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ABSTRACT

Developments in today's digital era, people face various kinds of adolescent problems, including the incidence of early marriage due to freedom of association, the existence of free mass media showing television, internet, pornographic videos, and others are media that have a major influence on adolescent behavior, another cause is promiscuity, too much and the lack of attention from parents to take care of children because they are too busy with work, often children are only cared for by housemaids (F Rahman 2017). The implications of early marriage for family life include inadequate child care and education, and fights that often end in divorce (Rahmawati, 2014). This study aims to identify the risks of early marriage and analyze the implications of early marriage on family life. The research method is qualitative and presented in an exploratory descriptive manner, the population of all adolescents under 16 years of age for women and adolescents under 19 years of age for men who live in Bitung City, the sample was taken purposively, namely 6 main informants, while for the triangulation of 10 informants totaling 16 people, the data analysis in this study used the method of content analysis (content analysis), namely data collection, data reduction, verification and then presented in descriptive form, the results showed that all informants said that it was very risky. for adolescents to marry early at the age of 16 and under for girls and under 19 for boys. According to informants, early marriage causes many problems, including family life, where teenagers and parents will experience difficulties so that future life is not eternal. The impact of early marriage on the community includes teenagers not being able to socialize with the community, and also the Minahasaculture does not allow teenagers to marry under the age of marriage. This study concludes that adolescents can explain if early marriage causes many problems, both for family life and community life. It is recommended to the government to families and communities to be able to give

loving attention to adolescents in daily interactions and to foster good relations between parents and children as well as families and communities.

**Key Words : Early Marriage, Implication, Family Life**

### INTRODUCTION

Developments In developments in the current era of globalization, humans face various kinds of challenges and problems. Among these problems is the emergence of various forms of juvenile delinquency. Teenagers at school age are generally focused on learning and doing useful things, but in fact, they do various forms of inappropriate actions that should not be done. This delinquency often occurs in children, but the most dominant occurs in adolescence and adulthood. At this time, adolescents experience very fast growth and development process or called the transition period (puberty), with the freedom of association, the mass media are free to broadcast such as television. E-mail, the internet, and others are media that have a major influence on the behavior of today's teenagers, (F Rahman 2017), Another cause is excessive promiscuity and lack of attention from parents to raise children because they are too busy with work, often children are only cared for by domestic helpers, this can be proven by the number of cases in Bitung City, North Sulawesi province, (Bitung City Profile 2020).

In two consecutive years in 2019-2020, cases of early marriage in Bitung City, North Sulawesi Province have increased, as shown in the table below.

No	District Name	The year 2019		The year 2020	
		Dropout from school	Early marriage	Dropout from school	Early marriage
1	Aertembaga	5 People	2 People	6 People	3 People
2	Girian	6 People	3 People	7 People	4 People
3	Madidir	4 People	2 People	5 People	3 People
4	Maesa	4 People	3 People	5 People	4 People
5	Matuari	5 People	3 People	6 People	6 People
6	Ranowulu	10 People	3 People	3 People	5 People
7	Lembah Utara	1 Person	1 Person	1 Person	1 Person
8	Lembah Selatan	1 Person	2 People	1 Person	1 Person

Based on the table above, cases of early marriage in Bitung City from 2019 to 2020 have increased in each sub-district. This indicates that public awareness to marry at the ideal age is still lacking. In this case, the role of the government and religious leaders should be maximized to overcome these problems.

In addition to the role of the government and religious leaders, parents, as well as the closest family in the community in Bitung City, can educate teenagers in a better direction, especially attention and affection in raising children.

This problem must be researched consider the incidence of early marriage cases in 2019 in Bitung City consisted of 8 sub-districts, 51 (21%) cases dropped out of school and married at an early age 57 (23%) cases while in 2020 there were 60 (28%) cases of dropouts, married at an early age as many as 68 (35%), this shows that there has been an increase in cases of early marriage for 2 (two) consecutive years. (Bitung City Profile)

The purpose of this study was to explain the risk of early marriage, and the impact of early marriage on family and community life in adolescents aged 16 years and under for women and under the age of 19 for boys.

