THE PROBLEMS OF ONLINE LEARNING: THE ROLE OF PARENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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Abstract
The COVID-19 pandemic has made very significant changes in the world, changing all aspects of life, one of which is the education sector which makes the emergence of new policies to become school from home (SFH) or all forms of learning are carried out online. problems of parents in dealing with distance or online learning. This research uses a case study approach, the main subjects are parents of Muhammadiyah schools around Sidoarjo. Data collection methods used are google form questionnaires and interviews/interviews. The results of the study indicate that there are problems faced by parents: parents’ difficulties in accompanying their children while studying, limited network quotas, tend to be difficult to condition when learning at home, the content of material taught online or online may not necessarily be understood by all students. The data analysis technique in this study uses data analysis techniques developed by Miles, & Huberman, namely data analysis techniques using interactive analysis with three activity flows, namely data reduction, data presentation, and drawing conclusions.

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INTRODUCTION
A year has passed by the COVID-19 pandemic (corona virus disease) shaking parts of the world's countries. The range of November in 2019 in China, more precisely in the city of Wuhan, the outbreak began to occur, because when it first appeared right in 2019, it was called Covid-19. From there the spread evenly and globally occurs. All lines of strata of human life take place in all regions of the world, which are no exception from the impact that has

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killed thousands and even hundreds of millions of victims. At the end of January 2020 the adverse impact forced the World Health Organization (WHO) World Health Organization to declare the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak as (PHEIC) Public Health Emergency Of Concern.1

Indonesia, which is a country, must experience events similar to those experienced by other countries during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, Indonesia has devastated all sectors, layers and people's lives. Even starting a family arrangement that begins with marriage is a special problem from various security groups so that it is postponed not by inviting a big party like the audience during normal world conditions during walimah.2

Likewise, the impact that is very visible is the education sector at all levels. Education in the era of the covid-19 pandemic spreads a negative impact on the lives of Indonesian students and general students starting from the student strata (College), Senior High School, Junior High School, Elementary School or Elementary School (madrassa), and Kindergarten3. The sharpness of a change or rapid change in learning patterns in materials that are in harmony with online learning of Islamic law at Islamic Religious College is right on target and quickly to ripen the future of science in this country of Indonesia.

Due to the limitations of all activities and obstacles that are carried out in place or carried out from home, especially in primary and secondary education, all students are required to attend and do various tasks and activities from home. The impact is changing the entire teaching model and the education system, it is mandatory to start to innovate in teaching and learning activities. The Ministry is authorized and has the right then to strengthen it with regulation number 4 of 2020 which contains "to encourage all educational activities and activities to be carried out remotely where the process of knowledge transformation must not be in offline classes but virtually between homes where teachers and students live , the contents of this ministerial regulation are all institutions or agencies so that they can look for various innovations related to the latest and not boring teaching and learning activities".

Being a problem that is felt by all Indonesian people during the Covid-19 pandemic which requires them to stay at home, this will trigger and create a sense of stress and boredom in parents, especially children4. Therefore, the position of parents must understand how to prevent children from feeling bored and bored while being at home. Among the efforts that must be considered is to meet the psychological needs of children. Therefore, parents are demanded to be able to create an environment that feels comfortable, safe, harmonious and the love of parents in the family to be able to strengthen the emotional

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relationship between parents and children, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic which requires parents and children to be expected always active at home.

The criticality of education problems during the Covid-19 era is seen when parents become teachers at home, with various parental backgrounds, this happens in all regions of the world. In this Covid-19 pandemic period, the learning that must be applied by the government is the application of learning with learning methods in the scope of online or online learning, starting with online learning implemented in schools that is not evenly distributed between one city and another even though it is within the scope of one region.

Apart from that, various problems arise during online learning and practice, especially in the media and parents, which can be seen from various aspects of parents who have a role as a teacher at home, mobile phones-androids, and supporting internet network connections. And as a result, there are three things that are unexpectedly important that become the dynamics of teaching and learning activities.

It is the main factor for parents, namely the task of learning children, it is only natural that parents are called the first madrasa for children at home. mentions that the family scope is also the first environment or place for children to get lessons and demand various kinds of knowledge, starting from here the duties and responsibilities of the role of parents as the first teacher in learning. Considering how significant responsibility is in the duties and role of parents in educating a child at home. Not a few researchers have proven their research results that the role of parents or what parents do to their children can affect children's achievement, and it can be said that the success or failure of the results of children's learning depends on their parents. Parents who always pay attention to their children's learning and motivate them at home will make children more active and enthusiastic in increasing their children's learning achievement both at school and outside of school.

