ABSTRACT

PERFORMANCE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN HANDLING TEAM OF SOUTH* SULAWESI *PROVINCE

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South Sulawesi *Province has created an Innovative Program for Handling Out-of-School Children Based on Collaborative Action by developing an innovative Data Collection Application, namely* PASTI BERAKSI*. However, the handling of out-of-school children, many of the recorded children still face obstacles in the verification and validation process to return to school. Therefore, based on this issue, the author aimed this study to find out the implementation of handling team performance for the out-of-school children in reducing the number of out-of-school children to be able to return to school.*

This study applied a qualitative approach with a case study method in South Sulawesi *Province under the authority of the Regency/City that requires intervention to address the highest number of out-of-school children (*Anak Tidak Sekolah *or* ATS*). The data of this study were collected through interviews, observations, and documentation.*

The result reveals that the performance of handling team coordination for out-of-school children in South Sulawesi *Province has shown the effectiveness of team collaboration in the data system collection is still not optimal, even though the team has successfully developed an innovative data collection system through the* PASTI BERAKSI *application and set appropriate program targets for groups and of out-of-school children (*ATS*) and children at risk of dropping out (*Anak Beresiko Putus Sekolah *or* ABPS*). The achieved final result includes recording verification and validation in returning the children to school, which is still hindered by the lack of incentives for data collectors who serve as village mobilizers in conducting data collection in villages and subdistricts. In addition, the relevant officials of the Regional Apparatus Organization (*Organisasi Perangkat Daerah *or* OPD*) have not integrated the Activity Program for Handling the Out-of-School Children into the Regional Apparatus Planning Document (*Dokumen Perencanaan Perangkat Daerah *or* DPA*), so a collaboration and synergy among the relevant* OPD *officials is required to work together in reducing the number of out-of-school children.*

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