### METHOD

2 This study uses a research design with a qualitative approach which is presented in an exploratory descriptive manner. The approach to data collection time is cross-sectional. The sample of this study was 6 adolescents under 16 years for girls and under 19 years for boys and 10 people consisting of the Head of Environment and parents of teenagers. The data used in this study was primary, namely in-depth interviews (In-depth interviews) on research subjects and secondary data through observation of daily activities/activities to see behavior at home. Collecting data through in-depth interviews conducted with open-ended questions assisted by writing instruments equipped with a tape recorder and observation sheets in the form of a checklist, the main informants were 6 adolescents, consisting of 4 young women and 2 young men under 16 years for young women, while young men under 19 years old, junior high school students, and as informants triangulation was carried out on 10 people consisting of 6 Heads of Environment, and 4 parents of teenagers, then carried out the implementation, namely making Workshops/Seminars equipped with providing videos and pocketbooks about consequences/risks early marriage occurs with adolescents aged under 16 years for women and under 19 years for men and parents are included as companions, Data analysis is processed according to its characteristics with content analysis, namely data collection, data reduction, verification presented in descriptive form, then the conclusion is drawn, (USF Jannah-Egalita, 20 15)

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

9 The results showed that the main informants were 6 teenagers consisting of 4 young girls, 2 boys under 16 years old for girls, and under 19 years old for boys, namely IU1, IU2, IU3, IU4, IU5. , IU6 is a junior high school student. For triangulation informants, 10 people as environmental heads and parents of teenagers are called IT1, IT2, IT3, IT4, IT5, IT6, IT7, IT8, IT9, IT10 with ages between 45-55 years, the last education is SMA / SMK SMK by gender 4 girls, 6 boys

1. Risk of early marriage at age 16 and under for women and under 19 for boys

Information that can be obtained from in-depth interviews about the risks of early marriage includes what will happen if there is an early marriage, how to avoid it, what are the barriers to socializing in the community, how to avoid early marriage in appendix 6. Based on in-depth interviews with key informants, namely teenagers 16 years and under for girls and under 19 for boys about the risk of early marriage, all said that if there is early marriage, early marriage is very risky because it has no future, it is difficult to get a job, domestic violence behavior occurs because of an early age and there is a risk of divorce and the death of mother and child and can occur prematurely because the reproductive organs are not yet mature to receive fertilization. (IU1, IU2, IU3, IU4, IU5, IU6). This can be seen in box 1 below :

Box 1. Information from Informants on the Risk of Early Marriage in adolescents aged 16 years and under for women and under 19 for boys

"...We explain no ma'am.... that people who have a future are not guaranteed and think they can get a job and it's hard to get a job..." (IU1).  
 "... I think it's a loss because of early marriage, there is domestic violence because the mindset is still young...." (IU2).  
 "... If there is a marriage under the age of tantu, the risk of bacere increases and the risk of maternal and child mortality increases..." (IU3).  
 "..... If there is a marriage, domestic violence must occur because we do not know exactly what RT is ..." (IU4).  
 "...for this lady, you have self-respect, so if you do that...." (IU5)  
 "...oh yes ma'am, there is a fatal risk...." (IU6). Early  
 "...marriage is very risky because it doesn't have a future. , it is difficult to get a job, there is domestic violence behavior due to an early age and the risk of divorce and maternal and child death, premature, immature reproductive organs accept conception (IU1, IU2, IU3, IU4, IU5, IU6).

The statement above can be explained that all the main informants are teenagers aged 16 years and under for girls and under 19 years for boys, if there is early marriage there is no future for teenagers, and violent behavior in domestic fights, abortion to a baby will happen. premature birth, because the reproductive system is not perfect. (Rahmawati 2014)

From this description, it can be explained that all the main informants and triangulation of informants said that it was very risky if teenagers did early marriage at the age of 16 years and under for girls and under 19 years for boys.

This This study can be concluded as a whole about the risk of early marriage, adolescents will experience failure in family and community life due to dropping out of school, at risk of abortion, and will experience abnormal labor, namely babies born prematurely. , because the reproductive system is not perfect. DewiDolifah's 2016 research concluded that underage marriage often occurs because it is influenced by social media, children want to imitate and try porn videos.

