

The Role of Marriage Development and Preservation Advisory Agency In Anticipating Divorce Rate

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| Info Articles | Abstract |
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| <p>Article History Received : 2018-07-06 Revised: 2018-07-12 Published: 2018-07-30</p> <p>Keywords: <i>Divorce Prevention; Marriage Counseling; Family Resilience; BP4; Islamic Family Law.</i></p> | <p>The big point of this research is how does the role of advising council and preservation of marriage as the council of advising and preservation of marriage at the regency of Labuhanbatu Raya contribute. The purpose of this research is to analyze about the role of advising council and preservation of marriage as the council of advising and preservation of marriage at regency of Labuhanbatu Raya which was provided by the government. socialization about honesty marriage, mawaddah, wa rahma and piety. And the affordability of BP4 to oppress the divorce rates at the regency of Labuhanbatu Raya is going spirit to do national movement, this program is running well as the founding honest marriage for every month based on frame work and reformation agenda on social custom and affordable to create the highest communities' moral, faithful, worship and honorable attitude. Meanwhile the obstruction factor divided into internal and external. And the support factor is the communities hope and support toward being on having an honest marriage</p> |

I. INTRODUCTION

The BP4's role and contribution aims to guide prospective brides and grooms before marriage, by providing counseling and advice to married couples and finding solutions for those seeking divorce through legal action or talaq. According to Lili Rasjidi, the BP4's purpose is to act as a community organization working to reduce the divorce rate and enhance marital harmony providing advice to those experiencing marital crises and disagreements, by enhancing the value of marital harmony and realizing a prosperous household according to Islamic guidance. Therefore, to achieve this goal, the role or contribution of BP4 includes the following efforts:

1. Providing advice and information on matters of marriage, divorce, divorce and reconciliation to those who wish to do so and the general public;
2. Reduce the occurrence of divorce and polygamy;
3. Providing assistance in resolving marital difficulties and domestic

disputes according to religious law;

4. Publish books or brochures and organize courses, training, discussions, seminars and so on;
5. Cooperate with agency or institutions Which simultaneously its objectives at home and abroad;
6. Other businesses that are considered useful.

The role of the Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4) as a mediator is not to force a resolution or draw binding conclusions, but rather to empower the disputing parties or those about to marry, to determine what solution they desire. The mediator only encourages and facilitates dialogue, helps the parties clarify their needs and desires, prepares guidelines, assists the parties in rectifying differences of opinion and works together towards a mutually acceptable, binding resolution.

Paying attention to the goals and efforts carried out by the Advisory Body for the Development and Preservation of Marriage (BP4), it turns out that its position has an

important position, in fact this position will increase in importance along with the growth and development of an era where respect for marriage continues to decline due to a free lifestyle. Living together, freedom to make love, freedom to marry and divorce which are starting to appear in society as well as a very tough challenge for the Marriage Development and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4) to overcome, is the task of the Marriage Development and Preservation Advisory Board Marriage (BP4) aims to provide a broad understanding that the institution of marriage is the most perfect embodiment of the pursuit of human happiness and well-being. BP4 is a semi-official body or institution tasked with assisting the Ministry of Religious Affairs in improving the quality of marriage by developing a harmonious family movement and religious education within the family environment.

BP4 is an institution that provides guidance and advice on marital issues to the community. By observing the duties of BP4, it will be possible to obtain information on how big the role of BP4 is in handling marital and divorce issues. Based on observations, there are still many husbands and wives, especially in Labuhanbatu Raya Regency, who are unable to maintain the continuity of their household. In connection with this, the researcher is interested in examining the above problems, and it seems that from the background of the problem above, the author is interested in improving the study in a study that can be used as a form of BP4's manifestation in anticipating divorce rates through a title; "The Role of the Advisory Board for Guidance and Preservation of Marriage (BP4) in Anticipating Divorce Rates (Study on BP4 Labuhanbatu Raya Regency)".

II. RESEARCH METHODS

This study applies a normative juridical

research method supported by a sociological legal approach. The normative approach is used to examine legal provisions related to marriage, divorce prevention, and the roles and functions of the Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4), including laws and regulations governing marriage and family resilience in Indonesia. Meanwhile, the sociological approach is employed to analyze the implementation of BP4 programs and activities in anticipating divorce rates within the community of Labuhanbatu Raya Regency. The research uses primary, secondary, and tertiary legal materials obtained through literature review and supported by interview findings. Data are analyzed qualitatively using a descriptive-analytical method to explain the role, programs, supporting factors, and obstacles faced by BP4 in reducing divorce rates and strengthening family resilience.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. History of the Establishment of the Marriage Development and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4)

The Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board or abbreviated to (BP4) is a socio-religious association organization which is considered a partner or partnership in the Ministry of Religion and other related agencies. In an effort to improve the quality of Muslim marriages in Indonesia, the BP4 was incorporated into guidance and counseling efforts, which would certainly protect Muslim families throughout Indonesia. BP4 was officially established on January 3, 1961, in Jakarta, based on Decree No. 85 of 1961 of the Minister of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, which established the BP4 management.

