ABSTRACT

THE EVALUATION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEEDING PROGRAM (PMT) FOR UNDERNOURISHED TODDLERS IN GOWA REGENCY

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The prevalence of undernourished toddlers in Gowa *Regency had increased from 2.33 percent in 2023 to 3.32 percent in 2024, amidst the ongoing implementation of the Local Food-Based Additional Feeding Program (*Pemberian Makanan Tambahan (PMT) Berbahan Pangan Lokal*) as the government's specific nutritional intervention instrument. This condition indicates a gap between field implementation and the substantive objectives intended to be achieved. This study aims to evaluate the Local Food-Based Additional Feeding Program for undernourished toddlers at the* Kristal Posyandu *(Integrated Healthcare Center) in* Somba Opu *District of* Gowa *Regency.*

This study employed a qualitative policy evaluation approach based on William N. Dunn's six criteria: effectiveness, efficiency, adequacy, equity, responsiveness, and appropriateness. Data were obtained through in-depth interviews, observations, and document reviews involving nine informants from the Health Office of Gowa *Regency, the* Somba Opu *Public Health Center (Puskesmas), the* Kristal Posyandu *cadres, and parents of toddler recipients of the additional feeding program.*

The results of the study indicate that the program has proceeded procedurally in accordance with the 2025 Local PMT *Technical Guidelines (*Juknis*), yet it has not achieved its substantive objectives. The main issues include suboptimal consumption of the additional food by target toddlers, budgetary limitations, the absence of individual toddler health condition records, and low parental participation. This study recommends strengthening consumption monitoring, adjusting menus based on individual toddler health conditions, and synchronizing program budgets.*

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