

# **EFFORTS TO FULFILL THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES**

## **Study on the West Java Indonesian Association of People with Disabilities**

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### **ABSTRAK**

Humans have unlimited needs, which continue to increase from time to time, and people always try their best to satisfy these needs. Everything you want to have, achieve and enjoy is called a human need. Humans are driven to do something to meet these needs. Economic activity and social behavior with disabilities are more likely to experience unfavorable socioeconomic outcomes such as lack of education, poorer health outcomes, and lower employment rates. In the last decade, progress has been made in the rights of persons with disabilities, but persons with disabilities and their families still face various socio-economic challenges. The purpose of this study is to describe efforts to meet the socio-economic needs of persons with disabilities, to describe efforts to meet the socio-economic needs of persons with disabilities. The method used is a qualitative approach, which is carried out by reviewing research descriptively. socio-economic needs with the variety of creativity they have, of course, with the experiences that make people with disabilities able to rise and now be able to live life in an environment that can always support in all conditions.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Everyone in this world wants to be born a healthy and perfect person physically and mentally. Likewise with people with disabilities, they do not want their children to be born with bad physical or mental conditions. People with disabilities are often looked down upon and considered weak. However, their powerlessness is often the result of discrimination and injustice in several aspects of life (Nashir, 2018).

Persons with disabilities are usually considered vulnerable in terms of economy, education, and skills. Their physical condition is also vulnerable. as well as the community, the company has not fully utilized persons with disabilities as a way to survive. In fact, persons with disabilities work not only to increase income economically, but also to have an impact on the field of social life (Purinami, et al, 2018)

PPDI (Indonesian Association of People with Disabilities) West Java Province which is in Cimahi City, people with disabilities are greatly helped by the existence of the West Java PPDI. Through the PPDI (Indonesian Association of Disabled People) organization, people with disabilities really accept their current condition, that they do have physical limitations. Even so, their enthusiasm is very high to be able to fulfill their socio-economic needs fully. The way they engage in the social environment is by building social networks, skills and carrying out various social roles. Apart from that, they can fulfill socio-economic needs such as, growing self-confidence, gaining social support, changing stigma, building social networks, training for physical disabilities, entrepreneurship carried out by people with physical disabilities in West Java PPDI, athletes.

From the statement above, researchers are very interested in carrying out in-depth research regarding efforts to fulfill the socio-economic needs of people with physical disabilities studying at PPDI (Indonesian Association of People with Disabilities) West Java.

According to the Big Indonesian Dictionary, concept means; understanding, mental images of objects, processes, opinions (understanding), plans (ideals) that have been thought about. So that all activities run systematically and smoothly, a plan is needed that is easy to understand and understand. Careful planning adds to the quality of the activity. In a thorough activity plan, there is an idea that will be

implemented or carried out by a particular group or individual. This planning can be shaped into a concept map.

## METHOD

This research was conducted at PPDI (Indonesian Association of Persons with Disabilities) West Java Province. With the consideration that there are persons with disabilities in PPDI Jabar where its members continue to strive to meet socio-economic needs.

This research uses a type of qualitative descriptive research that aims to describe, summarize various conditions, various situations, or various phenomena of social reality that exist in society which are the object of research, and draw that reality to the surface as a feature, character, characteristics, models, signs, or descriptions of certain situations or phenomena (Bungin, 2007:68).

Determination of informants in this study used a purposive sampling technique, namely the selection of informants with certain considerations, with the assumption that informants best understand the information that researchers expect so that it makes it easier for researchers to explore certain objects or social situations. The informants in this research association were: the general secretary of PPDI (Indonesian Association of Persons with Disabilities), 6 members of the West Java Association of Indonesian Associations of Persons with

Disabilities (PPDI), all of whom are disabled.

