INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION OF FLOOD CONTROL AT MEDAN CITY IN MEBIDANGRO COOPERATION SCHEME

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ABSTRACT. Flood management system in Medan City is very poor, because there is no institutional coordination resulting from sectoral egos. Effective institutional coordination in urban flood management is needed. Condition is based on problem of flooding in Medan City which has not been effectively implemented, so an alternative solution for integrated urban flood management is needed. Purpose of this research is to explain implementation of flood control policies in Medan City and how coordinate flood control institutions in Medan City in Mebidangro cooperation scheme. This type of qualitative research with descriptive methods is used in this research. Primary data collection techniques with deep interviews through FGD activities with stakeholders. In addition, secondary data is collected by citing journals, books, documents, online media, and other materials support research. Data analysis techniques are carried out through data reduction activities, data display and drawing conclusions. Results showed implementation Presidential Regulation No. 62 of 2011 on flood control in Medan City has not been optimally implemented. Condition is influenced lack of understanding authority and lack of coordination between related agencies to safeguard river basins, river norms and establish primary drainage channels. In addition, coordination of Medan City flood control institution in Mebidangro cooperation scheme has been carried out in a procedural manner. However, actualization still requires visionary leadership and command to support success program.

Keywords: Institutional Coordination; Flood Control; Mebidangro

INTRODUCTION

Some developed countries have paid attention to environmental issues, especially the increasing number of urban flood disasters (Karamouz, 2013). The phenomenon, caused by changing climate conditions, population growth and both have a negative impact on the environment (Saud, 2015). Therefore, the lack of awareness of the Regional Head in flood management planning, often raises problems related to the implementation established policies (Ridho, 2016). Nevertheless, institutional coordination in flood prevention and control is very important to be formulated to deal with every disaster event (Averus, 2013).

Currently flood management system in Medan is very poor and the lack of coordination is caused by sectoral egos. Therefore, effective institutional coordination in urban flood management is more needed. This condition, influenced by flood problems in the city of Medan that has not been effective actualization. Therefore, alternative solutions are needed for integrated urban flood management. Here’s table 1. data on flood disasters at Medan City on 2015-2019.
Table 1. Flood Disaster at Medan City in 2015-2019

| NO | Region        | Year | Number Incident | Year | Deceased / Soul | Displaced / Soul | Submerged House / Unit |
|----|---------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1  | Medan City    | 2015 | 4               |      | 0               | 14,817           | 9,000                  |
| 2  | Medan City    | 2016 | 2               |      | 0               | 64,990           | 3,770                  |
| 3  | Medan City    | 2017 | 6               |      | 2               | 19,154           | 4,272                  |
| 4  | Medan City    | 2018 | 5               |      | 0               | 23,323           | 3,135                  |
| 5  | Medan City    | 2019 | 2               |      | 0               | 0                | 1,121                  |

Source: National Disaster Management Agency, 2020

Data table 1. shows the last 5 years of the occurrence of 19 cases of flood disaster in the city of Medan. The condition resulted in 122,284 people being displaced and 20,117 houses submerged (BNPB, 2020). Flood disaster in The City of Medan mostly occurred along the Deli River, starting from the mountains of Bukit Barisan with an altitude of 1725 m above sea level to the coast of the Malacca Strait with a length of 75.8 km, flowing through the city of Medan which is in the downstream of the Deli watershed with an altitude of about 0-40 m above sea level and has an area of 481.62 km. This river is the main channel that supports the drainage of Medan city with an area of about 51%. Handling the flood problem of Medan city has only been focused on the river flow only, but has not touched on the maintenance work of upstream watershed (Hasibuan, 2008) "abstract": "Flood control system from time to time has undergone through many perplexing changes as effect of sectoral ego, regional or local autonomy and unclear jurisdiction management boundary especially institutional coordination of administrative area (district/city). Meanwhile, Mebidangro urban area has been made a National Strategic Area through Presidential Regulation No. 62 of 2011 on Spatial Plan of Medan Urban Area, Binjai, Deli Serdang and Karo (Putra, 2017). The regulation requires that drainage network systems be carried out for flood management in residential areas, industrial estates, commercial areas and office areas. This policy aims to have primary drainage channels implemented in an integrated manner with flood control systems. Moreover, Law Nomor 23 of 2014 enlarges the authority Governor of North Sumatra to carry out the coordination function in overcoming floods in the city of Medan (Nasution, 2019). Thus, the city of Medan in the Spatial Plan of North Sumatra Province can be used as center of development of Mebidangro area (Alamsyah, 2018).

