



The Impact of The Amount of The South Sulawesi Koni Grant Budget on The XXI PON Aceh-Sumut 2024

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Abstract

A This study aims to analyze the impact of grant funding allocations on the performance of athletes from South Sulawesi in preparation for the 2024 National Sports Week (PON XXI) in Aceh–North Sumatra. The research employs a descriptive qualitative approach using a case study method. Data were collected through in-depth interviews, observations, and documentation from various online news sources, including KONI South Sulawesi. The findings reveal that although a total grant of IDR 31.5 billion was allocated for PON XXI—IDR 17.5 billion for KONI South Sulawesi and IDR 14 billion for the South Sulawesi Youth and Sports Office (Dispora)—athlete performance declined, with South Sulawesi ranking 16th out of 39 provinces. In contrast, during PON XIX in West Java in 2016, a budget of IDR 80 billion resulted in 12 gold medals and a 12th-place finish out of 34 provinces. At PON XX in Papua in 2021, with a budget of IDR 30 billion (IDR 20 billion to KONI and IDR 10 billion to Dispora), South Sulawesi earned 11 gold medals and ranked 11th out of 34 provinces. Several factors were found to affect the effectiveness of grant utilization, including delayed fund disbursement, lack of transparency, and insufficient strategic planning in athlete development and training program implementation. Moreover, weak coordination among local government, KONI, and sports federations led to inefficiencies in the distribution and use of funds. The study concludes that the amount of grant funding does not necessarily correlate with improved athletic performance unless supported by an effective, transparent, and accountable management system.

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A. Introduction

PON (National Sports Week) is the largest multi-event activity held every 4 (four) years by the Indonesian government through the extension of the Central KONI. Where all KONI Provinces are competing to make the name of the best region in the multievent activity. History records, three years after proclaiming its independence, Indonesia held the first national-level multicabang sports party under the name PON which was held in Surakarta, Prov. Central Java on September 9-12, 1948. While South Sulawesi Province in the second PON (two) in Jakarta in 1951 for the first time participated in this prestigious multievent event 4 (four) once a year. The mainstay athletes of each province included are great hopes in collecting and competing for as many pieces of Gold medals to be the best at the PON multievent.

National Sports Week (PON) XXI Aceh-North Sumatra 2024 is the largest sports multievent in Indonesia that brings together the best athletes from various provinces. The participation of each Provincial KONI in this multievent not only looks at sports achievements, but also illustrates the readiness and support provided by local governments in funding the development and preparation of athletes. The Indonesian National Sports Committee (KONI) of South Sulawesi as a forum responsible for fostering sports achievements in South Sulawesi Province, plays a very important role in ensuring the readiness of Pengprov Cabang Olahraga in preparing its athletes through optimal budget allocations as well as opinions (Prasetyo et al., 2018) The government, with the right policy making, will bring progress and improvement in fostering sports achievements at the regional, national and international levels. The grant given by the government to KONI South Sulawesi is one of the determining factors that certainly determines the quality and quantity of planning, preparation, facilities, and athlete coaching programs in facing the Aceh-Sumut 2024 PON XXI multievent.

Policies in fostering sports achievement should be an integral part of national and regional development that must always be evaluated and continued (Soan, 2017). The amount of the grant budget allocated to KONI South Sulawesi in facing PON XXI Aceh-Sumut 2024 is an interesting issue to study,

especially in relation to the effectiveness and optimization of the use of funds in improving athlete performance. Adequate budget allocations can ensure the availability of proper training facilities, optimal nutritional support, and capacity building programs for athletes and coaches. However, in various cases, the management of grant funds is often debated regarding transparency, efficiency, and its impact on achievement. Therefore, this study aims to identify the impact of the amount of grant funds received by KONI South Sulawesi on the readiness of athletes in facing PON XXI Aceh-North Sumatra.

This research is important considering that sporting achievements depend not only on talent and training, but also on adequate financial support from the government. (Lutan, 2013) said that financial support can determine the direction and sustainability of the sports coaching process. The progress of sports at the national level is highly dependent on adequate financial support. Efforts towards achieving achievements in the field of sports require a large allocation of funds quoted from (Pomatahu & Tumuloto, 2014). Therefore, a comprehensive analysis is needed regarding the mechanisms and strategies by which the budget allocated to KONI South Sulawesi is used, and whether these funds have been distributed effectively to meet the needs of athletes. By understanding the relationship between budget size and athlete performance, this research is expected to provide recommendations for local governments and KONI in future sports financial planning.

