

The Role of The Management of Masjid At-Taubah in Religious Activities, Formation and Strengthening of Sakinah Families to Help Reduce the Trend of Divorce

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Abstract

The increasing trend of divorce is a serious concern in society, and sakinah families are considered a solution to overcome this problem. This study aims to explore the role of the administrators of Masjid At-Taubah in religious activities, formation and strengthening of sakinah families to help reduce the trend of divorce. Qualitative research methods with a case study approach are used to gain a deep understanding of the role of mosque administrators in an effort to form a harmonious family based on Islamic teachings. The results showed that the management of the At-Taubah mosque has a key role in religious programs that focus on fostering and strengthening the sakinah family. They design and organize a variety of programs, including lectures, recitations, parenting classes, family counseling, and workshops based on Islamic values. In implementing the program, mosque administrators actively involve all family members in religious activities, encouraging good communication and active involvement of married couples and other family members. Through these efforts, the mosque management succeeded in forming a sakinah family that has a common commitment and goal to achieve happiness in the world and the hereafter. The support and guidance provided by mosque administrators helps married couples overcome domestic problems and face life's challenges with full awareness of the teachings of Islam. This study concludes that the role of the administrators of the At-Taubah mosque in religious activities, formation and strengthening of sakinah families is very important in helping to reduce the trend of divorce. Religious programs organized by the mosque create an environment that supports the formation of harmonious and happy families based on Islamic values. It is hoped that with the active role and commitment of the mosque management, the sakinah family can become a solid foundation in forming a prosperous and peaceful society.

Keywords

Sakinah Family Formation, Divorce Trends, Religious Programs.

The family is a very important primary group child, the family arises because of the bond in society. Consisting of father, mother, and between husband and wife. As the earliest and

most basic institution in shaping the morals and personality of children, it is important for a family to be aware of its functions in society. One of these functions is to be a place for the growth of children or young generation who are qualified and useful for the nation and state. When a family can perform its functions well, then the family becomes a conducive place for the formation of a child's personality. But conversely, when the family cannot create a conducive climate for the moral development of children, children also experience obstacles in forming good behavior.

There are many problems that can arise in the family, some of which are: 1). Disputes, communication problems and strong differences of opinion can cause discord in the family, 2) economic problems, lack of money, unemployment and debt can be serious economic problems for families, 3) generational conflicts, differences in views and ways of thinking between generations can be a source of conflict in the family, 4) personal problems, health problems, personal happiness problems, and social problems in affecting the family, 5) Discipline problems, child discipline problems, such as lack of sense of responsibility and inappropriate behavior can be problems in the family, 6) infidelity, infidelity and infidelity can interfere with relationships in the family and cause problems, 7) educational problems, differences in views regarding children's education and school selection can cause problems in the family.

Especially for divorce problems, based on data from kadatada.co.id taken from the Central Bureau of Statistics that the trend of divorce in Indonesia is increasing every year. In 2018, Indonesia's divorce rate reached 408,202 cases, an increase of 9% compared to the previous year. The biggest cause of divorce in 2018 was continuous disputes and quarrels with 183,085 cases. Economic factors ranked second with 110,909 cases. While other problems are spouse leaving (17.55%), domestic violence (2.15%), and drunkenness (0.85%). One of the family crises contained in the Family Resilience Bill is divorce as in Article 74 paragraph 3c. Local governments are also obliged to carry out the handling of the divorce family crisis in Article 78 of the Resilience Bill.

The increasing number of divorce cases today goes hand in hand with changes in lifestyle and expectations, as well as the arrival of the current of modernization. According to Tasmin and Rini (Tasmin, 2002: 1) In Indonesia alone the divorce rate is as high as in the United States, which is 66.6%. The number of divorce cases in Indonesia can be seen from divorce news among celebrities. From there alone we can see how many divorce cases occur. And the child is the most disadvantaged victim of this case. The child becomes a child Broken Home makes him a person who changes from usual. The emotions he had were even more drastic changes.

