



Legal Counselling Regarding Law Enforcement on Violence Against Women and Children and Financial Literacy For Women at Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi in Dauh Puri Kaja Village, Denpasar, Bali

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Abstract

Indonesia has been the site of a number of incidents involving violence and discrimination that have attracted significant attention. Indeed, the number of such cases is on the rise. The prevalence of discrimination against women is influenced by a number of factors, one of which is economic. Protection of women is of paramount importance in order to safeguard women's rights from discrimination. The protection of women's rights can be effectively achieved through the promotion of women's empowerment and the encouragement of their active participation in the political and social spheres. This will facilitate the reduction of gender-based discrimination and violence. The establishment of Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi represents a significant advancement in the effort to address violence against marginalised women and children. A complaint centre for violence against women and children has been established in Dauh Puri Kaja Village, Denpasar. Nevertheless, it is evident that members of Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi who establish the women's and children's violence complaint centre require legal guidance during the initial stages of their operations. It is therefore crucial that legal counsel is made available at the school in order to educate and inform women of the legal steps involved in law enforcement and financial literacy. Women represent an element of family economic support that is susceptible to legal issues, and thus the phenomenon is addressed through the Community Service Programme by Ngurah Rai University.

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Introduction

Over time, cases of violence against women have become a significant and contentious issue in society. It is clear that this is a serious phenomenon that must be addressed by the government. Article 28G paragraph (1) of the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia states that all Indonesians, including women, shall be free from the threat of sexual crimes and violence (Amin & Nurkartiko, 2023). The definition stipulated in the law requires that the state must guarantee the rights of its citizens without gender discrimination and distinguishing rights in order to realise welfare for all Indonesian people.

The role of women is of significant importance in the development of state life, occupying a strategic position in this regard. The proportion of women in Indonesia is 49.42% (Badan Pusat Statistik, 2019) which is less than the proportion of the total population. Nevertheless, in the field of economic progress, approximately 54% of MSME players are predominantly female. Furthermore, in the investment sector, women account for 60% of the workforce (Ramadhan, 2021). Consequently, the role of women is not limited to the small-scale domestic sector, namely households, as is the general paradigm. In the context of contemporary societal shifts and evolving local cultural values, women play a pivotal role in influencing the character of the younger generation and contributing to social and economic progress. It is widely acknowledged that the role of women within the family can have an impact on the next generation. It is imperative that women be confident in their ability to meet the challenges of motherhood, which includes the responsibility of nurturing and educating children, in addition to their chosen occupation. Unfortunately, in parallel with societal development, there has been a notable increase in cases of violence and discrimination against women and children. The data indicates that there were 21,768 cases of violence and discrimination against women and children during 2023 (Badan Pusat Statistik, 2017).

Upon further examination, it becomes evident that this issue requires urgent attention. It is crucial to address the alarming prevalence of violence against women, both physical and psychological, in order to achieve the goal of reducing such cases. Additionally, the protection of women's rights is of paramount importance. The rights of women that must be upheld are those to equality, freedom, and security for every individual. These include the right to freedom from slavery, torture, or degrading treatment; the right to recognition as a person before the law seeking justice; the right to freedom of expression and participation in politics; and the right to equality in marriage and family relations (Woman Law and Development, 2021).

In addition to national concerns, the province of Bali is witnessing an alarming rise in physical, sexual, and psychological violence. This phenomenon can manifest in the family, educational, and friendship environments. The influence of social media also has the potential to exacerbate cases of sexual violence. It is regrettable that a significant proportion of victims of sexual violence and discrimination do not report the incident to the authorities, due to concerns that their identity will be disclosed and that this will result in negative social stigma. This makes it challenging to implement and provide legal protection. Furthermore, economic factors and low levels of education are also contributing factors in the perpetration of physical, sexual and psychological violence against women.

In order to enhance educational opportunities for marginalised women in Denpasar City and to facilitate the establishment of women-friendly and child-caring villages, a women's school was established. The school was named Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi and is situated in Dauh Puri Kaja Village. It is the inaugural women's school in Denpasar City to be established by a Perbekel decree (Village Head's Decree). It is anticipated that the establishment of this women's school will contribute to the minimisation and, ultimately, the elimination of violence against women and children. This is because violence against women and children represents only the visible, or superficial, aspect of a much larger problem. It is not visible from the bottom. It is challenging to identify. It can be observed that cases are only reported when they have reached a severe

condition, with unreported cases undoubtedly representing a greater number and intensity. In light of these issues, Ngurah Rai University (NRU) implemented a service programme in collaboration with Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi in the 2023-2024 academic year. The programme was funded through an internal grant programme for community service (PkM) and aimed to identify and address various problems. The following problems were identified:

