Teachers Have Problems Teaching Early Children During the Covid-19 Pandemic

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Abstract
Study this aim for know teacher problems in teaching PAUD during the Covid-19 pandemic in the District Attack, and for know effort made _ in overcome Thing that. The subject study is a PAUD teacher in the district Attack consisting of 126 respondents from 108 PAUD institutions in the district Attack. Method research used _ is descriptive quantitative with survey technique, researcher To do Interview with spread questionnaire online to _ respondents. The evaluation questionnaire uses the Guttman scale. Research results show that 65% of the total PAUD (Similar Education Units ) in the district attacked show many problems faced by PAUD teachers while teaching, especially during the pandemic surveyed all PAUD teachers in Serang. The later district from survey results show same result and opinion _ that is demands from parents _ for implemented system offline learning or stare face; so that learning more effective and optimal.

Keywords: problem; teaching; early childhood teacher

Abstrak
Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui permasalahan guru dalam mengajar PAUD pada masa pandemi Covid-19 di Kabupaten Serang, dan untuk mengetahui upaya yang dilakukan dalam mengatasi hal tersebut. Subjek penelitian adalah guru PAUD di Kabupaten Serang yang terdiri dari 126 responden dari 108 lembaga PAUD di Kabupaten Serang . Metode penelitian yang digunakan adalah deskriptif kuantitatif dengan teknik survey, peneliti melakukan wawancara dengan menyebarkan kuesioner secara online kepada responden. Penilaian kuesioner menggunakan skala Guttman. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa 65% dari total PAUD (Satuan Pendidikan Serupa) di kabupaten Serang menunjukkan banyak permasalahan yang dihadapi guru PAUD saat mengajar terutama pada masa pandemi, sehingga dilakukan survey kepada seluruh guru PAUD di Serang . Kabupaten yang kemudian dari hasil survey menunjukkan hasil dan pendapat yang sama yaitu tuntutan dari orang tua untuk dilaksanakan sistem pembelajaran offline atau tatap muka, agar pembelajaran lebih efektif dan optimal.

Kata Kunci : masalah; pengajaran; guru anak usia dini

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Introduction

At the beginning of 2020, the world was shocked by information about the Covid 19 pandemic that attacked the country of China, especially the Wuhan area, where the Coronavirus was first detected. All leaders of their respective countries have issued policies to suppress the Covid 19 pandemic so that it does not enter their countries, including Indonesia. The spread of the Covid-19 outbreak was very fast. This happens because the coronavirus is invisible to the naked eye. the effect felt by the sufferer is not too significant. The Indonesian government swiftly closed all entrances without exception. When it was done, it turned out that there were already two Indonesian citizens who had contracted the virus.

This did not break the government's spirit to remain vigilant to keep this country safe from the Covid 19 outbreak. The Indonesian government issued policies and regulations to suppress the Covid 19 outbreak by asking the public to comply with health protocols, by washing hands, wearing masks; and maintaining a distance of approximately one to two meters, two meters and it is not recommended to gather in crowds.

The presence of the Covid 19 outbreak in Indonesia has made all sectors change the systems and ways of working that have been used, including the education sector. The government has also carried out the transfer of the teaching and learning process to suppress the Covid 19 outbreak; until finally the policy was stated in the Decree of the Minister of Education and Culture of the Republic of Indonesia Number 719/P/2020 concerning the Guidelines for the Order of Education and Culture. Curriculum Implementation in Education Units in Special Conditions. The purpose of implementing the curriculum in these special conditions is to provide flexibility for the Education Unit to determine a curriculum that is to the learning needs of students. (kemendikbud.co.id)

From the curriculum objectives, students are directed to learn from home using an online learning system. Starting from the level of the Early Childhood Education Program (PAUD), Kindergarten, Elementary School, Junior High School, Senior High School, and even Higher Education. This policy is based on the fact that schools are places that can gather many people, so it is feared that if one of them is exposed to the Coronavirus, it will most likely spread to others. Finally, the Indonesian government through the Covid 19 task force in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Culture (Kemendikbud) implemented an emergency curriculum with an online learning system.

In online learning, teachers can use various platforms according to student needs. Online learning has many benefits, but in its application online learning causes various kinds of problems. One of them is when teachers use learning applications, they must have learning tools such as smartphones or laptops. Not to mention when the teacher has to use the internet, the internet connection must be good so that the learning process can run well by the given learning objectives.