Data from the Media Indonesia website which contains news with the title Divorce Rate in Indonesia Continues to Increase on the link <https://epaper.mediaindonesia.com/detail/angka-perceraian-di-indonesia-terus-meningkat> it is known that based on Indonesian statistical reports, the number of divorce cases in the country reached 447,743 cases in 2021, an increase of 53.50% when compared to 2020 which reached 291,677 cases. The report said wives filed for divorce more than husbands. It was recorded that 337,343 cases or 75.34 percent of divorces occurred as a result of divorce. This case is a lawsuit filed by the wife that has been decided by the court.

In other media, data was published that Bandung Regency had a number of divorces reaching 7,888 cases. The increase in divorce rates in Bandung Regency seems to have skyrocketed during the Covid-19 pandemic. The problem that is the factor that causes the most divorce is economic reasons. Reportedly, during the pandemic from 2020 to June 2021, more than 10,000 divorce cases have been heard in the district. (<https://nasional.okezone.com/read/2022/07/29/337/2638614/6-kota-penyumbang-perceraian-tinggi-di-indonesia-salah-satunya-indramayu>).

Divorce becomes a very difficult experience for couples and their families. Therefore, divorce prevention is very important. There are several things that can be used as an effort to prevent divorce, including: good communication, maintaining a strong emotional attachment between each other, resolving conflicts in a

healthy way, committing to supporting each other, and being open to marriage therapy.

A peaceful family or household is household whose entire family members are always safe, serene in an atmosphere of peace and free from quarrels and quarrels. While a peaceful and eternal family is a family that does not occur divorce for life (Junaedi, 2000: 155).

While the formation of the family starts from marriage which is the basic principle of nations or a means of regulating life, an encouragement for a person and a nation to work and a tool to achieve the welfare of life and happiness of society (Zais, 1987: 55).

The government through the Ministry of Religious Affairs seeks to reduce the divorce rate with programs to strengthen family resilience and support BP4 or the Marriage Advisory, Guidance and Preservation Board. BP4 is located in KUA which works under the auspices of the Ministry of Religious Affairs. Through religious counselors and leaders in the local KUA, the BP4 sub-district level can be implemented.

However, the formation and strengthening of *sakinah* families can be done through religious activities in mosques by various parties, not only by Islamic extension workers from the Ministry of Religious Affairs (Kemenag). Some parties who can be involved in fostering and strengthening the *sakinah* family in the mosque include the Imam of the mosque has an important role in providing lectures, recitations, and sermons that provide understanding and guidance related to the *sakinah* family. They can deliver religious messages relevant to issues of family, marriage, and child education. Members of the mosque community, including worshippers and local community leaders, can contribute to the formation of *sakinah* families through activities such as parenting classes, family discussions, and question and answer sessions about family problems. By involving various parties involved in mosque religious activities, the formation and strengthening of *sakinah* families can be carried out holistically and comprehensively. All of these parties can work together to provide guidance, counseling, and religious education that helps them

Religious activities in mosques can play an important role in the formation and

strengthening of *sakinah* families. Mosques as centers of religious activities can provide a conducive environment for families to increase people's spiritual awareness. Activities such as congregational prayers, recitations, religious studies, and lectures will help family members deepen their religious understanding, increase piety, and strengthen their relationship with Allah Almighty. Mosques can also organize special programs that provide guidance and counseling to married couples, parents, and adolescents in the family. These programs can include marriage talks, parenting classes, family counseling, as well as life skills training to improve family harmony and resilience.

Mosque leaders and the surrounding community can play an important role in reducing divorce rates by providing guidance and counseling to married couples and brides-to-be who are part of the mosque congregation. Some examples of efforts that can be done include: guiding brides-to-be about the importance of understanding religious values in marriage, providing advice and counseling to married couples who experience problems in the household, holding social activities that strengthen the relationship between husband and wife, and conveying the importance of mutual understanding and mutual respect between partners in maintaining household harmony. All of these things can be summarized in various religious activities related to family formation and strengthening for the surrounding community.

