

# THE ROLE OF THE POLITICAL KESBANG AGENCY AND FKUB IN MAINTAINING THE HARMONY OF THE UMMAH INTRODUCTION

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## Abstract

This study aims to analyze the role of the National Unity and Political Agency ( Kesbangpol ) and the Forum for Religious Harmony (FKUB) in maintaining interreligious harmony in Palopo City. Indonesia, as a multicultural country, demonstrates a relatively high level of religious harmony; however, challenges remain, particularly in the aspect of tolerance. This research employs a qualitative approach, with data collected through interviews, observations, and documentation studies. The findings indicate that Kesbangpol , together with FKUB, plays strategic roles as a facilitator, educator, and promoter by involving various actors such as community organizations, religious leaders, traditional leaders, and academics. Program implementation is carried out through interfaith dialogue, joint social activities, and community empowerment based on religious groups. In addition, the institutional strategies applied include strengthening community relations, community empowerment, and community services. The findings in Palopo City reveal a high level of tolerance, equality, and cooperation among religious communities, as reflected in the harmonious social life of the society. Therefore, the roles of Kesbangpol and FKUB are proven to be effective in maintaining stability and interreligious harmony through collaborative and participatory approaches.

**Keywords:** *Kesbangpol , FKUB, interreligious harmony, tolerance, Palopo*

## INTRODUCTION

Indonesia is a multicultural country the largest in the world that has hundreds tribe and children tribes , hundreds language , officially recognized religion , and local religions its inhabitants who enrich diversity said . In context people religious , there are notes Good Where its people own culture local strengthening connection between member public in a way moderate (Pajarianto et al., 2022a) , support and role Woman as instrument tie difference through activity social cross faith (Pajarianto, 2022) , even in institutions education participate as well as in form moderate relationship (Pajarianto, Pramono, et al., 2023; Pajarianto & Junaidi, 2020) , even people young own attitude moderation religious (Pajarianto et al., 2024; Pajarianto, Pribadi, et al., 2023) . Thus , in general general pattern connection public Still show high regard to differences in religion and beliefs .

This matter reinforced in the survey Index Harmony People Religious (KUB) that is carried out in a way national For measure level harmony people public in religion in Indonesia. Three dimensions The KUB index includes tolerance , equality , and cooperation . Index Harmony People Religion (KUB ) in 2021 show national average figure at 72.39 with the category high , increasing in years This compared to year then , namely 67.46. In addition a number of aspects that are still need improved is tolerance . Survey Harmony People Religion that records that 36% of Indonesian people object If followers of other religions build places of worship in the area surrounding areas and 34% object to other religions doing so. celebration religious rights . These are two rights base citizens who become the most serious problem . Then, 29% of parents from children Indonesian people object If children they play together adherents of other religions. And 25% of Indonesian society still object If life neighbors with adherents of other religions (Ulum et al., 2021) .

On every Provinces and cities in Indonesia have supporting agencies affairs government field unity nation and politics , called the Unitary Body Nation and Politics ( Kesbangpol Agency ). Its role in several regions, for example in the Regency Sintang Enough strategic in look after harmony and prevent conflict social, political and economy in dynamics ethnic, religious, racial and inter-group (SARA) conflicts and problems Economic and social issues during the COVID-19 pandemic in border areas. Anticipatory role realized in ability anticipation early to conflict social , economic and political smells of SARA so that happen control social and creation vigilance early

, prevent expansion conflict reeking of SARA (Yohanes et al., 2023) , in Central Java did youth deradicalization (Sasangka, 2023) , as well as handle vulnerable areas conflict (Wirman & Ababil, 2023) .

Palopo is city small in Tana Luwu which has very strategic role , and has context very diverse socio-religious . So that nicknamed as a mini Indonesia, because almost all over ethnic group life side by side in a way peace . Dynamics Luwu as nation in chess at the level national and regional South Sulawesi, since formerly until Now always become conversation , even taken into account . This is not just related to Luwu as entity kingdom the oldest in South Sulawesi, but also contributes Luwu seen as very big in build and strengthen civilization Good through La Galigo literature, as well as a number of abundant commodities .