This research uses a quantitative and qualitative approach by analyzing budget data, interviews with stakeholders, and evaluation of athlete development programs. The results of this study are expected to provide a comprehensive picture of the impact of grant funds on the performance of South Sulawesi athletes at PON XXI Aceh-Sumut 2024, and provide a basis for more appropriate policy making in supporting the progress of regional sports.

B. Methods

This research uses a descriptive qualitative approach, which aims to understand and analyze the impact of the amount of the KONI South Sulawesi grant budget on the readiness and achievement of

the contingent at PON XXI Aceh-North Sumatra 2024. This approach was chosen because it allows in-depth exploration of budget allocations, the effectiveness of the use of funds, and the views of relevant stakeholders. The descriptive qualitative method was chosen because this research does not only focus on numbers and statistics, but rather on how the grant funds are used, how the parties involved in the distribution and utilization respond to budget policies, and how they impact the readiness of athletes and teams in facing PON XXI. In addition, this research also aims to identify various obstacles and challenges faced in budget management, both from a technical and administrative perspective, so that it can provide more applicable recommendations for future policy improvements.

Data Sources

The data in this study were obtained from two main sources that will complement each other in providing a more comprehensive picture of the phenomenon under study. Primary Data Sources through in-depth interviews with related parties, Observation of budget realization and its impact on athlete preparation. Through this interview, it will be explored further how the mechanism for allocating the grant funds, how the verification and distribution process is, and the extent of its effectiveness in improving athlete performance. The selected informants will provide perspectives from various sides, both from the policy, technical, and implementation aspects in the field, so that the research results can describe reality objectively.

Secondary Data Sources through Articles and news from online media that discuss the South Sulawesi KONI budget and preparations for PON XXI Aceh-Sumut. Official documents or reports from KONI South Sulawesi. Thus, this research will have a strong foundation and in accordance with scientific principles.

Data Collection Techniques

In-depth interviews will be conducted in a semi-structured manner to allow for a broader exploration of informants' views regarding the effectiveness of grant funding in preparation for PON XXI. Interview questions will focus on the mechanism of fund distribution, constraints in budget management, and the impact felt by athletes and coaches. In these interviews, a flexible approach will be used so that informants feel comfortable in expressing their views, so that the data obtained is richer and more in-depth. If necessary, interviews can be conducted more than once to obtain clarification of information that is considered unclear or contradictory to other sources. As well as Documentation Studies to analyze online media news and official documents will be used to obtain an overview of the amount of budget allocated, the realization of its use, as well as polemics or challenges in the implementation of grant funds.

This technique will help confirm the validity of data obtained from interviews and provide a broader understanding of the dynamics of sports funding in Indonesia, especially in the context of organizing PON XXI Aceh-North Sumatra.

Data Analysis Technique

The data collected will be analyzed using the content analysis method and source triangulation, which includes the following steps:

- a) Data Reduction - Selection of relevant information from interviews and online media sources.
- b) Data Presentation - Grouping findings in the form of structured descriptive narratives.
- c) Inference Drawing - Connecting findings with theory and previous research to understand the pattern of the relationship between the budget and the readiness of the South Sulawesi contingent at PON XXI.
- d) Triangulation - Comparing data from interviews with secondary sources to

increase the validity of the research.

Content analysis will be applied to explore the meaning contained in the interviews and documents analyzed, so that certain patterns can be found and explained scientifically. Triangulation is used to minimize bias and ensure that the resulting conclusions have a high degree of accuracy.