The research was conducted at Masjid At-Taubah Margahayu Raya, Jl. Neptune RW.11 which is still located in Bandung. In Masjid At-Taubah as one of the mosques that is quite proud of the surrounding community. The religious program offered by the mosque management in strengthening the *sakinah* family makes it interesting for researchers to analyze how important and the role of mosque leaders in seeking these activities can be carried out properly as an effort to minimize the divorce trend that is currently rife in accordance with the data that researchers have mentioned at the beginning of the introduction.

Based on the problems outlined above, researchers are interested in further examining the role of the leadership of the At-Taubah

mosque in religious activities specifically related to family formation. Therefore, researchers conducted a study entitled *The Role of At-Taubah Mosque Leaders in Religious Activities of Sakinah Family Formation and Strengthening to Help Reduce the Trend of Divorce*.

Research Methods

This study uses a type of qualitative research that is interpretive, which seeks to obtain descriptive data in the form of behavioral symptoms from the observed person. Researchers in this study have a role as the main instrument in research held at the At-Taubah mosque for comprehensive data collection.

This research requires a place where the place will be used as a subject in obtaining useful data to support the achievement of goals. The choice of this location is based on the consideration of researchers because it is in accordance with the ability of researchers financially, time, and distance. In this case, it is easy to observe directly because the location of this study is the residence of the researcher. So that researchers will more easily interact with the community. Based on these considerations, this research was conducted at Masjid At-Taubah. This research will be carried out for 2 months so that it can cover all research steps until the preparation of research reports.

Data collected to support this study. The data in this study is in the form of the role of the leadership of the At-Taubah Mosque in religious activities related to the formation and strengthening of sakinah families in the RW.11 area Jl. Neptune Barat, Margahayu Raya Bandung City. The data is really data obtained from the community that is the subject of research, both in the form of direct interviews, observations and documentation. The data sources in this study are divided into 2, namely primary data and secondary data, primary data in the form of facts in the study, namely the community, peers, parents, and secondary data in the form of data obtained through documents in the form of documentation, observation and interviews.

Results and Discussion

Family is a bond based on marriage and having the same purpose in life. Together, the family

aims to foster and uphold family happiness with the unity of the smallest elements consisting of a father, mother, and several children. Each family member has their own role in carrying out their functions and responsibilities.

Today, marriage-related problems are on the rise. Every year, the divorce rate continues to increase with various causes. Divorce is often an unavoidable last resort for married couples, especially if their relationship is no longer tenable. Therefore, both Islamic law and government law provide pathways according to the background of the divorce case. The rise of divorce cases is actually caused by a lack of careful preparation before entering marriage. This includes financial preparation, marriage education, and religious knowledge. In addition, the mental readiness of couples who will live a married life is also very important in dealing with household dynamics.

To realize the sakinah family, it is necessary to apply various knowledge in the family to be formed. The definition of sakinah family is a relationship that is built by mutual love between family members, where the love is expected to cause a sense of affection, happiness, tranquility, tranquility, and peace in the household.

In daily life related to strengthening and fostering families, based on the results of interviews, there are several methods and roles of At-Taubah mosque leaders implemented based on the results of research are as follows:

1. **Religious Program Planning.** Mosque administrators have a role in planning and compiling religious programs specifically aimed at fostering and strengthening sakinah families. The program may include religious studies, lectures focusing on Islamic values that support family harmony and resilience.

2. **Organizing Religious Activities:** The mosque administrator is responsible for organizing and managing various religious activities related to the sakinah family. They can work with preachers, preachers, and experts in the field of family formation to organize family formation and strengthening activities sakinah

3. **Encouraging Family Participation:** Mosque administrators encourage active participation of family members in the religious

programs offered. By involving all family members, the program can be more effective in achieving the goals of fostering and strengthening *sakinah* families.