Fact during This show that communication between people religion in Palopo City This running well , no bother between one religion with another religion. A fact can seen in a way visible eye that is places of worship, such as mosques and prayer rooms , churches and temples, usually No far apart its location , will but each religious follower is free and without hesitation to do so their respective worship , without disturbance of other religions. This is something indicators that can seen in a way direct that connection between people religion in Palopo City the more good. Amount preachers in Palopo City especially those registered at IMKOP as many as 262 people, they this is a lot convey Islamic messages to people man including those outside the Islamic religion. In matter this , a preacher in Palopo City , has disclose that he normal requested by the priest For speaking in front of the church congregation (Masmuddin, 2017) .

**FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION**

**Functional Role Coaching Harmony between Religions Religious**

Target coaching can consists of from target main coaching , targets determinant coaching and targets supporters coaching . Target main coaching is all over society that is direct and No direct own role in activities . As target main coaching , they must become center the attention of the supervisor, because they this is what always involved in taking decision end about all something that is implemented . Target determinant in coaching is parties who are not implementer activity coaching but in a way direct or No direct involved as determinant policy coaching . Meanwhile target supporters in coaching in parties who are direct and not direct No own connection activities with coaching , but can requested his assistance to facilitate coaching people religious . Like among others; non-governmental organizations society , workers social , artists , and others. In a way general, flow role functional national political and social affairs in do coaching harmony between people religious can illustrated in the figure following:

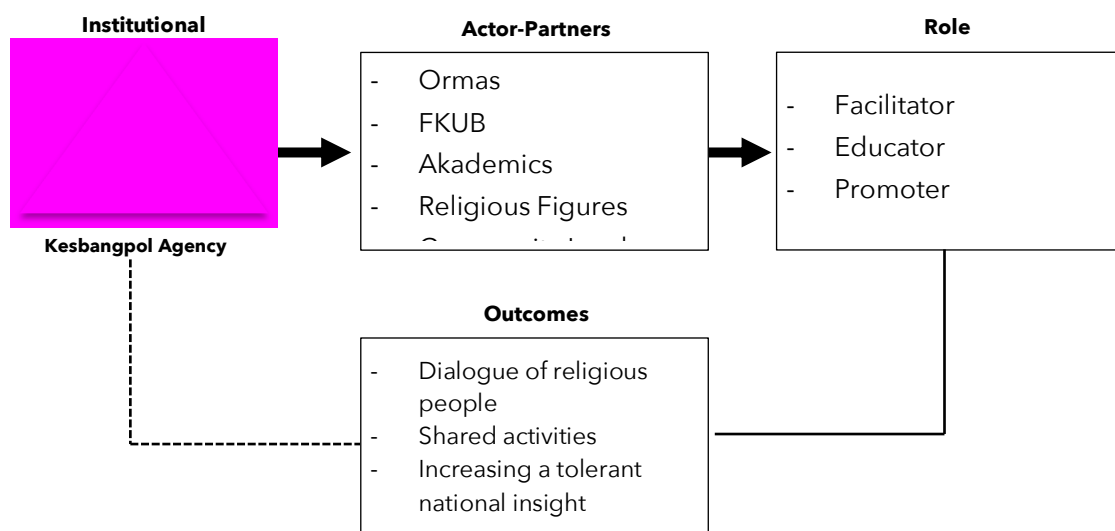


Figure 1. Coaching Flow Harmony between Religions Religious

In figure 1, it can be seen How role institutions , actors , and outcomes of coaching harmony between people religious . Government involving a number of actor as partners namely ; first , the organization community as a civil society where two mass organizations are very prominent are Muhammadiyah and Nahdatul Ulama ( source : informants 2, 6, 9, 11, 14, 16). In several research , Nahdlatul Ulama is Islamic organizations that adhere to modernity and religion , accommodating traditions and culture , activities culinary , as well as its deep -rooted message base . On the other hand , moderation The religious practices practiced by Muhammadiyah are shown through activity

