



Strategies Improving Quality of Basic Services as Foundation for Local Economic Development in Subang Regency

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Abstract. –This research aims to analyse strategies to improve the quality of basic services as a foundation for local economic development in Subang Regency. The phenomenon of gaps in basic services and slow economic growth in several areas of Subang is the main problem, with the research question: how can the optimisation of basic services encourage local economic development? The literature review includes theories of public services, local economic development, and regional competitiveness, supported by primary data from a community satisfaction survey of 250 respondents and secondary data from BPS and related agencies for the 2019-2023 period. The analysis method uses a literature review descriptive analysis techniques. The results show that the quality of basic services has a significant correlation ($r=0.78$) with local economic growth, where improvements in health and education service systems contribute the most. In conclusion, improving the quality of basic services through system modernisation, human resource strengthening, and integrated service infrastructure can be a catalyst for local economic growth. The implication is that local governments need to prioritise public service reform as a fundamental strategy for economic development.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Basic services are a fundamental aspect of governance that has a direct impact on community welfare and economic development in a region. In the context of regional autonomy, district/city governments have the primary responsibility for providing quality basic services to the community. Kabupaten Subang, as one of the autonomous regions in West Java Province, faces significant challenges in its efforts to improve the quality of basic services that are directly correlated with the development of its local economy. In the perspective of sustainable development, the quality of basic services not only reflects the capacity of government to fulfil the needs of the community, but is also an indicator of regional competitiveness in attracting investment and developing productive economic sectors. Efficient and responsive basic services create a conducive climate for business growth, boost productivity, and ultimately contribute to improving people's welfare. However, the reality on the ground shows that Kabupaten Subang still faces various obstacles in optimising its basic services.

Data from the Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS) of Kabupaten Subang shows that despite positive trends in regional economic growth, disparities in access to and quality of basic services remain a crucial issue. Service disparities do not only occur between subdistricts, but also between service sectors. This is reflected in the variation of the Community Satisfaction Index (IKM), which shows significant inequality in community perceptions of service quality in various sectors. This condition has implications for hampering efforts to accelerate local economic development, which should be optimised through increasing the effectiveness of public services. The urgency of improving the quality of basic services in Subang Regency is increasingly relevant in the

context of increasingly competitive competition between regions. The era of decentralisation has opened up both opportunities and challenges for each region to develop its competitive advantage. In this case, the quality of basic services is one of the determinant factors in creating investment attractiveness and the development of regional leading sectors. Subang Regency, with its agricultural, industrial and tourism potential, needs a comprehensive strategy to improve the standard of its public services as a fundamental prerequisite for accelerating local economic development.

Theoretical perspectives in contemporary public administration studies confirm that there is a positive correlation between the quality of basic services and the dynamics of local economic development. New Public Management (NPM) and Good Governance emphasise the importance of efficiency, effectiveness and responsiveness in public services as a catalyst for development. This approach is relevant to the context of Kabupaten Subang, which requires systemic reforms in the governance of its public services to support a sustainable economic development agenda. The complexity of the challenges in improving the quality of basic services in Kabupaten Subang is inseparable from various structural and cultural factors. Structural aspects include limited budget, infrastructure and human resources, while cultural aspects relate to the bureaucratic mindset and organisational culture that are not yet fully oriented towards excellent service. Strategic interventions are needed to address both dimensions simultaneously to create substantial and sustainable change.

Innovation in public services is a necessity in an effort to improve the quality of basic services in Subang Regency. The experience of various regions shows that public service

innovations that are adaptive to local needs can be a breakthrough in overcoming various classic bureaucratic obstacles. This includes the adoption of information technology, simplification of procedures, and the development of effective public participation mechanisms in service planning and evaluation. This study explores strategies to improve the quality of basic services in Subang Regency in the context of local economic development using a comprehensive and integrative approach. The analysis includes the identification of gaps between service expectations and realities, evaluation of institutional capacity, and formulation of applicable strategic recommendations. The perspectives used consider the complexity of the relationship between the quality of public services and the dynamics of local economic development.

The significance of this study lies in its contribution to developing a strategic model for improving the quality of basic services that is contextual to the characteristics and needs of Subang Regency. The results of the study are expected to serve as a reference for policy makers in formulating appropriate interventions for the optimisation of public services as a foundation for sustainable local economic development. In a broader context, this study also provides a

II. RESEARCH METHOD

This research used a qualitative approach with a systematic literature review (SLR) method to analyse strategies for improving the quality of basic services in the context of local economic development in Subang District. The research methodology was designed systematically following the PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses) protocol, which was modified according to the research needs. The research design was carried out in three main interrelated stages, starting from the preparation stage which included the formulation of research questions using the PICO framework, followed by the implementation stage which included literature search and analysis, and ended with the reporting stage which resulted in a comprehensive synthesis and recommendations.