In the Big Indonesian Dictionary (KBBI) the word problem means problem. Problems are problems that have not been revealed until scientific investigations and appropriate methods are carried out. The problem is still causing debate, it still causes problems to be solved. Based on this case, it can be concluded that problematic is a problem that occurs and requires changes and solutions, and cannot be solved so scientific research is needed. Two factors affect the problem, internal factors, and external factors. Internal factors come from within students and external factors come from family, surrounding environment, villages, schools, and educators. Anggraini (2016) explains internal factors, namely interest, motivation, attention to learning, and readiness to learn. Meanwhile (Riyanda et al., 2020) explains external factors, namely variations in teacher teaching and the use of learning media.

Learning is important in the realm of education, but it cannot be denied that when learning takes place there will be various problems that arise. The success of learning can not be separated from the ability and knowledge of individuals in learning. This is because learning is not just about obtaining or absorbing information conveyed by the teacher, but learning must be by the basic needs of students so that their potential can be utilized properly.
and wisely. All of this applies at all levels, including at the early childhood education level, where early childhood education was established as “an effort to develop all aspects of student personality to bridge family education with school education.

The process of globalization is an unavoidable historical necessity, with all its advantages and disadvantages. The nation and state will be able to enter the era of globalization firmly if they have quality education. The quality of education is mainly determined by the teaching and learning process that takes place, in that process the teacher plays a very important role. According to Law no. 20 of 2013 concerning the National Education System Article 1 points 5 and 6, what is meant by educators are those who meet the requirements as teachers, lecturers, counselors, tutors, widyaiswara, instructors, facilitators, and other designations according to their specificity and participate in providing education. Meanwhile, according to (Suhardan, 2014) the nature of the teacher is: the teacher is an agent of reform, the teacher acts as a leader and supporter of community values the teacher as a facilitator allows the creation of good conditions for students to learn the teacher is responsible for achieving results. student learning teachers are required to be role models in the management of the teaching and learning process for prospective teachers who are students teachers are professionally responsible for continuously improving their abilities and teachers uphold the professional code of ethics.

Based on Law Number 20 of 2003 Article 39: (1) it is stated that educators are professionals who are tasked with planning and implementing the learning process, assessing learning outcomes, providing guidance and training, as well as conducting research and community service, especially for educators on campus (pusdiklat.perpusnas.go.id). In particular, the duties and functions of educators (teachers and lecturers) are based on Law Number 14 of 2017, namely as learning agents to improve the quality of national education, developers of science, technology, and the arts, as well as the community (lldikti8.ristekdikti.go.id). Article 6 states that the position of teachers and lecturers as professionals aims to implement the national education system and realize the goal of national education, namely the development of the potential of students to become human beings of faith, and fear of God Almighty, noble, healthy, knowledgeable, capable, creative, independent, and become a democratic and responsible citizen.

Educators and education personnel are entitled to the proper and adequate income as well as social welfare insurance, awards according to work performance assignments, career development by the demands of quality development, legal protection in carrying out duties and intellectual property rights, and the opportunity to use facilities, educational infrastructure, and facilities to support the smooth implementation of tasks. Educators and education staff are obliged to create an educational atmosphere that is meaningful, fun, creative, dynamic, and dialogical, has a professional commitment to improving the quality of education, sets an example, and maintains the good name of institutions, professions, and positions by the mandate given to them. This explanation becomes a benchmark for a teacher's professionalism in the world of education. But in reality, there are still many problems among teachers both before the Covid-19 period, especially during the current Covid-19 period. The problem of teachers is increasing, although various efforts have been made to improve the quality of education, especially the quality of teachers.

According to Darmadi (2010) there are two important things needed in efforts to improve the quality of education, namely mentality and vitality and the role of the Indonesian Teachers Association (PGRI) as a professional organization. In terms of mentality and vitality referring to teachers, there are three important activities that teachers need to be able to improve their quality so that they can continue to rise to the highest rank. First, teachers must increase the exchange of ideas about matters related to experience, develop learning materials, and interact with students. Second, what should be discussed in scientific meetings attended by teachers is the results of research conducted by the teacher himself. Third, teachers must get used to communicating the results of their research, especially through print media, this
can improve the teacher’s ability to write. Meanwhile, in terms of the role of the Indonesian Teachers Association (PGRI), this organization has a moral responsibility to encourage and provide the three activities described previously to improve the quality of teachers and their bodies.

To improve the quality of education, one fundamental truth is realized, that the key to success is preparing to create professional teachers who have new powers and responsibilities to plan future education. Self-improvement should be a personal responsibility; Therefore, the development of teacher quality must be linked to the career development of a teacher. The ideal picture is income and career, in this case, the level of position and rank is the result of improving the quality of a teacher. For the development and improvement of teacher professionalism, it is necessary to develop good, harmonious, and objective peer professional activities.