The benefits of this research are theoretical and practical. The practical benefit is to add insight to new and fresh knowledge for people who read it. Theoretically, it will be useful for researchers in the future to be able to overcome various problems of parents in

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accompanying children to study and useful for researchers who discuss current issues related to the covid-19 pandemic.

METHODS

This research method is a qualitative research, research that can produce descriptive data in the form of oral from the attitudes and behavior of people who can be observed or written words. Researchers as a key tool and research results prioritize meaning rather than generalization\(^{11}\). Researchers took this research with the intent and purpose to describe, explain data about the problems of distance learning during the COVID-19 pandemic at the junior high school level. The type of research used in this study is a descriptive qualitative research design.

This article describes the problems of distance learning faced during the COVID-19 pandemic and the role of parents in dealing with these problems. In its application, it is done by searching and collecting data, managing data, and presenting data factually and rationally. The subjects of the research were parents and principals at Madrasah Ibtidaiyah (MI) Muhammadiyah 3 Panatar Sewu, Tanggulangin sub-district, Muhammadiyah 6 Krian Junior High School (SMP). both schools are located in Sidoarjo Regency.

In the data collection technique in this study, the researcher used observation, documentation, and interview techniques. Based on the data collection technique used, the instrument in this study is dealing with the role of parents in dealing with distance learning problems during the COVID-19 pandemic. The instrument in question is: online research to observe the situation indirectly online the learning implementation process. Media laptops, smartphones, google forms, are tools that are intended to obtain data based on observation techniques, interviews and documents related to learning that are demanded directly by education personnel. Based on the data collection technique, the instrument in this study is related to the role of parents in distance learning problems experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following research was conducted by identifying ongoing problems in the community and often found in learning activities in schools during the Covid-19 pandemic. with online learning methods. social conditions that are part of this research are online learning media, teachers or parents, and students. Then the data will be collected, analyzed, and concluded according to the needs that will occur and the stage of solving the problem is in the form of creative and innovative distance learning strategies during the Covid-19 pandemic.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Problems of Distance Learning (Online) in Schools

The main solution and the only way in implementing teaching and learning activities in schools is to do school from home (SFH) or online learning, especially for red zone areas that have been determined by the local government. Of course, there are many problems that arise for schools, students and even parents in accompanying their children in distance learning.

From the results of the study according to the data we got and we did it at Muhammadiyah 6 Krian school, Sidoarjo Regency. By distributing questionnaires and based on the results of interviews with the principal and several parents of students who are the objects of our research, so that we can get the results of this study stating that there are problems that parents often face when accompanying their children in distance or online learning.12

In the process of teaching and learning activities, there are many problems that occur and are experienced by teachers as educators and are divided into indicators including: the process of delivering learning materials, interaction activities with students in the learning process, quality stabilizing elements and learning facilities, preparation of curriculum devices by referring to circumstances. is happening during a pandemic. In the implementation of distance or online learning at this time also raises various problems that become obstacles from various parties, according to the data that the researchers produced at SMPM 6 Krian Sidoarjo, there were 215 respondents from parents of students, and also based on the results of interviews with the principal. Finally, from all that researchers found there were problems as follows:

First, the difficulty or recession of parents when accompanying their children to study. This problem is often a complaint of parents of students, apart from all parental activities which often run out of time outside the home, time confiscated by work, economic support activities and so on which makes parents have very little time to meet their children, so when they go home At home, parents are exhausted, tired and not as much as possible to accompany their children's learning activities. Apart from that, the ability of parents to explain or explain the material is also felt to be very lacking, especially in using online learning tools that they have not mastered.

Second, the limited network quota, in distance learning activities carried out online, the main requirement that must be prepared is internet access, so it is hoped that with sufficient internet access students can participate in online learning to the fullest, of course with the assistance of parents, which is a problem with internet access. not fulfilled, this results in parents having to spend more to be able to buy various online learning needs.

Third, it tends to be difficult to condition learning time at home, distance learning or online in a new system and inevitably the government must continue to apply it to suppress the increase in the spread of the virus, and this incident also made students shocked by the existing conditions so that they needed adaptation to the current situation. the existing system, as a result, not a few parents have difficulty controlling their children in learning carried out at their respective homes and conditioning their children to remain enthusiastic and active. The boredom felt by children due to too long studying from home also greatly affects their enthusiasm.

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for learning so that they tend to be lazy and reluctant to participate in online learning\textsuperscript{13}.