The data collection process was conducted through systematic searches of various credible sources, including electronic academic databases such as Google Scholar, JSTOR, and Science Direct, as well as institutional repositories of universities and government publication portals. The search strategy employed structured keywords with Boolean operators, complemented by forward and backward citation searches to ensure comprehensiveness of literature coverage. Literature selection was based on predetermined inclusion and exclusion criteria, with a focus on publications within the 2015-2024 timeframe that addressed the themes of basic services and local economic development, particularly in the context of Indonesia and West Java.

In the data collection process, we used various structured instruments such as literature review matrix, data extraction sheet, and methodological quality checklist to ensure consistency and rigour in the documentation process. The selection criteria applied included temporal aspects, thematic relevance, and methodological quality, with special consideration on peer-reviewed publications and research originality. Relevant grey literature was also considered as long

new perspective in understanding the relationship between public service reform and the dynamics of economic development at the local level. The findings and recommendations are not only relevant for Subang Regency, but can also serve as valuable lessons for other regions with similar characteristics and challenges in their efforts to improve the quality of their basic services.

The urgency of this study is increasingly relevant given the momentum of digital transformation which opens up new opportunities and challenges in the delivery of public services. Subang Regency, like other regions, is required to be adaptive to technological changes and higher public expectations for service quality. The strategies developed must consider aspects of sustainability and scalability in order to accommodate the dynamics of change in the future. This article is structured in a systematic manner that includes a comprehensive analysis of the existing conditions of basic services, identification of factors that affect their quality, and formulation of an integrative improvement strategy. The discussion is complemented by relevant case studies and best practices as references in developing service models that are adaptive to the local context of Kabupaten Subang.

as it met the quality and credibility standards set out in the research protocol.

Data analysis was conducted through a comprehensive qualitative content approach, involving a thematic coding process to identify key patterns and themes in the literature reviewed. The analysis process used a framework consisting of five systematic stages, starting from familiarisation with the material, identification of thematic frameworks, indexing, charting, to mapping and interpretation. Each stage was carried out carefully to ensure the credibility and validity of the analysis results. Validation was conducted through triangulation of data sources, peer review of analysis results, and expert validation to ensure the quality of research findings. The analytical framework developed includes multiple levels of analysis, including macro aspects related to the national and regional policy context, meso aspects that focus on institutional and organisational dynamics, and micro aspects that analyse program implementation and its impact. The dimensions of analysis include institutional aspects of basic services, local government capacity, strategic interventions, economic impacts, as well as supporting and inhibiting factors in the implementation of policies and programmes.

The synthesis technique applied combines narrative synthesis, qualitative meta-summary, and framework synthesis approaches to produce a comprehensive understanding of the phenomenon studied. The synthesis process considers aspects of programme effectiveness, service efficiency, sustainability, replicability, and service innovation as the main parameters in evaluating strategies to improve the quality of basic services in Kabupaten Subang. Researchers are aware of several methodological limitations that need to be considered in interpreting the research results. These limitations include temporal aspects related to publication time limits and the dynamics of policy changes, spatial aspects that focus on specific geographical contexts, and methodological limitations such as data access and potential publication bias. To overcome these limitations, researchers applied rigorous

validation and verification strategies, including data triangulation and expert consultation.

Research ethics were given special attention in the conduct of this study, with an emphasis on academic integrity through proper citation and avoidance of plagiarism. Research objectivity was maintained through a balanced reporting approach and analytical neutrality, supported by methodological transparency that enabled research replicability. The methodology applied in this study was designed to produce a comprehensive analysis of strategies to improve the quality of basic services in Subang Regency, taking into account the complex relationship between public services and local economic development. A systematic approach to data collection and analysis, supported by a strong theoretical framework and rigorous validation protocols, enabled this study to produce valid and reliable findings as a basis for policy making.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The literature reviewed has yielded significant findings regarding strategies to improve the quality of basic services and their implications for local economic development in Kabupaten Subang. This systematic review assessed 47 selected sources, from which several main themes emerged as focal points of discussion. The evaluation of basic services in Subang Regency reveals considerable variations in service quality across different regions. According to Sudrajat and Suherman (2021) in their study published in the Journal of Public Administration, the public satisfaction index for basic services in Subang Regency averaged 72.5 out of a possible 100, though there are notable disparities between sub-districts. This finding is further supported by a report from the Subang Regency BPS (2023), which highlighted a 23.4% gap in access to basic services between urban and rural areas. Research by Wibowo et al. (2022), published in the Journal of Public Service Management, identified three main challenges in the delivery of basic services in Subang Regency: limited infrastructure (37.2%), inadequate human resource capacity (28.5%), and bureaucratic complexity (24.3%). These challenges are associated with the local economic growth rate, which Hartono and Prasetyo (2023) found to exhibit a positive, albeit not yet optimal, trend, with an average growth rate of 4.8% per year during the period from 2019 to 2023.

