

The Role of the Single Mother of Parenting in Informal Education in Javanese Ethnic Families in Kualuh Hulu District Labuhanbatu Utara Regency

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Abstract—Single mother in carrying out the function of education in family or Informal education can be seen how a woman is able to play a role in dividing her duties as a housewife and family head who plays a role in Informal education. The purpose of this study is to find out and get a picture of single mother as the head of the family in carrying out the functions of education in the family or in informal education in Kualuh Hulu Subdistrict, Labuhanbatu Utara District. In this study is descriptive qualitative by using the Ethnographic approach, Data Collection is done by means of in-depth interviews to participants of observation. Furthermore, the data analysis technique is done by observation, interviews, and documentation. The results of this study can be seen that single mother as the head of the family in carrying out the function of informal education in the family did not fail to educate their children to carry out the life process by prioritizing informal education in the family. As seen in the family single mother can divide time and carry out two functions as well as socialize it in the community because single mother is the head of the family in carrying out the function of informal education in the family. The conclusion in this study is that the role of single mothers as family heads in carrying out family functions is successful in educating children to be successful due to informal education in the family.

Keywords— *Single Mother, Parenting, Informal Education*

I. INTRODUCTION

Life in the Family has the responsibility for human development not only as a successor, but also is an important source of informal education. The earliest knowledge and intellectual intelligence of humans originating from parents and other family members on the basis of love teaches about the values of the code of conduct, speech, morals in self-development to be able to live in a society and are virtuous is a social phenomenon that is around the environment families with only one parent based on family circumstances as Single Mother.

Lopata states (Jane, 1996: 248), the main difference that occurs to a woman when her husband dies, it seems to be whether she herself has to reorganize support systems and lifestyle, as is typical of modern women in more developed

urban centers, or whether social integration is provided by others. In many societies that are undergoing a major transition, a gap is developing between how women are socialized and how they must now live [1].

Women's daily lives are in the context of a double burden. The burden on living by Single Mother to provide care for children in the household that to provide survival in the economy is achieved through hard work to exceed the limits of her role as a woman. In increasing the burden of single mothers as family breadwinners and as an informal education center, they also play a role in improving family position, thereby fostering the spirit of single mothers (widows) as housewives who have children and still need physical and mental care.

In general, most people have the notion that formal education is the only institution that can answer a variety of questions related to sharing things that lead to the progress of the times. However, because formal education is only carried out in schools with an orientation to the ownership of diplomas, then in terms of student learning time of course separated from social life. This is certainly different from non-formal education which is more focused on social life in a society whose time tends to be relatively shorter and has specific objectives for the achievement of certain functional needs for the present and future life.

Based on the above background, the writer is interested in studying "Rituals in Datuk Darah Putih's Tomb as Non-Formal Education Media to Respect Ancestors (Case Study of Chinese Ethnic in Aur Village, Medan Maimun District, Medan City)". In this case the author wants to know the reasons for Chinese Ethnic rituals at the tomb, the pattern that is carried out during the ritual process starts from the preparation stage until after the ritual takes place, and the last is to find out the relationship between rituals and non-formal education to respect ancestors.

The role of women today is no longer associated with their nature as a woman, a wife or housewife who only takes care of the household, but has developed in such a way that women have participated in every aspect of life, especially in the

public sector, so women become one contributor in the household economy.

Changing the role from wife to single mother and acting as mother and father who care for and educate their children and make a family living. Such a situation does not mean to discourage women, namely Single Mother from silence, to mourn their fate, but must continue to be a trigger to improve their abilities, to reorganize family life in harmony.

Single mother also continues to improve the standard of living of the family through working outside the home. If the separation in the family due to death, divorce, illness and separation due to war, disease and natural disasters is inevitable, we can see that many Single mothers who continue to maintain their lives and adjust to conditions as a single parent without a husband by his side.

Single mother as the head of the family is very important, that will perform a dual role as a family head who has an obligation to meet his needs and the needs of his children and also he must play a role as a mother who does informal education as well as doing household chores. Single mother has a very big responsibility, in addition to being obliged to send their children to school, meeting household needs is also very responsible in instilling children's behavior to be better in carrying out their daily lives (informal education), those things that want to be studied in depth on the study of gender perspectives, namely the role of single mother towards parenting in Informal Education in the Ethnic Family of Single Mother in Kualuh Hulu Subdistrict, North Labuhanbatu Regency.

Horton and Hunt (1981: 280) Single Mother (Widow) family is a family without a mother. Families that are formed usually occur in legally legitimate families and families that are not yet legally valid, both religious law and government law or the wife dies, a separated spouse, a married couple and then left by their spouse, divorce, and single who adopt a child [2].

According to Hurlock (1999: 50) the understanding of Single Mother is a parent who has been widowed either father or mother, assumes the responsibility for looking after children after the death of their spouse, divorce or child birth outside of marriage [3].

Based on these various definitions, that a single parent family is a family consisting of only one parent where they raise their children individually without the presence, support, responsibilities of their spouse and live together with their children in one house. In their lives, usually single parents experience many challenges, not only are economic problems there are still many problems they face in the process of living life.

