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Role of the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City in Prevent Drug Abuse

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Abstract: This research aims to analyze the role of the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City in preventing drug abuse. The research method used is a qualitative approach with a qualitative descriptive research type. Data obtained through the of non-participant observation, interview, and documentation. Based on field data, the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City has carried out its role and responsibility well to increase public awareness of the dangers of drugs, following the role of the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City in preventing drug abuse includes: (1) Act as an extension of the government to become a socialization facilitator or extension on the impact of drug dangers and the negative effects caused by drug abuse. (2) Empowering the community to participate in carrying out drug abuse prevention activities in the surrounding area. (3) Play a role as a coordinator for the preparation of annual work plans in the prevention of drug abuse in carrying out coordination meetings with related agencies such as POLRI, Health Office and related institutions to prevent drug abuse in Bengkulu city.

Keywords: The Role of the Bengkulu City National Narcotics Agency, Efforts to Prevent Drug Abuse.

INTRODUCTION

Drug abuse has become a serious problem that has reached all levels of society, both the elderly, teenagers and children, so it is very difficult to control it. Urban and rural areas, crowded places and educational institutions are targeted by dealers and drug dealers to market their products. It is very difficult to find an area that is clean from drugs. As President Joko Widodo at the beginning of his term said that Indonesia is in a drug emergency. The threat of drugs continues to overshadow and haunt the lives of Indonesian people so that it causes serious concerns so that efforts are needed to prevent its abuse (Buton & Hendra, 2021).

The Indonesian government continues to strive to overcome crimes that include drug problems by forming the National Narcotics Agency (hereinafter referred to as BNN). BNN was formed to replace the National Narcotics Coordinating Board which was formed in 1999 with the consideration that the institution is no longer in accordance with the needs and development of the situation. The establishment of BNN is based on the established legal basis, which is stated in the decree of the President of the Republic of Indonesia Number 17 of 2002 which was later replaced by the regulation of the President of the Republic of Indonesia Number 47 of 2019 regarding the National Narcotics Agency.

To carry out the prevention of drug abuse in Indonesia, the National Narcotics Agency (BNN) has been established. Currently, BNN has regional representatives in 34 Provinces, while at the Regency/City level BNN has 100 BNNK/City. Gradually, this representative will continue to increase along with the development of the level of drug abuse in the region. With the presence of BNN representatives in each region, it gives a wider and strategic space for BNN in an effort to improve drug prevention performance, for the creation of the vision of "drug-free Indonesia" (Buton & Hendra, 2021).

Based on the results of a survey on the prevalence of drug abuse conducted by the National Narcotics Agency (BNN) in collaboration with the Health Research Center of the University of Indonesia, the prevalence rate of drug abuse in 34 provinces in 2021 is 1.95% or around 3,662 million Indonesians who are vulnerable aged 15-64 years old from a total Indonesian population of 272,68 million (New Keynote Exposure (Latest)- 28 Slide, n.d.). From that number, Bengkulu province ranked 13th out of 34 provinces with a prevalence of 1.30%.

The prohibition of the use of narcotics is stated in Law No. 35 of 2009, which contains narcotics regulations regarding distribution, abuse, rehabilitation, as well as regulations regarding the duties and authority of the National Narcotics Agency. To prevent drug abuse, the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City is required to play a role in preventing drug abuse in the Bengkulu city area. In this case, the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City has an important role in taking preventive measures against all types of drugs and the effects caused by drug use for its users, therefore the organization of the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City was established to make the government's work effective in fighting drugs.

There is a previous research that is relevant to the first author's research entitled "The Role of the National Narcotics Agency of DIY Province in Drug Prevention in Yogyakarta City" by Buton & Hendra, (2021), Universitas Widya Mataram 2021, In this journal, the previous researcher focused on the Role of the National Narcotics Agency of DIY Province in Drug Prevention in Yogyakarta City, the difference with the author's research is that the author conducted research at BNN Bengkulu City.

