ABSTRACT

IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL GOVERNMENT POLICY ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT IN* KAIBUS *SUBDISTRICT OF* TEMINABUAN *DISTRICT

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Waste management is a crucial issue in sustainable development, particularly in residential areas that experience population growth and economic activity. Kaibus *Subdistrict, as part of the* Teminabuan *District, faces a serious challenge in managing its household waste and environment effectively. This study aims to find out the implementation of the regional government policy on waste management in the* Kaibus *Subdistrict of the* Teminabuan *District.*

This study applied a descriptive qualitative method. The analysis unit of this study related to the implementation of waste management policy in Kaibus *Subdistrict consisted of 9 informants. The data collection technique included interviews, observations, and document reviews. The technique of data analysis involved data reduction, data presentation, and drawing conclusions.*

The result shows the Regional Government Policy on Waste Management in Kaibus *Subdistrict of* Teminabuan *District has not been implemented effectively and thoroughly. Although there are Regional Regulations that govern waste management, their implementation in the field still experiences various challenges. This ineffectiveness is shown in the five main aspects, namely (1) waste separation has not been implemented due to the low public awareness, the absence of segregated facilities, and the lack of education; (2) unsystematic waste collection, without an adequate Temporary Disposal Site (*Tempat Penampungan Sementara *or* TPS*) and relies on informal disposal by residents; (3) waste transportation is hindered by limited fleet availability and weak institutional coordination; (4) waste processing such as recycling and composting have not been performed due to the lack of training and organizational support; and (5) the final waste processing in* TPA Sungguer *is still conventional, posing risks of environmental pollution and endanger public health. These findings reveal the need for thorough improvement in the waste management system so the existing policy can be implemented optimally.*

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