The Leadership Models of Principals to Alleviate Poverty at Lagging and Social Crisis Area in District of South-West Sumba, East Nusa Tenggara

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Abstract—The purposes of the research were (1) to produce guideline models of principal leadership in alleviate of poverty at lagging and social crisis area in district of South-west Sumba East Nusa Tenggara; and (2) to produce indicator models of principal leadership to empower people through education. The method used Research and Development (R&D), and data collection consisted of two stages, i.e. (1) pre-development stage, comprising: preliminary study, design and validation phase; and (2) development stage, comprising limited test, expanded test, evaluation and revision phase. The subjects of this research were principals, vice principals and teachers of senior high school (SMA) and vocational high school (SMK) in South-west Sumba. The results of this research showed that the principals (1) applied the model of visionary leadership to alleviate poverty through education; (2) empowered people to improve learning quality; (3) involved community leaders, religious leaders and churches to increased student motivation; (4) involved churches and religious leaders in motivating student learning; and (5) involved community leaders in keeping schools and school facilities.

Keywords—Leadership principals, alleviate poverty, religious leaders, student motivation

I. INTRODUCTION

Southwest Sumba District (SBD) is a district expection of West Sumba district in East Nusa Tenggara, based on Law Number 16 2007 on the formation of the Southwest Sumba district. SBD has wide area 148.04 km², or 36.53% of the total area of the West Sumba district. Most of the area is hilly and almost 50 percent of the total area has a slope of 14 - 40°. Hilly topography easily caused soil erosion [1].

SBD in 2013 was developed into eleven districts of the eight districts. Population increasingly dense caused by factors of young age marriage, polygamy and the motto many children make so much money is a motivation to have many children. The conditions resulted in lower quality education, while employment is limited, reduced agricultural product and health problems. This raises new social problems. The dropout rate is greater than the number of students. Poverty and economic needs, the cause of the increasing number of crimes such as theft and robbery [4]

SBD condition is described as undeveloped area. Undeveloped areas is areas that the community and the region undeveloped than other areas nationwide. Undeveloped area is caused by several factors: 1) the geographic relatively difficult to reach because it is located far inland, the hills/mountains, islands, making it difficult to reach by transportation and communication media; 2) the natural resources cannot be exploited for the welfare of the people; 3) human resources have a level of education, knowledge and skills is relatively low as well as traditional institutions underdeveloped; 4) communication, transportation, education, services facilities are lower caused to difficult social and economic activities; 5) isolated area, easily conflict and disaster-prone caused disruption of social and economic development activities.

II. METHOD

This research method is research and development (R & D) with development of educational design by Richey & Nelson and Plomp and some modification that include steps of research R & D by Borg & Gall.

Research procedures conducted two phases of activity: pre-development and development phase. Pre-development phase development activities: (1) the initial investigation, activities are: analysis of leadership and analysis of Principal Leadership problem; (2) design, activities: formulating the kind of school leadership, formulating approaches to school leadership, formulating variables of school leadership, formulating development of research instruments, formulate
research instruments to determine the principal’s leadership is applied to the area lagging and social crisis; (3) Realization phase/construction. This phase produces a model instrument design leadership in senior high school (SMA) and vocational high school (SMK). The activities of development phase are: 1) the validity test conducted by a team of education experts and practitioners are teachers or principals; 2) small group test; 3) test expansion test. Phase development of the principal leadership can be seen in the following figure:

Fig. 1. Principal Leadership Development Stages

A. Trial Products

The test is done by: (1) the number of small group trial total of 32 samples were divided into SMA Weetebula 16 samples and 16 samples North Kodi. (2) the amount of expanded trial are 60 samples were divided into 30 samples SMA N 1 North Wewewa and 30 samples SMKN 2 North Wewewa. Subject are principals, vice principals and teachers.

Types of data collected are the quantitative and qualitative data. Quantitative data described in the instrument questions grouped into two variables: independent and dependent variables. Independent variable are: visionary leadership model (X1), improve student learning interest (X21), increase student achievement (X2-1), improve performance teachers (X2-3). Empowering Communities through Education (X3-1) and increase student achievement motivation (X3-2). Dependent variables are: alleviating poverty through education, main duties and function of principal and professional leadership principal. Qualitative data were collected through interviews, observation and documentation. Quantitative data were analyzed by SPSS version 18.

