

Islamic Education Strategies of Mosque Management on Covid-19 Pandemic Prevention: Case Study at Al-Muhajirin Mosque, Bandung Regency

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Abstract

This research is based on the importance of Islam education in the management of the mosque as a means of worship with all activities that have a muamalah dimension. Then it was associated with the covid-19 pandemic plague, then all activities in the mosque were stopped because it was feared that the mosque congregations would be affected by the coronavirus. Based on these problems, the purpose of this study is to determine the efforts and results of the management strategy of mosque congregations through value education in the prevention of the covid-19 pandemic in Al-Muhajirin Mosque, Bandung Regency. The method used in this research is a case study method with a qualitative approach. Efforts Islam education to manage mosque congregations to the prevention of the covid-19 pandemics by DKM and its staff through Deliberation, providing information, providing understanding, conducting prayers together in their homes, reminding each other between mosque congregations, and praying together for the covid-19 plague quickly disappear from the face of the earth. Evaluating Islam education, the management of mosque congregations to the prevention of the covid-19 pandemic, ritual worship activities in the mosque are replaced by their implementation in their homes, giving announcements to avoid the corona virus via WA, giving advice through the WA group. And the results of the last deliberation with all the management firmly stated that all worship activities were terminated including tarawih prayer and Eid al-Fitr, only call to prayer is permitted by one or two congregations of the Al-Muhajirin mosque. Mosque congregations and the surrounding environment are required to follow the covid-19 pandemic prevention instructions, utilizing: washing hands frequently, avoiding touching the face area, avoiding shaking hands and hugging, and not to share personal items, ethics when sneezing and coughing, cleaning furniture at home, keeping social distancing, avoiding gathering in large quantities, and washing food. The strategy of managing Al-Muhajirin Mosque congregations in carrying out ritual worship is to keep istiqomah in their respective homes and always keep the togetherness of congregations and always draw closer to God with various endeavors to prevent the covid-19 pandemic.

Keywords: *covid-19 prevention, Islam education, congregation's management Islamic education.*

INTRODUCTION

Strategies in mosque management today are very important because to improve mosque services to their congregations and of course, the congregation will be interested in jointly carrying out ritual worship, managing and participating in prospering mosque. Mosque is as a center for carrying out rituals such as; congregational prayer, itikaf, recitation on Thursday and Monday, and Friday prayer. The existence of general public awareness at every five daily prayer activities is usually difficult to pray in congregation at the mosque. Due to various reasons, busyness is always a barrier to praying in congregation. The Al-Muhajirin Mosque in Bandung Regency is very good at carrying out congregational prayers, and it can be seen that during the Fajr prayer, the congregation is always a lot, especially male congregations, especially when compared to the surrounding mosques which have relatively few congregations. The relation with strategy is a careful plan regarding activities to achieve goals. Islamic education consists of two words education and Islam, education is the process of changing the attitudes and behavior of a person or group of people to mature humans through teaching and training efforts, processes, methods, and mandatory actions while Islam is a religion that is taught by the Prophet Muhammad guided by the holy book Al Quran which was revealed to the world through the revelation of Allah SWT (KBBI, 2001). Islamic education is the personality of a person who makes him an insan kamil with a pattern of piety insan kamil, which means that a human being is whole spiritually, and physically, can live and develop naturally and normally because of his piety to Allah SWT, (Zakiah, 2014). Therefore, Islamic education is the process of changing the attitudes and behavior of a person or group based on the holy book of the Koran and producing humans who are useful for themselves and their communities and are happy and fond of practicing and developing Islamic teachings in dealing with Allah and with their fellow humans. Meanwhile, the purpose of Islamic education is to form human beings with a pattern of piety that can change up and down, increase and decrease in the course of one's life. Feelings, environment, and experiences can influence it. That is why Islamic education is valid for life to cultivate, cultivate, develop, maintain, and maintain the educational goals that have been achieved (Zakiah Daradjat, et al., 2014). The ultimate goal of Islamic education can be understood in the word of Allah which means: O you who believe, fear Allah with true piety, and don't die except in a Muslim state (according to Islamic teachings), "(QS 3 Ali Imran 12). Meanwhile, management means the process of carrying out certain activities by mobilizing the staff of other people (KBBI, 2001). Jamaah Masjid is a forum for Muslims to carry out their worship, <https://id.m.wikipedia>. The connection between the Covid-19 pandemic, an epidemic has spread to various countries. Pandemic according to the Ministry of National Education (2001) is an epidemic that has spread simultaneously everywhere, covering a wide geographical area. Therefore, it is important for mosque congregations and congregations in the surrounding environment to always be vigilant and avoid the occurrence of the Covid-19 corona outbreak.

