THE EVALUATION OF SCIENCE LEARNING PROGRAM, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY APPLICATION OF AUDIO BIO HARMONIC SYSTEM WITH SOLAR ENERGY TO IMPROVE CROP PRODUCTIVITY

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ABSTRACT

One of the greatest challenges in science learning is how to integrate a wide range of basic scientific concepts of physics, chemistry, and biology into an integrated learning material. Research-based teaching material in this area is still very poor and does not much involve students of science education in its implementation as part of the learning program science technology and society (STS). The purpose of this study is to get the result of evaluation of the teaching and learning of STS in the form of public service in Kulon Progo, Yogyakarta. The program to improve crop productivity through the application of Audio Bio Harmonic System (ABHS) with solar energy have been selected for utilizing the natural animal sounds to open stomata of the leaves conducted during foliar fertilization, making it suitable for integrated science lessons. Component of evaluation model used is Stufflebeam model evaluation (CIPP). CIPP evaluation in these activities resulted in two aspects: The first aspect was improving the skills of students and farmers in using ABHS, and these two aspects, namely food crop productivity; (1) cayenne increased 76.4%, (2) increased red onions (56.3%) and (3) of maize increased by 67.8%. Besides, it was also the effect of the application of ABHS on the rate of plant growth. The outcome of this study is the STS teaching materials and appropriate technology of ABHS with solar energy.

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INTRODUCTION

Science learning in curriculum 2013 is done integratively to give a chance to students to develop their thinking ability, process skill, and scientific attitude. The meaning of integration in science learning is the existence of a relation between some aspects and material presented on the basic competence of science, so it creates one or some themes based context in learning. Context based learning could improve soft skill and give a positive influence towards student’s value which includes in valuing affective (Rosana, et al., 2014).

The development of integrated learning could take one topic of certain fields; then it is completed, discussed, expanded and deeply explained wioth other fields. The theme could be developed from the issue, happening, and problem. What is developed in this study is the application of Audio Bio Harmonic System (ABHS) with solar energy to improve crop productivity. Giving sound wave with frequency 3000 – 6000 hertz to some plants could stimulate stomata to open (Yu-lianto, 2008).

The integration in science learning is supposed to make the learning process more meaningful, effective, and efficient. Students could take advantages by knowing concepts and show their ability to connect those concepts to daily life (Wijayanti & Basyar, 2016). The integrati-
on could also improve scientific literacy so students could know and realize social needs so that they could participate in the economy-oriented economy (Sofowora & Adekomi, 2012). Science, technology, and society are learning reformation to provide social needs related to technology.

The condition of technology applied in STS learning process could be seen in the figure below:

![Image of solar energy application](image-url)

**Figure 1.** The use of solar energy to apply ABHS by using natural animal sounds.

This study more pointed to the program evaluation of STM which was done at Science education program, Yogyakarta State University through the application of evaluation model CIPP (context, input, process, and product). The basis for choosing this model saw learning concept where the quality of learning process in STS (Sains Technology and Society) was at least influenced by input, process, and product (Issac & William., 1981). The evaluation of this Stufflebeam model is suggested to be systematical framework as the reference of conception, design, implementation, and assessment of community service program, and give feedback and the assessment of project effectivity to continuous improvement (Zhang et al., 2011).

Implementing research and applying ABHS to improve crop productivity are in the concept of CIPP combined with Provus, so it becomes modification. Many types of research evaluating learning process at STM has not been conducted variously and implemented in the community service program directly through field activity by involving students of science education program. This CIPP model uses some methods, which have been tested in many contexts, developed and strengthened from time to time, and supported by theoretical and pragmatic literature (Stufflebeam, 1971).

STS learning process has a better influence towards students of SHS in understanding nature of science and their attitude towards science than students taught by the same teacher using a traditionally oriented textbook (Akcay & Akcay, 2015). Students using STS approach performed better in understanding the scientific process, their ability to apply scientific concepts related to science and technology, more positive attitude, and their creativity (bakar et al., 2016). Science learning should always refer to nature of science taught through three aspects; product process, and attitude (Prabowo, 2015).

Evaluation problem towards STS program which is integrated with community service program in improving crop productivity is quite complex because it affects directly to farmers empowerment. Rationally, Stufflebeam & Shinkfield referred to Tyler opinion who said that: “evaluation should determine the congruence between performance and objectives” (Stufflebeam & Shinkfield, 1985). The evaluation has to result in the same opinion between work and real condition, it could not be manipulated, and it should avoid subjectivity. Learning program should be evaluated to know the weaknesses and deficiency in the process of STS learning especially what is related directly to farmer’s need. Reviewed from the perspective of STS program continuity, relevant knowledge that could be inserted in the program should be guided by social opinion and responsibility. This case, in its turn, needs new type which is appropriate to STS education targeted and done on purpose so that it is oriented to literacy (Zoller, 2012).

