# The Values of *Gotong Royong* on BPK (Fire Brigade) Social Activities in Banjarmasin

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***Abstrak***

Bentuk kerjasama pada masyarakat dalam memecahkan masalah pada keseharian riuhnya perkotaan adalah bentuk kegiatan sosial. Indonesia dengan kegotongroyongan masyarakatnya saling bahu-membahu yang salah satunya dilakukan oleh Badan Pemadam Kebakaran (BPK), tidak hanya pada pemadaman kebakaran tetapi juga berbagai aksi-aksi kegiatan mereka dengan nilai gotong royong sebagai landasan aksinya. Tulisan ini membahas kegiatan sosial dari BPK dalam membantu masyarakat perkotaan diluar pemadaman api. Untuk mengetahui masalah ini, para *interviewees* dipilih untuk diwawancarai dengan pertanyaan terstruktur dan hasilnya dianalisis dengan pendekatan kualitatif hingga penarikan kesimpulan dari kegiatan sosial BPK. Penelitian ini mengidentifikasi dari kegiatan sosial BPK ini memunculkan nilai-nilai gotong royong dalam keseharian masyarakat Indonesia.
**Kata Kunci:** BPK, Kegiatan Sosial, dan Nilai Gotong Royong.

***Abstract***

The form of cooperation with the community in solving problems in the city's hectic daily life is a social activity. With the collaboration of its people, Indonesia works for hand in hand, one of which is carried out by the Fire Brigade (BPK), not only on firefighting but also on their various activities with the value of cooperation its actions. This paper discusses the social activities of the BPK in helping urban communities outside firefighting. To find out about these problems, interviewees were selected to be interviewed with structured questions. The results were analyzed using a qualitative approach to concluding BPK's social activities. This research identifies that BPK's social activities raise the values of cooperation in Indonesian people's daily lives.
**Keywords:** BPK, Social Activities, and the Value of *Gotong Royong*.

## PRELIMINARY

Humans are social creatures (*Zoon Politicon)* who need and help each other in the sense of cooperation that Indonesia is rooted in Indonesian society's life. *Gotong royong* is a way of life for the Indonesian people to survive and develop, and therefore it has been an everyday necessity for the Indonesian people since long ago. Cooperation, which contains the values of solidarity and mutual respect, is necessary by a particular society to survive so that this culture

needs to be preserving. *Gotong Royong* is an old tradition, starting during the hunting period, gathering food to catching animals together, and sharing their prey (Panjaitan, 2016).

The values of *gotong royong* that are very thick with Indonesian society make this pluralistic nation more colorful regardless of skin color, religion, race, ethnicity, and others. The people of Indonesia have always exemplified that with cooperation when working on community activities can build a sense of togetherness in today's society, especially with the development of new community life or *Society 5.0* to reduce the feeling of stagnation and make people's lives more active and enjoyable (Abbas, 2020 ).

BPK (Badan Pemadam Kebakaran), or we call it The Fire Brigade, is one of the social groups in the current era that initially focused on fire fighter in urban areas, but changed over time BPK is now engaged in many other activities. They are now more involved in social activities in the broader community; in the end, they help the community a lot from firefighting activities, fundraising activities, and other things when asked by the community. In its history, BPK in the city of Banjarmasin itself appeared in 1920 after the formation of Banjarmasin Municipality by the Dutch colonial government issued *Reglement op de Brandweer in de gemeente Bandjermasin* (Regulation on Fire Extinguishers in Banjarmasin Municipality). Dutch East Indies Colonial government formed unit *Brandweer* or the official fire department of the Banjarmasin municipality government. Until now, there are many BPKs in the city of Banjarmasin according to data from the Banjarmasin city government through the Banjarmasin City call it as DAMKAR Pemerintah Kota Banjarmasin, which is officially registered with around 550 BPKs such as SP (Swadaya Pribumi), BPK Seberang Masjid, KOMDAR (Komunikasi Darat), BALAKAR, HIPPINDO, and others. The BPK in Banjarmasin City also received an award from MURI (Museum Rekor Indonesia), namely the highest BPK in Indonesia in 2015 (Antaranews.com, 2015; Mansyur, 2018).