So, the Islamic education strategy in managing mosques for worshipers in the midst of preventing the Covid-19 pandemic, what is meant is that there is a need for a solution with various efforts in all things to make mosque congregations expected to live in peace, harmony, happiness, istiqomah in carrying out ritual worship in their homes. Each, can respect, respect, participate, provide support for the prevention of the Covid-19 pandemic, and convince other

congregations to remain patient, trustworthy, honest, grateful, sincere, keep trying, and praying to avoid the Covid-19 outbreak and in facing various unexpected challenges, as a solution for the mosque congregation the ritual services are carried out in their respective homes. Therefore, if a person or mosque congregation has the predicate of piety it can also be a solution to convince the heart to always put one's trust in just surrendering to Allah alone with a strong faith in terms of faith and piety, according to the word of Allah in QS Al-Hujurat / 49: 13 which means: "... Indeed, the most glorious among you in the sight of Allah is the most pious. Truly Allah is All-Knowing and Most Meticulous. "

LITERATURE REVIEW

There are related to the previous research (Pipin Yosepin & Baharuddin Husin, 2018). The results of the research: 1) LTM NU has a revitalization program in maximizing the sustainable function of mosques. 2) LTM NU succeeded in carrying out da'wah activities to the driver community through persuasive da'wah communication that created preaching civilization (Wahyu Khoiruz, 2019). *Mosque is as a Center for Islamic Da'wah in the Village* (Study of the Darus Sa'adah Mosque in Hadipolo Village, Jekulo sub-district, Kudus Regency). At-Tabsyir: Journal of communication Islamic Broadcasting, the mosque has become one of the important symbols for Islam, both from the early days of the Prophet Muhammad's missionary journey and today. Even though the mosque is the most important symbol, the management and character of the mosque have a different picture according to the conditions and situations of the mosque's existence without reducing the main function of the mosque as a place of worship. Apart from being a place of worship, the mosque is a center of preaching for its founder, KH Zainal Khafidzin.

The position of researchers is different from previous researchers, researchers want to know efforts and evaluate Islamic education strategies in the management of congregation at the Al-Muhajirin mosque in Bandung Regency to prevent the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak. While the problems that occur in society, some people are too busy with a lot of work, are not accustomed to reciting the Koran in mosques, do not want to speak, the mosque is too far away, lazy to listen to public lectures, and because of the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak. The phenomenon that occurred at the Al-Muhajirin mosque, Bandung Regency, all activities at the mosque were stopped, but there were still some mosque worshipers who did not comply with the health protocol rules recommended by DKM and its staff even though they had been warned, namely: still carrying out congregational prayers even though only a few people, Friday prayers, until the DKM Management gives a stern warning to stop all activities, except the call to prayer. The aforementioned facts can provoke unhealthy debates and disputes among mosque congregations. Therefore, to find solutions in various things that happen and the excesses are not expected to prevent the Covid-19 pandemic, an Islamic education strategy is needed in the management of mosque congregations so that they are not affected by the Covid-19 outbreak in mosques, homes, campuses and the community at home generally. This research is based on the following reasons: *First*, the strategy of Islamic education in the management of mosque congregations is very important for the prevention of the Covid-19 pandemic, the urgency of the function of mosques, namely: places of worship, siyasah discussion (politics), social, education, economy, and arts and culture development (Bachrun Rifa'i & Moch. Fakhruroji, 2005).

Second, the first lessons that are directly related to mosques are the Koran and the hadiths. The basis of Islamic teaching is memorizing and Islamic education, interpreting the Koran, then the lessons of hadith that regulate the behavior of Muslim deeds (Sidi Gazalba, 1994).

