



THE IMPACT OF THE REGENT'S INSTRUCTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTING LIMITATIONS OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN HANDLING COVID – 19 FOR THE ECONOMY OF THE COMMUNITY OF WAMENA CITY, JAYAWIJAYA REGENCY

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ABSTRACT

The Jayawijaya Regent's instruction required the community to limit operational hours for the community. This has an impact on the economy of the people of Wamena City, who actually have not fully recovered from the post-riots and must be confronted with health problems like this. This is a serious blow to the people of Wamena City who have to live with the fear of contracting a deadly disease.

This study aims to analyze the economic impact of the presence of Covid-19 because of the many complaints from economic actors who do not provide flexibility to do activities as before. Not obeying the rules will have an impact on health, but if allowed to continue, their lives will still be threatened.

People asked the government to quickly tackle this problem, and hope that this disease will quickly pass. This research is a descriptive qualitative study to explain how big the impact of Covid-19 is on the economy of the people of Wamena City. The result is the emergence of unrest in society, both health problems and economic problems that cause the community to find it difficult to meet their basic needs

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1. INTRODUCTION

The emergence of an epidemic that caused an uproar throughout the world that cannot be underestimated. From some of the symptoms caused, people will think it's the common cold, but according to the doctor's analysis, this virus is dangerous. This virus is known as Covidvirus Disease Twenty and Nineteen (Covid – 19).

For several months in 2020, the development of Corona Virus transmission has been quite significant because it has spread worldwide and all countries have felt the impact, including Indonesia. The local government's role in dealing with urgent problems is carried out with several policies used to tackle the spread of Covid-19.

At first, the city was safe for ± 1 month, until finally a patient was indicated as positive for the Corona Virus, which finally increased day by day, which finally made people more and more restless. The Jayawijaya Regency Government took the step by issuing the Jayawijaya Regency Regent's Instruction Number 009/1102/BUP 26 March 2020 Concerning the Temporary Closure of public places for an undetermined time, in order to prevent the spread of the Corona Virus to carry out social distancing, closing airport access, until restrictions on community

operational activities, starting from 06.00 - 14.00 WIT, until restrictions at 06.00 - 12.00 WIT. As a society, they can only follow the rules issued by the government for the sake of mutual security and safety.

This virus is not only detrimental to one sector, but to several existing sectors, especially the community's economy because it will limit the operating hours of business actors, starting from malls, traditional markets, even to other traders. Many complaints have sprung up starting from the Covid-19 issue which incidentally hampered the economic sector in Wamena City, Jayawijaya Regency. Such as the cancellation of the Baliem Valley Cultural Festival (FBLB) which is planned to be held in August 2020, which has an impact on the hospitality and travel sectors. Hotel managers and travel agents complained about this cancellation, where hotels that had been booked out by foreign and local tourists were actually canceled.

In addition, other public facilities are also limited, and even have to be closed, which can be bad for the economy of the service provider. Small traders are also affected, such as: a vegetable seller whose merchandise has to wither due to a lack of buyers, unlike kiosks which still have refrigerators for their vegetables. Not only kiosk traders, mobile traders also complain that their turnover has fallen from 70%.

From the various problems mentioned above, this is the background of this research which aims to determine the impact on the community's economy with the Covid-19 outbreak in Wamena City, Jayawijaya Regency. This study uses qualitative research with a descriptive approach. Through unstructured interviews and accidental sampling, he explained that the government's instructions, in this case the Instructions of the Regent of Jayawijaya Regency, brought concern and inequality to the community because income was decreasing which made it difficult to create a people's economy.

2. RESEARCH METHOD

The research method used is qualitative research with a descriptive approach. Research conducted in Wamena City, especially on traders who have experienced the impact of government policies. Data collection techniques used are library studies, interviews, documentation, and observation.

The sampling technique used is non-probability sampling through accidental sampling. While the research instruments used interview guidelines, field notes, and video/audio recordings. The analytical technique used is the iterative method by Miles and Huberman (1994).

3. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

3.1. Result

a. Regent's Instructions About Covid-19

With the Covid-19 developing in Wamena City, the government took firm action by issuing the Jayawijaya Regency Regent Instruction Number 009/1102/BUP on 26 March 2020 concerning the Temporary Closure of public places for an undetermined time, starting from closing all schools, government agencies, limiting operational activities from 06.00 – 12.00 WIT until operational activities are enforced at 06.00 – 18.00 WIT, until the closure of airports for passengers from March 16 to April 23, as well as closing access to district borders, and must carry out social distancing. However, the presence of several positive people for Covid-19, who were referral patients from Central Membramo and Tolikara, as well as pilgrims returning from Umrah, made the government even more assertive by starting to impose restrictions on operational activities starting from 06.00 - 12.00 WIT. Of course, people are increasingly worried about the increasing number of Covid-19 patients.

b. The Impact on People's Economy

1) **People's welfare will decrease and will not be noticed by the policies made by the government**

The number of complaints from the community, especially economic actors, in traditional markets, malls, and stalls, which actually have to experience a decrease in income. Meanwhile, women selling vegetables not only experienced a decrease in income, their vegetables withered, and women selling vegetables from outside Wamena City had to travel a long distance, the market arrived from 09.00 to 10.00 am, but had to close their sales again at 14.00 even now only until 12.00 WIT. What they get is only enough for the cost of daily meals.

2) **There is a gap between entrepreneurs and small communities in state life**

Employees, or large entrepreneurs, may not really feel the impact of losing their business at the appointed time. However, small traders have suffered a lot of losses, in terms of income they are already small, and with the existence of approximately 2 months of operational restrictions, complaints arise especially for traditional market traders, visitors are reduced, and income is much reduced. The average income of economic actors decreased by more than 50%, even up to a 75% decrease from before. For this reason, they cannot collect business capital.

3) **The absence of a people's economy in the policies made**



With restrictions on people's operational movements and requiring them to do work at home, it is difficult for them to meet their needs. The most impacted are small traders who previously had below average income and had to deal with situations like this. Restrictions on the community will reduce their consumptive activities as well as their economic activities which makes it challenging to improve the people's economy in Wamena City.

3.2. Discussion

a. Regent's Instruction

Based on the Regent's Instructions regarding the call for social distancing, the lockdown of Wamena Airport, and several other places, namely the border of Wamena City with other regencies, as well as restrictions on the time of operational activities in all government agencies, or private, schools, and other places. Other public services, such as traditional markets, malls, and stalls make all economic actors have to rack their brains on how to meet their daily needs with government policies to prevent the spread of Covid-19. together.

b. The Impact on People's Economy

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Accept it or not, ready or not, the community must follow government regulations to limit their activities, even though they have to bear the cost of living which is of course higher in Wamena City, because all necessities, vegetables, and other basic needs increase in price, while their income has decreased.

2) There is a gap between entrepreneurs and small communities in state life

There is a lot of pressure going on in society, especially the traders and entrepreneurs. State Civil Apparatus who actually get a fixed salary but still complain. Especially when compared to small traders who have difficulty in meeting their basic needs.

The capital they have is used up to meet basic needs which drains their savings. With these restrictions, the savings they have can only meet their daily needs for a week. This is one of the government's concerns to keep seeing the people continue to survive with the help they provide.

3) The absence of a people's economy in the policies made

Based on several studies and surveys conducted, it is stated that Covid-19 threatens people's income (Saiful Mujani Research & Consulting Survey Institute) by up to 77%. The spread of Covid-19 in Indonesia, especially in Papua, has caused many small traders and even medium-sized entrepreneurs to rely heavily on the government due to a lack of income. During operational restrictions in Wamena City, it will not allow independence for the community so it is difficult to improve the people's economy.

A people's economy cannot be created in conditions like this because the spread of Covid-19 causes people's movements to decrease. Access to economic cycles in Wamena City is also very difficult. For example, a clothing merchant needs a grocery stall, but if it closes, the merchant can't eat, and as well as the grocery stall, it's hard to turn the stalled capital.

4. CONCLUSION

In a conclusion from this study, it is stated that the instructions of the Regent of Jayawijaya Regency have greatly impacted the community both in terms of health and economy, where restrictions on operational activities that must comply with health protocols cause:

- The welfare of the people will decrease and the policies made by the government will not be taken into account because of the increasing need, the price of basic commodities will increase, while income will decrease;
- There is a gap between entrepreneurs and small communities in the life of the state, which is especially felt by small people with low incomes so that they are increasingly showing significant differences with others; and

The absence of a people's economy in the policies made as a result of the declining income of the community and the inability to live independently without government assistance due to restrictions on movement and narrow community.

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