



# Factors Affecting Minor Children Become Sex Workers In Kampung Kubur Kelurahan Petisah Tengah Sub-District Medan Petisah

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## ABSTRACT

Prostitution of minors has been increasing concerned, a good number of cases of child exploitation on their children themselves or unknowingly already made public stunned. Indeed, anything can happen, especially in this modern era, everything can be done by anyone. Moreover, because the demands of the economy to the lack of supervision of a parent can make a child desperate to do something very dangerous. It is quite possible prostitution activities will be carried out by children under age. However, over the times, the most dominant factor of a child into prostitution is not poverty but a lifestyle demands. This research type of case studies, and analyzed using qualitative data analysis techniques. Based on research that has been conducted of the obtained factors influencing minors to sex work. As these factors are internal and external factors. Internal factors which affect minors into prostitution is a personality disorder, the effect of age, outlook or false beliefs and low religiosity. While external factors of a child into prostitution are economic factors, lifestyle, families who can not afford, environmental factors and peers.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Deviant behavior is referred to as a social disease or social disease. Social disease or community disease is any form of behavior that is considered inappropriate, violates general norms, customs, formal laws, or cannot be integrated into general behavior patterns. It is called a social disease because the social symptoms that occur in the community erupt into "diseases". It can also be referred to as a social structure whose function is impaired (Soerjono Soekanto 1990:235). One of the social diseases that is currently rife in the midst of the general public is Child Commercial Sex Work. This has become a phenomenon among the community because the children involved in the world of prostitution are minors who are still junior high and high school students. Indeed anything can happen, something anyone can do. Especially because of economic demands to the lack of supervision from parents can make children reckless to do something very dangerous. It is not impossible that prostitution activities will be carried out by minors.

Prostitution or prostitution is a very old profession, as old as human life itself. Prostitution comes from the Latin *pro-stituere* or *prostauree*, which allows oneself to commit adultery, commit prostitution, fornication, and fornication. Prostitution or prostitution is a form of social disease that must be stopped from spreading, without neglecting prevention and improvement efforts. Commercial sex workers (CSWs) are part of the world of prostitution which is included in the term WTS or prostitutes. Commercial sex workers are self-selling events by trading their bodies, honor and personality to many people to satisfy their sexual desires in exchange for payment (Kartono, 2013: 207-208).

Among the Indonesian people, prostitutes are considered negative and those who rent or sell their bodies are often considered public trash because they have violated applicable ethics and norms. There are also those who consider prostitution as something bad, tends to be evil, but is still needed. This view is based on the assumption that the presence of prostitutes can channel the sexual desires of those in need (usually men) without such distribution, it is feared that their customers will actually attack and rape good women.

The development of the sex industry in several countries, including Indonesia, has increased market demand for children, so that many children are forced to become commercial sex workers (CSWs). Around 40,000 to 70,000 young people in Indonesia are victims of prostitution. These practices take place in prostitution centers, entertainment venues, karaoke, massage parlors, shopping centers, and others (Kompas, 2008) in Semarang, Jogjakarta and Surabaya there are about 5,000 child victims of prostitution both in lokalisasi, streets, entertainment venues and massage parlors (ILO-IPEC, 2004).

Researchers conducted research in Kampung Kubur. The graveyard is a hotbed for drugs, gambling and prostitution. Kampung grave is an area with a low economy so that most of its residents become drug dealers and sex workers. Researchers focus on the problem of prostitution that occurs in the grave village, among sex workers there are minors who also enter the world of prostitution for various reasons, which triggers the head of the National Narcotics Agency (BNN) Komjen Pol Budi Waseso or who is familiarly called Buwas to want in the near future Kampung Grave can be clean from prostitution. (<http://www.jurnalasia.com/medan/head-bnn-review-village-kubur-buwas-kampung-this-must-change/>).