This research has benefit to building a new instrument model to evaluate STS learning program in improving crop productivity through applying Audio Bio Harmonic System (ABHS) with solar energy through the program of modified evaluation model between CIPP model and Provus which is called evaluation model “ConiP2”. This research is also used to evaluate a program designed in the form of community service program to give help to STS staffs in science education program Faculty of Science and Mathematics in determining whether this program should be stopped, continued, or repaired. Worthen & Sanders explained that: “evaluation is the process of delineating, obtaining, and providing
useful information for judging decision alternatives" (Worthen & Sanders, 1981).

**METHODS**

This research is an evaluative research (Suharsimi & Jabar, 2010) because it was oriented to the analysis based on program evaluation approach focusing on organizing the program, it was a view showing procedure and process of the program. The component of evaluation model used was Stufflebeam evaluation model (CIPP). The steps used were Malcolm Povus'. The techniques of collecting data were Delphi, FGD, questionnaire, observation, interview and documentation study. Besides, the writer also analyzed program preparation by analyzing variables in CIPP model that was confirmed with a target which was the measurement of program readiness. This research involved four variables; they were context, input, process, and product (Daryanto, 2008).

The population in this research was 37 students taking biophysics class and 25 farmers incorporating with two groups in Pengasih subdistrict, Kulon Progo regency, Yogyakarta; they were Tani Ngudi Makmur group and Tani Ngudi Luhur group in Kedungsari village. Taking sample was done by using non-probability sampling in the forms of purposive sampling and quota sampling. The amount of sample was 3 farmers (chili farmer, onion farmer, and long bean farmer). The data were gathered by using a questionnaire to know students' and farmers’ opinion extensively.

The data taken from observation and interview towards farmers and students were then analyzed by organizing them into categories, explaining into some units, done syntetically, and arranged in patterns to ease the interpretation.

The method of applying ABHS technology as a focus of STS program was described with its indicators/manifests (Gozhali, 2008). The purpose of using EFA was to test whether the formed construct could be explained its indicators or not. If the indicators could explain the available construct or variable, the validity would be showed in high loading factor value. Each item in the content would be higher than 0,3 (>0,3), as the opposite, if the item was lower than 0,3 (<0,3), it was considered as not valid, it should be thrown or deleted, Nurosis (1986). The construct was tested by seeing the value of Kaiser Mayer Olkin (KMO) which was expected to be higher than 0,5 (>0,5). The analysis with EFA to test the validity was done in the second test and construct normality test before being analyzed with CFA in the third test. The reliability of data measurement was seen from its alpha value. If the alpha value was >0,7, the instrument was reliable, and if it was <0,7, it was not reliable.

**Table 1. Goodness of Fit Index**

| Index                  | Cut of value | Explanation                        |
|------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Chi-Square (X2)        | small        | The smaller X2, the better         |
| Probability (p)        | ≥ 0,05       | Should be higher than 0,05         |
| RMSE                   | ≤ 0,08       | Average difference                 |
| Goodness of Fit Index (GFI) | ≥ 0,90      | The value approximately 0-1        |
RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Model of CIPP evaluation in STS learning program was developed in order to be used to evaluate the application of ABHS in improving crop productivity. The previous research result showed that learning in local society environment, like the case of National Baluran Park, could improve students learning achievement including creative thinking skill (Putra & Iqbal, 2016).

Steps description of developing evaluation model could be systematically and practically used by a lecturer to evaluate the program integrated with the community service program. The development was begun with theoretical study, first observation or need analysis, and empirical findings on the field so that the first draft of evaluation model development could be designed. The first draft was then criticized by some experts through Delphi technique consisting of researcher team or community service program team and other lecturers who were considered as experts in evaluation field. The result of Delphi made components from the first draft change in many ways especially in the content of evaluation context, composition, instrument amount, STS evaluation program component, the format of writing instruction in instrument column, and linguistic construction problem.

When validating the content of first STS evaluation model program in applying ABHS by researchers and evaluation experts, Focus Group Discussion (FGD) was done at the same time. The result of FGD was determining evaluation standard in STS applying ABHS which consisted of program context, program input, program process, and program product. The agreement result of FGD became the standard to evaluate STS
program in applying ABHS in three farming fields which were tested.

The practice of evaluating STS program in applying ABHS exactly used the model following component standards decided by evaluation standard from FGD result. This evaluation model component had been tested many times and repaired so that it became the appropriate model to be used for STS program in applying ABHS. The technique used to analyze the data was descriptive analysis by using the average score and total average score to be then confirmed with conversion standard by using criteria that had been agreed.