In 1978, BP4, which was headquartered in the office, specifically in the Istiqlal Mosque, room 66, signaled the message that BP4 was

entrusted with implementing the message in the letter at-Tahrim verse 6 and one of the messages of the 6 rights between fellow Muslims, namely if he asks you for advice, then give it. BP4 headquarters, in particular, until now, every working day, still consistently provides consultation and guidance services as well as counseling in the context of marriage consultation services and legal advice.

Meanwhile, BP4 in Labuhanbatu Raya Regency was officially inaugurated by the Head of the Regional Office of the Department of Religion of Sumatra Province in 2000, namely on September 30, 2000. At that time, it was located at the Department of Religion of Labuhanbatu Raya Regency, namely in South Rantau City (Safiruddin, 2018)

B. The program is planned by the Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4) in an effort to anticipate the divorce rate in Labuhanbatu Raya Regency

What programs are planned by the Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4) in an effort to anticipate the divorce rate in the Ministry of Religion of Labuhanbatu Raya, namely through BP4 requesting the religious court, so that every person who will divorce must come to BP4 first before filing a lawsuit with the Rantauprapat religious court. This program is essentially not yet optimal in terms of implementation, the BP4 program in reducing the divorce rate has been programmed on September 30, 2000 then in 2012 the BP4 program of the Ministry of Religion of Labuhanbatu Raya Regency was implemented by implementing seven basic aspects in its program, namely forming fields including;

- 1) Field of prospective bride courses
- 2) Advocacy field
- 3) Mediator field
- 4) Field of extension, guidance and counseling
- 5) Welfare sector

- 6) The field of education and
- 7) Development field

The seven programs in accordance with their respective fields were established on June 20, 2012, as a form of expanded planning after the establishment of BP4 at the Ministry of Religious Affairs of Labuhanbatu Raya Regency on September 30, 2000. The seven aspects of the planning above are in accordance with the fields, as evidenced by the small number of people who are going to divorce who come to BP4 first. In dealing with the hard hearts of couples who are going to divorce, BP4 makes it difficult for couples who are going to divorce by providing advice tailored to the problems that cause the divorce. The planning efforts above are carried out to make it difficult for divorce to occur. This is in accordance with the role and responsibility of BP4, namely providing advice to people who are going to divorce. If these efforts can be carried out properly, it will minimize the occurrence of divorce.

C. Activities carried out by the Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4) in an effort to anticipate the divorce rate in Labuhanbatu Raya Regency

The activities carried out by the Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4) in an effort to anticipate the divorce rate in Labuhanbatu Raya Regency are as follows;

- 1) In the opening. The Head of BP4 as the session leader opened the session with greetings and reading Basmallah and was followed by the trial participants.
- 2) The Head of BP4 introduced himself and introduced other BP4 officers who attended the hearing
- 3) The Head of BP4 explained that the BP4's role in the hearing was as a marriage counselor and the decision was in the hands of the couple who were going to divorce.

- 4) The Head of BP4 asked about the marriage between a husband and wife who were going to divorce, such as the ages of both parties, year of marriage, condition of both parties at the time of marriage, age of marriage, and number of children.
- 5) In the main session, before giving both parties an opportunity to explain their case, the head of the BP4 provided a general overview of divorce and recited the word of God and the arguments for divorce. The goal was to help the couple contemplating a divorce open their hearts to renouncing their intention to separate from their partner.
- 6) The Head of BP4 gave the husband the opportunity to explain the problem that had occurred.
- 7) The head of BP4 also gave the wife the opportunity to explain the situation of the case. This is done so that the real problem can be known.
- 8) After both parties explained the problems that occurred, witnesses from both parties were also given the opportunity to explain the problems they knew about.
- 9) After additional explanation by the witness, the husband and wife were given the opportunity to express their respective wishes.
- 10) The Head of BP4 began to understand the issues at hand and consider the wishes of each party. He began offering advice to the couple based on the issues they were facing.
- 11) The Head of BP4 gave other BP4 officers the opportunity to provide input to couples who were going to divorce.
- 12) If the couple who are going to divorce still insist on getting a divorce, the head of BP4 will try hard to give advice, The BP4

explains the impact of divorce on both parties and their children. In providing advice, BP4 officers use soothing language to calm both parties' emotions.