It becomes interesting with the Banjar community's cooperation, one of which is the firefighters who are always ready to help the community wherever and whenever. Especially in the fire brigade and other social activities they can do for those in need, the organization is also much helped by the presence of the BPK. Nowadays, they also help the wider community, especially in social activities. This paper will focus on BPK social activities in Banjarmasin City, and the Mutual Cooperation Value in it with the many BPKs in Banjarmasin City today.

## RESEARCH METHODS

The method used in this study is a qualitative method, with the key instrument in this study is the researcher himself (Creswell, 2010). This research focuses on the activities carried

out by the BPK in Banjarmasin City. This research was conducted in several places; namely, North Banjarmasin, East Banjarmasin, and West Banjarmasin, where the BPK is spread, be it small BPK, medium BPK, or large BPK. The research was carried out from August 31st$^{st}$ to September 14$^{th}$, 2020. This study used observation, interview, and documentation steps. The following is a list of informants:

**Table 1. List of Resource Names**

| No | Name | Age | Information |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mugiat | 73 Years | BPK Swadaya Pribumi (SP-01) |
| 2 | Kosim | 47 Years | BPK Swadaya Pribumi (SP-01) |
| 3 | M. Seman Syarif | 38 Years | BPK Putera Daha |
| 4 | Rapli | 40 Years | BPK Sebrang Masjid |
| 5 | Riza | 40 Years | BPK Pasar Lama |
| 6 | Rahmat | 46 Years | BPK Conoy Krane |
| 7 | Daud | 26 Years | Damkar Pemkot Banjarmasin |
| 8 | M. Raiz | 28 Years | Damkar Pemkot Banjarmasin |

Source: Researcher (Data processed, 2020).

Data that has been collected when the research was analyzed using a qualitative approach. Data analysis by Miles and Huberman's (1984) model, namely: reduction of data obtained in the field by sorting the information obtained from the area in the form of interviews, observations or images to be verified, narrative data presentation regarding social activities of BPK in Banjarmasin City, and concluding itself from research on the value of cooperation from BPK social activities in the city of Banjarmasin (Abbas, 2020; Rajiani & Abbas, 2019; Sugiyono, 2013).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The life of modern urban communities that often raises various kinds of problems, including the booming population growth or increasingly narrow public spaces, so that these problems affect urban communities' social life. The issue of poverty, population welfare, chaotic urban development patterns, the emergence of slum areas to house and building fires. Fire is a form of issue that often arises and occurs every day in large cities throughout Indonesia; it is the government and urban communities' obligation to prevent and extinguish it.

The Fire Brigade (BPK) is one of the obligations of modern life, especially in city life's frenzy, which is very dense and overcrowded. Besides that, there is also a growing danger of fires that cannot be predicted by anyone. Therefore the alertness and readiness of BPK members is a must for them to help the government and society, especially in minimizing disasters, especially in Banjarmasin City, which is very high in threat and vulnerability to fire. Because even though rivers surrounded the status of Banjarmasin city at that time, Threats

regarding city fires often occur because the material for the form of houses from the community still uses wood as the primary material.

Also, the emergence of the BPK itself in the community has made it one of the places that often help residents when they experience difficulties in their daily lives. For example, we can see from the assistance of the BPK at Banjarmasin city, namely fire fighting for residents' houses, delivering bodies, helping towing cars on strike, helping in *haulan* of Guru Sekumpul with the program is useful in assisting from helping to prepare water for ablution by bringing their water tank car or other such as distributing bread to people in Sekumpul, Martapura. In addition to these things, the private BPK also carries out many fundraising activities to help the community, usually to assist residents whose houses are on fire or help residents outside the city of Banjarmasin who are affected by natural disasters (Lestari et al., 2017).

The delivery of the bodies by the BPK itself from interview information with Mr. Mugiat (73 years) and Mr. Kosim (47 years) from BPK SP-01 Teluk Tiram. They are provided information that the ambulance from their group when asked by the community to help them deliver the bodies to their burial sites, usually without the free tariff from the family or free until their ambulance is also there to deliver the body to West Kalimantan by land to help others with two people. It is the same as the statement from Mr. M. Seman Syarif (38 years) from the BPK Putera Daha Veteran group that they also help each other to the community, especially in delivering the bodies of residents as well as helping residents affected by accidents or delivering people who are about to give birth to the hospital.

