ABSTRACT

READINESS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF E-GOVERNMENT AT THE REGIONAL FINANCE AND ASSET AGENCY (BKAD) OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH SULAWESI

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This study aims to determine and analyze the level of readiness for the implementation of e-government at the Regional Finance and Asset Agency (Badan Keuangan dan Aset Daerah *or* BKAD) *of the Government of South Sulawesi Province.*

The research method used is a qualitative approach with a descriptive qualitative design to examine how e-government is implemented at the BKAD of the Government of South Sulawesi Province. Research data were collected through in-depth interviews with nine informants selected purposively. The data analysis method consisted of data collection, data reduction, data presentation, and conclusion drawing.

*The results of the study indicate that the implementation of e-government at BKAD of the Government of South Sulawesi Province is categorized as moderately ready but not yet optimal. The main strengths include core applications (*SIMAKDA, SIPD, *and* SIMBADA*) that are relatively user-friendly, an official portal that provides information transparency, and support and incentives for employees to enhance their ICT competencies. However, several challenges remain. These include misaligned policies between central and regional levels, a shortage of IT personnel, network instability in several regional work units (*OPD*), and inadequate data security systems. These conditions lead to issues such as delays in digital public services, low efficiency in data integration, cybersecurity risks, and difficulties in maintaining service sustainability. Therefore, to enable* BKAD *to achieve a more efficient, secure, and sustainable standard of digital governance, improvements in infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, and human resource capacity are required.*

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