Floodling in Medan and surrounding areas received serious attention from Provincial Government of North Sumatra (Kompas.com, 2018). This condition is influenced by city of Medan as capital city that is the benchmark for success of vision and mission Governor of North Sumatra (Nasution, 2020). Furthermore, the handling of flood problems in city of Medan, was edicted by Establishment of an Integrated Coordination Team for Flood Management of Medan and surrounding areas with the Decree of the Governor of North Sumatra Number 188.44/411/ KPTS/2019 (Diskominfo.SumutProv, 2019). So existence of an integrated coordination team and a budget of 12.4 billion for the flood-free city of Medan in 2022 must be done immediately (Ikhwan, 2019). However, until now the flood management program in Medan has not been implemented, because Provincial Government of North Sumatra is still focused on handling the Covid-19 pandemic (Arfah, 2020).

Related to previous studies, there has been a lot of analysis of institutional coordination problems. However, in reality issue of institutional coordination in flood control to date is still a crucial issue. Thus, huidobro’s study found institutional characteristics affect the organization’s capacity to address flood risk in flood-prone Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Rotterdam Delta Cities that are vulnerable to flooding. Furthermore, Karamouz’s research reveals modified urban watersheds, can reduce flood volume and improve the reliability of drainage systems (Karamouz, 2013). In addition, Michael Obeta’s research shows the Lagos state government organizes institutions and coordinates activities to address flood disasters (Obeta, 2014).

Furthermore, Dewi’s thesis identifies institutional factors as the main requirement in improving flood management in Cilung-Cisadane river (Rooijen, 2017). Lebel’s research shows institutional response, program information, implementing cottonistas and organizational fragmentation as the cause of flood vulnerability in Thailand (Lebel, 2010). Schaer’s investigation resulted in a framework and institutional strengthening of the Central and City Governments as a solution to flood disaster in senegal (Schaer, 2017). Thus, author will explain the implementation of flood control policies in the city of Medan and how the institutional coordination of flood control in the city of Medan in the scheme of cooperation Mebidangro. Because based on Presidential Regulation No. 62 of 2011 and Establishment of Integrated Coordination
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Team still has obstacles in actualization of flood management in the city of Medan. This research is expected to contribute to previous research, because this research has advantages from previous research. The savings can be seen in city of Medan there is no relevant institutional coordination to be applied in flood control, although the central government and local governments have required managing watersheds, but in practice still found some obstacles. Therefore, this research is important to be done in order to provide an overview of Institutional Coordination of Flood Control in the City of Medan in the Mebidangro Cooperation Scheme.

METHOD

This research uses qualitative research with descriptive methods to analyze cases (Moleong, 2017). Focus this research analyzes implementation of flood control policies in Medan City and institutional coordination of flood control in Medan City mebidangro cooperation scheme. Research locus are found in 21 subdistricts in Medan City. Primary data collection techniques with deep interviews through FGD activities totaling 7 people (Creswell, 2016). Thus, FGD participants include; Secretary Integrated Coordination Team for Flood Management of Medan City, Chairman North Sumatra National Disaster Management Agency, North Sumatra Research and Development Agency Apparatus, Director North Sumatra Environment Rides, Head of Program and Planning Department of Monitoring Evaluation North Sumatra Environment Rides, Environmental Experts and Public Policy Experts. In addition, skunder data by citing journals, books, documents, online media, as well as other materials that can support research. Data analysis techniques include data reduction, data display and drawing conclusions (Miles & Huberman, 2014).

