

## THE ROLE OF THE RELIGION AFFAIRS INSTITUTION IN REDUCTING DIVORCES IN TEBET DISTRICT

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### Abstract

This research aims to determine the importance of the pre-marriage program at the Religion Affairs Institution in Tebet District. To find out the factors that cause divorce in Tebet District and how to control it. Want to know how much the pre-marriage program influence in decline the divorce rate and what circumstances are taught in the pre-marriage guidance program. The result of this research indicates a decline of divorce rate in Tebet through the urgency of the pre-marriage program. Where the result from the writer's interview show that the program implemented in the pre-marriage guidance are the result from direct local Religious Affairs Institution arrangement. This indicates that the analysis carried out by the Tebet Religion Affairs Institution resulted in a more relevant and effective pre-marriage guidance program in reducing divorce rate.

**Keywords:** Religion Affairs Institution, Pre-Marriage Program, Tebet District

### INTRODUCTION

Married is an agreement between a man and a woman to form a truss based on God Almighty<sup>1</sup>. In Indonesia, married is regulated in Law Number 1 of 1947 which containing married has been held by Indonesian people sedately without any significant turmoil. But consider at nowadays circumstances, married has being an issue for numeral trouble as evidenced by the high divorce rate in Indonesia<sup>2</sup>. Based on National Statistics Institution data, divorces rate continue to increase since 2021 (291.677 couples) until now managed to mark 447.743 couples<sup>3</sup>, which means in just a year the number can increase twofold. On that case, Indonesia's Ministry of Religion established Religion Affairs Institution (well known as KUA or Kantor Urusan Agama) as a legal administrator not only for marriage law, but also for divorces matters. It included the intial lawsuit process until the final divorce decision is issued. But before all that, a few Religion Affairs Institution intiatively intiate program to deal with the possibility of divorced couples either of them is the Religion Affairs Institution in Tebet District.

Tebet is a district in South Jakarta which has decrease in numeral of married based on past two years data from 2020 to 2021, the reduction reach 7,6% rather than years before<sup>4</sup>. Besides that, Tebet also has expand number of divorces. In year 2021 to 2022, divorced couples scale down to 1.000 couples. Writer agreed to choose Tebet as the research site, other than because the statistic prove there's decreasing number of divorces while the others district experience the opposite, the local Religion Affairs Institution also has a council which utilized to minimize underage married called BP4.

BP4 is a council that restricted by local Religion Affairs Institution to decrease the number of divorces. Based on Minister of Religion Decree No. 85 of 1961, that BP4 is the

<sup>1</sup> Mawardi, M. 2022. *Masalah Dalam Pernikahan*. Analitical Jurnal, 207-208.

<sup>2</sup> Salam, S. 2020. *Dispensasi Pernikahan*. Pagaruyuang Law Journal, 1(1), 110-124

<sup>3</sup> National Statistic Institution data

<sup>4</sup> Based on Jakarta Government Statistic ([statistic.jakarta.go.id](https://statistic.jakarta.go.id))

only council engaged in marriage and divorce reduction. Therefore, the BP4 role are exceptionally relevant and effective in handling and minimize divorces especially in Tebet area with the addition that it supported by local authority. Identical program has been successfully held at Kotabaru district, which Novita Oyata researching the function of the local Religion Affairs Institution as a reduction in the divorce by mediating a few couples<sup>5</sup>. Muhammad Ridlo Iskandar also had a similar program at Muara Tahir district that concentrate on the urgency of the surge of divorce rate<sup>6</sup>. In the other side, Desy Yosy Roshikhoh on her thesis describe how crucial position of BP4 in Religion Affairs Institution at Astanajapura and Pangenan District<sup>7</sup>. Same agreement written by Yeny Agustina who research the BP4 function in Sumberjaya District, West Lampung

## RESEARCH METHOD

Research manner that writer takes is a qualitative type of research, which the writer analyzes the object and represent the result descriptively. Therefore, writer using interview method to obtain relevant data. The interview conducted in Tebet Religion Affairs Institution with the head of Tebet Religion Affairs Institution as informant. Writer question to the originator are down bellow:

1. From the data i found in National Statistic Institution, Tebet district has succses to overcome the substantial number of divorces, what's the key of the district accomplishment?
2. By utilize the BP4 Council, do the Religion Affairs Institution perceive a significant number of reduction?
3. What makes pre-marriage guidance program is more effective than the considerable council as BP4 itself?
4. What procedure that carried out in pre-marriage guidance?

