DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR MONITORING PREGNANCY HEALTH AND NUTRITION ADEQUACY OF TODDLERS FOR STUNTING PREVENTION

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Abstract—Stunting is a health problem caused by a lack of nutritional intake for a long time, resulting in impared growth in children. Stunting has become one of the government’s priorities due to a large number of stunting incidents in Indonesia. The lack of knowledge of mothers about nutrition and good parenting is one of the causes of stunting. Intensive provision of information and health monitoring of pregnant women from time to time will reduce the incidence of stunting in toddlers. The purpose of this research is to develop an information system that can contain various information on pregnancy health and parenting to avoid stunting and can send it regularly to the user according to their needs. This information system development adapts the Prototyping model of the Software Development Life Cycle method. The result of this study is an information system that will help disseminate various information on how to fulfill proper nutrition in pregnant and lactating mothers. Also, the system will send messages via email and Short Message Service (SMS) which will serve as reminders for patients. This information system also functions as a toddler or pregnancy health monitoring tool based on the data entered into the system. This study result tackles one of the causes of stunting, namely the lack of information on maternal health and good parenting. Researchers hope that this solution can contribute to help the government to realize its vision of reducing stunting rates in Indonesia.

Keywords: Information System, Stunting Monitoring, Toddlers

Minimnya pengetahuan ibu mengenai pemberian gizi dan pola asuh yang baik menjadi salah satu penyebab terjadinya stunting. Pemberian informasi secara intensif dan monitoring terhadap ibu hamil dari waktu ke waktu akan mengurangi terjadinya stunting pada balita. Tujuan dari penelitian ini adalah mengembangkan sebuah sistem informasi yang dapat memuat berbagai informasi kesehatan kehamilan dan pola asuh agar terhindar dari stunting dan dapat mengirimkannya secara berkala pada pengguna sesuai kebutuhannya. Pengembangan sistem informasi ini mengadaptasi metode pengembangan perangkat lunak model Prototyping. Hasil dari penelitian ini berupa Sistem Informasi yang akan membantu untuk melakukan diseminasi berbagai informasi mengenai cara pemenuhan gizi yang baik dan benar pada ibu hamil dan menyusui. Selain itu, sistem akan mengirimkan pesan melalui surat email dan Short Message Service (SMS) yang akan menjadi pengingat bagi pasien. Sistem Informasi ini juga berfungsi sebagai alat monitoring kesehatan balita atau kehamilan berdasarkan data yang dimasukkan ke dalam sistem. Solusi ini merupakan wujud penanggulangan salah satu penyebab stunting yaitu minimnya informasi kesehatan ibu mengenai pola panganan yang baik. Peneliti berharap solusi ini dapat berkontribusi untuk mempermudah pemerintah dalam mewujudkan visinya untuk mengurangi tingkat stunting di Indonesia.

Kata Kunci: Sistem Informasi, Stunting, Monitoring, Balita

INTRODUCTION

Stunting is a nutritional problem experienced by many countries, including Indonesia (Moniaga, Ohyver, Siregar, & Yauwito, 2019). Stunting or short baby condition is a problem caused by insufficient nutritional intake for a long time, with cases that often occur in the first 1000 days of life.
One in three babies under five years of age (toddlers) in Indonesia are stunted or chronically malnourished due to lack of nutritional intake starting from development in the womb. Stunting is not only a case of chronic malnutrition that causes the baby’s body to become short but more than that it can give rise to problems in the development of intelligence so that it has a big impact on the future of the nation (Kementerian Kesehatan RI, 2018). Based on the data collected by the World Health Organization (WHO), Indonesia is in the third rank of countries with the highest prevalence of stunting in the Southeast Asia / South-East Asia Regional (SEAR). The average prevalence of stunting under five in Indonesia in 2005-2017 was 36.4% (WHO, 2017).

Stunting is a major nutritional problem in Indonesia. The prevalence of short children under five has increased from 2016, namely 27.5% (Kementrian Kesehatan RI, 2017) to 29.6% in 2017 (Kementerian Kesehatan RI, 2018).