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Table 2. Regulations Supporting Flood Control in Medan

| No  | Regulation                          | About                                                                 |
|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Law Number 24 of 1956               | Establishment of Atjeh Province Autonomous Region and Changes in Regulation of The Establishment of North Sumatra Province |
| 2   | Presidential Regulation Number 62 of 2011 | Mebidangro Urban Area Spatial Plan                                    |
| 3   | Law Number 23 of 2014               | Local Government                                                     |
| 4   | Local Regulation Number 2 of 2017   | About RTRW North Sumatra Province Year 2017-2037                      |
| 5   | Governor Regulation Number 5 of 2016| About the Establishment of Institutional Cooperation in Urban Area Management Mebidangro |

Source: Processed data

Flood phenomenon main problem faced by the city of Medan, because flood disasters are not only influenced by high rainfall but several other factors that occur. There are 4 main causes of flooding obtained from the Combined Coordination Team for Flood Management in Medan, among others; First, flooding of river overflows due to reduced river capacity caused by sedimentation against damage to watersheds and garbage dumps. Second, urban drainage has not been optimal, this condition is influenced poor arrangement and management of urban drainage, and has not fully built a drainage delivery (secondary drainage) to the river. Third, ROB floods often occur caused by the influx of sea water at high tide in the Area of North Medan (Belawan and its surroundings). Fourth, social problems are influenced by weak public awareness of river cleanliness and environment, weak law enforcement in controlling and securing river borders, and widespread settlement of residents living on banks and river borders.

Based on research Integrated Coordination Team of Flood Control of Medan City in figure 2 there are 14 flood prone points in Medan City. The area, caused by 13 rivers that cross the city of Medan surrounding Deli Serdang Regency is not able to accommodate the amount of water discharge. This condition, caused by serious sedimentation that resulted in the shallowing of several rivers in Medan City. Moreover, Sumatra River Regional Hall II does not manage and supervise wild buildings along the riverbank. Save the author in line with J.A’s statement as An Environmental Expert in North Sumatra who said: “Some rivers in the city of Medan are not functioning, as evidenced by 95% deli river and Badera river has been shallow and has been happening since 2011, in addition, which damaged some of these rivers is the Sumatra River Regional Hall II (BWSS II), they fortify this river with buildings, therefore there is no more water absorption and the absence of BWSS II’s role in flooding, since the dutch era of canals and trenches have never been dredged or managed, this data I obtained from monitoring for last 6 years”.

Furthermore, Medan City is crossed by several large rivers and tributaries, but the Deli, Badera and Babura rivers show one of the rivers that often experience flooding. The reduced capacity in river is influenced by number of settlements area riverbank worsening the problem of flooding. Therefore, Sumatra River Regional Hall II has authority over implementation of river dredging, but is often constrained in accessing heavy equipment influenced by number of community settlements. So that Medan Government must be able to guarantee the availability and sustainability of road access, and can reallocate community settlements to rusunawa or land compensation (TKPSDA, 2018). The opinion is in line with the statement of I.S.H as the Government Of North Sumatra Provincial Government, said: “The narrowing of the watershed, caused by the settlement of residents in the water absorption area, so far the North Sumatra Provincial Government has a Sumatra River Region Hall II (BWSS II), but that inhibits the normalization process influenced by this agency does not understand its authority. Normalization of the river is the full authority of BWSS II, therefore the coordination team for flood management of Medan City must be able to coordinate between BWSS II and the Medan Government so that some rivers can be normalized”.

Mapping location of puddles in Medan for emergency preparation is important to do. Not denying that the switch of the function of the infiltration area into a settlement also contributed
to the quantity of flooding Medan City. In addition, increasing population growth along banks river also has potential to cause narrowing river. Thus, implementation of Presidential Regulation Number 62 of 2011 on Mebidangro for flood control in Medan City has not been optimally carried out. Because there is no coordination between the Government of North Sumatra Province, Sumatra II River Regional Hall, Medan City Government and Deli Serdang Regency Government to maintain the watershed and there is no understanding related to the authority owned in normalizing river, establishing primary drainage channels to support flood management in Medan City.