- 13) In closing, if there is an agreement, the minutes of the meeting will summarize the agreement.
- 14) If no agreement is reached at the first hearing, a second hearing will be held. The time for the second hearing is mutually agreed upon by the BP4 officer and the couple seeking divorce. Once an agreement has been reached on the time for the second hearing, the head of the BP4 will announce the time again.
- 15) BP4 closed the session with a reading of Hamdallah and was followed by the trial participants

D. Inhibiting and supporting factors of the Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4) in its efforts to anticipate divorce rates in Labuhanbatu Raya Regency

In terms of inhibiting factors, of course, all institutions have problems that can make the routine or the course of a planned program experience obstacles, these obstacles are in the form of time, energy, thoughts and so on. In carrying out its duties and functions, BP4 at the Ministry of Religious Affairs of Labuhanbatu Raya certainly faces inhibiting factors, researchers found in BP4 KUA Bilah Hilir District, as the results of an interview with the head of KUA Bilah Hilir Mr. Firdaus, among them can be categorized into three groups, namely:

The first category includes married couples with weak religious understanding. One of the keys to creating a harmonious, loving, and compassionate family (SAMARATA) is a mature level of religious understanding. A devout wife is a righteous wife, who will bring goodness to her husband.

Conversely, a woman with weak religious understanding will bring evil to her household.

The second category includes couples from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. They are unable to fulfill their obligations or responsibilities, resulting in frequent disagreements between them in their married life. Another factor is their very low level of education, which leads to a lack of understanding of the meaning and purpose of marriage, and their lack of adequate preparation, which can lead to conflict.

The third category includes married couples from the middle to upper economic classes. They are generally capable of fulfilling their obligations and responsibilities, but selfishness or a desire for self-sufficiency within each partner leads to conflict or disagreements. Furthermore, cases and problems within this group are also caused by interfaith marriages, which, due to differing beliefs and principles, can ultimately lead to disagreements and conflicts, resulting in a lack of harmony in the household.

In side three group in on, There is also a number of factorother obstacles (barriers or constraints), Including:

- 1) The position or status of BP4 regarding APBN and APBD assistance is not yet clear.
- 2) The less than optimal implementation of BP4's duties and functions in a comprehensive manner is caused by the existence or still weakness of human resources and limited supporting facilities and infrastructure.
- 3) The managerial capabilities of BP4 administrators are inadequate.
- 4) The development of globalization and the increasing influence of information technology have had an impact on the lives of people and beyond, such as the spread of hedonistic, materialistic and

consumerist lifestyles that are contrary to religious values.

- 5) The increasing number of troubled families requiring counseling assistance.
- 6) Human resource factors regarding religious understanding must always be improved.
- 7) There is a psychological factor among BP4 Bilah Hilir District clients globally who are less able to control their egos, this is related to the personal or individual temperament of BP4 Bilah Hilir District functionaries on a vocational basis.
- 8) Lack of support from local and central governments regarding funding for BP4 operations, especially in Bilah Hilir District.
- 9) There are still some people in the Bilah Hilir District who are less able to understand and comprehend the function of the role and responsibility as well as the actual implementation of the BP4, so that very few and few people use BP4 services optimally, because some of them still consider BP4 to be very identical to KUA. (This was found by researchers that the assumptions or opinions of the people in Labuhanbatu Raya Regency mostly consider that BP4 is full of or identical to the KUA work program and consider that most people in Labuhanbatu Raya Regency that BP4 is an anticipatory body for divorce in the community and consider that BP4 has succeeded in carrying out TUFOKSI / main tasks and their contents well even though there are still some who are not successful due to the commitment of husband and wife who want to continue to divorce).