Analysis of various service quality improvement initiatives resulted in the categorisation of strategies based on their effectiveness. Rahman et al. (2023), in their study in the Government Innovation Journal, identified four main approaches that have proven effective: Service Digitalisation The implementation of e-government in Subang Regency has shown positive results with a 45% increase in service efficiency (Kusuma and Pratiwi, 2022). The digital-based integrated service system implemented since 2021 has succeeded in cutting the average service time from 3 days to 1 working day. Strengthening HR Capacity Systematically implemented apparatus competency development programmes contribute to improving service quality. Longitudinal research by Permana et al. (2023) showed a positive correlation ($r=0.78$) between the intensity of apparatus training and the level of public satisfaction with services. Business Process Restructuring Simplification of service procedures through a business process reengineering approach resulted in significant operational efficiency. According to a study by Nugraha and Satria (2022), the

implementation of revised standard operating procedures succeeded in reducing service waiting time by 60%. Strengthening Public Participation Public involvement in public service planning and evaluation shows a positive impact on service quality. Participatory research conducted by Widodo et al. (2023) confirmed a 38% increase in service responsiveness after the implementation of a community feedback mechanism.

Table 1. Basic Service Quality Indicators (2019-2023)

Service Indicator	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Community Satisfaction Index (Scale 100)	68.5	69.8	71.2	72.5	74.3
Average Service Time (Days)	3.0	2.5	1.8	1.2	1.0
Service Completion Rate (%)	82.4	85.7	88.9	91.2	93.5
Service Accuracy (%)	88.2	89.5	91.8	93.4	94.7
Complaint Rate (per 1000 services)	12.5	10.8	8.6	6.4	5.2

Table 2. Main Challenges in Basic Services (2023)

Type of Challenge	Percentage (%)	Handling Priority
Infrastructure Limitations	37.2	High
Human Resource Capacity	28.5	High
Bureaucratic Complexity	24.3	Medium
Budget Constraints	7.5	Medium
Inter-Agency Coordination	2.5	Low

Table 3. Impact of Service Digitalization (2021-2023)

Service Aspect	Before	After	Change (%)
Processing Time (hours)	72	24	-66.7
Operational Cost (Million IDR/month)	45.6	28.9	-36.6
User Satisfaction (%)	65.8	82.4	+25.2
Transparency (Score 1-5)	3.2	4.5	+40.6
Digital Access (%)	45.5	78.9	+73.4

Table 4. Local Economic Development Indicators (2019-2023)

Economic Indicator	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
GRDP Growth (%)	4.2	3.8	4.5	4.8	5.2
Registered MSMEs	12,456	13,234	14,567	16,234	18,782
Investment Realization (Billion IDR)	875	923	1,124	1,345	1,660
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.2	7.8	7.2	6.8
Income Per Capita (Million IDR)	32.4	33.8	35.6	38.2	41.5

Table 5. Capacity Development Program Effectiveness (2023)

Training Type	Number of Participants	Competency Improvement (%)	Service Impact (%)
Service Management	245	34.5	28.7
Digital Technology	189	42.8	35.6
Public Communication	167	38.2	31.4
Conflict Management	156	29.4	25.8
Service Innovation	178	36.7	30.2

Table 6. Service Improvement Budget Distribution (2023)

Program Component	Allocation (%)	Realization (%)	Effectiveness
Digital Infrastructure	35.5	92.4	High
HR Development	28.7	88.6	High
Information Systems	18.4	85.2	Medium
Monitoring & Evaluation	12.6	90.8	High
Innovation Programs	4.8	82.5	Medium

Data Sources:

1. Statistics Office of Subang Regency (2023)
2. Investment and One-Stop Service Office of Subang Regency (2023)
3. Regional Development Planning Agency of Subang Regency (2023)
4. Government Performance Report of Subang Regency (2023)
5. Field Research Results (2023)

1. Service quality shows consistent improvement with a 5.8% increase in satisfaction index over 5 years
2. Digital transformation reduced service processing time by 66.7%
3. Infrastructure remains the primary challenge (37.2%) in service delivery
4. Strong correlation between service improvement and local economic growth
5. Capacity development programs show average effectiveness rate of 35.3%
6. Budget realization for service improvement programs averages 87.9%



Picture 1. Comodity Traditional Market (Tribun Jabar.com)



Picture 2. Industry Area in Subang (Indosiana.com)

IV. CONCLUSION

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