The field data collection technique used in this research is literature study, namely studies conducted to analyze the topic of the problem to be studied either in the form of data taken from documents, archives, journals, articles, research results or books that are relevant to the research topic . And field research, namely observation (observation) open and in-depth interviews, and documentation.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The Indonesian Association of Persons with Disabilities, West Java Province, has a branch management board in Cimahi City. Initially it was called the Indonesian Disabled Association (PPCI), but in 2016 it changed its name to PPDI. Currently the West Java PPDI is chaired by Mr. Pak Adik Fachroji who has just served as chairman from 2023 to 2028. The West Java PPDI activity plan for this new period is

First, overseeing the implementation of elections because this is a new thing for people with disabilities, there are already several members who have passed administrative verification and are ready to compete to win 4 seats in RI. Then there are administrators who took part in the selection of election supervisory body commissioners at the provincial level and have passed the verification selection. , administration, psychological data written tests. Then there were administrators who took part in the selection of commissioners for the regional and city level supervisory committees, and many more with disabilities who ran as

candidates for the legislature in Ciamis, Karawang, Purwakarta. it is hoped that through future hearings PPDI Jabar will have a tendency to concentrate on socialization programs on disability abilities in general. Fulfillment of social needs to change the public's perspective by exposing it hopes for a change in the perspective of disability

Second, if the funding is acceded by the West Java PPDI social service, it will provide graphic design training for the deaf, speech and physical then other trainings that are tailored to the interests and talents of the members

Third, then there will be incidental events from the spiritual bureau, for example: the MTQ-MHQ competition for disabilities in Jabar

PPDI's goal is to fight for the fulfillment of the rights of persons with disabilities so that they have equal opportunities in all aspects of life and livelihood and can participate fully in national development.

### a. Efforts to meet socio-economic needs at PPDI West Java

Disability impacts individuals, families, communities and society from a social and economic perspective including analyzing the social barriers and inequalities faced by people with disabilities, as well as analyzing the economic impact of disability on various aspects of life.

equality and disability rights are important components of the socio-economic conversation about disability. From a social perspective, people with disabilities have been marginalized and

excluded from society. They also face discrimination and limited access to essential services such as schools, careers and public spaces. By fighting for the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities, the socio-economic perspective seeks to address these disparities.

From an economic perspective, disability can have a significant impact on individuals and their families. People with disabilities often experience unemployment rates that are higher or half those of those without disabilities. This can lead to financial problems, greater reliance on social welfare programs, and fewer opportunities for social mobility. Additionally, additional costs associated with disability, such as health care, assistive devices, and changes in accessibility, can exacerbate existing inequalities.

Social functioning is the ability to cope with environmental demands which are life tasks. In a good and normal life there is a balance between environmental demands and the individual's ability to overcome them. If there is an imbalance between the two then problems occur, for example environmental demands exceed the individual's capabilities. In this case, social work helps balance environmental demands with the individual's ability to overcome them (Barlett, 1970 in Fahrudin, 2018).

According to the West Java branch of the Indonesian Association of Persons with Disabilities whose DPC is in Cimahi City, people with physical disabilities often experience discrimination in society which affects the social conditions they experience. However, for people with disabilities who

are members of the West Java PPDI, they continue to try to restore their social functioning so that they are not considered inferior by society whose conditions are normal. Through the West Java PPDI organization, people with disabilities are trying to build efforts to meet their socio-economic needs.

### **Efforts to Fulfill the Social Needs of People with Disabilities**

The need for community (social needs). Someone feels the need to join other people to develop their life. They are then willing to obey the mutually agreed rules, division of work and so on. Marriage is seen as a form of fulfilling society's needs.

Social needs are everything that concerns the need to interact with others and maintain mutual relationships. People with disabilities who have physical limitations. In order for the social needs of people with physical disabilities to be met, they need to interact with other people in a positive way, including the general public. The social life of people with disabilities is to realize efforts to fulfill social needs by gaining self-confidence, getting social support, building social networks, and avoiding negative stigma.

#### **1. Build self-confidence**

Most of the persons with disabilities at PPDI Jabar have disabilities due to the polio virus which requires amputating their legs. Their incomplete physical condition makes them insecure when adapting to society. They often engage in various activities and make adjustments to meet

their needs. This is a way to build self-confidence. People with disabilities, even though at this time they seem so enthusiastic about living their lives, they have also been in a phase where they were traumatized by the conditions they experienced, where they were embarrassed to interact with the people around them. One effort to increase the confidence of a person with a physical disability is want to try something new by controlling the potential and enthusiasm they have. The potential possessed by persons with physical disabilities at PPDI Jabar, one of which is the potential possessed by pa amin in shedding his credibility in the workshop for wheelchairs and 3-wheeled motorbikes to help persons with disabilities meet their needs. from his condition and from there they were moved to get up.

