

The Role of Husband and Wife in Meeting the Needs of Household Life in Sungai Pengga Village, Sintang Regency, West Kalimantan Province

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Abstract

Husband and wife are a foundation in married life. The division of roles between husband and wife in meeting the needs of life in the household is part of the dual role of a wife, namely in addition to working to take care of the household, taking care of her children, including taking care of her husband. This study explains the division of roles between husband and wife in meeting the needs of living in a household in Sungai Pengga Village, Sintang Regency. This study was analyzed using Role Theory, which consisted of male and female roles, family roles, father roles, mother roles, and child roles. This study uses a qualitative method with a descriptive type of research. The results of this study are, (1) The division of the role of the Husband in earning a living to meet the various basic needs of his family members, (2) The division of the role of the Wife is focused on taking care of the household, serving the needs of the Husband, taking care of and taking care of the children at home, (3) Factors that encourage the division of roles between the Husband and Wife, willing to work together to earn a living as a worker from 08.00-16.00 WIB.

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INTRODUCTION

The family is the smallest social unit in society that has an important role in maintaining the balance of social, economic, and cultural life (Santika, 2020). In married life, husband and wife have a shared responsibility in meeting the needs of life, both basic needs such as food, clothing, and board, as well as psychological and spiritual needs (Gozali & Isfa, 2020). The complementary role of husband and wife is one of the keys in creating family harmony (Jalil & Tanjung, 2020).

Sungai Pengga Village, located in Sintang Regency, has the characteristics of a community that is still thick with a culture of mutual cooperation and family values. However, the dynamics of modern life bring new challenges in the division of roles between husband and wife, especially in meeting the needs of daily life (Mustofa & Oktaviana, 2023). Social, economic, and technological changes also affect people's lifestyles, including work patterns and household responsibilities (Raharjo et al., 2015).

Based on initial observations, it was found that in Sungai Pengga Village, many families face economic challenges due to limited natural resources, low education levels, and limited access to decent work. This condition often affects the pattern of husband-wife roles, where the wife not only carries out domestic roles but also participates in earning additional income for the family. They work to take care of the household, take care of their children, including taking care of their husbands (Puspitawati & Siswati, 2018). This kind of life is depicted in the life of people in several rural areas where the majority of wives work outside the home to earn a living to meet the needs of life and other needs for family members in their household (Triana & Krisnani, 2018).

One of the areas where the majority of wives have a dual role is Sungai Pengga Village, Kayan Hilir District, Sintang Regency, West Kalimantan Province. Sungai Pengga Village consists of 2 hamlets, and 4 neighboring units (RT) with a total area of 2,451.00 hectares (Ha), with a population of 656 people, consisting of 286 males and 362 females. Meanwhile, the source of livelihood of the people of Sungai Pengga Village, Kayan Hilir District, Sintang Regency is generally by cultivating land (land) for rice fields and some are still farming. Meanwhile, the annual rice yield always decreases due to various factors such as; pest disturbances that damage rice plants, the occurrence of long changes in the dry season, frequent sudden floods and other causes. While the type of community work in Sungai Pengga Village is mostly farming (rice fields and fields). In addition to farming (rice fields), there are also people who work as workers of oil palm plantation companies and farm workers from the owners of the rice fields/fields are carried out by most of the women, both married and unmarried.



The purpose of this study is to describe the role of each husband and wife in meeting the needs of their household life. This research is important to understand how married couples divide their roles in social and economic conditions. The results of this study are expected to provide a clearer picture of the dynamics of the role of husband and wife in Sungai Pengga Village, as well as the basis for family empowerment efforts in improving their life welfare. In addition, this research can also provide input for local governments and related organizations in designing programs that support strengthening the role of the family as the foundation of society.

