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# EXPLORATION OF ADOLESCENT RESILIENCE IN THE SLOPES OF MOUNT MERAPI

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This study aims to determine the level of resilience based on ethnicity and family conditions. The respondents were students from various levels of education from vocational high school, high school and junior high school education levels in the Mount Merapi slope area. The instrument used is the Connor-Davidson Resilience Scale (CD-RISC) Short version-10 items that have been adapted with a reliability value of 0.801. The data analysis used was Kruskal Wallis non-parametric statistics as a test of tribal differences and family conditions. The results showed that there were no significant differences based on ethnicity and family conditions. The results of this study can be considered in designing guidance and counseling programs and services.

Keywords: resilience, ethnicity, family condition, inclusion

#### INTRODUCTION

The slopes of Mount Merapi are one of the areas that are vulnerable to natural disasters, especially volcanic eruptions. This area has a history of frequent eruptions (Voight et al., 2000). The impact of the eruption was devastating, including claiming human lives and damaging infrastructure and the surrounding environment.

In 2010, it was recorded that the victims caused by the eruption of Mount Merapi reached more than 300 casualties and losses due to damage reached 3.62 trillion in the Yogyakarta and Central Java regions (Ivanova, 2014; Nugraha et al., 2019; Wilson et al., 2007). In another source, it is explained that the number of victims who experience psychological disorders reaches 4874 people

(Marfai et al., 2012). This further indicates that the natural disaster of Mount Merapi does not only have an impact on physical and material conditions but also psychological conditions.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

The research was conducted using a cross-sectional survey method. This study aims to explore the dynamics of correlation between causal and causal factors (Farozin et al., 2022). Data collection used the Connor-Davidson Resilience Scale (CD-RISC) Short version-10 items that have been adapted with a reliability value of 0.801 (Oktaviani & Cahyawulan, 2022). The choice of answers uses a scale of 1-4 from inappropriate to very appropriate. Samples were taken randomly using simple random sampling. Data

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collection was carried out using the Google Form platform involving 3 schools consisting of Vocational High School, Senior High School, and Junior High School.

The study involved a group of 97 sample participants, with 44 males and 53 females. Among them, 70 are junior high school students, 16 are senior high school students, and 11 vocational high school students. The analysis of research data used a nonparametric test because the data was not distributed normally. Data analysis used Kruskal Wallis with the help of IBM SPSS Statistics 21 software to see the differences in resilience of each tribe and family condition. The tribes gathered were Javanese, Madura, Minang, Batak, and Untrimmed. Untrimmed is information provided by respondents who do not know the origin of the tribe. In addition, family conditions are categorized into 4, namely complete for families that are still intact, divorce for families who experience divorce, broken homes for families who experience household rifts without divorce, and single parents for families who are cared for by one person due to the death of another parent (OYAFUNKE-OMONIYI, 2022).

## **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The results of this study presented the results of the analysis of adolescent resilience in the Merapi mountainside area based on tribe and family conditions. In table 1, the difference in average scores between Javanese, Madura, Minang, Batak, and Untrimmed tribes can be seen. The Javanese have the highest average, while the Batak have the lowest average.

Table 1. Resilience reviewed from Tribes

Ethnic	Ν	Mean	Mr	
Javanese	85	50.10	0.304	
Grow up	1	49.00		
Minang	1	7.00		
One of the gowns	1	5.00		
Untrimmed	9	48.17		
Total	97			

This is influenced by research sampling. The number of research samples has an effect on the average score (Ridwan & Aji,

2022). Taking a proportional number of samples allows researchers to get diverse variants of respondents so that it affects the average score (Islam, 2018). However, in the context of the Kruskal-Wallis test, significant are differences between groups determined by the mean value, but by the significance value (da Costa et al., 2020). The significance value in the Kruskal-Wallis test is stated to be different if the significance value is not more than 0.05, on the other hand, if the significance value exceeds the provision, there is no significant difference (Rashidi et al., 2023).

Based on the results of the Kruskal-Wallis resilience test reviewed from the tribal background, it got a significance value of 0.304. The significance value exceeded the value of 0.05. Thus, it can be said that there is no significant difference in the resilience of adolescents in the Merapi mountainside area between respondents from Javanese, Madura, Minang, Batak, and Untrimmed tribes. Previous research has stated that tribal background does not affect the level of resilience, such as differences in skin color in some countries do not affect the level of resilience of individuals (Caqueo-Urízar et al., 2021; Karaırmak & Figley, 2017). Precisely with ethnic or ethnic differences and the same level of resilience, it can have the potential to develop inclusive services that are useful for mental health (Leroy et al., 2022; Masik & Grabkowska, 2020; Turner et al., 2022). Several research results state that tribal background and resilience level can prevent racism, stress, and depression (Barrita & Wong-Padoongpatt, 2023; Neblett, 2023; Prasetya et al., 2020, 2023; Schäfer et al., 2023). So that the provision of intervention to adolescents in the Merapi mountainside area can basically focus on strength or potential without ethnic grouping so that the concept of diversity and inclusivity is well implemented and the potential for problems is reduced.

In line with the previous description, the results of the resilience analysis reviewed from family conditions are as follows.

Table 2. Resilience reviewed from **Families** 

Family	N	Mean	Mr
Complete	80	49.53	0.256
Divorce	9	52.56	
Broken Home	3	17.50	
Single Parent	5	53.00	
Total	97		

Based on the results of the analysis, the condition of single-parent families has the highest average score. The condition of broken home families has the lowest average value. The significance value obtained is 0.256 which means more than the value of 0.05 so that it can be interpreted that there is significant difference between condition of complete families, divorce. broken homes, and single parents.

Although the results showed that there was no difference in resilience reviewed from the condition of complete families, divorce, broken homes, and single parents. However, some research results show that the condition of divorced families has a high resilience that is no less high than that of individuals in general, characterized by fulfilled autonomy, adequate competence, and interconnectedness with the social environment (Thomas & Woodside, 2011). Furthermore. Thomas and Woodside explained that environmental factors are important in building resilience in individuals with divorced family conditions.

Resilience is a complex construction influenced by many factors, including calmness, perseverance, confidence, sense of life, and independence (Aidoo et al., 2021; Alenda-Demoutiez. 2023: Cigrand et al.. 2022; Ertekin Pinar et al., 2018; Kaltenbrunner et al., 2022; Li et al., 2022; Novara et al., 2023; Prasetya et al., 2022; Prasetyo et al., 2020; Tsai & Morissette, 2022). Therefore, it is important to consider various factors in understanding the influence resilience on the development of adolescent mental health in the Mount Merapi slope area. The results of this study show that there is no significant difference in tribal background and family conditions, therefore the provision of interventions for adolescent resilience in the Merapi mountainside area can be carried out in an inclusive manner regardless of tribal background and family conditions.

#### CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the analysis, it can concluded that the resilience adolescents in the slopes of Mount Merapi reviewed from the tribal background does not have significant differences. In addition, the same results were shown in the analysis of resilience data reviewed from family conditions which explained that there was no significant difference. The results of this study can be considered in designing inclusive guidance and counseling services.

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