C. Result and Discussion

Result

Based on case study data obtained through online media news and interviews by researchers regarding the impact of the amount of the South Sulawesi koni grant budget on PON XXI Aceh-Sumut 2024, the following results were obtained:

At the 2016 West Java PON XIX multievent, Prov. South Sulawesi perched on the top 12 (twelve) rankings by obtaining 12 gold, 23 silver and 28 bronze so that the total medals obtained were 63 pieces of medals (Mattola, 2016). Where it is known that the KONI grant budget for South Sulawesi Province during the preparation and implementation of PON XIX in West Java in 2016 is very large. Based on the article (Kadir, 2021) In 2016, continued Arwin as the head of South Sulawesi Youth and Sports, the South Sulawesi contingent ranked 12th with a grant budget used much larger than this year (PON XX Papua in 2021), namely a total grant budget of IDR 80 billion. Based on data from the South Sulawesi Dispora, at PON XIX West Java in 2016, the South Sulawesi contingent was only able to reach 12th place with a total medal acquisition of 23 medals. With details, 7 pieces of gold, 9 pieces of silver, and 7 pieces of bronze. So with a grant budget of Rp 80 billion at the time of facing PON XIX West Java in 2016, KONI South Sulawesi Province included 38 sports with a total of 317 athletes who competed by bringing great expectations from the people of South Sulawesi could only reach 12th place from 34 participating provinces with the acquisition of 12 gold, 23 silver and 28 bronze medals.

In the 2021 PON XX Papua multievent, where the implementation of this activity should have been held in 2020 but because Indonesia this year was also affected by the covid-19 pandemic (corona virus) which changed all aspects of life both development, social, economic and so on. Then the PON XX Papua event can be held in 2021. In writing (Endra, 2021)

Due to the Covid-19 (corona) pandemic, every region is experiencing difficult financial conditions. However, Andi Sudirman as governor of prov. South Sulawesi managed to motivate the enthusiasm of athletes, coaches and mechanics who competed in PON Papua 2021 until the South Sulawesi Contingent at the PON managed to secure 11th place by obtaining a total of 37 pieces of medals, with details of 11 gold pieces, 13 silver pieces, and 13 bronze pieces. The achievements of the South Sulawesi contingent at PON XX Papua in 2021 show an increase compared to the achievements at PON XIX West Java in 2016, where at that time South Sulawesi ranked 12th in the final standings, as quoted by (Kadir, 2021)

Based on the statement of the Head of the South Sulawesi Youth and Sports Service, Andi Arwin Aziz, this achievement is a source of pride, considering that South Sulawesi managed to move up to 11th place. He also added that these results were achieved despite budget limitations, where the funds available in 2021 were only IDR 30 billion, but the athletes still showed maximum effort. So with a grant budget of IDR 30 billion, of which IDR 20 billion is managed by KONI South Sulawesi and IDR 10 billion is managed by the South Sulawesi Dispora for fostering the achievements of South Sulawesi athletes in facing PON XX Papua in 2021, South Sulawesi Province, which registered 32 sports and included 202 athletes, was able to improve its ranking by reaching 11th place out of 34 participating provinces with 11 gold, 13 silver, 13 bronze medals with a total medal haul of 37 medals and in the multievent PON XXI Aceh-

Sumut 2024, it is known that the number of participating provincial contingents has increased from PON XIX West Java and PON XX Papua. The provincial contingents participating in PON XXI Aceh-Sumut 2024 totaled 39 provinces. In the article (Sudirman, 2024) The Rp17.5 billion budget for PON received an additional Rp 14 billion. However, according to Yasir, the management is at the South Sulawesi Youth and Sports Agency (Dispora), not at KONI South Sulawesi. The money is used for the completeness of athletes competing in PON XXI Aceh-North Sumatra 2024. "In Dispora (Rp14 billion). The allocation is to buy clothes, shoes, bags, and lodging. Dispora's other needs are arranged," said Yasir Mahmud. As well as in writing (Berita-sulsel.com, 2024) The National Sports Committee of Indonesia (KONI) for South Sulawesi Province failed to achieve its target of placing in the top five at the XXI National Sports Week (PON XXI) held in Aceh and North Sumatra in 2024. The South Sulawesi contingent concluded the event with a total of 61 medals, consisting of 10 gold, 19 silver, and 32 bronze. The Chairman of South Sulawesi KONI, Yasir Machmud, stated that this performance was influenced by the lack of financial support from the government. In addition, limited facilities and training infrastructure were also contributing factors, as these conditions prevented the athletes from undergoing optimal training programs (Anwar, 2024) South Sulawesi fell to 16th place out of 38 provinces in the country's largest national sports event. This position was far below the target of reaching the top five. The Secretary General of South Sulawesi KONI, Mujiburrahman, stated that a plenary meeting would be held soon. "The plenary meeting is for evaluating the overall results of the National Sports Week (PON) and monitoring the athletes," he said when contacted by phone on Friday.

