

Prevention of Child Marriage Through Efforts to Improve Public Awareness

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ABSTRACT

Child protection is the right of every person in this world including children, and for children it is absolutely necessary to provide comprehensive protection and bring happiness to the child itself. Protection and welfare are something that has been concretely regulated in various existing regulations, and in order to get real protection by providing responsibility from the smallest part, namely the family, to avoid children or prevent children from early marriage. If early marriage is not prevented, children will experience unhappiness because they do not continue their education and lose their true welfare so that it is impossible to continue their lives because they are already focused on their lives. Prevention of early marriage must be given through education through preventive efforts, especially for the wider community to realize in various actions and deeds in order to provide adequate protection for children from an early age so that children can grow and develop physically and mentally, not to ignore children who do early marriage, this can also be called neglect, but there needs to be a high awareness to foster that children are the next generation of the nation who must be given protection as creatures of God Almighty and also guarantees in their human rights that have been regulated by the State and fellow human beings are obliged to respect and protect them for their dignity and honor

INTRODUCTION

Humans live in groups and cannot be separated from each other because they depend on each other for needs and to continue their offspring. So they cannot separate themselves and cannot be indifferent to others, the dependence in question is associated with social beings and always have to need other people and cannot live alone. Depending on other people and continuing life through marriage, a family will occur and be realized, namely one consisting of a father, mother and children.

Where as parents, of course, we are obliged to look after, supervise and give special attention to our children so that they can grow and develop and become healthy and intelligent children in education and help prevent children from getting involved in criminal acts that can endanger them, including preventing drugs, bullying, cyber bullying and what is much more important is to play a role in preventing early marriage.

The prevention in question is the involvement of parents as the smallest scope to monitor their children in their social interactions with their friends and also in the use of social media such as the internet, Facebook and Instagram and the use of mobile phones that are far from what is expected so that they do not get caught up in an act or action that can endanger themselves and are difficult to eradicate. So in prevention it is very necessary to start early in instilling moral values and good values and ethics and most importantly everything that children do out there must be

with the knowledge of the parents, it can be known whether what is done is right or wrong, and if it turns out to be wrong, then parents should always remind and correct by teaching the right thing so that there is no attitude of neglect experienced by the child. and if it is right, then the parents also give praise and views and support for the actions taken by the child.

Apart from parents who play an important role in preventing attitudes and actions carried out by children, what is also most important is the prevention of early marriage carried out by children, where the role of parents is to provide adequate protection and of course prevent early marriage, because in fact early marriage does occur there are many reasons why this is becoming more and more common due to poverty, and debts experienced by parents also intentionally parents who sell their children to people who are considered rich in order to relieve the burden of their responsibilities or other reasons because of the free association experienced by children, either because of a relationship in a relationship or because of being raped so that they are asked to be responsible and the child must marry early and this is what causes children not to continue school and there are still many other reasons.

If early marriages are not prevented, then the parents are considered to have violated the law on child protection in the provisions of Article 26, and this is also included in the violation of the right to life in the provisions of human rights, so we can imagine what it would be like if many children were married at an early age, then there would be no more who can continue the nation's struggle because it is difficult to continue to a higher level of education

Law enforcement officers will also always coordinate with the community if there are things that are considered violations of children's rights, of course they must immediately take firm action and firm policies so that in realizing the rules that are correlated with child protection that if it is proven that there is a violation of children's rights, it cannot be ignored but firm action must be taken against the perpetrators, especially families who should protect the rights of children but become predators of their own children, then where will the children take shelter if they are no longer comfortable in their own homes, of course this is a concern for all levels of society to instill awareness for themselves of child protection .

Because the child itself cannot live alone and always depends on other people, namely adults and their families, so if their families do not provide comfort and safety, of course children will become victims and experience stress and depression in their lives, including ending their lives. So that public awareness to always prioritize and pay special attention to the development of children until adulthood is very important in order to honor the lives of children who are prosperous and have good morals so that children are also far from actions that can endanger their lives. Based on the background above, the formulation of the problem is how to prevent early marriage through efforts to increase public awareness.

LITERATURE REVIEW

There needs to be responsibility from the state and society to be able to participate in instilling high awareness and efforts in providing prevention for children around them by not engaging in early marriage without any reason. Planting awareness in question from an early age to always ensure that if they know of children who are undergoing early marriage due to coercion or are sold, at least the community can prevent and report to the authorities to be able to take action because in the Child Protection Law Number 35 of 2014 it is stated that parents are obliged to prevent early marriage because this also includes violations of children's rights in the human rights of children contained in the provisions of the Law on Child Rights Number 39 of 1999.