## 2. Impact on family life if early marriage happens

The information that will be obtained from in-depth interviews about the impact on family life if there is an early marriage is, what are the impacts if there is early marriage, how is family life if there is an early marriage in the family, how do parents and siblings respond. For you, how to avoid early marriage can help seen from the results of in-depth interviews with key informants, as in Box 2 below:

Box 2. Information from Informants on Impact on Family Life in the event of Early Marriage

"... if there is an early marriage, the children are at risk of dropping out of school, there is hope that you will become rebels in the environment..." (IT1)  
 "...iya no bu it anak2 if married young so there must be a risk ...." (IT2)  
 "... Yes ma'am dorang be so naughty risk of community-acquired many denglaengmobekeng-laeng no ...." (IT3)  
 ".... Yes, it's not just naughty mom, so what's wrong with parents so stenga dies looking for doi for school people, there's no work, midfielder...." (IT4)  
 ".....oh yeah, so that's what I heard, parents...." (IT5)  
 "...Kong dang how is it really risky, no...." (IT6)  
 "....It's really very risky if you young marriage occurs" IT7)  
 "....Yes, we also think that if you marry young, there is a risk..." (IT8)  
 "....Depe on the risk of bacere no".....(IT9)  
 "....Very risky for people myself with my parents and brother...." (IT10)  
 "....Early marriage is very risky, some drop out of school, some want to cause problems in the community and there is no hope in the future (IT1,IT2,IT3,IT4,IT5, IT6, IT7,IT8,IT9,IT10)

From the description above, it can be explained that the impact that occurs on family life is if teenagers marry early. Families will be disappointed, parents will be disappointed because they dropped out of school and family self-esteem is very disappointing, even though culture does not justify early marriage, (DA Triningtyas 2016)

### 3. Impact on the Community in the Occurrence of Early Marriage

The information to be obtained from in-depth interviews about the impact on the community if there is an early marriage is, how will the local community respond if there is early marriage, what is the life of the community if there is early marriage. marriage in the community, what is the impact on society and parents if there is early marriage. results of in-depth interviews with key informants, as shown in Box 3 below

#### Box 3. Information from Informants on Impact on Society in the event of Early Marriage

"...It's possible that we drop out of school and our parents are very disappointed because my parents and sister hope that we have dreams, ma'am...." (IU1).  
 ".....We feel ashamed because we are the talk of people and parents feel disappointed and hopeless....." (IU2)  
 "....Look, ma'am, there are 2 possibilities for our parents to keep going to school, but it's also difficult, ma'am we have to take care of our children, ..." (IU3).  
 "....We stopped going to school and finally nyanda can get a job, just hope our parents will lower the self-esteem of our family and others, we will feel good. ....(IU4)  
 ".....Io no worries about the impact on your family, you are angry with us..... (IU5).  
 "....Indeed, if you are young, there will be turmoil at home....(IU6).  
 "...The impact on the family is that parents are very disappointed, there will be talk between families and will also drop out of school without getting a job thereby lowering the self-esteem of the family....." (IU1, IU2, IU3, IU4, IU5, IU6 )

Regarding the community regarding early marriage, these problems will not end continuously if there is early marriage, some will become a nuisance because they do not finish school and get married at a young age.

The same statement from the results of in-depth interviews with triangulation informants from the Head of the Environment and parents of teenagers said that early marriage has an impact on society and will disrupt the surrounding environment because teenagers are not old enough and must be given spiritual motivation and guidance in each religion.

From the description above, it can be concluded that all community groups do not approve of teenagers marrying at a young age, although Minahasa culture does not allow teenagers to marry under the age of marriage, it is better to marry at an adult age so as not to disturb the community.

## 2 CONCLUSION

The conclusion in this study is that adolescents can explain that early marriage has a very dangerous impact if there is early marriage, many problems will be experienced, adolescents and parents will experience difficulties in family life so that future lives are not happy, and adolescents will not be able to socialize with the community and do not allow teenagers to marry under the age of marriage.

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