METHOD

The type of research is descriptive with an approach using qualitative methods. Descriptive research is research that seeks to reveal a problem or situation or event based on facts found in the field, so that it is only to reveal the facts (Bungin, 2017). Descriptive research is research that provides an overview by systematically analyzing circumstances or events based on facts and data in the field (Moleong, 2006). Data collection techniques (interviews, observations and documentation), researchers make direct observations of objects by looking at problems, identifying, recording and overcoming problems based on what they are (Moleong, 2006). The technique for determining informants uses the purposive sampling technique, namely the informants have been determined the conditions and criteria, the informants in this study are 5 people consisting of people who play a dual role in their households and are classified as underprivileged.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The Role of Husbands in Meeting the Needs of Household Life in Sungai Pengga Village, Sintang Regency

In general, a husband plays the role of the head of the family who has responsibilities, one of which is to earn a living to meet basic needs and other needs for his family members. Basic needs related to food needs such as meeting food and drink needs, clothing needs, and housing needs as a place to live for their family members. Meanwhile, other needs of a social nature such as the need for the health of their family members and the need for education for their children. In addition, secondary needs such as; meet the needs of home furniture ownership, kitchen equipment ownership, recreational needs and so on.

The role of the husband in earning a living is not only to meet various basic needs and



other needs for his family members. Other needs that are social such as the need for health and education for their children. This also includes meeting secondary needs such as; ownership of household furniture, kitchen utensils, recreational needs and so on. The role of the husband is a breadwinner who positions himself as a leader for his family members, and education as well as a protector for family members, so that the husband is obliged to provide support for the needs of family members which includes the daily living expenses for a family given by a husband to his wife and children (Mustofa & Oktaviana, 2023).

In addition, the husband also plays a very important role in his family, for example as a partner for his wife in taking care of his household, making decisions in his family, becoming a loyal friend who is very pleasant for his wife and children to pour out affection, confide and act to solve various problems faced in his household with his wife (Wuryantoro, 2023). Therefore, the husband is always there in times of joy and sorrow in his family who also always make time to talk and spend leisure time with his wife. As a husband, you must also play a role in protecting or guiding your wife so that she always stays on the right path.

The role of the husband as a leader for his family members, as well as a breadwinner as well as education and protector for family members, obliges a husband to his wife and family so that harmony is always created in the household. The role of the husband in providing for the family includes the daily living expenses for a family given by a husband to his wife and children. In addition to education and teaching to always educate the wife in religious matters, the husband is also required not to ignore this, and also not to feel bored in doing it.

A husband must also have a great responsibility to family members not only related to economic problems in his family, but also must be able to be a good example for his children and wife (Puspitawati & Siswati, 2018). Therefore, it is not uncommon for a husband to always work at home to earn a living to meet various living needs for family members. For the husband who has an understanding of his wife's busyness in taking care of the household, taking care of children and taking care of her husband, it is not uncommon to always help the wife in taking care of the household, especially when she is at home.

The reality of life in the family is as stated above, although not all of the husbands do such activities. However, in terms of the division of roles about the activities that will be carried out, sometimes a person also has a sense of empathy for other people's busyness, in this case like a wife (Puspitawati & Siswati, 2018). For husbands and wives who have mutual understanding of each other's busyness, there is usually a harmonious relationship and mutual understanding in a



family (Mufauwiq, 2023).

In addition to being a good partner for the wife, the husband can also help ease the wife's duties, such as inviting children to play or recreation and providing quality free time for the children on the sidelines of the husband's busy life in earning a living. In addition to the role of the husband, the wife also has a very important role, namely as a companion to the husband at all times and a mother who is ready to take care of and guide her children. Just like husbands, wives also play the role of good and pleasant partners or partners for their life partners. Wives can be invited to discuss various kinds of problems that occur and also talk about light things. The wife as a driver and encouragement for the progress of the husband in his field of work (Nasir, 2012).

The Role of Wives in Meeting the Needs of Household Life in Sungai Pengga Village, Sintang Regency

The division of the wife's role is not only focused on working at home such as taking care of the household, serving the needs of the husband, taking care of and taking care of the children at home. The role of the wife is also to take care of the household with her husband, take care of and take care of the children. In addition, it is not uncommon for wives in Pengga Village, Sintang Regency to also earn a living to supplement household money. This is because the income of the husband who works in an oil palm plantation company with a salary of Rp 1,800,000 is not enough to meet the various needs of his family members.

The division of roles carried out by husband and wife in Sungai Pengga Village is to meet the needs of life in the household, namely maximizing time as best as possible and having good communication so that they can work together to meet the economic needs of the family so that basic needs are met. In this increasingly advanced era, of course, basic needs are also increasing, plus the cost of children's education is large, this makes husband and wife must be able to work and exchange to meet the needs of family life. According to the author, the role of wives in Sungai Pengga Village is very big because in addition to taking care of the household, not a few wives also play a role in making a living for the family. In Sungai Pengga Village, in family economic affairs, the women there have certain events or breakthroughs that are very meaningful in helping to support the continuity of the family economy. Wives not only stay at home waiting for their husband's income, but they also work in activities to earn a living.