Muhammadiyah's charitable work in the field of formal education, health, and religious dialogue. In practice religious, both nature moderate, tolerant to followers of other religions and not extreme, and opposing radicalism (Haris et al., 2023; Mujahidin, 2023), even down to the root level grass in the village, NU and Muhammadiyah are rare own conflict with the people other religions (Wulandari et al., 2021). Second, the government involving figure community, religious figures, academics, and community forums religious. Involvement This expected can strengthen role government in do coaching to people religious. In society in general, they own attachment to religious figures and figure society, including academics in relationship with the people other religions (Pajarianto et al., 2022b). Even cooperation religious, traditional and government figures in the Alor Islands, Indonesia gave birth to wisdom local area called "Three Furnaces" (Zulkarnain & Samsuri, 2018), as Adhesive harmony between generation young religion in space public and private community religious in Alor. Therefore That harmony people religion that is multiplied by three furnace Can be one of them reference How religious figures guard harmony people religious society in the middle religious differences. Third, the role government done by running function as facilitator, educator, and promoter (source: informants 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15). The role of the facilitator done by providing assistance to facilitate a community program related to relationships between people religious. Role as educator done by providing education about importance strengthening stability people religious as development capital. As well as the role as a promoter by participating promote various success achieved by all people religious as road For race in kindness (source: informants 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9).

From a coaching program that involves partners and actors from various sector mentioned, some activities that have been produced in form of interfaith dialogue religious practices regularly in various office government. Apart from that, there are activity together between people religious in form activity social, prayer together at various events for example presidential election, legislative election, regional election For remind importance unity and oneness people religious. With various activity This so outlook nationality inhabitant public increase so that can implemented in form living society in a way side by side in a way peace, mutual respect and appreciate One each other. The government in form emit regulation legislation and establishing the Harmony Forum People Religious (FKUB) in various province For look after harmony people religious, is effort For look after unity between people religious (Prayogo et al., 2020).

In Palopo it is seen three prominent indicators as impact from role government in foster harmony people religion, namely: Tolerance, Equality and also Cooperation (source: observation) researcher, 2023). The tolerance that is carried out between society by showing side each other value One each other can become something reason main Why harmony public religious can realized. In a way symbolic tolerance in the city Palopo seen from The building of the Great Mosque of Palopo which is adjacent to the PNIEL Church which stands in the middle city. Palopo Grand Mosque was founded in 1974, and the PNIEL Church was founded during the Dutch colonial period in 1920, initially brought by missionaries Mission A organization in motion in distribution teachings Christian Protestant. This also describes equality and cooperation between people religion that started from a sense of tolerance one with another. Of course in matter This government utilize specific strategies that are useful in communication political especially in framework implementation to index harmony people religion that can used as perspective For give identification advanced succeed or whether or not stability harmony people religious can realized.

### **Functional Role Coaching Harmony between Religions Religious**

The more the complex society, then problem between people Religion is also becoming increasingly multidimensional, which sometimes leads to horizontal conflict among community. Kesbangpol city Palopo as abbreviation from government must capable catch phenomenon and innovate in policy according to needs and developments dynamics harmony people religious. Innovations made is the one that focuses on conditions external and internal Palopo City's National Police and Social Affairs Agency For increase quality policies and services especially those related to strategies for guard stability harmony between people religious. As step real For follow up matter said, kesbangpol start by doing effort For increase quality policy For give good service specifically for public interfaith. Functional Role Coaching Harmony between Religions Religion carried out by the Kesbangpol Agency Palopo can seen in figure 2. as following:

