ABSTRACT

IMPLEMENTATION OF CHILD PROTECTION POLICY IN* MAKASSAR *CITY

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This study evaluates the implementation of the child protection policy in Makassar *City, as outlined in Regional Regulation Number 5 of 2018. Although the regulation has been clearly established, the high number of child abuse cases indicates the need to reassess its effectiveness.*

*This study applied a descriptive qualitative approach, which collected the data through interviews with key stakeholders such as the Department of Women Empowerment and Child Protection (*DP3A*), the Unit of Regional Technical Implementation for Women and Child Protection (*UPTD PPA*), and the Office of Social Affairs through the Shelter and Trauma Center (*RPTC*). The data were analyzed based on George C. Edward III's policy implementation model, which focuses on communication, resources, disposition of implementers, and bureaucratic structure.*

The findings reveal that while inter-agency coordination is strong and there is a high level of commitment among implementers, the policy implementation is still hindered by limited human resources, insufficient budget, and regulatory inconsistencies. Additionally, the lack of public outreach impacts the effectiveness of reporting mechanisms and child protection services. Therefore, it is recommended that the government enhance public awareness efforts, increase the number of professionals such as psychologists and certified counselors, and allocate greater funding for victim recovery services. These findings are expected to provide strategic guidance for strengthening the child protection system in Makassar.

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