Analysis of Leadership Effect and Public Service Motivation on Work Satisfaction (ASN) In The District Bantaeng

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Abstract : This research was conducted to determine the effect of leadership and motivation of public service for job satisfaction ASN Bantaeng district. Basically, job satisfaction is an individual thing and depends on one's perception of what he feels about work. Further explained that the job satisfaction theory tries to reveal what makes some people more satisfied with their work than others. If employees have high job satisfaction, employees will try to show the best service quality. Leadership in this study as a central point that can not only affect the quality of public services directly, but can be a factor that mediates indirect effects of several factors that affect the quality of public services, including leadership factors and motivation for public services. Leadership has a positive direct effect, although not significantly on ASN job satisfaction, while the activation of public services has a significant positive direct effect on ASN job satisfaction in Bantaeng District.

Keywords : leadership, work motivation, public service,

1. INTRODUCTION

One of the aspects that affect the quality of public services provided is job satisfaction, that is to say with a high level of employment kepusan usually employees will provide good service and vice versa, when the employee is not satisfied with the job the services provided will not be satisfactory. Thus, job satisfaction is a driving factor in increasing the quality of public services that contribute both directly and to the factors that mediate other external factors. This is in line with what was stated by Trivellas, Jacques, and Dargenidou (2009) who in his research findings argue that "employees not only provide and create services, but are actually part of service", thus, their satisfaction drives service quality. Furthermore, the results of the study of Sunaryo and Suyono (2013) indicate that motivation for public services has a significant and positive effect on job satisfaction. The significant impact of public service motivation on job satisfaction as found in this study shows that high public service motivation will result in high job satisfaction. These results are in line with Liu, Tang, and Zhu (2008) who have shown that motivation for community service has a strong impact on job satisfaction of public sector employees in China. Then the results of Taylor (2007) research, which found that there was a significant relationship between motivation for public services and individual performance, where job satisfaction is the main attitude of employees in the public sector.

In general, job satisfaction reflects the feelings of workers on their jobs. According to (Robbins, 2007) that job satisfaction is a general attitude of an individual to work where someone with a high level of job satisfaction shows a positive attitude towards work. (Hartatik, 2014) further explains that the job satisfaction theory tries to express what makes some people more satisfied with their work than some others. Basically, job satisfaction is an individual thing and depends on one's perception of what he feels about work. Further explained that the job satisfaction theory tries to reveal what makes some people more satisfied with their work than some others. If employees have high job satisfaction, employees will try to show the best service quality. This is in line with (Panggabean & Mutiara, 2004), which states that basically job satisfaction depends on what someone wants from his job and what he gets. Several factors can increase employee job satisfaction as stated (As'ad, 2003) that are opportunities for advancement, namely: job security, salary, corporate environment and management, intrinsic factors and work, working conditions, social aspects of work, communication, and amenities. In line with these opinions, job satisfaction as a mediating variable in improving service quality in this study is directly influenced by transformational leadership, work discipline, work environment and appreciation.

Leadership is one of the important elements in increasing job satisfaction and quality of public services. Piccolo and Colquitt (2006) argued that transformational leadership has been two decades emerged as one approach to understanding keefekti fit asan lead. It is this transformational leadership that truly means true leadership because this leadership really works towards the goal that directs the organization to a goal that was never achieved before (Locke, 1997). Furthermore, transformational leadership is characterized by the behavior of leaders to raise subordinates to a higher level, (Bass, 1985 ; Burns, 1978).

A leader is said to be transformational in style if it can change the situation, change what is usually done, talk about a noble goal, have a reference to the values of freedom, justice and equality. Transformational leaders will make subordinates see that the goals to be achieved are more than just their personal interests. Transformational leadership has been the main research theme for the past two decades. Empirical findings from previous studies reported that transformational leadership improves employee attitudes and performance (Bass, 1997 ; Lowe, Kroeck, & Sivasubramaniam,1996). In addition, some previous research
findings also show that leadership has a significant effect on job satisfaction (Plangiten, 2013; Widodo, 2014) and also has an impact on improving service quality (Hariri, 2011; Hati, 2013; Munwar Hussain Pahi & Kamal Ab Hamid, 2015). Furthermore, leader behavior is significantly related to the behavior and responses of followers, such as employee satisfaction, efforts to self-report, task performance, and role clarity (Podsakoff, Ahearne, & MacKenzie, 1997). Furthermore, research (Judge & Bono, 2000) found that transformational leader behaviors influence job satisfaction and subordinate satisfaction with their leaders. Thus, if the leadership is more charismatic and understands subordinates it will be able to create employee job satisfaction so that it has an impact on the quality of public services.