The CPC traffic undertakes other activities typically are set when religious activities such as just before Friday prayers, religious sermons activities (*babacaan* in Masjid / Violating). They helped and took part in activities haul and *menyaratus* (100 Days) Guru K. H. Ahmad Zuhdiannor on the Sungai Jingah. As from the statement of Mr. Rapli (40 years) from the BPK Seberang Masjid group:

> "We from the BPK Seberang Masjid took part in helping the committee of many *manyaratus* Guru Zuhdi *Samalam* (yesterday) in Jingah River both in *maaturakan* (managing) road traffic from in front of the Jami Mosque to the Sungai Jingah, nevertheless *imbah nitu* (after it too), we *mambantui* (help) in place so that the event runs smoothly. "

Similar to the cooperation carried out during the Guru Sekumpul Martapura haul event, many of the Banjar people work hand in hand in carrying out the Guru Sekumpul *haulan* event every year. Because the Banjar people themselves have the *Gawi Sabumi* philosophy of working together to help each other without expecting payment or wages. Which is a lot but

for togetherness and useful for many people the activities they do (Abbas, 2020; Istiqomah & Setyobudihono, 2017; Subiyakto, 2010; Subiyakto et al., 2017; Syaharuddin et al., 2019).

As regarding the fundraising carried out by BPK SP-01, information from Mr. Kosim (47 years) explained that:

> "We also help in the form of money from the results of raising funds from the RT / RW community around the fire scene in Teluk Tiram near the post. And also, our BPK works hand in hand in providing energy assistance to residents whose houses were burned down by helping to rebuild their places again. "

The same thing was expressed by Mr. Riza (40 years) from BPK Pasar Lama regarding fundraising:

> "BPK Pasar lama participated in social actions held by Balakar and the Banjarmasin City Social Service also participated in raising funds on the streets and apart from helping victims. The fire also participated in managing the roads during the recitation event. distribute bread to other riders. "

Also, other activities carried out by the BPK include working with the government to extinguish fires in residents' houses and even when asked to help in extinguishing forest and land fires that usually occur in the Peatlands, Martapura, and surrounding areas. Information obtained from Mr. Daud (26 years) and Mr. M. Raiz (28 years), a member of the Banjarmasin City Damkar, that the Banjarmasin City Government Damkar also helps in the to extinguish of forests and land usually outside the Banjarmasin area such as Peat, Alalak, Handil Bakti or Sungai Tabuk by building an Alert Post at KM 6 and in collaboration with the BPBD of South Kalimantan Province as well as the private BPK group both in cooperation in distributing water from the water tank with the marathon channeling water to the hotspot on the fire area or working hand in hand in the spraying. Disinfectant to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the city of Banjarmasin during the lockdown situation or some time ago, where the Damkar of Banjarmasin City Government, BPK, and the Banjarmasin City Police asked to spray in urban areas and markets. Here we can see the cooperation of Damkar Pemkot Banjarmasin, BPK and private communities, and parties police and city authorities to reduce the pandemic's spread.

Many of the activities of the BPK raise the value of cooperation that modern society must develop now, especially with the era of *Society* 5.0. 21st-century skills are very much needed, we can see from the activities that have been carried out by BPK in the Banjar community, hand in hand. In solving various social problems with a spirit of cooperation. So that the values of collaboration in the Banjar community itself are very thick in their daily lives with the philosophy of *Gawi Sabumi*, the values of cooperation and social care emerge and are

applied by the Banjar community. We can also see from one form of 21st-century skills, namely collaboration, among community members. This must be developed into character education through the function of the values contained. The process of character education is to develop students' necessary abilities so that they think smartly, behave in a moral, moral way, and do something good, which is beneficial for themselves, their families, and society (Abbas, 2013; Mutiani, 2019; Mutiani & Faisal, 2019; Putra, 2019; Subiyakto et al., 2020).

## CONCLUSION

The Fire Brigade (BPK) is a form of organization in the community to assist in firefighting. In the course of its function, BPK also helps the community in other fields with social activities such as delivering bodies, raising funds for residents whose houses have been hit by fire, raising funds for natural disasters, extinguish of forest and land fires, spraying disinfectants during the pandemic *COVID-19* and others as an application of the values of cooperation in their social activities. The value of collaboration in BPK activities is integrated into social studies teaching materials to instill character education in students. Further research can further develop local values in other Banjar communities into social studies learning materials in schools.

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