Teacher professionalism must be supported by competency standards mastered by professional teachers. One of these competencies is the ability to use information technology which continues to develop to the progress and needs of the community. Information technology has, currently, and will change people's lives by promising more effective, more useful, and more creative ways of working and living. According to (Darmadi, 2010) the global information revolution is its success in integrating computing, television, radio, and telephone capabilities. It is the result of a combination of revolutions in the fields of personal computers, data transmission, bandwidth, data storage and data access, multimedia integration, and computer networking. In essence, the existence of information technology allows and makes it easier for humans to communicate with each other quickly, easily, and affordably, and has the potential to encourage community development.

In giving/delivering information to other people (eg to students), it is not information that we know that is conveyed, but what we convey is information that is truly meaningful and needed by the target. Meaningful information is information that can help/accelerate decision-making for the desired behavior change. The world of education must prepare all elements in the education system so as not to be left behind or abandoned by these developments. Through the application and selection of appropriate information technology (as part of educational technology), continuous quality improvement can be expected. Improvements that occur continuously and consistently will encourage a change orientation to improve the world of education continuously. The existence of the information revolution can be a challenge for educational institutions at any level because they are not necessarily ready to adapt. However, this will be a good opportunity if educational institutions can respond with full openness and try to choose the right type of information technology, to support the achievement of quality education.

The Covid-19 pandemic has taken many things and then shaped a new order. This pandemic also seems to provide a new path to a new transformation in life (Saleh, 2020). This also requires life to change in a fast period. Gagne and Briggs (Mulyono, 2011) state that learning is a series of events (events, events, and conditions) that are intentionally designed to influence students (students) so that the learning process can take place easily. Another opinion was expressed by Darmadi (2010) and Harahap et al. (2021) which states that learning is the actualization of a curriculum that demands teacher activity in creating and growing student activities according to the programmed plan. Meanwhile, according to (Muhaimin, 2012) learning is a teacher activity programmed in learning design to make students learn actively which emphasizes the provision of learning resources.

According to Michalopoulos et al. (2019) learning is a relatively permanent change in behavior or potential behavior that comes from experience and cannot be attributed to temporary bodily states such as conditions caused by illness, fatigue, or drugs. The definition states that experience can cause events, not learning actions that can change behavior, one example is fatigue. The nature of teaching and learning: 1) Teaching and learning events occur when students actively interact with the learning environment regulated by the teacher, 2) An
effective teaching and learning process requires appropriate educational strategies and media/technology., 3) Teaching and learning programs are designed and implied as a system., 4) Learning processes and products need to receive balanced attention in the implementation of teaching and learning activities., 5) The formation of professional competence requires functional integration between theory and practice as well as the delivery of materials and methodologies, 6) The formation of professional competence requires gradual field experience, starting from field introductions, and limited skills training to actual implementation of the full appreciation of educational tasks, 7) The main criterion for success in professional education is the demonstration of mastery of competence, 8) Teaching materials and delivery systems are always evolving.

From the explanation above, it can be concluded that learning is an effort to teach a person or group of people through various efforts and various strategies, methods, and approaches towards achieving the goals that have been planned or desired according to the education system. These efforts can be used so that learning runs more effectively and efficiently.

At the beginning of 2020, the world was hit by the Covid-19 pandemic which changed the order of social life and in the world of education, including in Indonesia. Early face-to-face life was abolished, transportation was closely monitored, and a social life that created crowds was restricted, regulated, and tightly controlled. Changes occurred very significantly, especially in the world of education in Indonesia due to the pandemic. Education and learning in schools experienced very different conditions from the previous year, such as the limited duration of learning than usual, face-to-face learning was forced to stop and start learning from home online (Fadilla et al., 2021). Even though the situation is very detrimental, the teachers still carry out their duties as teachers. Teachers are encouraged to use technology such as smartphones, laptops, or the like to help students retain their right to study even at home. Teachers also take advantage of virtual platforms and media that are available and used by many people.

According to Dewi (2020) online learning can be done by utilizing digital technology, such as: google classroom, study house, zoom, WhatsApp, and others. Online learning can also be interpreted as a learning activity that utilizes the internet network as a method of delivery, interaction, and support facilities through various other learning services. Another opinion was expressed by (Hilna Putria, 2020) who states that online learning is learning that is carried out remotely through media in the form of the internet and other supporting tools such as mobile phones and computers. From the explanation above, it can be concluded that online learning is an effort to teach a person or group of people through various strategies, methods, or approaches to achieving the planned learning objectives by using technological support tools such as smartphones or laptops with the help of an internet connection and utilizing platforms that are already available on the internet. Internet.