\textbf{Fourth}, the content of the material taught online or online may not necessarily be understood by all students, because the content of the material is delivered or packaged in the form of digital books, powerpoints, and in the form of learning videos, allowing the material to be more easily understood, but students are not comprehensive, the understanding between one another is different or their respective points of view. This incident was proven by the many responses and requests to explain further the material being taught either via telephone or chat.

Apart from the problems above, there are also problems that are often the subject of complaints by parents in accompanying their children's online learning, but these problems are still at a low level, these problems are the condition of teachers who are less able to manage or regulate learning, the condition of the home environment and unsupportive families.

![Figure 1: Online or offline learning parent response research](image)

In the diagram above, 19\% choose to continue studying at home fearing the spread of the covid-19 virus and as many as 81\% of parents choose learning activities at school to reopen, of course with various considerations and the appropriate protocol is applied. It's all because parents feel they can't handle this situation, they are busy with work outside and at home, and they are added with intense child learning assistance.

The Problems of Online Learning: The Role Of Parents During The Covid-19 Pandemic

The diagram above shows the results of the condition of parents who are no longer able to use their children's online learning, as much as 47% of parents' difficulties both from understanding their children's learning material, flexibility in operating the device, 35% limited quota used for online learning, considering the affluent economic condition, parents starting to be good at managing the family economy, 9% of children's conditions are difficult to manage due to the environment, uncontrolled relationships, and 9% of other problems.

The Role Of Parents In Accompanying Children When Learning

The figure of the presence of parents in the growth and development of children is very influential in their lives, parental awareness of their responsibilities as educators is the main pillar that greatly influences children's development. The family as a component unit or the smallest element of society and is also the initial basis for the formation of a society, therefore the family becomes the main and fundamental medium for the growth and development of a child. In a study it was stated that the potential of children at an early age develops well if parents are present in their scope and always care about their growth and development. This also applies to accompanying children while studying. In his research on parental involvement in literacy learning in elementary schools, the results showed that the presence of parents was very influential in improving children's learning. Later in the study again mentions the role of parents in assisting children while studying is a very big role.

Remember that the position and active role of parents are very high and valuable for their children, and children have a core duty, namely learning. The task of learning becomes

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16 Wahidin, “Mahasiswa Pascasarjana Institut Agama Islam Negeri Purwokerto * Email : Elkasihilyasafiddin2801@gmail.com” 3, no. 1 (2019): 232–45.
the main task of a child or student, because the philosophy of learning is essentially creating a young generation that is independent, creative, innovative, intelligent, responsible and faithful\(^\text{19}\). Therefore, the role of parents is needed to be a substitute for teachers when they are at home in guiding their children during distance learning activities, at least parents are able to have the role of teachers at home, as facilitators, become motivator figures when children start to look bored and parents become directors or influence on child.\(^\text{20}\)

From looking at the dynamics of the problems of distance learning or online learning that occur and are faced by parents and their children, there are several solutions that we have analyzed from various problems that often occur. First, it is necessary to hold workshops, seminars or special activities that involve teachers and other educators to prepare for distance or online learning. These activities can make it easier for teachers and educators to prepare various techniques and methods, especially in new situations, as well as in equating perceptions between teachers, parents and students. All of this will happen if all components or elements of education are compact and receive support from the education office during this pandemic outbreak. Then second, after the above activities can be carried out, then there are routine or periodic evaluation activities, this can be done by the school (class teacher, school principal) with parents or students, so that various obstacles can be found and can make various formulations and sharing for solutions. between the two parties looking for the best to solve the problems that have occurred.\(^\text{21}\)

**CONCLUSION**

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced the world sector in the field of education to act quickly, one of which is by doing distance learning or online learning in order to suppress the increase in the number of patients. Likewise, parents cannot be separated from the circle that requires to guard, accompany their children’s learning activities, in order to foster the motivation and passion of their children even though learning activities are carried out at home or online. The obligation of children in completing school assignments given by the teacher is a demand. Communication activities between schools and parents are expected to be well established. The problems that parents often face include: first, the difficulty of parents in accompanying their children. Second, limited network quota. Third, it tends to be difficult to condition when learning at home is fourth, the content of the material taught online or online may not necessarily be understood by all students. Seeing these various problems, at least there are several things that can overcome them, namely: First, it is necessary to hold workshops, seminars or special activities that involve teachers and other educators to prepare for distance or online learning. Second, routine or periodic evaluation activities between the school and parents.

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