According to the 2016 Human Development Report, Indonesia’s Human Development Index (HDI) in 2015 was ranked 113th, down from the 110th position in 2014 from 188 countries, while the Intelligence Level of Indonesian children in the fields of reading, mathematics, and science was in 64th position of 65 countries. Indonesian children are also far behind children from Singapore (position 2), Vietnam (position 17), Thailand (position 50), and Malaysia (position 52) (Harsono, 2018)(WHO, 2017). In 2018 data from WHO shows that in Indonesia, 7.8 million of 23 million children under five are stunted, or around 35.6 percent. As many as 18.5 percent in the “very short” category and 17.1 percent in the “short” category. This has also resulted in WHO designating Indonesia as a country with a malnutrition status (Susilawaty & Yulianto, 2018). Currently, Indonesia is one of the countries with a fairly high prevalence of stunting compared to other middle-income countries. Although the prevalence of stunting under five has decreased, this prevalence is still high. The government has set stunting as one of the national priorities as stated in the 2018 and 2019 Government Work Plans (RKP). In 2018, stunting handling activities were focused on 100 priority districts / cities and that number increased to 160 in 2019 (Harsono, n.d.).

Stunting occurs in various areas, both in villages and in cities, but based on research stunting is more common in villages. In fact, in 2015, 30.37% of stunting occurred in villages, while for urban areas it was 7% (Pepi, Suyatno, & Rahfludin, 2017). Various attempts have been made by the government in resolving these problems which require a long-term resolution with uncertain results (Kementerian Kesehatan RI, 2018).

Many factors cause stunting in Indonesia such as maternal nutritional status, breastfeeding practices, and other factors (Beal, Tumilowicz, Sutrisna, Izwardy, & Neufeld, 2018). Among the causes is the lack of knowledge of mothers about nutrition, parenting styles that are not quite right, and limited information. The author focuses on one of the causes of stunting, namely the lack of knowledge of mothers about good parenting patterns. This can occur either because of the low level of education or the lack of information obtained by mothers during pregnancy and postpartum. The author proposes to develop an application to integrate data on stunting cases in Indonesia with details of their causes, which hopefully can increase the effectiveness of government measures in reducing stunting. This application implements interactive multimedia education for children under five as an effort to overcome the limitations of existing health programs and facilities. This information is adjusted to the age of pregnancy and toddlers which will be sent directly to the user’s device regularly as well as presented in the form of a web-based information system. This system is also equipped with the function of monitoring child development by health workers through data entered by patients.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A. Previous Studies

Stunting is a crucial problem in Indonesia. The need for the application of technological advances for complex health problems is rising, one of which is stunting (Huey & Mehta, 2016). A previous study by Moniaga, J.V., et al. in 2019 developed an application to integrate data on stunting cases in Indonesia with details of their causes, which hopefully can increase the effectiveness of government measures in reducing stunting. This application implements interactive multimedia education for children under five as an effort to overcome the limitations of existing health programs and facilities. This information is adjusted to the age of pregnancy and toddlers which will be sent directly to the user’s device regularly as well as presented in the form of a web-based information system. This system is also equipped with the function of monitoring child development by health workers through data entered by patients.

In previous studies, the relationship between the level of mother’s education and the incidence of stunting in children under five was analyzed where it was found that the incidence of stunting among children under five was more common in mothers with low education because they did not have enough knowledge about the pattern of providing good nutrition for children (Kementerian …
In line with this study, Apriluana and Fikawati reinforce this argument in their research which states that maternal education and sanitation are factors that influence the incidence of stunting (Apriluana & Fikawati, 2018). This is influential because a good education will affect the pattern of breastfeeding practice and the provision of complementary foods (complementary foods), both of which are also factors that influence the incidence of stunting (Hidayat, 2013)(Hendra AL Rahmad, Miko, & Novita, 2010).

In another study by Ni’mah, it was observed that many factors can cause stunting in children under five, such as the characteristics of children under five and socio-economic factors. The results obtained are that there is a very close relationship between the history of exclusive breastfeeding, family income, mother’s education, and knowledge of mother’s nutrition with the child’s body length at birth (Ni’mah, 2015).

Furthermore, in a report entitled “100 Priority Districts/Cities for Stunting (Stunting) Intervention, it is stated that one of the causes of stunting is poor parenting practices and limited health services including ANC (Ante Natal Care) or health services for mothers during pregnancy, Post Natal Care (postnatal care), and quality early learning (Tim Nasional Percepatan Penanggulangan Kemiskinan, 2017). Therefore, it is not surprising that in their study, Ulfani et al. found that the use of posyandu was still lacking by pregnant and lactating mothers and also that incomplete immunization for children under five was a factor causing stunting (Ulfani, Martianto, & Baliwati, 2011). Then the strongest risk factors for stunting are non-exclusive breastfeeding, poor family latrine conditions, and the sex of the child (Gani et al., 2020). Also, the high prevalence of stunting occurred in the 18-23 month period and was significantly related to the length of the infant at birth(Hastuti, Hadju, CitraKesumawati, & Maddeppungeng, 2020). The explanation of these studies describes the factors that influence stunting that can be implemented in this study to be used as a reference regarding the factors that influence stunting.