The interview held in Tebet District, South Jakarta, October 25, 2022, where the writer had the dialogue with the head of Religion Affairs Institution in Tebet, Mr. Ahmad Syauqi.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The data from National Statistic Institution marked that there is a significant decrease of the numeral divorces in Tebet District. In just a year between 2020-2021, Tebet can reduce the number of divorces from 1.531 to 1.384 with the detail table are follows<sup>8</sup>:

Year	Divorces Reason								
	Intrigue	Drunk and Gambling	Abandon Partner	Sentenced to Prison	Polygamy	Violence	Constant Bickering	Forced Marriage	Economic
2020	22	19	234	29	1	26	867	-	351
2021	-	14	226	14	2	33	806	-	282

<sup>5</sup> Novia Otaia, 2019. *Tugas dan Fungsi Mediator dalam Mengurangi Angka Perceraian*. Lex Privatum Journal, 2(2) 87-94

<sup>6</sup> M. Ridlo Iskandar 2020. *Urgensi Bimbingan Pra Nikah Terhadap Tingkat Perceraian*. JIGC: 2(1) 63-78

<sup>7</sup> Desy Yosy Rosikhoh. 2019. *Pelaksanaan Fungsi BP4 dalam Mengatasi Problematika Perceraian*

<sup>8</sup> Religion Courts's data given by Religion Local Institution Tebet District in October 25, 2022

From the table above we can clearly see that there is a subside in divorces sum. Although there are still some section where the divorces rate increasing, the statistics from 2020 to 2021 of reasons for divorces have reduce. As for the result of the writer's interview with Mr. Ahmad Syauqi are down bellow:

1. From the data i found in National Statistic Institution, Tebet district has succses to overcome the substantial number of divorces, what's the key of the district accomplishment?

*First of all, our local Religion Affairs Institution are assiduous in following the rules and procedures before validating marriages. In the past five years, we have not hesitated to reject the marriages requisition if the couple are proven unable to carry out the obligations of the marriages, such as insufficient economics, problematic family background and if one of the partner or even two of them are proven commit in crime. Bear in mind that these three things, specially, are must be taken seriously before starting a marriage. If we aren't regard as likely, those things can be initial reasons which is very likely to end in divorces.*

2. By utilitize the BP4 Council, do the Religion Affairs Institution perceive a significant number of reduction?

*In the last two years, our local Religion Affairs Institution are no longer using B4 as pre-marriage requirement. That doesn't mean we no longer consider the value of pre-marriage preparation and instruction, but instead we made our own pre-marriage program that arranged to be more relevant based on the data we have regarding the divorces reasons in our district.*

3. What makes pre-marriage guidance program is more effective than the considerable council as BP4 itself?

*Because the pre-marriage guidance program was prepared directly by us who certainly know finer the conditions and require of the local community regarding pre-marriage guidance. That doesn't mean the program in B4 is atrocious, but in use the program that we're array ourself is more effective.*

4. What procedure that carried out in pre-marriage guidance?

*In our program there are five aspects that are emphasized in pre-marriage establishment, namely, principles of the Sakinah family, managing conflict and family dynamics, preparing qualified generations and reproduction activities. The foundation that we're make is extremely useful and relevant considering that we complied the tuition points based on statistical data that in fact happened.*

From the result of the interview and statistical data above, it can be terminated that its accurate if the program prepared by the local Religion Affairs Institution are beneficial for the local regulator. Can be seen from the decrease numeral in every cause of divorces, the aspect that is guided in pre-marriage program has an effect for the decline in conditions in Tebet district. Pre-marriage tuition and statistics data from the local Religion Affairs Institution can be analyzed bellow:

1. Principle of the Sakinah Family

In this substance, the prospective couple are directed to form a Sakinah Family which according to Islamic instruct a Sakinah Family measure that family that has tranquility, seclusion and serenity. This can be taught through a psychological approach and a dialogue between a couple and their consultants. The discussion between can foster

perceptions about Sakinah Family buildout. From thus, of course, the divorces rate can decrease along with the couple's awareness of the importance of upholding family consonance.

2. Managing conflict and family dynamics

Conflict management in the Family needs to be known by every couple that its very important. With the controlling and directing conflict in the household, problems capable to be faced decidedly and even resolved in a good way. Conflict management in the family can also support household harmony, stabilize the psychologically of family member and most importantly reduce the possibility of divorce due to continuous bickering owing to couple's inability to control and resolve their problem.

3. Preparing qualified generations

Every married couple would want to have offspring which e in educating their children later on the couple requires preparation and devising in theory and practice. This not only important for the child's future, careful parental preparation will encourage household compatibility by construct resemblance perceptions and sight regarding the education and future of their children. With instructing that encourages their enthusiasm for educating children to reach a qualified generation, marriage couple will have excellent direction concerning what kind of generation they should prepare. In addition, psychologically a child will be healthier if their parents have understood the requirement of the child's extension and growth. Its different if parents are still don't know about what they should do with their children, because the actual meaning of educate a child is not about directing their children in the order they ought but its about accompany their children to acceptable crave which they desire.

4. Reproduction activities

The last substance gives perspective that reproductive activities is not something that considered as pleasure only. But more than that, the activities should be something that has a huge meaning. From the activities, marriage couple will produce offspring, therefore the sense of reproduction activities must be taught in pre-marriage guidance.

## CONCLUSIONS

From the research that has been done by writer, it can be concluded that the B4 Program is no longer used by the local Religion Affairs Institution but they already developed another program which is more suitable in order to reduce the divorce rate. Even so, the program that arranged by the local Religion Affairs Institution proved to be very efficient in reducing the divorce rate. In one year, can be seen that almost all of the divorce reasons aspects and reasons are decreasing. This is certainly influenced by the success of the pre marriage program to guide and provide the ideal form of a marriage to a couple

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