Various studies in America and Europe found that public service motivation (Public Service Motivation) has a significant effect on service quality and job satisfaction as done by (HG Rainey & Steinbauer, 1999), who conducted a study by improving findings (Brewer & Selden, 1998). Based on the results of the study (Clerkin & Coggburn, 2012) found that the increasing motivation of public services will cause an increase in job satisfaction which in turn improves the quality of service for employees in the public sector. The results of the study (Wright & Grant, 2010) found that people who have motivated public service tend to work in the public sector compared to the private sector.

Research conducted by (Pandey, Wright, & Moynihan, 2008; Wright, Moynihan, & Pandey, 2012) strengthens research on people's interest in motivating public services to work in the public service sector but has not been able to answer why it is different. Finally, the results of the study (Syamsir, 2016) on all local government employees of West Sumatra Regency found things that were different from findings in America and Europe in general. His findings indicate there is influence but the effect is very small, which is only 2.6%. At this point this study will prove how the relationship between the motivation of public services and job satisfaction and the quality of public services in the Bantaeng District Government departs from the differences in the results of this study.

The description that has been stated previously has shown that the quality of public services can be improved through increasing employee job satisfaction. Job satisfaction in this study as a central point that can not only affect the quality of public services directly, but can be a factor that mediates indirect effects of several factors that affect the quality of public services, including leadership factors and motivation for public services. Based on the meta-analysis which included 6,746 people consisting of 28 separate studies revealed a positive and significant relationship between good organizational member behavior and satisfaction (Organ, 1995). Furthermore (Robbins, 2007) explains that it is logical to consider satisfaction as the main predictor of someone's extra role behavior, because satisfied employees tend to talk positively about the organization, help other individuals, and pass normal expectations in their work. In addition, satisfied employees may give more roles because they respond to their positive experiences so that they will improve the quality of their services.

2. RESEARCH METHODS

The method used in this study is inferential quantitative method (statistics with Structural Equation Modeling -SEM) which can analyze the relationship between variables to the indicators of each variable. This research was conducted in Bantaeng Regency where the object of research was all local government organizations (OPD) in Bantaeng District Government. Data collection methods used in this study consist of two, namely:

1. Observation, namely data collection carried out directly to the place of research through observation of the object under study or things that are needed specifically related to the variable under study.
2. Questionnaire, which is collecting data by distributing questionnaires (questionnaires) to respondents (research samples) to answer the problem in this study.
3. In-depth interviews (in-depth interviews) if required, the process of obtaining information for research purposes by way of question and answer face to face between the interviewer and respondent or person diwawncarai, with or without the use of a guide (guide) interview in which the interviewer and the informant involved in relatively long social life (Sutopo, 2006).

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The quality of public services in public organizations is in the spotlight and that is where the hope of society depends. With the quality of good public service, people will be calm because they believe that each of their affairs will be served with the maximum. The government is required to find solutions to every problem faced by the community with innovation and renewal of government management (Rachmat, 2018) where in it must think of ASN as the main element in service. The research provides an overview of the relationship between leadership and public service motivation, job satisfaction in ASN in Bantaeng District.

a. Direct influence of leadership on job satisfaction

Leadership is believed to have an influence on ASN job satisfaction as it has become the belief of experts with various research results in the private sector. Some of the results of research in the private sector show that leadership, both transformational leadership and transactional leadership have contributed to increasing ASN job satisfaction. The results showed that the leadership influence coefficient (KPM) on job satisfaction (KPK) was 0.006 with a t-count value of 0.028 at a significance level of 0.978. The coefficient shows that leadership (KPM) has a positive effect on job satisfaction (KPK) of 0.006. While t-count (CR) is only equal to 0.028 smaller than 2.0 as the cut of point (Ferdinand, 2014; Joseph F. Hair Jr et al., 2014) which means that the effect of leadership is not significant on job satisfaction. This means that increasing leadership (KPM), will
be followed by an increase in job satisfaction (KPK); on the contrary, a decrease in leadership (KPM), will be followed by a decrease in job satisfaction (KPK), assuming other factors that affect the size of job satisfaction (KPK) are considered constant even though this is not significant.