B. Stunting

Stunting is a condition of toddlers who have shorter lengths or height based on their age. Toddlers who are stunted are categorized as chronic nutritional problems caused by many factors such as socioeconomic conditions, maternal nutrition during pregnancy, infant illness, and lack of nutritional intake in infants. This will have an impact on difficulties in achieving optimal physical and cognitive development (Kementerian Kesehatan RI, 2018) Stunting is a major nutritional problem faced by Indonesia. Based on Nutritional Status Monitoring (PSG) data for the last three years, short children under five have the highest prevalence compared to other nutritional problems such as malnutrition, thinness, and obesity (see Figure 1).

C. Methodology

The system was developed using the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) Prototyping model. This model is suitable for developing systems whose initial requirements are not well known and can evolve.

Source: (Kementerian Kesehatan RI, 2018)

Figure 1. Nutrition Problem In Indonesia

The prototype which is an early version of the system is developed quickly and then evaluated by potential users and given feedback for improvement (Purnomo, 2017). This process can be repeated until a system that meets all needs is found. The cycle of this method is depicted in Figure 2.

The types of users in this software are puskesmas staff (as admin), doctors, and patients (Member/Non-Member). In developing this software, the authors have coordinated with several potential users directly, namely the head of the puskesmas and doctors in carrying out the requirements gathering. This system requirements analysis is then documented in a simple software development reference document that will be used as a document that is used as a benchmark in designing and implementing the information system. The results of the requirements gathering are translated into a list of features and are presented in Table 1.
At this stage the author also formulates a system workflow design that will be built as follows:

1. The patient logs in by entering a user name and password.
2. The patient enters the main page of the system.
3. The patient enters initial data regarding pregnancy/toddler.
4. The system will send a notification to the patient.
5. Then the system will perform a report that is displayed on the patient profile page.

### Table 1. Features of First Version System

| NO. | Feature Name | Feature Explanation |
|-----|--------------|---------------------|
| **A. ADMIN** | | |
| 1. | Login | This feature is used to enter the admin page using the user name and password. |
| 2. | Patient data | Admin has the right to add, change, and delete member patient data. |
| 3. | Article data | Admin can add, modify and delete articles that generally contain information about health, pregnancy, and nutrition. |
| 4. | Immunization data | Admin can add, change and delete immunization data. |
| 5. | Site profile data | Admin can list the profiles of government/agency as pioneers of this system. |
| 6. | Hospital profile data | Admin can add, change and delete profile data from hospitals or health facilities that work together or are around the government/institution location. |
| 7. | Data for pregnant women | Admin can add, change and delete pregnant mother info. |
| 8. | Toddler info data | Admin can add, change and delete toddler info. |
| 9. | Logout | This feature is used to exit the system. |
| **B. DOCTOR** | | |
| 10. | Article data | In this feature, doctors can add, modify and delete articles that contain information about health, pregnancy, and nutrition. |
| 11. | Data for pregnant | In this feature, doctors can |
a. Use Case Diagram Login

Use Case Login Diagrams describe the entire process carried out by admin, doctor, and patient member. Every process of the use case is subject to a credential checking instance. There are different types of users and each type has different user access rights. This mechanism is designed to limit the access privileges for each user type such as to differentiate the rights between patient members and patients non-member. Details of the login use case diagram can be seen in Figure 4.

Figure 4. Use case diagram login

b. Use Case Diagram Non-Login

Non-login use case diagrams illustrate the entire process carried out by admins, doctors, member patients, and non-member patients. The entire process in this use case runs without going through the login action and all users can easily access it. Details of the Non-Login Use Case Diagram are presented in Figure 5.

Figure 5. Use Case Diagram Non-Login

2. Activity Diagram and Class Diagram

An activity diagram is used to explain the flow of work which is owned by each use case. So that there is at least one activity diagram in one use case. Figure 6 shows one of the Activity diagrams in designing this system. Figure 7 shows the class diagram required in the system design.