The increasing number of cases of minors, especially junior and senior high school students who enter the world of prostitution, increasingly makes various groups worry about the fate of the nation's future. It is hoped that the child will be the successor to advance the nation with the education and creativity of a child. The increasing number of child prostitution cases makes us aware that cases like this will continue to occur if there is no attention from various parties. The family is very influential in the formation of children's character.

## 2. RESEARCH METHOD

The type of this research is descriptive research, which is a research that aims to describe, summarize various conditions, various situations or various variables that arise in the community that is the object of the research. Then draw to the surface as a feature or description of certain conditions, situations or variables (Bungin, 2013: 48).

The approach used in this study is a qualitative approach. A qualitative approach is a research and understanding process based on a methodology that investigates a social phenomenon and human problem. Researchers make a complex picture, examine words, detailed reports from the views of informants and conduct studies in natural situations (Creswel, 2008: 15).

This research is qualitative, so in this study it does not recognize the population and sample. Research subjects that have been reflected in the research focus are found intentionally. The subjects of this study became informants who provided various information needed during the research process (Idrus, 2009: 24).

The data analysis technique in this study uses qualitative methods, namely by examining the data starting with reviewing all the collected data, studying the data, compiling it in one unit which is then categorized in the next stage and checking the validity of the data and defining it with analysis

according to the ability of the researcher to make conclusions and suggestions of researchers (Moeloeng, 2007: 247).

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Child prostitution occurs when someone takes advantage of a commercial transaction in which a child is provided for sexual purposes. The children are controlled by an intermediary who arranges or oversees the transaction or by an exploiter who negotiates directly with the child.

These children are also involved in prostitution when they have sex in exchange for basic necessities such as food, shelter or security or help to get high grades in school or extra pocket money to buy consumer goods. All of these actions can take place in a variety of different places such as localizations, bars, nightclubs, homes, hotels, or on the streets. Child prostitution is sometimes not an organized activity (but it is usually an organized activity) either on a small scale through individual pimps or on a large scale through criminal networks.

Based on the research that has been carried out, there are several factors that cause children to become commercial sex workers in Kampung Kubur, Central Petisah Village, Medan Petisah District, namely:

#### 3.1 Internal Factors

Internal factors come from the child's self, which relates to desire, frustration, quality of self-concept, outlet and so on. The psychological condition of children plays an important role that causes children to be trapped in prostitution situations. Failures in an individual's life due to being socially dissatisfied can have a psychological effect, resulting in a critical situation for the child. In this critical state, an inner conflict will arise, which consciously or unconsciously the child will find a way out of the difficulties he is experiencing.

Under these circumstances, children will be easily affected if they are in an unstable mental state, considering the child's age is still young. Various internal psychological factors that cause children to be trapped in prostitution situations, including undeveloped morality (cannot distinguish good and bad, right and wrong, may or may not), weak and easily influenced personalities, and low levels of children's education.

##### a. Personality Disorder

- 1) Thought Disorder. Disorders of this way of thinking can occur in several forms, including; views or ways of thinking that are wrong or deviate from the general view that is the norm or the essential values of what is considered right by the community. From the results of this study, it was found that informants I, II, III, felt that what they were doing was not wrong and considered normal. This is because the environment in which they live does not provide another perspective on what they think is right. Making reasons that are considered correct according to his own reasoning to justify his behavior that violates the applicable norms. With a wrong perspective and way of thinking, usually individuals who experience this distorted way of thinking will justify all their actions by presenting unreasonable reasons. From the results of this study, it can be seen that informants I and III consider nightlife as a way to vent their emotions. In addition, they consider taking pills as a solution to the problems they have. Whatever the problem they are facing, the best solution they have is to go to a nightclub. The reason for the lack of attention that parents get makes them vent themselves by having sex and getting attention from others. This is what is seen in informants I, II and III where their parents don't care about themselves so they think sex is a very effective outlet.
- 2) Emotional Disorder. The existence of emotional disorders, including unstable emotions, irritability, easily sad and often desperate, wanting to obey the turmoil of the heart, then the ability to control or master himself will be hampered. The same thing, informants I II and III with their moods changing because they are still in the process of puberty they are going through, with many sudden changes in mood. Sometimes they get frustrated with the lack of attention they get from their parents and family so they can change their mood