The Things that need to be considered in the problem of this research are: (1) How are the efforts of Islamic education in the management of mosque congregations carried out by DKM to prevent the COVID-19 pandemic? (2) What are the results of Islamic education in the management of mosque congregations carried out by DKM on preventing the Covid-19 pandemic? Strategy Islamic education in the management of mosque congregations in the midst of preventing the Covid-19 pandemic is practically very important to research as a solution to be used in the process of managing congregations at the Al-Muhajirin Mosque in Bandung Regency in dealing with the prevention of the Covid-19 pandemic.

METHOD

The research method used in this research is the case method as Djudju Sudjana in Dewi Sadiyah (2015) that the case *study method* is used to study intensively about the background of the current situation and environmental interactions can be used both for all social units such as individuals, groups, institutions, communities as well as for events, circumstances, and so on. While the research approach uses qualitative, according to Bogdan and Biklen (1982), qualitative characteristics, namely: *Qualitative research has the natural setting as the direct source of data and the researcher is the key instrument; qualitative research is descriptive. The data collected is in the form of words rather than numbers; qualitative research is concerned with process rather than simply with outcomes or products; qualitative research tends to analyze their data inductively; meaning is essential to the qualitative approach.* Qualitative research data analysis is inductive and the results of qualitative research emphasize meaning rather than generalization (Sugiyono, 2012).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The efforts of Islamic education in the management of mosque congregations in the midst of preventing the Covid-19 pandemic are existence of Al-Muhajirin Mosque is in the Blue Permata Complex Block I Rw: 15, Cinunuk Village, Kec. Cileunyi, Bandung Regency. The mosque congregation is very solid in carrying out various mosque activities including; provide compensation to orphans, make donations to a boarding school that is close to and helps one another congregation, some of the congregation also donated 40 million, 25 million, 1,000,000, 500,000, 300,000, and 100,000. The Al-Muhajirin Mosque can be seen in the picture below, namely:



Figure 1. Al-Muhajirin Mosque, Blue Gem Complex, Cinunuk Village, Bandung District

Then associated with the name of the Masjid Al-Muhajirin, namely: Muhajirin, Indonesian, immigrants are the name for the followers of the Prophet Muhammad, who joined the migration from Mecca to Medina (Ministry of National Education, 2001). Based on an interview with Mr. KH Mustofa Hasan as one of the mosque imams, the congregation of the Al-Muhajirin mosque is heterogeneous and plural. Then the condition of the congregation is that there are organizations from NU, Muhammadiyah, Persis, Jamaah Tabligh, and PUI. They do not question these differences when they pray in congregation, there are those whose imams use qunut, some do not and they gather together at the Al-Muhajirin Mosque, and all mosque congregations live next door together with a pleasant atmosphere of giving and helping each other, if needed, always ready to help them. A mosque can revive the spirit of the community empowerment movement in the fields of spiritual religion, economy, education, social society, and the development of cultural arts (Ade Iwan Ridwanullah & Dedi Herdiana, 2018). Completed by Aih Kemal Mustofa et al. (2017) that the function of mosques provides skills to support various da'wah movements that are ongoing in the community to improve the function of the mosque optimally.

The efforts to manage mosque congregations are carried out by DKM and its staff through value education in the prevention of the Covid-19 pandemic through deliberation, providing information, providing understanding, carrying out prayers together in their respective homes, reminding each other among mosque congregations, spraying all disinfectants. They are Mosque rooms, spraying disinfectant in the yard of mosque congregation residents, providing *hand sanitizers* every time they enter the mosque, and praying together so that the Covid-19 outbreak will quickly disappear from the face of the earth. The association with value education, especially for mosque congregations should realize the importance of obeying the rules, especially performing congregational prayers in istiqomah in their respective homes. It is important the awareness of the values of truth, goodness, beauty, and the habit of doing it consistently (Dewi Sadiyah, 2015). Efforts to manage mosque congregations in preventing the Covid-19 pandemic, the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus in Indonesia, have had a tremendous impact on people's lives. The government has categorized this incident as a national disaster. Prompts *social distancing* in various aspects of life in the middle of the major project is whether in government, private companies to the educational institutions. UIN Sunan Gunung Djati Bandung responded to this extraordinary incident by issuing a Rector's Circular No: B 352 / Un.05 / II.4 / HM.01 / 03/2020 concerning Academic and Non-Academic Policies of UIN Sunan

