Partnership Challenges and Needs in the Implementation of Healthy Cities in Indonesia: A Case Study of Makassar

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Abstract

Partnership in the implementation of Healthy Cities is a key determinant. This study aimed to identify the challenges of partnership and assessed the stakeholders’ needs to strengthen the partnership between the central government, provincial and municipal towards the implementation of the Healthy Cities in Makassar, Indonesia. This study used a qualitative research with a case study approach. Data analysis used a thematic analysis. Informants in this research included policy makers at central level (staff of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health), the provincial and city levels. At city level, this research involved Healthy City Advisory Team (Tim Pembina) and Healthy City Forum. The Healthy City Advisory Team generally came from the government elements, including the Regional Planning and Development Board (Bappeda), Department of Health Office, Department of Hygiene and Park, and the Department of Tourism, as well as the Department of Social Affairs.

This study identifies that the challenges faced in the implementation of the Healthy City occurred at the central level: sectoral ego still happens and perception that a healthy city as a business for the health sector alone still exists. Another challenge was the inability of the Ministry of Home Affairs to coordinate other ministries to encourage them to involve maximally in the implementation of Healthy City in accordance with the selected settings. The challenge at the city level generally related to the limited funds, the secretariat and other facilities that can support to the Healthy City. The future needs for the Healthy City is that the budget must be on every setting but under the control of Tim Pembina, sustainable Healthy City socialization and recruitment of administrative personnel for the Healthy City Forum is required. This study also recommended the need for a presidential decree on the Implementation of the Healthy Districts/Cities in Indonesia that has a strong tie to the relevant ministries and can provide leverage to the districts/cities in Indonesia. This study can be used as consideration for the local government, especially for the Forum and the Tim Pembina to achieve a better Healthy City: clean, safe, comfortable and healthy.

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