4. **Providing Support and Guidance:** Mosque administrators provide support and guidance to families in facing various challenges and problems. They can be a source of inspiration and guidance in living a family life based on Islamic teachings.

5. **Provide guidance services for family problems.** As a mosque administrator, providing guidance services for family problems is one of the important duties and responsibilities that must be carried out. This guidance service aims to assist members of the congregation and the community in dealing with various problems and challenges in family life, as well as providing guidance based on Islamic religious teachings.

In today's era of growing globalization, mosques are becoming increasingly important and growing among Muslim communities. Its main purpose is for the benefit of mankind. Mosques are a fundamental need for the Muslim community, especially in organizing Islamic religious formation and teaching.

Overall, the role of the mosque is as a gathering place (deliberation, discussion, *daurah/seminar*), a place to study and educate, exchange experiences, carry out social activities, community development, center of Islamic *da'wah* and culture, center of community regeneration, center of community awakening, and many more. Today, many mosques have been professionally managed, and the community has experienced the benefits firsthand.

Optimizing the role of mosques in educating means managing the organization within the institution well, so as to produce good output as well. The community plays an active role in making the mosque a place of education, especially in terms of religious education, so that its role and function return to the time of the Prophet SAW. Optimizing the role of mosques will indirectly support the government's movement in human development as a whole. The purpose of optimizing the role of mosques is so that mosques can help development programs for

Muslims at large. The role of mosques in the formation and strengthening of *sakinah* families is very significant as a religious and spiritual center for the Muslim community. Mosques have a strategic role in forming harmonious, happy, and sturdy families based on Islamic teachings.

The *sakinah* family has an important role and function in shaping godly people and creating a peaceful and prosperous society. The concept of *sakinah* family is based on *Mahabbah* (affection), *mawaddah* (love), and *warahmah* (mercy) described in Islamic teachings. The application of this concept is based on the Quran, Hadith, and *Ijtihad* of the scholars of the *Sakinah* family have the same commitment and goal, which is to achieve happiness in the world and the hereafter initiated by Allah SWT. To realize this, the *sakinah* family requires the preparation of knowledge that includes religious knowledge and family life procedures. This knowledge must be practiced sincerely and carried out with full commitment and synergy in carrying out the role of each family member. The *sakinah* family home is expected to be a "*baiti jannati*," that is, a place that brings tranquility and serenity to all family members. In addition, the *sakinah* family house is also expected to be a center of knowledge, advice, and glory. In this harmonious home environment, family members can grow and develop into human beings who obey God and love and respect each other. By carrying out the concept of *sakinah* family, it is hoped that the family can become a solid foundation in forming a generation of piety, a peaceful society, and creating peace in society more broadly.

A family can achieve harmony and tranquility (*sakinah*) if the foundation of marriage is based on love (*mawaddah*) and affection (*rahmah*) between husband and wife. Thus, a peaceful and harmonious family depends not only on the presence of a husband, but also needs an obedient and godly husband.

Conclusion

In the midst of the growing complexity of society and influenced by the increasing trend of divorce, the role of the management of Masjid At-Taubah in religious activities of formation and strengthening of *sakinah*

families has a very important positive influence. Through various religious programs organized, the mosque becomes a strategic place in forming a harmonious family based on Islamic religious teachings. This research shows that the role of mosque administrators in providing religious education programs, family counseling, and workshops based on Islamic values plays an important role in facing household challenges.

The mosque administrators, with their commitment and dedication, managed to create an atmosphere that facilitates good communication between married couples and other family members, as well as helps overcome problems in the household. In addition, optimizing the role of mosques in fostering and strengthening sakinah families indirectly supports the government's movement in human development as a whole. Religious programs that are professionally managed by mosques can help reduce the trend of divorce in the community. In conclusion, the role of the management of Masjid At-Taubah in religious activities of fostering and strengthening the sakinah family contributes positively in forming a harmonious and happy family based on Islamic religious values. It is hoped that the role of mosques will continue to be improved and supported by the community to achieve common goals in dealing with household problems and building prosperous families.

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