III. THE RESULT OF THE RESEARCH

1. Education in Southwest Sumba

Southwest Sumba Regency (SBD) tried to improve its human resources (HR) through the development of education. Compulsory education program 9-years has been expanded into 12-year that people 7-15 age can participate in education on basic education. Specifically, the quality of the population can be seen by the percentage of population able to finish their education to a higher level. The following table describes the percentage of the total population based on the number of diploma-owned.

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<td>51.98</td>
<td>52.61</td>
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<td>Elementary/elementary</td>
<td>24.68</td>
<td>25.49</td>
<td>24.73</td>
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<td>Junior high school</td>
<td>11.90</td>
<td>12.38</td>
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<td>Secondary students</td>
<td>4.62</td>
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<td>Vocational high school</td>
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<td>Undergraduate (UG)</td>
<td>0.11</td>
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<td>UG North Pole</td>
<td>0.64</td>
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The data above describes the school participation rate (SPR) at SBD district the highest is the population aged 7-12 years means that the number of students of primary school age (ranked highest by number of 52.91%). When stratified by sex, number of male students conduct more than female students. Data can be seen in the following table.

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The increasing number of primary and secondary school students require more number of teachers so that the learning process can run smoothly. Comparison of the number of teachers and student are not sufficient impact on the supervision teacher to student.

A. The Principal Leadership

Result Test Limited Test (small group)

- Poverty Alleviation Community = 42.495 + 0.937
Visionary Leadership Model (Y1 = 42.495 + 0.937 X);
• Duties and Functions Principal = 17.189 + 0.252 105 increase interest in learning + 2.143 improvement achievement learning + 1.573 improving teacher performance (Y2 = 17.189 + 0.252 X1 + 2.143 X2 + 1.573 X3).

• Principal as Leader Professional = 96.320 - 0.082 empowering communities through education + 0.528 increasing student motivation (Y3 = 96.320 - 0.082 X1 + 0.528 X2)

B. Result Testing Expanded (Large Group)

• Poverty Alleviation Community = 53,548 + 0.329 Visionary Leadership Model. (Y1 = 53,548 + 0.329 X).

• Duties and Functions Principal = 89,759 + 2,105 increase interest in learning + 1,765 improvement achievement learning - 0.288 improving teacher performance (Y2 = 89,759 + 2,105 X1 + 1,765 X2 - 0.288 X3).

• Principal as Leader Professional = 80,999 + 0.059 empowering communities through education + 0.639 increasing student motivation (Y3 = 80,999 + 0.059 X1 + 0.639 X2)

2. School Principal Guideline

The product of this research is the Handbook of Leadership Principal (BPKKS). BPKKS made based on models that have been produced. The test results in a large group of data can answer 97% agree with the items that exist in BPKKS. Based on the results of an existing presentation, BPKKS can be used as a guide for principals in implementing leadership in SMA and SMK, only 3% who disagree of the items listed in the guidebook.

3. Involve Churches and Religious Leaders in Motivating Student Learning

Religious leaders are respected society. Every Sunday and religious Protestant and Catholic Christian pastors always remind the importance of learning for students and the community. Improve school attendance, remind the importance of the school for the future to the attention of religious leaders and serve as the weekly sermon. Parents or community protest due to the actions of teachers to students who may not be directly to the school but completed at home pastor or religious leader. How this is done to secure the school and teachers of students and community action.

4. Involving Community Leaders in Keeping Schools and Schools Facilities

Schools damaged by thrown by people who are irresponsible and school facilities and infrastructure of learning often stolen. This is very detrimental to the school and students. To overcome the problems of school safety, school principals involve community leaders around the school to keep the school from damage and theft, which are paid through the school committee money every month.

The triangular relationship between the school, community and church leaders can be seen in the picture below.

Fig. 2. The triangular relationship between school, community and church leaders

IV. CONCLUSIONS

• Education can improve the quality of human resources development building and alleviate poverty and unemployment.

• Visionary leadership is a leadership model which appropriate used to lead schools with cultural diversity and community issues.

• The results showed: (1) visionary leadership model affect on the poverty alleviation community; (2) applying the duties and functions of the school principal influence on the increase in student interest and increase student achievement and teacher performance improvement; (3) principal as professional leader is very influential on improving student learning motivation but less effect on community empowerment through education.

• School Principal guideline can be used to lead the SMA and SMK with lagging regions and social crisis conditions.

• the triangular relationship between the school, community and church leaders can increase learning motivation, learning interest, student and school achievement and improving teacher performance and maintaining school infrastructure.

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