METHODOLOGY

This research uses the type of research normative juridical which is based on or refers to or even refers to literature or books which can be used as material or references, also rules or regulations or from various regulations regarding legislation, as well as opinions from several experts or called doctrines and also theories, where the results can also base or produce and answer problems which are related to research which is called literature study.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Children and Their Protection

In their lives, children are always given protection both physically, psychologically, physically and spiritually. The protection given also includes legal and non-legal protection, where this protection does not only cover when the child is born or in the womb so that the mother is obliged to look after and care for him until he is born an adult, but also when he is born he must continue to be given nutritious food and stay healthy until adulthood.

The perception of children in terms of age limits or age of each regulation varies from eight to eighteen years old or even children in the womb or nineteen years old where the difference in these regulations implies that children must be in an immature attitude and need protection from adults including their family or parents.

But also other protections concerning other needs such as those concerning health, where health is very important, especially for diseases that do not heal, health workers and doctors must prioritize adequate treatment for the child. Maximum treatment until the child is completely cured and no longer infected with other diseases so that the child's recovery must be prioritized if he is in or in a condition that is not fit or unhealthy.

Apart from health, what also needs to be considered is the state of education, where there are many children who have not received a full education to continue to a higher level, but instead there are many children who drop out of school because their parents are unable to finance their children's lives and help their parents to walk or as the backbone of the family.

Even if the family is not well off, the child is actually used as an object for transactions due to the debts that the parents have, so the child is sold or married off by contract or early to a lecherous man with the aim of paying off all his debts and the child becomes the responsibility of her husband and not a burden on her parents

This certainly results in children losing their rights, especially in their lives to play, also to recreate, or to continue their education, where being forced and unprepared can result in children losing their self-esteem and feeling ashamed of their surroundings and friends and of course resulting in feelings of inferiority due to having to undergo early marriage.

Protection for children is also the full responsibility of the community where the community in question is a group of people who are in a territory of an existing association and in their lives there is land, air and sea and there is also recognition from other countries to legitimize a country or region. In its formation, the community must have a bond and inner attitude in providing a serious relationship in dealing with life in a life of a nation.

The community is obliged to have the right to provide real and factual protection in protecting and supervising children so that they do not fall into actions or deeds that are detrimental to children so that children feel unprotected and experience torture if the actions violate human rights to obtain protection and welfare for the sake of the best interests of the child in the future.

Child Marriage

Marriage according to various rules emphasizes more between men and women who have a strong spiritual bond in building a household and also prioritize a prosperous life and having a happy family forever. So because marriage is something sacred and holy so that in its implementation it cannot be forced but must be voluntary and there is indeed an intention to build a household. Because marriage always starts from the heart without any pressure or intimidation and the most important thing in marriage in its scope is by looking at the responsibility to be able to carry out something where in relation to age limits. The age limit referred to in various regulations in Indonesia is also based on the law on child protection and the law on marriage as stated in the age between eight to eighteen years and according to the regulations in the law on marriage itself, it is more equal between men and women, namely both are nineteen years old can carry out marriage and at this age they are considered adults.

If the marriage is carried out due to coercion or threats from one person or another, then the marriage can be declared null and void by law, and the consequences are considered that the marriage never happened and this also has an impact on the parties involved, including the parties involved and their guardians, so that the marriage is also considered not to have gone as expected. Regarding children as people who will be married, of course within the age limit, children can be called as people who are underage and not ready to sail the ship of household, and really need protection and supervision from the family and the child's parents in particular.

Children who are in a condition of getting married are called child marriages, so of course there are many things that need to be prepared so that children who are still within the limits of being immature are considered adults because the child is also considered to be established in his household. What is very important to note is that if there is no stability for children in living their household, it often ends in domestic violence due to the unpreparedness in fostering it and living it where there is no stability either physically or psychologically and is mentally depressed and the child is unable to live it. So that child marriage is not only related to the level of ability but also how it is related to the reproduction of children which will affect their health and can cause diseases, both infectious and non-infectious, and of course it can be done well and emphasize the negative impacts of child marriage. Therefore, it is necessary to have a family approach for children and to get special attention and affection for children in a family way to avoid unwanted things, so it is necessary to provide time for children to have an emotional approach and be able to have trust in the child.