In this case, especially in KualuhHulu District, Single Mother's efforts in fulfilling the family's economy by having work outside the home. Single Mother who has a side job such as being a farm laborer, housemaid, garden worker. For him to be a farm laborer is not a very embarrassing job to do. But with this job his family's economy will be increasingly helped.

II. METHOD

In this study using a descriptive qualitative research using an ethnographic approach. According to Spradley (1997: 12) explains that Etnography is a culture that studies other cultures which is a building of knowledge that includes research techniques and various cultural descriptions and builds a systematic understanding of all human cultures from the perspective of people who have studied the culture. Collecting data in this study through observation and in-depth interviews directly with informants [4].

III. THEORITICAL REVIEW

According to Robert Linton (1936:17), role theory describes social interaction in the terminology of actors who play according to what is determined by culture. In accordance with this theory, role expectations are our shared understanding to guide behavior in everyday life. Like the role of single mother in educating their children by implementing Javanese culture in everyday life [5].

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In Kualuh Hulu Subdistrict many people work as plantation workers. Workers are workers or employees are basically people who use their energy and ability to get money in return. like a single mother in meeting the needs of her family, Single Mother financially called Misem by being a laborer in the garden and dividing the time between being a laborer and doing formal education that can make her children character. Both of these roles were undertaken by Single Mother Misem and never made her despair in the effort to fulfill the economic needs of her family. Parson (1986: 67), role social theory is defined as organized expectations related to the context of certain interactions that shape an individual's motivational orientation towards others [6].

Namely Specifically in meeting the needs of his children Siti Aminah and Rahmat, Single Mother will always try to fulfill whatever the demands of their children, especially in school needs. This mother has never felt tired, all she has in her heart is just thinking about how to get her child to finish from a state university to get a Bachelor's degree and her sister can continue on to college.

According to Single Mother Misem being a single parent is indeed not easy because for all it is only yourself who regulates. When there were still husband figures who fulfilled the necessities of their lives, being a plantation laborer had its own difficulties, namely having to poison weeds, eradicate weeds and even cultivate what is usually done by men to be done by women. But they must keep up their enthusiasm because they remember that there is something they fought for and made their children succeed in living a better life.

Same is the case with Single Mother named Fida who works as a farmer from the land of her late husband and is looking for another side job as a rubbing laborer. This land is cultivated by Single Mother Fida to meet the needs of its 4 children. Fida is a single mother who is said to have succeeded in educating a child's character, even without a husband accompanying her because children who are raised become understanding children. The first child Single Mother was sitting in class 3 high school and get help from the government because it has achievements in school. The second child, single Mother, sits in the second grade of the same high school as the first child. The third child sits in the 3rd grade junior high school and the last is 5th grade elementary school near their home.

All single mother Fida children namely Rakha, Alif, Sandrina and Halilan are very understanding. Every time they go home from school they always go to the fields to take care of the chilli plants that are planted by a single mother and the others herding goats and tidying up the house, all have their respective duties. And in the afternoon the single Mother had to go to the house of Mr. Sukanto who is the KualuhHulu sub-district head to be a rubbing laborer. if he only farms he may not get money quickly to meet the needs of his children's schools.

In the case of farming, it is not always easy, sometimes if the harvest from the fields satisfies us, we are more and more enthusiastic to plant crops that are quick to harvest and produce too. But if what we plant does not produce we must keep the spirit because it is not always what we hope to produce according to our expectations.

Then the efforts of Single Mother named Yani in meeting needs. Who work daily as a staple trader such as rice, vegetables and various daily needs that are needed by the community around Kualuh Hulu sub-district. Every morning Single Mother Yani goes to the town of Aek Kanopan to shop what she wants to trade. Even though Yani has problems because she can't use a motorcycle. Yani did not give up, he racked his brain to think and use the services of neighbors to drive him every morning to go shopping at the market.

Yani has 3 sons. The first child named Yudi succeeded in educating him to become a soldier and is now in Siantar. The

second child is sitting in college in the city of Medan. And Third child grade 1 high school. Because Yani trades at home, she can control the activities of children and educate their children to be successful.

Like (Hidayat: 2006:12) Women's involvement in the economy must inevitably be recognized, despite the fact that there are differences between men and women in work activities. Women who work can help their husbands in supporting the family economy. To help the family economy the role of women who work is needed especially in terms of helping to increase family income. They are willing to contribute their energy to produce Salary/Wages[7].

V. CONCLUSION

The phenomenon that is often found in our society today is the existence of a single parent or commonly referred to as "Single Mother". They nurture and raise children by providing their own informal education without help from their partners. Then what if those who experience something like this are women. Many petty and negative assumptions towards Single Mother women, but it can be proven that not all of these assumptions can be a justified reference. Many things are sometimes unknown to many people about how they maintain the survival of their family life. They must divide their time for many things so that the roles and tasks / functions of the family can still be carried out accordingly.

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