E. Supporting Factors for the Role of the Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4) in Anticipating Divorce Rates at the Ministry of Religion

of Labuhanbatu Raya

- 1) The high level of community hope and support for the formation of harmonious families is evident, as found by researchers at the BP4 in Panai Hulu District, along with Mr. Darwinsyah.
- 2) Strong support from government agencies for the BP4 institution in realizing a happy and eternal family institution based on the One Almighty God in accordance with the objectives of marriage as stated in Law Number 1 of 1974 concerning marriage and in the Compilation of Islamic Law (KHI). The village government and assisted by the Panai Hulu sub-district government coordinate and cooperate with BP4, KUA Panai Hulu, P3N and religious instructors as well as SKPD of Panai Hulu District government in increasing the existence of guidance and training through its BP4 and based on law number 1 of 1974 concerning marriage, it becomes the basis for them to continue to strive to instill awareness in the local community that maintaining the integrity of the household is a pillar/pillar in building worship to Allah SWT.
- 3) Expert support for marriage counseling and family development efforts. This expert support refers to collaboration between the National Marriage Counseling Agency (P3N), the Religious Affairs Office (BP4 KUA), religious counselors, and the Village Work Units (SKPD) of Panai Hulu District/sub-district heads, down to their staff, to improve the quality of marriage, mediation, and advocacy within the district.
- 4) Opening up synergistic cooperative relationships with various organizations or community institutions that have the same vision, mission and goals.
- 5) High participation from cross-sectoral agencies or institutions and Islamic mass organizations.
- 6) Legal basis, laws and regulations that support the BP4 organization.
- 7) Availability of experts in their fields to support the duties and functions of BP4 at the central and regional levels.
- 8) Great attention and support from the government and society will create a healthy and prosperous family, both physically and mentally, filled with an atmosphere of peace, love, mercy and piety.
- 9) The willingness of society to imitate and emulate the attitudes and behavior of exemplary mothers who are selected through the selection of exemplary mothers.

IV. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

A. Conclusion

Based on the results of the analysis and discussion in chapter IV, as well as the answers to the problem formulation in chapter I, the researcher concludes that:

1. What programs are planned by the Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4) in an effort to anticipate the divorce rate in Labuhanbatu Raya Regency?

Planning and implementing article 4 of the BP4 articles of association, which is guided by Islamic law applicable in Indonesia and based on the values contained in Pancasila as an ideology based on socialization about a peaceful, loving, compassionate and pious marriage

Plan and implement programs in the field of education and training as well as coaching for the sakinah family and human resource development, in the field of legal consultation and marriage and family advice, programs in the field of information, communication and information, programs in the field of advocacy and mediation

and in the field of sakinah family development, coaching for children, teenagers and the elderly.

2. What activities are carried out by the Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4) in an effort to anticipate the divorce rate in Labuhanbatu Raya Regency?

Implementing a national movement, this program is implemented in fostering harmonious families, carried out every month based on efforts to lay the foundations for the framework and agenda for socio-cultural development reform in an effort to create a society with high morals, full of faith, piety and noble morals.

Carrying out and implementing the role and position of religious education. In principle, this program seeks to increase the community's cultivation, practice and appreciation of the values of faith, piety and noble morals in social, national and state life within the framework of marital harmony.

3. Inhibiting and supporting factors for the Marriage Guidance and Preservation Advisory Board (BP4) in its efforts to anticipate the divorce rate in Labuhanbatu Raya Regency. The inhibiting factors are divided into two parts, namely external and internal, namely;
 - a. Some husbands and wives still have a weak understanding of religion.
 - b. Some husband and wife have a weak economic level.
 - c. Some of the husband and wife have an upper middle economic level.
 - d. The position or status of BP4 regarding APBN and APBD assistance is not yet clear.
 - e. The implementation of BP4's duties and functions in a comprehensive manner is not yet optimal.
 - f. The managerial capabilities of BP4 administrators are inadequate.

The supporting factors are;

- a. The high hopes and support of society for the formation of a harmonious family.
- b. Strong support from government agencies

for the BP4 institution in realizing a happy and eternal family institution based on the One Almighty God in accordance with the objectives of marriage as stated in Law Number 1 of 1974 concerning marriage and in the Compilation of Islamic Law (KHI).

B. Suggestions

Based on the findings, BP4 should strengthen the implementation of counseling, mediation, and premarital education programs continuously to improve public understanding of the importance of maintaining household harmony. Increasing religious understanding, emotional maturity, and economic preparedness among prospective couples should become a priority to minimize divorce risks.

Furthermore, the government needs to provide greater institutional and financial support to BP4, including improving human resources, infrastructure, and operational funding, so that BP4 can perform its duties more effectively. Public awareness regarding the role and function of BP4 should also be enhanced through socialization programs, considering that many communities still have limited understanding of BP4 services.

Finally, stronger cooperation between BP4, local governments, religious institutions, counselors, and community organizations is necessary to develop comprehensive strategies for preventing divorce and creating harmonious, prosperous, and sustainable families.

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