

ABSTRACT
PREVENTING CHILD MARRIAGE POLICY AS A FORM OF CHILD PROTECTION IN SOUTH SULAWESI PROVINCE (CASE STUDY OF SIDENRENG RAPPANG REGENCY)

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Serious issues that frequently affect children must, of course, be addressed if we are to find solutions. Child marriage is a significant issue for developing nations like Indonesia, particularly in the Sidenreng Rappang Regency. The objective of this study was to identify regional techniques being used in Sidenreng Rappang Regency to prevent child marriage and to generate recommendations that will be later helpful to the relevant regional officials.

This study applied a qualitative methodology. In order to gain a greater understanding of marital events and regional plans for the implementation of child marriage prevention in Sidenreng Rappang Regency, the data collected through interviews and document studies.

The result of the study showed that there is still a lack of coordination and synergy between the regional apparatus at the level of the regencies and cities and the government of South Sulawesi. Each institution's human resources (HR), particularly those in the regions, which are hotspots for child marriage, can be utilised to support the effective execution of local government programs. According to additional research, matchmaking or family-related circumstances are what lead to child marriages in the Sidenreng Rappang Regency.

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