Second, "The Role of the National Narcotics Agency (BNN) in Preventing and Countering Drug Distribution in Polewali Mandar Regency" Syahid Kamal Firdaus dan kolega., (2022), Universitas Islam Negeri Alauddin Tahun 2022, in this journal previous research on the prevention of drug trafficking in general conducted by BNN Polewali Mandar Regency. The results of this research show that socialization, cooperation from various parties, and forming a supervisory team in each region are BNN's efforts to eradicate drugs in the city of Polewali Mandar. Then based on the results of the service, there are 12,000 people who die in vain every year due to drug abuse or an average of 32 people every day. The difference between the research conducted by Syahid Kamal Firdaus and colleagues., (2022) with the author's research, namely in the study, several roles of BNN are explained in preventing and coping with drug circulation. Meanwhile, the research conducted by the author focuses on the role of BNN in preventing drug abuse.

Third, "The Role of the Mataram City National Narcotics Agency in Handling Drug Abuse" by Sulfardin dan kolega, (2024), in this study, several important roles are explained by BNN Mataram City as follows :

1. The role of BNN Mataram City in preventing drug
2. The role of BNN Mataram city in drug abuse supervision
3. The role of BNN Mataram City in treatment and rehabilitation

The research is certainly different from the author's research because the author's research focuses on the role of the National Narcotics Agency in the prevention of drug abuse so that the necessary data is only about the prevention.

METHOD

The research method used in this research is a qualitative approach with a qualitative descriptive research type. Qualitative descriptive means data that is compiled in the form of words, pictures, and not numbers. Everything that will be collected is likely to be the key to what has been researched. Thus, the research will contain data citations to give an overview of the presentation of the report, as well as trying to describe the object to be researched based on the facts in the field (Moleong Lexy, 2018).

The data collection techniques used in this study are by interview, observation and documentation. The interview is done to find out the things you want to know from the informant. The type of interview used in this study is a semi-structured interview. The type of observation used in this study is a non-participant observation. Non-participant observation means that it does not involve researchers and only becomes observers (Sugiyono, 2017). Documentation is used to complement the data obtained through interviews and observations to gain a deeper understanding of the research subject and support the research results. Documentation is done by taking pictures or documents related to the research subject.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Role is a set of behaviors that are expected to be possessed by people who are in society and must be implemented. A role is defined as an activity that is played or played by someone who has a position or social status in an institution or organization (Yunus dan kolega., 2018). So in my opinion role is something that is played and carried out by people who have a position to act in a situation.

The National Narcotics Agency or commonly abbreviated as BNN is an Indonesian Non-Ministerial Government Institution (LPNK) that has the task of carrying out government tasks in the field of prevention, eradication of abuse and illegal circulation of narcotics, psychotropics, precursors and other addictive substances except addictive substances for tobacco and alcohol. BNN is led by a head and assisted by a main secretary and several deputies who deal with several affairs, including: a) prevention, b) eradication, c) rehabilitation, d) law and cooperation, and d) community empowerment. BNN's duties and authority regarding narcotics are regulated in several laws and regulations, including Law Number 35 of 2009, Presidential Decree Number 23 of 2010, BNN's Decree Number 16 of 2014 - now (Adawiyah, 2018) which states that the duties and authorities of BNN are as follows :

1. The preparation and implementation of national policies regarding the prevention and eradication of drug abuse and illegal circulation.
2. Prevention and eradication of drug abuse and illegal circulation.
3. Coordination with the Head of the National Police in the prevention and eradication of the abuse and illegal circulation of narcotics.
4. Improving the capabilities of medical rehabilitation institutions and social rehabilitation of narcotics addicts, both organized by the government and the community.

5. Community empowerment in the prevention and eradication of drug abuse and illegal circulation.
6. Monitoring, direction, and improvement of community activities in the prevention of abuse and illegal circulation of narcotics.
7. Bilateral and multilateral cooperation, both regional and international in order to prevent and eradicate the illegal circulation of narcotics.
8. The implementation of administrative investigation and investigation into the abuse and illegal circulation of narcotics.
9. Investigation of drug abuse and illegal circulation.
10. Making an annual report on the implementation of community empowerment tasks and authorities.

