role of the Village Consultative Body in monitoring the performance of the Village Head in the Village.

Based on the results of the interviews, it is clear that the Buata Village Consultative Body (BPD) has performed its duties well in communicating community goals for various upcoming activities that will be overseen by the Village Head. A Buata villager named KM stated that the BPD is very active in social and community activities, especially in terms of development and other matters relating to the surrounding environment. By supervising the actions of the Village Head as the Village Consultative Body, they ensure that they adhere to the norms and regulations that apply in the community.

Performance is an effort to bring about change to improve the situation and bring innovation into the organization.

The Village Consultative Body (BPD) and the village head should work together to advance the village and the welfare of its people. In this regard, in overseeing the effectiveness of the village head and village administration, the BPD should not overstep its bounds, as mentioned in the interviews above, but work together to support the actions and choices taken. In addition to its oversight role, the Badan Permusyawaratan Desa (BPD) actively communicates and contributes to all Village activities and

meetings to ensure that it maximally assists the Village Government in carrying out its duties. A role is a person's behavior or duty. The Big Indonesian Dictionary defines a role as a set of behaviors expected of an individual in a social position.

One of the biggest problems faced by the Village Council (BPD) is that the community is not involved in decision-making about the village budget or its management. This is because information about BPD programs and activities is not widely available to the community. The success of the BPD is also affected by budget constraints, limited manpower, and laws and regulations that limit its authority. These constraints can be overcome by improving community understanding of the role of the BPD and increasing dialog between the BPD, village government, and the general public.

The lack of active participation in village events such as community meetings or discussion forums is the reason why people are not aware of the BPD in the village. On the other hand, some individuals are always eager to assist initiatives aimed at promoting village development.

Challenges faced by the Village Consultative Body related to community ignorance of BPD operations; One of the challenges that has led to a decline in the active performance of the Village Consultative Body is the absence of community involvement. Inadequate work support facilities, low income or allowances, weak human resource capacity, and the lack of policies that strengthen BPD institutions are the most significant factors that can reduce the level of performance carried out as a Village Consultative Body (BPD)."[9]

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### **CONCLUSIONS**

Final thoughts: The Buata Village Council (BPD) has done a good job in overseeing the village head and administration as it has carried out its responsibilities accordingly. BPD members are fully aware of the responsibilities that with serving in the Government. It is clear from the work of the BPD in the Buata area that they value working with the local government to help the village head and administration fulfill their duties. As an example of their commitment to include and prioritize community interests and goals in all decision-making processes, **BPD** regularly hosts meetings at the Village Office and engages in active community interaction through online discussion forums. Buata's Village Council (BPD) has therefore been effective in its mission to promote village development and prosperity through monitoring, collaboration and community service.

To move the village and community forward, the village head and BPD (Village Consultative Body) must work together. In carrying out its duties, the BPD oversees the performance of the village head and village council, does not interfere, and continues to work together to support decisions and initiatives. To ensure the best performance in supporting village governance, the BPD not only acts as a supervisory body, but also attends all village activities and meetings.

It is clear from this discussion that the absence of community participation in decision-making and village budget management is the main challenge facing the BPD. This is because it is difficult for the community to understand the BPD's Journal of Economic, Business and Administration (JEBA)

programs and activities, and it has additional challenges such as lack of resources, understaffing, and rules that limit its authority. However, these challenges can be overcome through efforts to educate the community about the role of the BPD and improve communication between the BPD, village government and community.

One of the conclusions that can be drawn is that one of the reasons why the community is unaware of the existence of the Village Consultative Body is the low involvement of the community in active activities such as communication through discussion forums or meetings (BPD). However, some individuals are always eager to support initiatives aimed at promoting village growth.

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