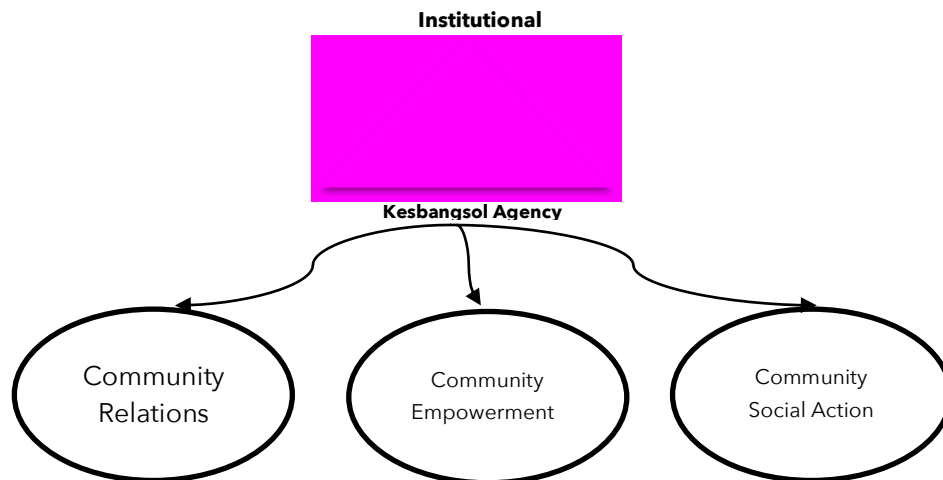


Figure 2. Institutional Roles in Realize Harmony People Religious

In Figure 2 it is explained about role institutions run by the government is ; first, maintenance connection community. Maintenance connection community ( community relations ) is part from communication strategy by building connection between community especially community religious can interpreted as having efforts to build connection between community religious . Based on interview with representatives government , form from activity This is through activity discussions involving administrator church , mosque council, organization Muhammadiyah and Nahdatul Ulama religious organizations , as well as faith- based youth community ( interview : NY, NN, MH, 2023). With the role government here , every community religious capable operate roles and functions in community through the things they can do . With the existence of established relationship close between group public from various type background behind religious so will impact positive on harmony between community public from various ethnicity and religion.

Second , Empowerment Community ( Community Empowerment ). Empowerment public is very important aspect from function government in look after harmony between people religious . Government city Palopo who has the program Want to Work what can accessible to all community . According to one youth leader of mass organizations religious States that empowerment carried out concerning empowerment in the field of economic and religious ( source : informants 15, 19, 21, 17). Government the city also provides allocation to houses of worship as stimulation for worship every people religious become conducive. In do implementation of communication strategies political to people community people religious empowerment strategies to community religious has give strengthening to harmony between people religion in the city Palopo.

Third , actions social Community Services . This program done as form implementation of communication strategies political in community religious , actions social activities carried out in a way together from every element public from interfaith becomes matter important For show concern between fellow . Some activities carried out by the government is with some activity coffee morning that involves religious communities and mass organizations , prayers together For nation , action social curse radicalism and so on ( source : informants 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 18). Activities like devotion social or activity charity can become good facilities For tighten connectedness between people religious . In activity said , the people religious can each other Work same and helpful fellow without looking at religion or ethnic group .

Coaching people religion implemented by the government must capable produce society that is capable of its efforts Alone can overcome problems faced , as well capable develop his creativity For utilise every known potential and opportunities For Keep going continuously can repair quality his life in side by side with other different communities . Moreover If implemented in the environment work society , so as not to Lots confiscate time activity routinely and the supervisor can understand right condition society with the problems they face and the potential as well as opportunities found in the environment his work Alone so that easy understood and remembered by the public

. In addition , the government must also create close relationship between institution mentors with the community . Close relationship This will launch activity coaching . In addition will created something openness in put forward problems faced by society easily get his opinion . With the relationship This Supervisor can be happy heart accepted in environment public without There is prejudice .

## CONCLUSION

Kesbangpol Agency in realize harmony between people religious showing the Roles played is as facilitators , educators , and promoters who run together partners strategic involving organization community , religious figures , figures customs , as well as youth figures . This role is very supportive people religious weave good communication between one with another. While in the aspect role institutions run by the government is by maintaining community ( community relations ) , Empowerment Community ( Community Empowerment ) , and actions social Community Services . Functions and roles This in a way effective support effort realize harmony between people religious . Research This own contribution important to strengthening harmony people religion facilitated by the government . During this , role and function government viewed only capitalize religious differences for reasons stability and implementing effort remove groups critical .

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