Table 1. Problem Specification at Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi

No	Scope of the Problem and Justification	Problem Specification
1.	Law Enforcement	Members of the Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi, which has established a complaints centre for violence against women and children at the Dauh Puri Kaja village headquarters in Denpasar, required legal guidance to inform their initial response.
2.	Education	It is recommended that the existence of Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi Dauh Puri Kaja be disseminated in order to facilitate the provision of additional assistance.
3.	Organisation	It is imperative that the cadres of Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi Dauh Puri Kaja possess a sense of confidence and belief in the efficacy of their activities.
4.	Administration	The administrative infrastructure of the organisation, including the absence of an organisational seal, organisational structure board and name board, represents a significant challenge to the continued existence and expansion of the organisation.

Source: The community service team’s analysis, 2023

The objectives of this activity are threefold: firstly, to provide legal counsel to the community, with a particular focus on women at Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi in Dauh Puri Kaja Village; secondly, to enhance the community’s understanding of legal matters, with a specific emphasis on women at Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi in Dauh Puri Kaja Village; and thirdly, to devise and implement administrative equipment to support the continued functioning of the organisation.

Method

This community service activity was conducted at Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi in Puri Kauh Village. The activity involved eight individuals: four Ngurah Rai University lecturers and four Ngurah Rai University students. The partner in this activity was the Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi. The activities were carried out for six months, from 20 September 2023 to 24 February 2024. The service was conducted in several stages. Firstly, information was provided to the community about the legal aspects of family violence and other legal problems that are commonly experienced. Secondly, advice was given on how to resolve these issues. Thirdly, legal counselling was delivered in an interactive manner between lecturers, students and the community. Finally, the language used was simple and accessible.

Results and Discussion

The village of Dauh Puri Kaja is situated within the city of Denpasar. This was further reinforced by the Decree of the Governor of Bali, Head of Region Level I, dated 1 April 1980 under number 7/PEM/II.a/2.5/1980, which concerns the determination of village divisions in the Denpasar City Area. In 1982, the Decree of the Governor of Bali, Head of Region Level I, dated 1 June 1982 with number 57 of 1982 was issued, which concerns the determination of

definitive villages in the Denpasar Administrative City Area. The village of Dauh Puri Kaja is comprised of five distinct banjar. The five banjar of Dauh Puri Kaja are as follows: Br. Lumintang, Br. Wangaya Kaja, Br. Wanasari, Br. Wangaya Klod, Br. Lelangon. Nevertheless, in conjunction with the expansion of the village of Dauh Puri Kaja, the decree of the Mayor of the Municipality, Head of Denpasar Region Level II, was issued on 22 February 1995 with number 66 Year 1995. The decree established two new hamlets in Dauh Puri Kaja, namely Mekarsari and Terunasari. Currently, there are seven hamlets in the village.

The increase in population has a significant impact on the social welfare of the population. In addition to the social welfare of the population, other social problems will also arise as the population increases. Other problems that occur in the area relate to interactions in the community, both internal and external. Interaction is still not optimal, impeding the smooth implementation of government administration and development. These problems are strategic issues that must be resolved by the Dauh Puri Kaja Village Government to provide welfare and realise equality between women and men.

The establishment of Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi represents a preventive measure taken by the Dauh Puri Kaja Village government to address violence and discrimination against women. In carrying out its activities, the Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi not only performs a simple action but also provides advocacy and economic empowerment. The objective of the school is to respond to the issues faced by women and to alleviate poverty, in addition to supporting the local government's programme to improve community welfare. Consequently, the school serves as an educational institution that cultivates women as leaders despite their limitations, thereby enabling them to assist their community. Consequently, a women's and child abuse complaint centre was established at the Dauh Puri Kaja Village Head Office in Denpasar. It is evident that this necessitate legal expertise for the provision of initial assistance. The following solutions have been proposed to address the challenges faced by Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi.

Table 2. Solutions Offered

No	Scope of the Problem	Solutions Offered	Target Output	Plans and Outcome Indicators
1.	Enforcement Aspects	Community socialisation on law enforcement for family violence.	The members of Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi Dauh Puri Kaja are well-versed in the legal framework pertaining to family	A 10% increase in the insight of participants following the socialisation
2.	Education	Promotion of the Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi in Dauh Puri Kaja Village	Socialisation with the mass media: Indonesian state-owned radio station, RRI (Radio Republik Indonesia)	1 time was invited to RRI
3.	Organisation	Conducting leadership lectures	A series of socialisation activities and leadership lectures	A 10% increase in the insight score has been observed in participants
4.	Administration	Fulfilment the administrative requirements of Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi, including the establishment of an organisational structure and the implementation of appropriate signage for the continued existence of the organisation.	Designing a seal, organisational structure board and nameplate designs.	One piece of organisational seal, one piece of organisational structure board, and one school name board