Discussion

Based on data from PON XIX West Java 2016, PON XX Papua 2021, and PON XXI Aceh-North Sumatra 2024, the performance of athletes from South Sulawesi Province has shown a significant trend. In the PON XIX held in West Java in 2016, South Sulawesi ranked 12th out of 34 participating provinces. The amount of grant funding allocated for performance development in 2016 was IDR 80 billion, which was entirely managed by the South Sulawesi Provincial KONI.

Meanwhile, in the PON XX Papua 2021, the South Sulawesi contingent improved its performance, finishing in 11th place out of 34 provinces. The grant budget for performance development in 2021 was IDR 30 billion, of which IDR 20 billion was managed by the South Sulawesi Provincial KONI and IDR 10 billion by the South Sulawesi Provincial Youth and Sports Office (Dispora).

However, there was a drastic decline in performance at PON XXI Aceh-North Sumatra 2024. The South Sulawesi contingent only managed to finish in 16th place out of 39 participating provinces. For this edition, the Regional Government (Pemda) allocated a grant budget of IDR 31.5 billion for performance development in preparation for Indonesia's largest multi-sport event. Of this amount, IDR 17.5 billion was allocated to the South Sulawesi Provincial KONI and IDR 14 billion to the Provincial Dispora.

From the data across PON XIX 2016, PON XX 2021, and PON XXI 2024, it can be seen that the South Sulawesi Provincial KONI received the highest amount of grant funding for performance development during PON XIX West Java 2016, with a total of IDR 80 billion. The best performance in the last three participations was achieved at PON XX Papua 2021, when the province ranked 11th out of 34.

Several fundamental aspects that must be emphasized in the process of program determination include: (1) how a policy is translated into concrete

actions (implementation), (2) that the program typically runs over a significant period due to its sustainable nature, and (3) that the program involves interaction and participation of a number of individuals within an organizational structure (Arikunto & Cepi, 2009). Therefore, the grant funds allocated by the regional government for sports performance development in preparation for the National Sports Week (PON) should take into account crucial elements, where the design of performance development programs can refer to these fundamental principles. It is also necessary to review this by considering the findings from previous research (Sari et al., 2017) Several factors have been identified as contributing to athletes' failure to win medals at the National Sports Week (PON), including financial limitations, the lack of potential athletes at the national level, substandard and non-ideal training programs that do not meet the specific requirements of each sport, issues concerning athlete welfare, performance instability due to insufficient experience in national-level competitions—particularly in South Sumatra—and the inadequate fulfillment of athletes' nutritional and vitamin needs. These issues highlight the urgent need for collective attention and coordination among the South Sulawesi regional government, the South Sulawesi Provincial KONI, the South Sulawesi Youth and Sports Office (Dispora), and the respective sport federations under KONI to thoroughly evaluate all factors behind past failures and to organize and plan strategic steps in preparation for the next PON.

D. Conclusion

From the results of the above research, the author can conclude that the larger the grant budget for achievement coaching in facing the multievent National Sports Week (PON) does not guarantee that the target of achievement coaching can be achieved. Many factors influence one of them is a

good achievement coaching program by involving several stakeholders / experts related to their fields, so that the program that is compiled together can be planned, prepared, implemented, and evaluated as quickly as possible so that the target of the program is achieved. Where the allocation of the athlete achievement coaching grant budget in the last two PONs, the South Sulawesi Regional Government divided the budget allocation to KONI Prov. South Sulawesi and Dispora Prov. South Sulawesi. Therefore, KONI and Dispora South Sulawesi must run a parallel program with KONI South Sulawesi members, namely the Provincial Management (Pengprov) of sports branches related to all the needs of athletes in facing PON. So that the grant budget provided by the South Sulawesi Regional Government is allocated according to the needs of athletes during the coaching process to face PON.

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