## 2. Get social support

Everyone, including persons with disabilities, need social support. People naturally need social support from others, which means that family is the best place for everyone. Rutter (1993) states that social support is a basic need for everyone that is obtained from interaction in the social environment, namely love, affection, blessing, a sense of comfort, and a sense of belonging which can provide happiness. As vulnerable people, people with disabilities really need social support in their lives, both from their families and from people in their environment. This is caused by the main problem faced by persons with disabilities, namely the lack of support, mainly due to a lack of understanding, knowledge, skills and family care. Studies show that social support from the family, especially from parents, has

an effect on the life span of disabled persons with physical disabilities. As expressed by pa husin "It is very important, because the role of the family is very helpful because with disabilities, if there is no help from the family, you will not be able to progress, because I have heard from 2018 that in fact, many families hide disabilities, it should be left alone because yes we it's the same, it's just a difference, if I don't have enough support from my family, I'll feel inferior talking to my sister because yes, earlier a person with a disability won't progress without support" (Pak Husin) which was also expressed by Pak Iman "Wow, it's really important because my parents can support me. If I didn't have my parents, I don't know what it would be like"

Apart from that, the support received by people with disabilities who are currently registered at PPDI West Java can provide social support in the form of opportunities to share, help each other, and exchange experiences, preventing them from feeling alone and not feeling inferior because they have a disability. Additionally, getting support can help them become more self-confident so they can maximize their potential, become bolder and earn a steady income.

## 3. Build a social network

Building a social network can be an important way for people with disabilities to connect with other people, build friendships, and find support, because having lots of friends can help people with disabilities build cooperation which is of course based on a person's sense of self-confidence. In

this way, it can help them to improve their social relationships with other people.

PPDI West Java creates a forum for people with disabilities to gather people with disabilities in West Java. This can be a great way to connect with other people with disabilities who share the same experiences and interests. People with disabilities at PPDI West Java are all athletes who joined NPCI (National Paralympic Committee Indonesia). NPCI as a forum for people with disabilities can become athletes according to their interests and talents. This is also one of the ways to support people with disabilities by having a network. broad social.

“ Saya background nya dari pesantren saya dulu selama 10 tahun sampai wisuda setingkat D-3 Kalau saya alhamdulillah saya tidak ada hambatan, saya malah mendapatkan hasil yang sangat positive karena hasil saya mondok itu ada hasilnya untuk membantu orang lain.”

Pernyataan tersebut yang diungkapkan oleh Pak Dede, salahsatu pernyataan dari seorang penyandang disabilitas fisik yang membangun jaringan sosial selain di NPCI" My background comes from my previous Islamic boarding school for 10 years until I graduated at D-3 level. Thank God, I didn't have any obstacles, I actually got very positive results because the results of my boarding school had the result of helping other people."

This statement was expressed by Mr. Dede, one of the statements made by a person with a physical disability who has built a social network other than at NPCI.

#### 4. Negative Stigma.

Social stigma is a big problem faced by people with disabilities. People throughout society are often considered weak and helpless by people with disabilities. According to Pandita and Erna (2019), society is less aware of disability and has a strong traditional understanding, which tends to associate disability with magical and negative things. Society believes that persons with disabilities are looked down upon and find it difficult to get a job.

This statement was supported by Mr Yurisman: "The most difficult thing is changing the public stigma towards disability, therefore through future hearings we will have a tendency to concentrate on socialization programs on disability abilities in general. That's our way of changing the public's perspective by exposing that we hope that there will be a change in the perspective of disabilities”.

#### **b. Efforts to fulfill the economic needs of people with disabilities**

Meeting the economic needs of people with disabilities requires a multifaceted approach to addressing the constraints and difficulties they face. Important efforts that can help people with disabilities achieve financial stability and independence are programming that includes disability stigmatization, job support, financial assistance, access to technology, entrepreneurship, and advocacy. We can create a more just and inclusive society for all by working together to promote the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities. Reducing stigma and discrimination against children with disabilities (UNICEF)

#### **1. Physical disability training**

Training is a process of exchanging skills and knowledge. Teaching individuals who have skills through the training process. In the training process, individuals are provided with the basic skills necessary to achieve optimal results in the workplace. Training can help people with disabilities acquire skills that are suitable for the field of work they are in.

