ABSTRACT

POLICY BRIEF: IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCELERATION POLICY IN STUNTING REDUCTION IN* MAKASSAR *DISTRICT OF* MAKASSAR *CITY

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Stunting remains a long-term public health issue in Indonesia, including in Makassar *City.* Makassar *District is one of the areas experiencing an increase in stunting cases over the past three years, despite an overall declining trend in* Makassar *City. This study aims to evaluate the implementation of stunting reduction policies in* Makassar *District using the Van Meter and Van Horn policy implementation model.*

The research employed a descriptive qualitative approach, which collected the data through observations, interviews, and document studies. This approach was chosen to gain an in-depth understanding of the implementation process of the stunting reduction acceleration policy in Makassar *District. The collected data were analyzed to describe how the policy had been carried out by implementers at the district level and the challenges they face.*

The findings show that the policy implementation is guided by both national and local regulations, namely Presidential Regulation Number 72 of 2021 and Makassar Mayor Regulation Number 96 of 2023. However, at the district level, several obstacles remain, including limited human resources and infrastructure, a lack of cross-sectoral coordination, and low participation from implementers and the community. These findings indicate the need to strengthen the implementers' capacity, to enhance interagency coordination, and to optimize the implementation of both specific and sensitive intervention programs. This research is also expected to provide more effective and sustainable policy recommendations to support the acceleration of stunting reduction in Makassar *District.*

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