The results of the study also showed contributions from leadership-forming indicators consisting of transformational leadership and transactional leadership. The biggest contribution to leadership is transactional leadership, this can be seen from the estimated value (loading factor on standardized regression weights) as much as 0.769 is greater than transformational leadership that is equal to 0.751. The interesting thing is that if we look at the forming items of the two indicators, it will be seen that the biggest contribution is derived from transformational leadership, namely 1) encouraging employees to appear/advance (0.775), 2) increase employee motivation (0.765), and 3) encourage employees to think more creatively (0.686). While items forming transactional leadership are in the order of 4) making standards for doing work (0.683), 5) taking action before chronic problems (0.601), and 6) making clear expectations (0.557), and the most recent are items in Transformational leadership is listening to employee concerns (0.554). These results indicate that a transformational leader is expected to be a motivator and guide ASN to be creative in work, while transactional leaders are expected to be able to make clear standards, ability to make decisions, and as good listeners.

The results showed that ASN job satisfaction can be improved with good leadership even though this is not significant. This is because basically ASN job satisfaction is formed from the largest contribution forming indicators of ASN job satisfaction respectively 1) jobs in general (0.747), 2) coworkers (0.709), 3) supervision (0.694), and 4) salary currently (0.561). The entire indicator is a factor that comes from the environment in which the ASN is located and the direct contribution of the leader is minimal. Basically ASN in Bantaeng Regency is in the field where they already feel that they are compatible with the ASN which is supported by good relations between the ASN itself which contributes to their satisfaction with their work. Current supervision and salary is one of the direct contributions of the leader but salaries for ASN adjust to their rank and class so that even this cannot make satisfaction for ASN due to good leadership. While supervision is formed by 3 (three) items, namely the leader gives flexibility to ASN but assesses the work objectively, always around if needed, and knows the job well, also not maximally contributing to ASN job satisfaction. Based on the results of interviews with several informants, especially ASN who held positions (echelon 2-4) said that the current leadership they had very strict supervision in which each leader in each unit must stand by 24 hours, and anyone contacted by the highest leadership in the district Bantaeng and does not respond to 2 or 3 times the call must be prepared to be transferred. Even though they were satisfied with their work but they felt that there was a strong pressure from the leadership so the researchers considered that this was one of the factors that made leadership not significant to ASN job satisfaction in Bantaeng District.

The results of this study contradict the findings which state that good leadership significantly increases ASN job satisfaction and vice versa, as the results of research (Paripurna, 2013) show that leadership variables have a partially significant effect on employee job satisfaction. The leadership variable becomes the most dominant variable that influences employee job satisfaction because based on analysis calculations the standardized beta coefficients have the greatest value. Furthermore, research shows that transformational leadership has a greater contribution compared to transactional leadership on job satisfaction (Ahmad, Adi, Noor, Rahman, & Yushuang, 2013) in line with that (Aloysius, 2017; Seung-Ho, Meier, & Ladenburg, 2008).

Other studies that see direct influence of leadership on job satisfaction include, (Voon, Lo, Ngui, & Ayob, 2011; Wan Omar & Hussin, 2013; Yunus & Bachri, 2013) with a significant positive influence, furthermore the research conducted by (Long et al., 2014a) showed that only one of the four characteristics of transformational leadership was found to have a significant relationship with job satisfaction. Characteristics of individual considerations found most contribute to job satisfaction. Research (Judge & Bono, 2000) me nemukan that transformational leaders' behaviors influence job satisfaction and subordinate satisfaction with their leaders. While research is in line with the findings in this study, where there is a positive but not significant relationship (Budiyanto & Oetomo, 2011) the research was conducted in Magetan Indonesia. Furthermore, the more extreme is the finding that leadership has a negative and significant effect on employee job satisfaction, meaning that the results of executing managerial activities of leadership do not necessarily have an always positive or good impact for the organization, because the higher the leadership managerial activities are carried out, will have an impact on decreasing company performance from time to time. The implementation of more leadership activities in the direction of pressing employees can cause an employee to achieve satisfaction in work, but not necessarily able to bring a positive influence in the formation of subordinate personality to sincerely work towards achieving organizational goals (Brahmasari & Suprayetno, 2008).