Narcotics or what is often called drugs is a substance that can change psychology or psyche starting from the loss of consciousness because it contains synthetic or semi-synthetic plants which can then affect the brain and have an addictive effect. Drugs stand for Narcotics, psychotropics, and addictive substances.

In Kamus Besar Bahasa Indonesia, the term drug or narcotic is a drug to calm the nerves, relieve pain, and sleep (can be intoxicating, so it is forbidden to be sold to the public). Drugs have many types, shapes, colors, and effects on the body. However, from the many types and forms, drugs have many similarities, including addiction (addiction), tolerance (adjustment) and habitual (habitual) that is very high. These three traits are what cause drug users to be unable to escape from their "grip"(Tanadi dan kolega., 2023).

Prevention etymologically comes from the Latin language *praevenire* which means before/anticipating/prevent so that something does not happen. Broadly speaking, preventive can be interpreted as an effort that is deliberately done to prevent the occurrence of disturbance, damage, or loss to someone (Mulyani, 2020).

Prevention is an effort to help individuals avoid or try to abuse drugs, by living a healthy way and lifestyle, and changing living conditions that make individuals easily infected with drug abuse. Prevention is in the form of a building process that is arranged to improve the physical, mental, emotional, and social development of a person to perfection, to avoid losses that may arise as a result of drug abuse.

Drug abuse is the use of drugs without medical indication, without instructions or doctor's prescription, regularly or periodically for at least 1 month. Regular use causes physical and mental health(Hadawiah, 2022). Drug abuse or *napza* is the use of drugs and other dangerous substances for non-treatment or research purposes, and used without following the correct dosage rules. Continuous and continued drug use will result in dependence (dependence) and addiction (addiction). The abuse can have a direct impact on the physical or mental condition of humans, namely :

1. The direct impact of narcotics on the human body

Each substance can have different effects on the human body, including attacking the heart, brain, bones, blood vessels, lungs, nervous system, digestive system, and other vital organs and can be infected with sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS. For example, amphetamine and its derivatives can cause acute psychological and physical effects. In high doses can cause rude behavior, unstable, aggressive, unclear speech, paranoid, confusion, psychosis (hallucinations, delusions, and paranoia), cardiovascular collapses, and difficulty breathing.

2. The direct impact of narcotics on human psychiatry/mentality Drugs can cause mental depression, psychotic, suicide, and committing criminal acts including violence and destruction.

The Role of the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City to Prevent Drug Abuse

In to prevent drug abuse in Bengkulu city, the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City has an important role in preventing it. In this case, the Prevention Sector has an important role where the Prevention Sector has the task of implementing policies in an effort to prevent drug abuse. Here are some roles from BNNK Bengkulu in preventing drug abuse in Bengkulu city:

1. The National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City in an effort to prevent drug abuse through the prevention field acts as an extension of the government to become a socialization facilitator or extension on the impact of drug hazards and the negative effects caused by drug abuse.
2. Empowering the community to participate in carrying out drug abuse prevention activities in the surrounding area by holding a village/sub-district coordination meeting that has been determined by the Bengkulu City BNN which has certain criteria where there is an implementation of a drug abuse prevention program. The activities carried out are in the form of efforts to prevent drug abuse to all elements of the community, by carrying out activities to form anti-drug volunteers/anti-drug activists and workshops.
3. Act as the coordinator for the preparation of the annual work plan in terms of drug abuse prevention in carrying out coordination meetings with related agencies such as the Indonesian National Police, Health Service and related institutions to prevent drug abuse in Bengkulu city.