Figure 6. Activity diagrams of the admin and doctor process managing article data

a. Sequence Diagram

The sequence diagram is depicted based on the class diagram and refers to the activity diagram that has been made. The sequence diagram illustrates the interaction of the sequence of events based on time. Figure 8 shows a sequence diagram of the process of sending email and SMS. This diagram illustrates the activity flow when the system checks the date and after that, the system will send email and SMS simultaneously.

b. System Architecture

The information system architecture is displayed in Figure 9. The information system is built in the form of a website that is connected to a database server and an SMS server (SMS server). All users access the web server through their respective browsers on their PC/laptop or smartphone. Notifications are sent directly to members’ devices via the SMS Server.
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. User Interface Display

1) Information System Main Page

The main page can be accessed by users without going through the login page. This page contains mostly articles about pregnant women and toddlers. A screenshot of this page is presented in Figure 10.

2) Immunization Page

The Immunization page contains information on various types of immunizations from ages 0 to 18 years and details how many times they should be administered. The immunization page can be seen in Figure 11.

3) KMS Chart

KMS chart depicts the development of weight and height of children under five from time to time. The KMS graphic is shown in Figure 12. The X-axis represents the span of your growing period, while the Y-axis represents your weight or height. On the lower left of the image, a red graph shows a plot of the patient’s weight/height so that it can be compared directly with the average child’s condition according to WHO standards. Dark green areas represent normal or average child development while light green and yellow areas represent areas where the child is developing more than average (for the upper area) and less than average (for the lower area).
4) Pregnant Women report page

The report contains data that is derived from a form that is completed monthly and displayed as tables and graphs and only holds five (5) latest data items. To see all report, patient’s member must press the button “View All Data” which are under the report table. The pregnant women report page can be seen in Figure 13.

5) Child Report Page

This page shows all data of children of the patient. Member patients can edit or delete the data. The child report page contains monthly data that has been entered by the patient’s member namely weight and height data. The children’s report page can be seen in Figure 14 and Figure 15.

6) Message page

After account registration, the patient member will receive an email that contains verification of the account automatically. The e-mail will tell you that the account has been made and ready to be used. Besides that, periodically pregnant patients and children under five will receive the reminder messages by the conditions of each. Figure 16 shows an example of reminder messages received in e-mail and SMS.
B. Testing

System testing is carried out to test all elements of the software whether they have met the requirements. The test method used is the Black Box testing method. The Black Box testing method evaluates the fundamental aspects of the system without paying attention to the internal logic structure of the software. This method is used to find out whether the software is functioning properly and correctly. After testing the system using the Black Box method, the data is summarized into tables. This table is made as a measure of the success of the system that has been created. Details of system test results can be seen in Table 2. In the system test stage, the author is assisted by a user who acts as a patient who registers to be a member of this information system and also by a user who is a doctor.

Table 2. User Acceptance Test Documents Version 1

| NO | Use Case/Proses | Status | Date and Examiner |
|----|----------------|--------|------------------|
| 1  | - Test name: Clear data | It works | |
|    | - Test description: The only be accessed by admin | | |
|    | - Test case: User data | | |
|    | - the expected results: If it fails, it will display an error message. | | |
|    | - Test name: KMS page | It works | 25 June 2019 By Doctor |
|    | - Test description: Can only be accessed by member patients | | |
|    | - Test case: KMS graph | | |
|    | - the expected results: If successful will display the KMS page | | |
| 3  | - Test name: Register patient account | It works | |
|    | - Test description: Create a new patient account | | |
|    | - Test case: Patient data | | |
|    | - the expected results: If successful the account will be registered, and the patient member will receive an email. After the patient member can perform login | | |
|    | - If this fails, the account is detected as invalid or already registered. | | |
| 4  | - Test name: Admin login: Verify access rights | It works | |
|    | - Test description: User name and password | 13 June 2019 by Patient | |
|    | - Test case: If successful will display the main page | | |
|    | - the expected results: If it fails, it will display a login page | | |

CONCLUSION

The prototype of the information system has been developed and has accommodated the needs that have been identified previously, namely sending health information for pregnant women and toddlers regularly according to the age of pregnancy/toddler to the patient, processing data entered by patients to be presented in the form of informative reports to patients and make it easier for health workers to control the health conditions of pregnant women and toddlers. The information system is expected to help the government in addressing the problem of stunting in Indonesia. Development of this system will continue further. The dissemination of information and the use of the system is expected to provide benefit to the public either directly or indirectly. In addition to the impact of health that directly can felt, the use of the system is also expected to be able to collect the data of patients which then can be analyzed and become the basis of another feature development especially one which is associated with artificial intelligence artificial in which the data becomes very important for its development. The information system that has been developed can be further improved by other features such as stunting risk prediction feature or further developed for use on smartphones, namely on Android and/or iOS platforms.

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