The style of a leader in managing an organization is said to have a large role in employee performance and transformational leadership is considered as one of the most effective styles applied in a work environment that is believed to have an impact on employee job satisfaction (Belias & Koustelios, 2014). Other research on a bank shows that transformational leadership has no significant effect on job satisfaction even though in general influential leadership then communication and interaction can be emphasized as the main pillar of a leader (Cetin, Karabay, & Efe, 2012).

Leadership in this study is defined as the ability possessed by a leader in influencing his subordinates based on transformational and transactional styles through intelligence, maturity, social relations and self-motivation in order to achieve organizational goals. This variable is measured by indicators based on (Bass, 1997; Yuki, 2010), namely transformational leadership, and transactional leadership. To be able to display charming leadership in Bantaeng District government organizations, the leadership dimension must be designed so that it can create a positive positive response to employees.

The initial idea of transformational leadership theory was developed by (Burns, 1978; G. Yuki, 1994) based on descriptive research on political leaders. Conceptually Burns introduces two types of leadership, namely transactional leadership and transformational leadership, where the two types of leadership are different but positively related rather than conflicting styles. (Bass, 1985) views transactional leadership and transformational leadership as different processes, and he recognizes that the same leader can use both types of leadership at different times and situations. This opinion is supported by (Waldman et al., 1987}
who argues that, although the concept is different, transactional leadership and transformational leadership can be adopted at a
certain level by a manager, and that the most effective leaders are transactional and transformational leaders. If leadership is
effective in showing leadership, the impact is on satisfaction of employees.

Leadership characterized by transformational and transactional dimensions has a positive but not significant effect on ASN 
job satisfaction, this is because the main driving factors for ASN job satisfaction are good relationships with colleagues, work in 
general, and the salary they receive. Thus the factors that come from their leaders are only salaries, but salaries for ASN have 
been stipulated in accordance with the applicable rules based on rank and class of the ASN. Furthermore, ASN in Bantaeng 
Regency does not receive additional income as received by ASN elsewhere.

The results of this study also prove that theoretical studies and empirical studies that state and prove the existence of a 
positive although not significant causality relationship (the effect is very small) between leadership and job satisfaction and the 
quality of public services. The implication of this finding is that leadership is not a major driver of increasing ASN job 
satisfaction. By that, it should pay attention to leadership, especially 4 (four) transformational leadership drivers and 3 (three) 
transactional leadership drivers as explained before, although this does not have a significant effect.

c. Direct influence of public service motivation on job satisfaction

The study of the motivation of public services in Europe and America is very large, but similar studies in ASEAN are still 
very rare, especially in Indonesia. From various research results, it shows that there is a positive relationship between motivation 
of public services and job satisfaction and quality of public services, both in Europe and America and in Indonesia. One of the 
studies in Indonesia is carried out in West Sumatra with very little results, which is only 2.6 % different from the results found 
in Europe and America.

Public service motivation activation (PSM) on job satisfaction (KPK) is 0.683 with at value of 3.855 greater than 2.0 as a cut 
of point (Ferdinand, 2014 ; Joseph F. Hair Jr et al., 2014) at a significance level of 0.000. The coefficient shows that the public 
service motivation variable (PSM) has a positive effect on job satisfaction (KPK). This means that increasing public service 
motivation (PSM), will be followed by increased job satisfaction (KPK); on the contrary, a decrease in public service motivation 
(PSM), will be followed by a decrease in job satisfaction (KPK), assuming other factors that affect the size of job satisfaction 
(KPK) are considered constant.

The confirmatory test results also provide an interpretation that of the four indicators used to measure public service 
motivation, respondents respond to compassion, commitment to the public interest (commitment to the public interest) as 
the dominant indicator is considered by employees, this is evidenced by an estimated value of 0.959 and 0.814 which is greater 
than other indicators. So that as far as possible the Bantaeng District government pays more attention to aspects of compassion and 
commitment to the public interest (commitment to the public interest).