In online learning, the most important thing is the professionalism of a teacher. Teachers must be creative in online learning so that learning is by learning objectives even though using a special curriculum. And there are many more problems that occur when online learning takes place. Departing from this, we as educational activists, especially at the PAUD level, are moved to research this and hope that this research can help find the best solution. So, we set this research with the title, Problems in Teaching PAUD Teachers During the Covid-19 Pandemic in Serang Regency.

**Methodology**

The method used in a study is descriptive quantitative with survey technique. The reason for using the survey method is the first for the completeness of the data. With the additional information or data from the survey results, the information that occurs becomes richer and more complete. So that the detailed description of the final results of the research is comprehensive and gives a convincing conclusion, while the second reason is that
research needs. After the data was collected and then processed, the researcher was not satisfied with the results of his research, so he needed further research to be more comprehensive. The subject in the study is a PAUD teacher in Serang District, with a total of 126 teachers from 108 PAUD institutions in the district Attack. Whereas for collecting data, the researcher spread questionnaires online to _participants. Participant in Thing is a PAUD teacher in the district Attack. Researcher To do technique data collection with use distributed questionnaire _ by random via google form to PAUD educators in the district Attack. Whereas instrument research was used _ to a study this, for know problem teaching educator child age early during the Covid-19 pandemic, researchers use a questionnaire containing a list of statements, and The instrument used in this study is a Likert scale to accept respondents in responding to several statements by indicating whether they strongly agree, agree, disagree and strongly disagree.

Results and Discussion
Based on data from the Ministry of Education and Culture related total Early Childhood Education data unit (school) per district/city: District Attack (based on several PAUD Institutions (Similar Education Units) in the district attack numbered 186 from 29 sub-districts, and the results distributed interview _ through a questionnaire to respondent totaling 1 26 people from 108 PAUD institutions in the Regency Attack. Kemendikbud data related to total Early Childhood Education Units (schools) per district/city: District Attack (based on several PAUD Institutions (Similar Education Units) in the district attack as many as 186 out of 29 sub-districts Could be seen from the table 1.

Table 1. Kemendikbud data related to total Early Childhood Education Units (schools) per district/city

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Source: Reference data Ministry of Education and Culture.
The figure 2 is the results of distributed interviews through a questionnaire to 126 respondents of 108 PAUD institutions in the Serang Area.

![Figure 2](image)

**Figure 1. Interview results**
source: google form in the form of shared questions to respondents.

Figure 1 shows that the average value obtained from 126 respondents is 30.44. While the median value obtained from 126 respondents is 31 and the range of values obtained from 126 respondents is 16-36 points. From these results, it can be concluded that the problem teaching PAUD teachers in the district attack experience enough problems significant especially in Thing system learning used for PAUD. This thing could be seen based on the diagram in figure 2.

![Figure 2](image)

**Figure 2. Questionnaire Results**
source: google form in the form of shared questions to respondents.

Based on The statement in figure 2 shows that 115 respondents with a percentage of 92% answered 'yes' and 11 respondents with a percentage of 8.8% answered 'no'. It states that parents choose to learn offline than learning online.
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Based on the figure 3 diagram, it can be seen that 77 respondents with a percentage of 61.6% answered 'yes' and 49 respondents with a percentage of 39.2% answered 'no'. This states that PAUD teachers and parents are more like learning offline.

Based on the results survey of PAUD teachers and parents respondents on figure 4, 106 respondents with a percentage of 84.8% answered 'yes' and 21 respondents with a percentage of 16.8% answered 'no'. It states that with offline learning process could walk effectively. H result survey shows 94 respondents on figure 5, answered 'yes' with a percentage of 75.2% and 32 respondents answered 'no' with a percentage of 25.6%. This indicates that most PAUD teachers are more choices to use blended learning. Based on Figure 6 who answered 'yes' were 125 respondents with a percentage of 99.2% and answered 'no' 1 respondent with a percentage of 0.8%. It states that PAUD teachers have a professional commitment to improving the quality of education.
Figure 5 Questionnaire Results
source: google form in the form of shared questions _ to respondents.

Figure 6, Questionnaire Results
source: google form in the form of shared questions _ to respondents.

Figure 7, Questionnaire Results
source: google form in the form of shared questions _ to respondents.
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The diagram on figure 7, shows that 125 respondents answered 'yes' with a percentage of 99.2% and 1 respondent answered 'no' with a percentage of 0.8%. This states that PAUD teachers always attempted to create an atmosphere of education that is meaningful, fun, creative, dynamic, and dialogical.