quickly from happy to sad, as well as they want to get attention from others by their sometimes excessive actions. Emotional disturbances can also be manifested through feelings of low self-esteem, not loving yourself or others, not knowing love and sympathy, not being able to empathize, feeling lonely and feeling abandoned. Not infrequently people who experience emotional disorders become afraid of losing friends even though they know their friends have bad intentions. Informant I who has a family background with divorced parents and a lack of attention from parents triggers a deep emotional disturbance for him. It is clear that RH feels that his body can be enjoyed by anyone, especially his girlfriend so that he does not feel lonely and repeats the deep wounds he has experienced.

- 3) Disorders of Will and Behavior. A person's will and behavior is not only influenced by physical physiological functions, but also influenced by thoughts and feelings. So, if his thoughts and emotions have been disturbed, it can be ascertained that his behavior or desires will also experience the impact of disturbances on his thoughts and emotions, his attitudes and behavior will be affected and usually a loss of control can occur, so that he acts uncontrollably or acts according to the norms that exist in the community. In the environment. From the results of this study, informants I, II, and III, have an excessive will to have friends. With the first experience of being a prostitute, it makes the behavior of all informants uncontrollable so they don't repeat it again.

#### **b. Age Effect**

By reaching the age of approaching adolescence, the sex glands begin to produce hormones that will affect the growth and sexual development of children, which increases in adolescence. In this baliqh many changes that occur. Physical changes are clearly visible from increasing height, body size, secondary sex signs such as enlarged breasts in women and the growth of Adam's apple in men. Followed by changes in emotions, interests, attitudes and behavior that are influenced by the adolescent's psychological development. At this time, teenagers experience a feeling of uncertainty, on the one hand, feeling that they are no longer children, but have not been able to accept the responsibilities of adults because they are still very young and inexperienced. At this time, adolescents prefer to hang out with their peers, wants to be a slang child who is accepted in his environment and starts looking for his identity. Want to trend and get recognition from the environment. Great curiosity, and likes to try new things, do not understand the risk due to lack of experience and reasoning. In such circumstances, teenagers are usually easily trapped into juvenile delinquency or drug abuse.

Informants I, II, and III have known the world of prostitution since they were children. Informant I since the age of 15 years, informant II since the age of 15 years, informant III since class XI high school. A very young age affects all key informants entering the world of prostitution. The notion that they are young, beautiful/handsome, and strong makes them complacent and continue to work as prostitutes.

#### **c. False Views or Beliefs**

Many youths have erroneous beliefs and take things lightly that are harmful, thus ignoring the opinions of others, assuming that they can overcome these dangers, or feeling confident that their own opinions are the right ones, as a result they can fall into juvenile delinquency and drug abuse.

In this study, all informants feel that what they are doing today will not continue in the future. They consider this work only temporary while they are young and one day they will get a lawful job and not engage in prostitution anymore. As with the opinion of informants I, II and III will leave the world of prostitution when they have graduated from school.

#### **d. Low Religiosity**

Children who grow and develop in families with low religiosity, have never even received proper teaching and understanding of God, usually have low spiritual intelligence. Thus there is no standard for the values he adheres to to act, so he behaves as he pleases, does not know good and bad problems and is not afraid to sin.

In this study only informant III was taught to pray regularly and recite the Koran by his parents but because informant III was lazy and did not have strong faith enough so that when he was a teenager he was no longer carrying out his obligations as Muslims, informant III would worship on certain days such as Eid prayer and Eid al-Adha prayer. Meanwhile, informants I and II only received religious lessons from school. Their parents rarely taught them religion.