The result of context evaluation of STS program applying ABHS consisting of the description of crop commodity kind and field which was appropriate with program context, program need, and a chance for students to do this program had been “very good”. Input evaluation consisting of field quality, seed quality, and ABHS equipment, was evaluated by farmers and students, had a “very good” category because the practice of input was very selective whether in preparing ABHS edia with solar energy, traing students, and traing farmers to support the success of STS in applying ABHS with solar energy. The result of process evaluation in STS program applying ABHS was “very good.” Students had done very maximally, farmers worked profesionally, when applying ABHS with solar energy the farmers also did independently.

The result of process evaluation from ob -servation during students training had 0,69 value of “reliability” which was “good” and the ob-observation result during farmers training was 0,72 balue of “reliability” which was also “good.” Ob-ervation process was tarted with looking at stu-dents presentation and discussion about concept and technique in applying ABHS to improve crop productivity. Observation process was also done by looking at farmers doring parctice and discus-
sion about technique to apply ABHS to improve crop productivity.

The observation result showed that STS learning media which was ABHS with solar energy, had been used very well and maximal, either by students (0.86) or farmers (0.89). Students motivation (0.89) and farmers motivation (0.88) in training activity of applying ABHS to improve crop productivity had high enthusiasm, it was seen from the result of assessment evaluation which was considered as “very good” category. ABHS was applied during photosynthesis, because it had a big role in photosynthesis, carbohydrate transportation, forming protein, balancing ion, regulating plant stomata and activating plant enzymes, water use and another process (El-Sawy et al., 2008; El-Tantawy, 2009).

The motivation in training to apply ABHS as a plant growth stimulant and crop productivity evenly came form training participants themselves, it was completed with documentation data about the success of applying ABHS in some locations that were tested. The technique of applying ABHS in some kind of plants (corn, chili, and onion) was good enough. Applying ABHS caused the plants optimally consume nutrition through the air which had many substances needed by plants. The highest result was got in an organic since there were many nutrients during fertilizing leaves. The lowest result was caused by the lack of nitrogen which caused the lack of productivity (Shangguan et al., 2000, Lawlor, 2002). To keep the quality of ABHS implementation in farmers, they were guided continuously by students. The guidance also became instrument data.

Figure 3. Chart of leaf growth (every 10 days)

Product evaluation in this research focused on two aspects, first was students’ improvement skill and farmers in using ABHS, and second was crop productivity; (1) chile reached to 76.4%, (2) onion reached to 56.3%, and (3) corn reached to 67.8%. Besides, the influence of implementing ABHS towards plant growth was inspected as it was seen in the following chart, which compared plant growth given ABHS treatment (experiment group) and not given (control group).

From the chart, there was a better significant growth from experiment plant given treatment by ABHS technology of solar energy than farmers competence in applying ABHS with solar energy; all were indicators arranged from the result of developed evaluation model.

The developed evaluation model had been tested empirically, and it fulfilled Goodness Fit Index criteria using Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA). The instrument of result development had validity > 0.3 and reliability >0.70. So, the instrument of developed evaluation model could be used to evaluate STS program in applying ABHS in farming fields belonging to Tani Ngudi Makmur and Tani Ngusi Luhur groups at Kedungsari village, Pengasih subdistrict. Evaluation component and STS indicators in applying ABHS with solar energy had successfully been organized in systematic. The model used to evaluate STS program in applying ABHS with solar energy was CIPP model. This model evaluated STS in applying ABHS with solar energy by using components from CIPP which were context, input, process, and product. The analysis result of components and indicators of evaluating STS program in applying ABHS with solar energy was tested empirically to get valid and reliable criteria for instrument constructs and test model which was hypothesized by using the test result in the field.

CONCLUSION

The result of this research was the success of STS approach done at science education program, Yogyakarta State University, which had been evaluated through CIPP model (Context, Input, Process, and Product). This model was chosen because the quality of learning result through STS approach (Science Technology and Society) was influenced by input, process, and product. The process assessment result from observation during students’ training had 0.69 value “good reliability” and during farmers’ training had 0.72 value “good reliability.” The process of observation was started with seeing students presentation and discussion about the concept and technique of implementing ABHS to improve crop productivity. Observation process was
also done by seeing farmers during the practice and discussion of the technique of implementing ABHS to improve crop productivity.

The result of CIPP evaluation in this research had two aspects, first was improving students' skill and farmers' skill in using ABHS, and second was crop productivity; (1) chili reached 76.4%. (2) red onion increased to 56.3%, and (3) corn increased to 67.8%. There was significant influence from applying ABHS towards plant growth. The outcome of this research was integrated science learning material with STS approach and appropriate technology of ABHS with solar energy.

The result of this research is highly recommended by lecturer and science teacher to improve learning based research like applying ABHS with STS approach, so there is an integration between physics and biology concepts. STS approach is suggested because society really needs scientist contribution in science in solving a problem related to using technology in the field in many life activities.

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