![Graph showing 125 respondents answered 'yes' with a percentage of 99.2% and 1 respondent answered 'no' with a percentage of 0.8%]

**Table 8, Results Questionnaire**
source: google form in the form of shared questions _ to respondents.

The diagram on figure 8, shows that 125 respondents answered 'yes' with a percentage of 99.2% and 1 respondent answered 'no' with a percentage of 0.8%. This means that PAUD teachers always motivate students in the learning process.

**Discussion**

From the results of our research on PAUD teachers in Serang District, most PAUD teachers said that most parents choose to learn offline than learning online. Remember online learning is very difficult for part big parents, obstacles _ other including the lack of parental skills in IT, no _ own cell phone, and connection or network that can influence them. This thing to the results of research conducted by Amalina (2020) which states that learning online is very difficult, especially learning that requires time and also the process of understanding a child. This is also confirmed by Dini (2021) that problems learning online, children difficulty understanding learning with good, lack of facilities and infrastructure, and problems other as no availability internet and network quota or bad connection that could hinder study. Rahmawati et al. (2018) stated another difficulty for students are not owning necessary equipment, such as a laptop or computer (Talango et al., 2021).

The difficulties experienced by parents made several PAUD schools in Serang District carry out offline learning, learning was carried out offline or face to face using very strict health protocols. This turned out to make teachers and parents prefer offline learning. We got this statement from the results of distributing our questionnaire to PAUD teachers in Serang District. Meanwhile, the results of research conducted by Putra & Radita (2020) in their research on the Paradigm of Learning to Read the Koran Online During the Pandemic Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19), concluded that the majority of students considered online learning to be very effective during the Coronavirus Disease pandemic. 2019 (Covid-19), by looking at the large-scale social restrictions imposed by the government.

From this, it states that learning requires supporting facilities and infrastructure, such as the statement written by Gagne and Briggs in Mulyono (2011) learning is a series of events (events, events, and conditions) that are deliberately designed to influence students (students), so that the learning process can take place easily. In learning not only requires facilities and infrastructure, internal and external factors are very influential in learning achievement. Anggraini (2016) explains internal factors, namely interest, motivation, attention in learning,
and readiness to learn. Interest is one of the most important things in learning, because interest becomes a tendency to determine the attitude of students in accepting learning. This is reinforced by the opinion of Nasution (Hidayah N, 2007) if someone in the teaching and learning process can be without being pressured, and can enjoy all kinds of consequences from the learning process, then he will tend to have better learning outcomes (Riyanda et al., 2020). explain external factors, namely variations in teacher teaching and the use of learning media.

From the results of the research we did, the difficulties experienced by parents made several PAUD schools in Serang Regency carry out offline learning, this can be seen from the percentage results of the questionnaires that we distributed. 92% of parents choose offline learning. Learning is carried out offline or face to face using very strict health protocols. During the pandemic, several learning methods were tried and offered to parents, ranging from online learning, offline learning to blended learning (combining online and offline learning), and based on research results 75.2% of teachers chose blended learning. Riyanda et al. (2020) explained external factors in the form of variations in teacher teaching and the use of learning media. The statement states that external factors in the form of variations in teacher teaching are also important for learning in this pandemic era. In addition, the researchers also looked at the competence of PAUD teachers and the factors that influence PAUD teachers in teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic through questionnaires that the researchers distributed. 99% of teachers stated that they always try to create an educational atmosphere that is meaningful, fun, creative, dynamic, and dialogical. This is in accordance with the duties and functions of educators (teachers and lecturers) based on Law Number 14 of 2017, namely as learning agents to improve the quality of national education, developers of science, technology, and the arts, as well as the community serve (ildikti8.ristekdikti.go.id). Regarding the commitment to improving the quality of education in the Banten area, PAUD teachers admitted that they were very enthusiastic about improving the quality of education, this was done through training and equal distribution of education conducted by PAUD teachers in Serang Regency. PAUD teachers always try to create an educational atmosphere that is meaningful, fun, creative, dynamic, and dialogical for students by always motivating students in the learning process. This is in accordance with the opinion of Darmadi (2010) which states that there are two important things needed in efforts to improve the quality of education, namely mentality and vitality and the role of the Indonesian Teachers Association (PGRI) as a professional organization.

Conclusion

Related PAUD teacher problems in teaching During the COVID-19 pandemic that has been surveyed 126 PAUD teachers from 1 08 PAUD institutions in the district attack show the same result and opinion, that is parents ' demands about system effective and optimal learning. parents _ want the learning system offline or stare face, so that learning is more effective and optimal. This is a challenge for PAUD teachers to continue to increase their knowledge professionally by participating in training and workshops organized by education units in Banten Province.

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