### **3.2 External Factors**

External factors are causes that come not directly from within the child, but because there are external factors that influence him to do so. These external factors can take the form of pressure from economic conditions, lifestyle, environmental influences, poor families, and peers.

#### **a. Economy**

Needs that are getting more and more urgent can make someone do reckless things, therefore a child is trapped in prostitution due to economic pressure. That is poverty that is felt continuously and there is a gap in the accumulation of wealth in the upper classes and the occurrence of poverty in the lower classes. Poor people may be more vulnerable to trafficking, not only because there are fewer options available to earn a living, but also because they hold less social power. So they do not have too much access to help and compensation.

In this study, poverty is actually not the most important benchmark, in fact the families of informants I, II, and III are still able to meet their educational needs and basic daily needs. However, due to other factors such as the many unfulfilled desires such as gadgets, expensive clothes and luxury goods, the main informants took the path to enter the world of prostitution.

#### **b. Lifestyle**

Lifestyle is a person's way of living and doing with various things related to everyday life. Norm shifts always occur anywhere, especially in a dynamic society. Norms of life, social norms, and even legal norms are often ignored in order to achieve a goal (Gunarsa, 2003:20). The tendency to prostitute themselves in many children to avoid life's difficulties. In addition to adding to the fun through shortcuts. Being a commercial sex worker can happen because of a great urge to own something. A quick walk at a glance looks promising to fulfill something one wants to have.

Lifestyles that tend to be luxurious are also easily found in sex workers. There is a certain pride in being a rich person, even though the money is known to be obtained from earning income as a sex worker. Lifestyle causes less and less shame and norms away from people who are involved in the practice of prostitution. The shift in point of view regarding cultural values that should be embraced has made a luxurious lifestyle seen as a must-have lifestyle.

In this study, lifestyle is the dominant factor that causes children to become prostitutes in Medan City. Results of interviews with the informant said that Informant I was addicted to serving guests because of the lure of a fairly large reward. Because he is used to having a lot of money, RH's association is increasing. There is a desire to have luxury goods from within RH and he must fulfill it. Informant II, namely AK began to get addicted to the glittering nightlife in Medan City, because he felt very different from his life in Siantar. When she first started working as a prostitute, almost every night she went to the discotheque. With the income she earns by being a prostitute, the needs she needs are increasing. Informant III is a person who likes to talk and is active, he does not hesitate to show that he is an experienced person in the world of prostitution. In essence, it is the lifestyle that changes the minds of today's children, In this day and age, teenagers and adults will compete to show their lifestyle that is full of luxury, because the level of luxury with the economic level of the family is not in harmony, so there is an intention to enter the world of prostitution for the sake of their lifestyle. The prostitutes can fulfill all their needs to support their lifestyle.

#### **c. Poor family**

The family is the smallest social unit in society which has a very large role in social development, especially at the beginning of its development which is the basis for further personality development. Problems that often occur in families are economic problems. Where the inability to meet the needs in the family, so this condition forces parents from poor families to work their children as sex workers. Basically there are no parents who want to burden their children to

work but because of their inability and because of poverty, so there is no other choice to employ children to become sex workers, to fulfill the demands of daily needs that cannot be tolerated (Agus, 2005: 57).

There are no parents who want their children to work when they are still children. In informant I, because she could not fulfill her child's wishes, her mother allowed RH to work as a prostitute. Initially, RH's mother had banned her child, but because of her condition as a single parent, she was unable to prevent her child's intention to enter the world of prostitution.

In informant II, AK admitted to his aunt that he worked part time as a shop assistant near his school, while his aunt AK did not know at all that his nephew had entered the world of prostitution. While the third informant was also not forced by his parents to work when he was a child, but because he was addicted to getting money from having sex with Tubang, IT finally made IT plunge into the world of prostitution. His parents only knew that IT worked odd jobs by selling clothes in installments.