The results found in the study were that public service motivation driven by feelings of compassion, commitment to the 
public interest, and interest in policy making could increase ASN job satisfaction (Liu et al., 2008) . Furthermore, it is rather 
different from the results of research that see the relationship between motivation in general and job satisfaction (Ferawaty & 
Tamsah, 2016 ; Lambrou, Kontodimopoulos, & Niakas, 2010), although the effect is the same, which is positive and significant.

To maintain employee job satisfaction, it is necessary to have good public service motivation. Motivation of public services 
in this study are government employees who have the desire to serve the public or a public employee will be involved in behavior 
that is consistent with community-oriented motives and altruistic attitudes (selflessness). This variable is measured by indicators 
based on (Perry,1996) and developed (Coursey & Pandey, 2007 ; Coursey et al., 2008) as follows: interest in public policy 
making (attraction to public policy making), a commitment to the public interest (commitmen to the public interest), mercy 
(compassion), and self-sacrifice (self-sacrifice).

The concept of motivation of public servants (Vandenabeele 2007) has been developed as a counterbalance to the motivation 
of self-interest (self interest) found in the theory of rational pilhan. Whereas according to Willem et al., (2010) the concept of 
motivation for public services was introduced to show motivation based on values and attitudes beyond self-interest or 
organizational interests.

The motivation of ASN in the perspective of the PSM theory is formed by intrinsic and extrinsic reward factors. Intrinsic 
reward is the satisfaction of an ASN because it has done a work that means for example, feelings of satisfaction, pride and pride. 
While extrinsic rewards are rewards received by ASN from the government, such as salary increases, promotions, job security, 
status and pestise. PSM is not only driven by the compensation factor alone, but also factors of satisfaction (satisfaction).

PSM does not view reward factors as important instruments in increasing ASN motivation because motivation is formed by 
intrinsic and extrinsic factors. So far, the government has tended to only emphasize extrinsic factors, namely by increasing 
salaries, benefits, promotions without regard to ASN satisfaction factors towards their work. It is predictable that the results will 
not be effective because ASN is positioned as a human economy that only emphasizes material aspects. In fact, ASN also wants 
to be respected for its existence, wants to do something that is in accordance with its abilities and expertise, so that they are 
satisfied to serve the nation and the State. That is, ASN has altruism values, namely values do something for the benefit of many 
people.

Evidence from the results of previous studies confirms that job satisfaction is influenced by public service motivation, 
(Rainey & Steinbauer, 1999), who conducts studies by improving findings (Brewer & Selden, 1998). Furthermore, the results of 
the study (Clerkin & Coggburn, 2012) found that the increasing motivation of public services will lead to an increase in job 
satisfaction which further increases the quality of service for employees in the public sector. Furthermore, research on people's 
interests has a motivation for public service to work in the public service sector but has not been able to answer why it is different 
(Moynihan & Pandey, 2007 ; Pandey et al., 2008) .
The results of this study also prove that theoretical studies and empirical studies state and prove the existence of a positive and significant causality relationship between motivation for public services and employee job satisfaction. The implication of this finding is that increasing public service motivation, which consists of feelings of compassion, commitment to the public interest, and interest in policy making are the main drivers of increasing ASN job satisfaction in Bantaeng District. Therefore, the motivation of public service which consists of the spirit of self-sacrifice, commitment to the public interest, the spirit of compassion, and interest in making policy on the ASN are of concern.

4. CONCLUSION

1. Leadership has a positive direct effect even though it is not significant for ASN job satisfaction in Bantaeng District. These results indicate that enhanced leadership is characterized by encouraging employees to perform/advance, increase employee motivation, encourage employees to think more creatively, and listen to employee concerns (transformational leaders) and better standards for doing work, taking action before chronic problems, and making clear expectations (transactional leadership) will increase the ASN job satisfaction in Bantaeng Regency.

2. Motivation of public services has a significant positive direct effect on ASN job satisfaction in Bantaeng District. These results indicate that the better the ASN public service motivation which is marked by improvement in compassion, commitment to the public interest, the spirit of compassion, and interest in making policy on the ASN are of concern.

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