Gunung Djati Bandung Regarding Spread Prevention Coronavirus. In the follow-up to the release of the Rector's Circular, the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) together with the Chemistry Department were pro-active to take part in efforts to prevent the Covid-19 virus by making *hand sanitizers* BPOM standard. Through the Vice-Rector II for General Administration, Planning and Finance, Dr. H. Tedi Priatna, M.Ag, the UIN Sunan Gunung Djati Bandung very appreciate the efforts of the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) to make *hand sanitizers* BPOM standard and distribute them to mosques around the campus as shown below, namely:



Figure 2. Dr. H. Tedi Priatna, M.Ag, FST UIN Bandung Production *Hand Sanitizer*

"Creative, innovative, and very useful when there is a need for *hand sanitizers*. Hopefully, this will become an effective alternative during efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, especially in the mosque environment. For that, I strongly support the pro-active efforts of the Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) in preventing the Covid-19 virus." Source, Bandung News March 18 2020 / 23:00 WIB Posted in News UIN SGD Bandung Hand Sanitizer Products Distributed to East Bandung Mosque Administrators Hand Sanitizers UIN Bandung Products Distributed to East Bandung Mosque Managers

Evaluation of Islamic education in the management of mosque congregations against the prevention of the COVID-19 pandemic, namely the existence of Islamic education in mosque management based on the results of interviews with 5 mosque congregations, namely: ASjm, Mjm, Mjm, Ajm, and Ojm, that the congregation of the Al-Muhajirin mosque is very Respecting for the prevention of Covid-19 by not carrying out congregational prayer activities and all activities in the mosque are temporarily suspended. Based on the results of the provisional meeting of the management, all activities are except the call to prayer by a congregation of the Al-Muhajirin mosque. Ritual worship activities are carried out in their respective homes and monitored by mosque administrators and their teams to maintain harmony in worship. Based on the results of the Al-Muhajirin Mosque Community Deliberation which was held on January 24, 2020, I was again given the mandate to become Chairman of the Al-Muhajirin DKM for the 3rd period. Board of Directors of Al-Muhajirin DKM, Advisors: (1) H. Sudirman, (2) H. Sudrajat JM., (3) Yudi Hendrawan (4) H. Ade Rudiana. Council of Priests: (1) Ustadz Drs. Aep Saepurohman, M.Ag. (2) Dr. KH Mustofa Hasan, M.Ag. (3) Ustadz Drs. Abu Supayana. Chairman: Ust Drs. Irwan Kurniawan, M.Ag., Secretary: Nuryadi, S.Pd., Treasurer: H. Agus Fakhurozi. Field of Da'wah / Studies and Worship: (1) Agus Ramdani, (2) Dr. Irawan, M.Hum, (3) Nanang. PHBI Division (1) H. Agus Harun, (2) Asep Rohman, and (3) Panji Buana. Maintenance of Facilities & Equipment: (1) Tono Supartono, (2) Chief of Staff, (3) Komar. Building and Infrastructure Sector: (1) Dedi Pujianto and (2) H. Narkam. Mothers' Ta'lim Assembly, namely: Hj. Lilis Sriyeki et al. Madrasah sector, namely Hindun Dahlia, et al. BMT sector, namely: Drs. H. Mustamin DL, et al. As for the duties, functions and obligations of advisors, the chairman of the AL-Muhajirin DKM, secretary, and treasurer.

The mosque congregation always obeys and follows the advice or advice given by Irwan Kurniawan, M.Ag. as chairman of the Al-Muhajirin DKM to always maintain harmony between congregations and uphold Islamic or religious values. The Jamaat mosque needs to have religious values are fundamental, to serve as the foundation in everyday life, namely: "Tawheed (*Rububiyyah, Uluhiyyah*, nature and asthma ') or a faith, Islam, charity, piety, sincerity, resignation, gratitude, and shabar "(Madjid, Nurkholis, 2000). Therefore, these religious values will give you the strength to always try to work hard, have strong beliefs, guard your heart and words and always get closer to Allah SWT.