Source: The community service team's analysis, 2023

As one of the winning teams of internal grants for community service activities for the 2023/2024 academic year, the Ngurah Rai University lecturer team organised legal counselling activities related to law enforcement for acts of violence against women and children and financial literacy for women at the Srikandi Women's School in Dauh Puri Kaja Village, Denpasar. The aforementioned activity was held at the Perbekel Office of Dauh Puri Kaja Village on the 18th of November, 2023. The event was inaugurated by Gusti Ketut Sucipta, the village head, in conjunction with participants from Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi. Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi is the inaugural women's school in Denpasar City to be established by a village head decree. This demonstrates the commitment of Dauh Puri Kaja Village to the government's programme, the establishment of Women-friendly and Child-caring Village (DRPPA).



Figure 1. Women's representative of Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi (Stop Violence against Women and Children)

The principal speaker at the legal counselling activity was Dr. Putu Eka Trisna Dewi, SH, MH, CLA, a lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Ngurah Rai University, who specialises in the field of law. The activity addressed pertinent and pressing issues related to law enforcement on violence against women and children, as well as providing financial literacy insights relevant to women and families. The material was presented with a focus on experiences and case studies, in order to provide the necessary insights.



Figure 2. Legal counselling at Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi

Radiah, the chairperson of Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi, welcomed this kind of socialisation activity on law enforcement and expressed the enthusiasm of the school's members, which was evidenced by the attendance of 20 participants. The participants were actively engaged in the presentation and discussion activities, which were conducted in a familial atmosphere with the resource persons. The material presented was accompanied by illustrative case studies drawn from the local community, with the intention of facilitating comprehension of the concepts of financial literacy and law enforcement, despite the diverse backgrounds of the participants.



Figure 3. The publication of legal counselling activities in the mass media

In her capacity as the representative of the community service grant recipient team, Sri Sulandari, SoS., M.A.P., expressed the hope that the activity would serve to increase community awareness of the importance of law enforcement and financial literacy among women and families, thereby strengthening the role of Women-friendly and Child-caring Village in accordance with the development priorities of women's empowerment and child protection (PPPA) in the period 2020-2024. It is anticipated that these activities will contribute to the mainstreaming of gender and children's rights in development. Consequently, both women and children can claim their rights and feel empowered and protected from all forms of violence, starting from the village, which is the most important area for organising women's empowerment and child protection in Indonesia. Furthermore, the fifth goal of the Sustainable Development Agenda stipulates that countries around the globe must eradicate all forms of discrimination against women.

Furthermore, the measure is in accordance with one of the Tri Hita Karana concepts of the Hindu community in Bali, which is pawongan, which means the harmonisation of human relations. Ngurah Rai University, one of Bali's oldest private universities, is committed to enhancing the role of women within society. Consequently, it is imperative to implement tangible measures to cultivate a child-friendly village concept, integrating the values of Tri Hita Karana. The Tri Hita Karana concept emphasises the significance of actions that align with the values of goodness, balance, and harmony.

Conclusion

The phenomenon of violence against women and children continues to be a significant concern for the government, with the number of cases on the rise each year. In response, the Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi was established by the government of Dauh Puri Kaja Village in Denpasar City. The school's objective is to address the issue of violence and discrimination against women. In addition to its core educational mission, the Sekolah Perempuan Srikandi engages in advocacy and economic empowerment initiatives to address the multifaceted challenges faced by

women and to alleviate poverty. These efforts align with the broader community development goals of the Dauh Puri Kaja government. The school serves as a platform for women from disadvantaged backgrounds to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to become leaders in their communities, thereby contributing to the advancement of the entire community. Consequently, a women and child abuse complaint post has been established at the village head office in Dauh Puri Kaja, Denpasar. This necessitates legal expertise in the initial assistance. In light of the aforementioned considerations, the Ngurah Rai University lecturer team, which was one of the winning teams of the internal grant for Community Service activities for the 2023/2024 academic year, organised legal counselling activities related to law enforcement on violence against women and children and financial literacy for women at the school. The objective of these activities was to provide education and initial understanding of legal steps in the initial assistance of victims of violence and legal issues related to the economic sector. The principal speaker in the event was Dr Putu Eka Trisna Dewi, SH, MH, CLA, a lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Ngurah Rai University, specialising in the field of law. Legal counselling entails a discussion of the pertinent and crucial issues related to law enforcement on acts of violence against women and children, as well as the provision of financial literacy insights that are relevant to women and families.

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