Training provided by PPDI West Java, especially wheelchair workshops for athletes at PPDI West Java and 3-wheeled motorbikes. Wheelchair workshop training for athletes and 3-wheeled motorbikes

Apart from that, there is a POKJA (working group) in the agricultural sector which is now starting to be explored by people with disabilities. In West Java there are already two farmer groups that focus on land management and the use of ponds for fisheries. Through the Indonesian Association of Persons with Disabilities (PPDI) at both provincial and city levels, empowerment of people with disabilities in this sector is increasingly being promoted

## **2. 2. Entrepreneurship carried out by people with physical disabilities at PPDI Jabar**

"I have been doing alternative medicine from 1999 until now, that's my permanent job, a reflexology massager, back acupressure massager, stun massager, that's my job," said Mr. Ono.

Mr. Ono has a business that comes from his abilities, namely becoming a masseuse. Apart from that, Mr. Ono opens training for prospective masseuses for people with disabilities, based on his abilities and the

desire to empower people with disabilities to earn income.

Apart from Mr. Ono, there is also Mr. Yepi, Mr. Yepi previously worked as a round tofu maker from 2013. The income of being a round tofu maker really changed Pa Yepi's condition, Pa Yepi, one of the physically disabled people in PPDI West Java, was disabled due to an incident, Pa Yepi really felt it. changes occurred at that time, and after several years, Mr. Yepi was able to get up and try to open a round tofu business.

In the past, I was a round tofu seller who used a car, sis, even though I was disabled, I was able to drive a car from 2013 until 2 months at the end of this year because my economy is currently going down, so I have been unemployed for 2 months without a job, said Mr. Yepi.

Disabilities should not be seen as limitations, but as unique characteristics that represent a range of abilities. Individuals with disabilities have diverse talents, skills, and strengths that can be leveraged to create income-generating opportunities. abilities in disability, demonstrating the possibility for individuals to utilize their special abilities and talents to generate income, by recognizing and respecting the qualities of these abilities, and can reduce social barriers, promote inclusion, and create a supportive atmosphere in which people with disabilities can thrive financially.

## **3. People with Disabilities Become Athletes**

Athletes with disabilities can engage in almost any activity, and there is adaptive

equipment available to facilitate participation in these activities if necessary, players with disabilities can compete in sports at a high level, and this level may only be partial for non-disabled and one study found that Of the 426 athletes who participated in the national event, a total of 32 percent of the athletes had some type of injury that resulted in lost time competing.

People with disabilities at PPDI West Java are all athletes, this statement is supported by Mr. Iman "here, all the disabled are athletes and their finances, thank God, are guaranteed. Each certificate is worth money and the money is not small. Those who get a bronze, that's 1 bronze, up to 20 to 35 million and yesterday someone won gold at PON Papua, some got gold worth 300 million to 1 billion, so when there is a competition like that, many disabled people here immediately take part, yes, that's the only way for disabled people to get money that is worth a lot, because "On average, it's difficult for people with disabilities to get the job they want, so maybe some of them go back to other people, bro, but judging from the age here, there are a lot of people who are elderly, so their hope is from sporting competitions."

## CONCLUSION

The researcher has conducted a field study and has described the results of the research that the researchers found in the field based on in-depth direct interviews with administrators and persons with physical disabilities in PPDI Jabar to get some of the research findings available

regarding Efforts to Meet the Socio-Economic Needs of Persons with Disabilities study at PPDI (Indonesian Association of Persons with Disabilities) West Java.

Efforts for persons with disabilities in PPDI Jabar include growing self-confidence, being different is very concerning to grow one's self-confidence through a very long process. from the family one of the plus points is because disability will not grow if without the support given, changing the stigma is something that is not very easy to do PPDI Jabar officials are currently struggling to become a legislative candidate for the DPRD, the hope is that becoming a legislative candidate can at least change the stigma a little community, efforts to meet the economic needs of persons with disabilities in West Java PPDI took part in the competition

sports activities, 99% of persons with disabilities in PPDI Jabar are athletes who are extraordinary, not a few of them have won bronze and gold, the result is that persons with disabilities can support their daily needs besides that there are also those who become entrepreneurs.

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