Wives in a family meet the needs of their family not always by relying on the opinion of the husband alone, so it is not uncommon for wives to work also to meet the economic needs of



the family (Kisiyanto & Setiawan, 2019). Income from the husband cannot be used as a reference to always meet the needs and expenses of living in the household. Therefore, in helping to meet the needs of household life, wives also try hard in their work (Ares, et al, 2022: 2). In Sungai Pengga Village, not a few wives work to ease the burden on their husbands. This is because wives believe that they can ease the family's economic burden without abandoning their obligations as housekeepers. In addition, a wife must also be able to divide time for her children and family, because they are required to continue to take care of the household and pay attention to children's education, as well as help the family economy (Utami, 2016).

The informant stated that in the division between husband and wife, there are basically no obstacles that cause conflicts in the family. Usually when there are two jobs at the same time, for example there is a job in the plantation and there is also a job in an oil palm plantation company, then one of the husband and wife gives in to the permission on that day, meaning that one of the people does not carry out the work in the plantation or in the company. Wives are more dominant in doing light tasks and close to home (Muhammad et al., 2023).

The Role of Husbands and Wives Together in Taking Care of the Household in Sungai Pengga Village, Sintang Regency

The division of roles between husband and wife together in taking care of the household, cooperation is indispensable in the household so that the work done to take care of the household needs good communication, this high cooperation between husband and wife causes welfare in the household (Putra et al., 2017). In being married and taking care of the household, of course, there will be no escape from household problems, so it is very necessary to have a partner or partner who can understand the busyness and shortcomings of their partner. In meeting the needs of a family that earns a living and improves the economy, not only a husband, but the wife must also be or may be involved in improving the economic welfare of the family.

In the scope of the family, of course, the main problem is the economy, if the husband's income is still relatively minimal or the expenses in the household are greater than the husband's income, then this also does not rule out the possibility of inequality in the household. This also triggers that often the wife also has to work outside the home to help her husband's income to meet the needs of married life.

The existence of an agreement between husband and wife in the management of a household will reduce conflicts in their families (Khairiyah & Sunito, 2018). In fact, one of the



conflicts that often occur in the household is the absence of agreement or mutual understanding between husband and wife, especially in earning a living to meet their daily needs, including for other needs such as children's education costs, health care costs and other needs (Nasir, 2012; Wuryantoro, 2023). According to the author, cooperation between husband and wife is needed to maintain a household. The role in earning a living, taking care of the house, and taking care of children is an activity to maintain the household. shows that open and respectful communication between couples can help in better decision-making regarding the management of household resources, which ultimately contributes to well-being (Aminda et al., 2018; Nasir, 2012).

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the data analysis, the following conclusions can be formulated, namely, first, the division of the husband's role in earning a living in addition to meeting various basic needs and other needs for his family members. Also other social needs such as the need for health and education for their children. This also includes meeting secondary needs such as; ownership of household furniture, kitchen utensils, recreational needs and so on. The role of the husband is the breadwinner who positions himself as a leader for his family members, and education as well as a protector for family members, so that the husband is obliged to provide support for family members including living expenses for his wife and children.

Second, the division of the role of the wife is not only focused on working at home such as taking care of the household, serving the needs of the husband, taking care of and taking care of the children at home. Also between the Husband and Wife together in taking care of the household, taking care of and taking care of the children as well as the Wife is involved in making a living based on an agreement with the Wife sometimes also works outside the home to earn a living to increase income in her household. Because the income of the husband who works in an oil palm plantation company with a salary of Rp 1,800,000 is not enough to meet the various needs of his family members.

The author provides suggestions in this study. First, in order to meet the living needs of family members in a household, there should no longer be gender differences both in working to earn a living and other social activities. Second, creating harmony in relationships in the family, especially husband and wife, where, an agreement in the family is needed to work for a living such as working for an oil palm plantation company, taking care of the household, and other social activities. Third, the willingness of husband and wife to earn a living to meet the living needs of



family members is very important as the role of husband and wife and father-mother. Therefore, there needs to be a division of roles between husband and wife in the household.

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