The Efforts of the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City in Preventing Drug Abuse in Bengkulu City

1. Information dissemination program, is an effort to disseminate information about the danger of drugs to the community, so the target is for people who have not been exposed can be from student groups, workers, or the general public. The goal to be achieved is to build community capacity and have an understanding of the dangers of drugs. The dissemination program that has been carried out by the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City is as follows:
 - Socialization or counseling, this activity is to provide public information education face-to-face and live with a talkshow model that is a two-way interaction. The talk show in question is a program that features discussions or discussions on topics about the dangers of drug abuse.



Picture 1. Activities Talkshow
Source : Documentation BNN 2024

- Campaign with online media, online media is one of the effective campaign tools and can reach widely. BNN Bengkulu City through social media instagram @infobnn_kota_bengkulu regularly shares or shares information and education about the dangers of drugs.



Picture 2. Post instagram

Source : BNN Archives

- Campaigns through outdoor media, carried out by installing banners that contain information about the dangers of drugs in certain places, such as at airports, schools, and in public places or roads.



Picture 3. Banner

Source : Documentation BNN 2024

- Campaign through art performances, BNN Bengkulu City carried out a campaign to the public about the dangers of drugs through art performances, this activity was held at the Bencolan Indah Mall (BIM) venue.



Picture 4. Performance art

Source : Documentation BNN 2023

- The formation of anti-drug peers for teenagers through interactive dialogue of teenagers, this activity aims to save the golden generation from the dangers of drug abuse. The number of participants in the activity was 10 people who were representatives from SMP and SMA in the Bengkulu city area.



Picture 5. Documentation RTS
Source : Documentation BNN 2024

2. Advocacy Program, advocacy is an activity program that aims to invite the participation of the government, private sector, and the community to participate in helping prevent drug abuse. In this program, BNN usually invites leaders of government agencies or private institutions to participate in preventing drug abuse in Bengkulu city by holding a Rakor Kotan (City Coordination Meeting to Respond to Drug Threats). The goal is that more agencies or institutions that are responsive to drug problems can certainly reduce the number of drug abuse in Bengkulu City, advocacy activities carried out by BNN Bengkulu City are as follows:

- Village/sub-district resource empowerment, namely by holding a coordination meeting with the village/sub-district government to prevent drug abuse. In this activity, BNN Bengkulu City always invites 30 participants from villages/sub-districts that have been selected and have certain criteria to carry out drug abuse prevention programs. The participants are not just any person but people who have a certain role in a village/district, such as the head of the village, traditional figures, and religious figures.



Picture 6. Documentation coordination meeting
Source : Documentation BNN 2024

- Anti-drug family resilience, in the form of family training/intervention to increase the resistance to the threat of drug abuse and illegal circulation. This activity aims to increase family participation in drug abuse prevention efforts so that family functions can run optimally. BNN activity participants invited 10 families, namely 10 mothers/fathers, and 10 children, the total number of participants in the activity was 20 people.



Picture 7. Family Resilienci
Source : Documentation BNN 2024

- Community Empowerment (kotan), which is by holding bimtek, workshops, and rakor to the community, government agencies, and the private sector (companies or shops). There are 30 participants in this activity who come from different people every year, but in 2024 in the Bimtek anti-drug activist BNN event, participants were invited from students and college students, and for the workshop event came from government agencies including police, health service, culture and education service, dispora, religious court, police department, etc



Picture 8. Training anti drug
Source : Documentation BNN 2024



Picture 9. Workshop Government Agencies

Source : Documentation BNN 2024

CONCLUSION

After conducting field research by looking at the existing data, the role of the Bengkulu City National Narcotics Agency has carried out its role and responsibility according to its field, in efforts to prevent drug abuse in Bengkulu city through the field of Prevention has carried out efforts to prevent drug abuse by carrying out many efforts and methods carried out through activities or programs to prevent drug abuse in the form of information dissemination and good advocacy.

From the research results, the role of the National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City in preventing drug abuse is as follows :

1. The National Narcotics Agency of Bengkulu City in an effort to prevent drug abuse through the prevention field acts as an extension of the government to become a socialization facilitator or extension on the impact of drug hazards and the negative effects caused by drug abuse.
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