#### **d. Environmental factor**

The environment is everything that exists in the environment and is involved in individual interactions when carrying out their activities. The environment includes the physical environment, psychosocial environment, biological environment and cultural environment. Psychosocial environment includes family, group, community and society. The environment with various special characteristics plays a major role in the emergence of personality traits and features in children. Especially if it is not supported by the stability of the basic personality that is formed in the family, so that deviations from bad behavior can be avoided.

It is clear that informants I, II and III can enter the world of prostitution because of the large environmental factors, both from the neighborhood and from the school environment through their peers.

#### **e. Friends of the same age**

Play groups or what are often called peer groups have an important role in children's growth and development. Peers function to provide information and comparisons about the world outside the family.

The contribution of a friendship to peer status provides many benefits. Among the benefits of friendship, in friendship giving children a close friend who is willing to spend time and join in collaborative activities. In addition, a friend can provide assistance whenever needed, a friend can provide social support, can provide a warm, trusting relationship, so that there is a sense of comfort and openness to share personal information.

Informant I, RH, first entered the world of prostitution, starting from his peers at school, because seeing his friends who live luxurious and fulfilled lives made RH fall into the world of prostitution. Usually the factor that is most capable of making changes to the behavior of minors is their peers. Because the factor of wanting to imitate and wanting to have many friends causes changes in the child's behavior.

Informant II also knows the world of prostitution through his peers at school, almost exactly the same as RH who wants to live a fulfilled life and have many friends. Initially, informant III was accidentally brought in by uncles, but because he was addicted to the money that IT got, he finally asked for help from his peers who are also in the same profession to introduce him to Pimp ME, an additional informant in this study.

## **4. CONCLUSION**

The factors that cause children to become commercial sex workers in Kampung Kubur are generally divided into two factors, namely internal factors and external factors. Internal factors come from within the child with regard to emotions, ways of thinking, will and behavior, to the value of religiosity. While external factors come from outside the child's self with regard to social and economic life.

The internal factor that causes children to become commercial sex workers in Kampung Kubur is that these children experience personality disorders, namely disturbances in thinking,

emotions, as well as will and behavior. Next is the influence of age, at this age adolescents experience feelings of uncertainty, on the one hand they feel they are no longer children, but have not been able to accept responsibility as adults. At this time, teenagers prefer to hang out with their peers, want to be slang children who are accepted in their environment and start looking for their identity. Want to trend and get recognition from the environment. Great curiosity, and likes to try new things, do not understand the risk due to lack of experience and reasoning.

External factors that cause children to become commercial sex workers in Kampung Kubur are economic factors. This factor is not the main factor because the family's economic condition of the child sex worker is not categorized as poverty. However, it is the desire to enjoy a higher income that drives children into commercial sex workers. Next is the sense of comfort that is not obtained from the family that makes the children look for a "new family", namely temporary pleasure that can make the children forget the problems that exist in their parents' household.

The dominant factor that causes children to become commercial sex workers in Kampung Kubur comes from outside the child, namely the influence of peers and lifestyle factors. In this study, the three informants who became prostitutes were caused by the encouragement of their peers (peer groups) who first entered the world of prostitution. On that impulse, in the child turbulent and increase the solidarity of children. The contribution of a friendship to peer status provides many benefits. Among other benefits of friendship, in friendship to give children a close friend. willing to spend time and join in collaborative activities. In addition, a friend can provide assistance whenever needed, a friend can provide social support, can provide a warm, trusting relationship, so that there is a sense of comfort and openness to share personal information.

In addition to peer influence, lifestyle factors are also the dominant factor that causes children to become commercial sex workers in Kampung Kubur. Luxurious lifestyle is very easy to find in sex workers. There is a special pride for children when they have a lot of money, even though the money is known to be obtained from earning income as a sex worker. The increasingly elite lifestyle causes the shyness and social norms to become increasingly distant for children who become commercial sex workers in Medan City. The shift in perspective regarding cultural values that should be embraced has made a luxurious lifestyle seen as a must-have lifestyle.

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