### Institutional Coordination of Flood Control in Medan

The problem of flooding in Medan City to date has not been carried out in an integrated manner. This condition, causing the city of Medan every year experienced quite severe flooding. Medan city should not be in flood-prone condition, if the handling of river watershed and urban drainage function properly. Thus, flood management in Medan and surrounding areas requires coordination between the Central Government, Provincial Government of North Sumatra, Medan City Government and Deli Serdang Regency Government. Writers thrifty can be proven by statement of R.A.L. as Secretary Team Integrated Coordination for Flood Management of Medan City and Surrounding Areas said: “Mebidangro area in flood management must be done with coordination between agencies, because this KSN is a national policy but until now has not been made a priority by the central government, for that there must be political pressure to implement this Mebidangro, both from the central government, Province, District / City”.

According Manullang that coordination as an effort to direct activities towards organizational units in achieving the goals that have been set. Furthermore, institutional coordination can be done through 4 ways, among others: **First**, holding an official meeting between elements or units that must be coordinated. **Second**, appoint a person, a team or coordinating committee specifically tasked with coordinating activities. **Third**, create a handbook that contains an explanation of the tasks of each unit. **Fourth**, leadership held a meeting in order to provide guidance, consultation, and briefing (Manullang, 2008).

Governor of North Sumatra has coordinated institutionally through 4 stages as manullang opinion. **First**, Governor of North Sumatra held an official meeting with the Sumatra River Regional Hall II, Medan City Government, Deli Serdang Regency Government to find a solution to flooding in Medan (Sentralberita, 2019). **Second**, this commitment is proven by the establishment of an Integrated Coordination Team for Flood Management in Medan and surrounding areas, and a working group is formed covering 10 fields. **Third**, first meeting on July 7 year 2019 Secretary of the Team Riadil Akhir Lubis has confirmed that this activity was followed by all team to explain purpose of each work program (Ikhwan, 2019). **Fourth**, Governor of North Sumatra and Secretary of Coordination Team for Flood Management in Medan and Surrounding Areas have provided direction to Sumatra River Regional Hall II, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Government of North Sumatra Province, Medan City Government and Deli Serdang Regency Government to overcome flooding in Medan City (KIM, 2020). Here is table 3 data about on coordination and division of duties to several related agencies.

| No | Agency | Coordination And Duties |
|----|--------|------------------------|
| 1  | Sumatra River Regional Hall II | 1. River Management Development 2. Primary Drainage |
| 2  | Ministry of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia | 1. Land And Water Conservation 2. Watershed Management |
| 3  | Provincial Government of North Sumatra | 1. River Management and Inter-District/City Secondary Drainage Development 2. Coordination, Land Acquisition Support, Population Relocation, Facilitation of Housing Provision |
| 4  | Medan City Government and Deli Serdang Regency Government | 1. Urban Drainage Development (Secondary, Tertiary and Environmental) 2. Community Socialization 3. Land Acquisition Support For Rural Development 4. Land Use and Settlement 5. Social and Environmental Issues |

Source: Medan Flood Management Coordination Team, 2019

The short-term action plan for 2019-2022 that has been prepared by Coordination Team for Flood Management of Medan and Surrounding Areas for give recommendations to related agencies, in form of physical and non-physical development, among others, in table 4.

Institutional coordination of flood control at Medan City in Mebidangro scheme has been carried out procedurally. However, there are obstacles in the success of the flood-free Medan program in 2022. Based results of FGD in a broad show that
there needs to be leadership visionary and command in conduct integration and coordination toward overcoming floods in Medan City. This condition is caused by stakeholders only making flood control programs as project oriented. Thus, authority of Governor of North Sumatra as a representative central government have should shown its leadership visionary and command in coordinating to Sumatra River Regional Hall II, Medan City Government and Deli Serdang regency Government towards flood management in Medan City. Author analysis based on R.A.L statement as Integrated Coordination Team for Flood Management of Medan city and its Secretariat that said; “"All these problems institutionally do not occur, because all relevant agencies do not understand the existence of their authority. Such as the role of the province and the center, as well as absence of the role of Sumatra River Regional Hall II and often programs carried based project oriented. Thus, there is no leader who is able to implement it. Only the organizational structure is established, but there is no clear command, for that much needed leadership Governor of North Sumatra. Because rivers that pass Medan city is authority government central. Example case of Mayor Medan when asked, saying it is not his authority, this should not be an excuse, this should Mayor be able to initiate and give recom to central government”.”.

