ABSTRACT

EVALUATION OF FREE NUTRITIOUS MEAL PROGRAM IN MAKASSAR CITY

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Free Nutritious Meal Program (Makan Bergizi Gratis *or* MBG) *is one of the national priority programs as part of the government's effort to improve the fulfillment of community nutrition, especially for students and vulnerable groups, as well as to support the realization of quality human resources towards a Golden Indonesia 2045* (Indonesia Emas 2045). *In its implementation, the* MBG *Program in* Makassar *City still needs attention in achieving the goals that have been set. According to this issue, this study aims to evaluate the implementation of the* Makan Bergizi Gratis *(*MBG*) program in* Makassar *City.*

This study applied a qualitative descriptive method equipped with content analysis. Data collection was carried out through observation, interviews, documentation, and analysis of documents and news related to the Makan Bergizi Gratis Program *(*MBG*). The collected data were then analyzed using six policy evaluation criteria according to William N. Dunn, namely effectiveness, efficiency, adequacy, equity, responsiveness, and accuracy.*

The results of the study show that the implementation of the Makan Bergizi Gratis Program *(*MBG*) in* Makassar *City is underway, but has not yet been fully effective. Several challenges remain, including the use of the budget that is not optimal, the need to improve the quality and variety of food menus, and inadequate food safety monitoring. Therefore, it is necessary to optimize the utilization of existing food facilities, improve food quality and menu diversity, and strengthen food safety supervision to support the achievement of the objectives of the Free Nutritious Meal Program.*

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