Prevention of Child Marriage

The term child marriage is usually referred to as young marriage or common marriage, where with such a term, the marriage is often considered as a couple who are not ready to carry out their marriage so that it can lead to separation or divorce in building their household life, building a household life is also interpreted as someone or a couple being able to live independently without having to expect help from others and also living it with patience and fortitude in living it and must be strong in facing the challenges and obstacles that exist in

building an eternal household life based on the Almighty God and in accordance with the definition of Law Number 1 of 1974 concerning Marriage

Early marriage that results in unpreparedness and results in various dangerous clashes and domestic violence and can even leave a prolonged conflict where it can be related to joint property or joint property and also protection for children who should receive attention from their parents but because of the separation that exists then it causes consequences and impacts that are not good for the development of the child itself. The development of children can certainly cause psychological and psychiatric tendencies that are not good and that unpreparedness will make the child mentally less confident and becomes gloomy in carrying out his life

So that child marriage must be prevented with various strategies or other steps such as prevention carried out by making families or communities aware of the impacts and consequences of early marriage itself and parents are obliged to protect children from various problems of life that exist, as well as the existence of binding regulations in a rule in the regulation of legislation will guarantee in the rules that children are guaranteed their protection related to preventing child marriage, and must provide full awareness to the community.

Increasing Community Awareness and Participation

Self-awareness is an increase in understanding and introspection of what has been done or done, but there are also those who say that self-awareness is the ability to understand oneself which is done comprehensively including in it also the nature, as well as feelings and thoughts and how to adapt in the environment, where this awareness is also called self-awareness.

Manifestation in self awareness manifested in seeing oneself objectively by reflecting and introspecting, what is meant is more self-reflection on what has been done and done so far for one's family and must be in a calm condition, so that one can think if it is still considered lacking then further improvements need to be made and if one feels that one understands it means that it is enough. The awareness referred to is an effort to provide protection for children so that they do not fall into actions that are considered dangerous or lead the child astray, so that mature efforts need to be made to avoid these actions, meaning by building a spiritual and religious attitude and realizing that children cannot be separated from the responsibility of the family and society to be able to grow, in this case not only the family and society are focused on but also society at large and especially the state and law enforcement officers in providing protection for children.

Logically, it is important to raise awareness in society and work together so that children receive legal protection guarantees, and in this attitude, we must always guard and supervise children so that they always follow the correct path and do not deviate, so that the growth and development of children is certainly inseparable from the fulfillment of the need for survival, in addition to food, clothing and shelter, but also the need for education and teaching and a decent life.

Society as part of the citizens is also a pillar in providing adequate and continuous protection which should provide protection in the aspect of guarding, supervising and monitoring so that children do not commit criminal acts or others that are considered to be detrimental to children so that they are not involved in

unwanted things and can cause harm to the child themselves, and of course it also needs to be understood that the losses referred to here are not only material losses but also those that are called immaterial and must be explained how the responsibility and form are so that if it befalls a child, adequate action needs to be taken so that it does not cause the child to become depressed or even stressed and where the results can certainly provide a disappointing output and stunted growth for the child.

Increasing self-awareness can also be done by realizing through self-reflection the shortcomings that have been made and starting to organize again so that children can continue to grow and develop to achieve their future by doing this by sharpening the improvement of socialization and increasing insight into thinking related to fulfilling children's needs, which starts early on as well as increasing spirituality to distance oneself from bad attitudes .

That children cannot be traded and have the same rights and are equal to adults so they must be kept away from immoral attitudes and those that are contrary to the law and regulations of the legislation and if it is considered excessive then it is appropriate to impose sanctions on the perpetrators firmly and also binding and forcing, and cannot be rejected by anyone. Because the sanctions or punishments are efforts made if the child is made a victim and there is no effort to protect him and are very detrimental to the child's right to be able to continue his life to a better future

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Early marriage can be prevented by increasing public awareness by fostering high self-awareness by increasing vigilance and supervision so that children can grow and develop well in a better level of life and must provide protection related to children's rights in relation to the right to life in the fulfillment of better children's human rights.

In implementing child protection, we always cooperate and coordinate with various parties who care about children's welfare, in order to fulfill the principles of child protection and fulfill the rights of the children themselves.

FURTHER STUDY

This research still has limitations so further research is needed related to the topic Prevention of Child Marriage Through Efforts to Improve Public Awareness e in Order to Refine this research and increase insight for readers

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