Table 4. Short-Term Action Plan 2019-2022

| No  | Fisik                                                                 | Non Fisik                                                                 |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | The creation of boundary pegs, land acquisition and relocation of residents on the border of the river. | Socialization to people living on the banks / borders of the river to prepare for relocation. |
| 2   | Construction of residential homes for relocation of residents.         | Socialization to the community so as not to conduct activities that narrow flow of rivers and maintain cleanliness of environment and rivers, as well as drainage. |
| 3   | Increased river storage capacity (normalization, construction of embankments and gates, as well as water pumps). | Relocation of residents (construction / provision of housing for relocated residents / temporary housing rental / rusunawa). |
| 4   | Increase capacity of main drainage, secondary / cross districts / cities and tertiary drainage. (reviewing the restructuring and revitalization of the City drainage system including the Flood canals). | Strengthening regulation and enforcement of rules related to river border security, environmental cleanliness, building and settlement arrangement. |
| 5   | Creation of information boards and prohibition boards on riverbanks and drainage. | |
| 6   | Arrangement of river borders and breeding areas.                      | |

Source: Medan Flood Management Coordination Team, 2019

Problem of flooding in the city of Medan has become a cross-sector issue. Preparing institutional coordination on flood control is important (Sukayat, 2020). The fact that many resources are deployed such as human resources, equipment, technology, and budget for disaster management has not been able to overcome floods in the city of Medan (Molana, 2020). On December 3, 2020, 7 out of 21 sub-districts of Medan experienced severe flooding. These conditions, causing damaged houses, deaths and disappearances triggered by heavy rains, and rivers unable to accommodate water discharges (Detik.com, 2020).

Factors that influence the effectiveness of coordination of flood control in the city of Medan include authority, communication, control and leadership. Authority related to who has authority in flood control. Institutional strengthening of control of The City of Medan requires institutional structures from the central, provincial, to regency / city levels (Budiningisih, 2017). Moreover, Law Numbe 23 of 2014 on Local Government provides opportunities for provinces, kapubaten and cities to overcome flood control in the city of Medan. The Regional Head as a representative of the government in the Province is responsible to the President. His position as a representative of the government in the region, the Provincial Head has his own duties and authorities.

Law No. 23 of 2014 in Article 91 to Article 93 regulates the authority of the Governor as a representative of the central government to conduct coaching, supervision, monitoring, evaluation and supervision of assistance duties in the District / City. In addition, evaluating APBD, can cancel district/ city regulations and give approval to the Regional Peranturan Draft, as well as provide sanctions to the Regent / Mayor. In terms of carrying out the role of Deputy Central Government, the Governor’s relationship with the district /city government is hierarchical. Therefore, the leadership of the Governor of North Sumatra in overcoming floods in the city of Medan became a benchmark for the success of the program. So that it can break the sectoral ego chain between districts / cities in maintaining watersheds, normalizing rivers and relocating residents.

The great authority of the Governor of North Sumatra as a representative of the Central Government aims to organize a cleaner, effective, efficient and put forward new public service to the community. The authority, as well as overcoming institutional coordination of flood control in the city of Medan in the scheme of cooperation Mebidangro. The complexity of governance issues in North Sumatra Province gives an idea that the meaning of
institutional coordination should be implemented with a comprehensive approach. Therefore, it covers all elements, planned, measured, participatory, implementatively sustainable, and pay attention to the principles of cooperation.

CONCLUSION

The results showed that implementation of Presidential Regulation Number 62 of 2011 against flood control in Medan city has not been optimally carried out, because there is no coordination between Government of North Sumatra Province, Sumatra River Regional Hall II, Medan City Government and Deli Serdang Regency Government for maintain watershed. Moreover, there is no understanding related to authority owned in normalizing the river, establishing the primary drainage channel of the river in the city of Medan. In addition, institutional coordination of flood control in The City of Medan in the Mebidangro cooperation scheme has been carried out in a procedural. It appears that the Governor of North Sumatra held an official meeting to the stakeholders, formed an Integrated Coordination Team for Flood Management in Medan and Surrounding Areas, have make duties and functions of each unit and provided guidance, as well as a briefing to stakeholders to overcome floods. But in its actualization still requires leadership visionary and command in supporting the success of program.

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