Based on the results of the temporary meeting that all ritual worship activities, especially congregational prayers, are not carried out in mosques or are eliminated and their implementation is replaced in their respective homes, giving announcements via the WA group to avoid the corona virus, giving prayers through the WA group, conducting supervision of mosque congregations for worship rituals, especially congregational prayers, are carried out in each house with the family, giving a stern warning because there are still many congregants in the mosque who are worried about the Covid-19 virus outbreak, and DKM and its staff hold another board meeting, the result is emphatical that all activities are eliminated except the call to prayer by one or 2 members of the Al-Muhajirin mosque congregation. Followed up by the results of the meeting of the DKM board and its staff, finally all ritual worship activities at the mosque were eliminated and replaced by their implementation in their respective homes, then there were stern warnings carried out by DKM because there were still many congregants in the mosque, and the results of the last deliberation with all administrators, all activities Stop worship includes tarawih and Eid prayers, only the call to prayer is allowed by one or two members of the Al-Muhajirin mosque. The strategy of managing the congregation of the Al-Muhajirin Mosque in carrying out istiqomah ritual worship is carried out in their respective homes by reading the Koran and always maintaining the togetherness of the congregation and always getting closer to Allah with various efforts, tawakal, sure that after trouble will come convenience as solutions in the context of preventing the covid-19 pandemic. The mosque congregation and the surrounding community are required to be able to protect themselves so that they can avoid the coronavirus outbreak with 10 simple ways that can be done at home to prevent the spread of covid-19, namely: 1. Washing hands: The first action that can be taken to ward off the coronavirus is wash your hands diligently.

2. Avoid Touching the Face;
3. Sneezing and Coughing Ethics;
4. Wear a mask;
5. Avoid Direct Interaction;



Figure 3. Avoid Direct Interaction

A simple way to ward off the fifth coronavirus is to avoid direct interactions such as hugging, shaking hands, and so on. By avoiding skin contact with other people, you can reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

6. **Avoid Sharing Personal Items:** Personal belongings belonging to other people can increase the risk of transmission of the coronavirus. Because even though there are no visible symptoms, this virus can infect the human body until it becomes a *silent carrier* that carries and transmits the Covid-19 corona virus to other people.

7. *Social Distancing:* One of the calls that are often echoed by various parties.

Because keeping a distance from one another is believed to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus.

8. Wash Food Materials;



Figure 4. Washing Citrus Fruit Food Ingredients

9. Clean Home Furniture;

10. Increase Immunity, Source: Merdeka.com (Mutia Angraini, published 3/4/2020).

Conclusion

Based on the results of this study, Islamic education efforts in the management of mosque congregations are against the prevention of the Covid-19 pandemic during the early days of the pandemic. The efforts made by DKM and its staff are through: deliberation, providing information, providing understanding, performing prayers together at home, reminding each other among mosque congregations, always communicating through the WA group, raising funds for covid-19, khataman tadarus Al-Quran every day Friday through the WA group, providing compensation to the poor, making donations to nearby boarding schools, and the existence of the congregation of the Al-Muhajirin Cinunuk Mosque is heterogeneous or plural, so through the WA group a joint prayer is held so that the Covid-19 outbreak will quickly disappear from the face of the earth. Evaluation of Islamic education in the management of mosque congregations carried out by DKM on the prevention of the Covid-19 pandemic, based on the results of the DKM meeting and its staff that all ritual worship activities, especially congregational prayers, are not carried out in mosques or are eliminated and their implementation is replaced in their respective homes, giving announcements via the WA group to avoid the corona virus, give tausiah through the WA group, conduct supervision of mosque congregations so that ritual services, especially congregational prayers are carried out in their respective homes with the family, give strong warnings because there are still many congregants in the mosque who are feared of contracting the Covid-19 virus, and DKM and its staff held another board meeting, the result was emphatically that all activities were eliminated except for the call to prayer by one or 2 members of the Al-Muhajirin mosque congregation. The congregation of the mosque and the surrounding environment are required to prevent the Covid-

19 pandemic by: Washing hands, avoiding touching faces, and ethics of sneezing and coughing, wearing a mask, avoiding direct interaction, avoid sharing personal items, *social distancing*, wash groceries, clean furniture, and increase body immunity. The congregation of the Al-Muhajirin Mosque in carrying out ritual worship remains Istiqomah in their respective homes and always maintains the togetherness of the congregation and always draws closer to Allah with various efforts as a solution to prevent the Covid-19 pandemic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is hoped that there will be mutual understanding and awareness, especially for mosque worshippers who are impatient with Covid-19 so that the implementation of mosque activities continues to run smoothly and pay attention to health protocols. The existence of continuing research involves several institutions of mosque religious activities in Bandung Regency.

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