

# Defining Problems and Solutions of Education for Frontier, Outermost, and Least Developed Regions Program in Indonesia

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**Abstract**: This research aims to analyze the problem, solutions, and impact of education for Frontier, Outermost, and Least Developed Regions (FOLDR) in Indonesia. The methodological research used was qualitative. The research had been done in FOLDR teachers followed by Teacher Professional Education (TPE) training program in Universitas Sebelas Maret with a total of 31 teachers working in seven places. Data collection in this study used the method of observation, interviews, and documentation. The data analysis used was inductive technique method through reducing the data, presenting the data, and conclusion arrangement. The conclusion of this research were: there are some problems with the implementation of education if they were referred to 7M (Man, Money, Method, Machine, Material, Market, Minute); the solutions suggested in this study related to the problems defined were submitting the construction of a study room building to the local office, holding a donation, conducting a competence training for teachers, and arranging additional lessons or classes, and enrolling the number of teacher to the local office; and FOLDR program has a positive impact on the FOLDR area.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Indonesia has an area of 5,193,250 km<sup>2</sup> consisted of thousands island with 122 regions including the area of FOLDR (Frontier, Outermost, and Least Developed Region) category. The educational problems arisen in the FOLDR area including the shortage of teaching staff, uneven facilities, unbalanced distribution, under qualification, low competencies, low interest in learning, and mismatched of teaching background (Yustina & Dahnilsyah, 2015; Mulkeen & Chen, 2008; Flora et al., 2003; Singh et al., 2010). Meanwhile, Campbell and Yates (2011) reported that one of the unique attitudes of teachers in remote areas is the metro-centric attitude. The metro-centric attitude is always oriented towards living in urban areas and refusing to live in a remote area (Nagy & Robinson, 2013). However, this phenomenon is not generally accepted because Beck and Shoffstall (2005) report otherwise that elementary school students from rural Illinois in the United States have higher learning achievement than urban students in reading and science subjects. Meanwhile, Reeves and Bylund (2005) prove that there are no significant differences in academic achievement of rural and urban students. So that education research in rural areas is still interesting to study especially because of its uniqueness in different regions and cultural characteristics.

Some regions in the European Union countries are increasing extremes weather for climate change. This makes educational learning reform learning devices (Hakhverdian et al., 2013). In addition, the outermost region in North America is also developing. Several things were done to make changes, such as this experiment because there were still some areas that needed education approval (Fitzgerald & Lenhart, 2015). Research conducted by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) shows that one-third (31%) of companies need more than two months to fill a junior role, and at the appointment of three-quarters (75%) of relationships in the UK need significant assistance. This is higher than other places in Europe (47.1%). Some schools in the UK have a system of work with each other so that schools do not

provide the subjects needed to work in companies. Next, there is an increase between employers and educators. They increase it through discussion and practical experience in class. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) found that children 16 to 24 years of age had literacy and numeracy skills level that were below their grandparents' generation skills (OECD, 2015). The fact has to be related education process.

Cuervo (2012) highlights the attractiveness and retention of early career teachers to rural areas. He stated that it was a form of concern for rural communities, but it was part of a broader agenda. Karaomerlioglu (1998) tells that Turkey has a history of efforts to realize education in rural areas. This lasted from 1937 to the mid-1940s. The established institutions have great hopes to develop the countryside, such as solving problems of poverty and underdevelopment of science, creating intellectual farmers, increasing agricultural productivity, and helping to spread the Kemalist revolution in the countryside. In rural areas, insights on education and the economy have not been given special attention so conditions have worsened. However, with the support of farmers, acknowledgment that education is a tool that can improve the quality of life of villagers.

Education in Turkey is also almost the same as education in Indonesia, especially in terms of primary and secondary education. Unfortunately, secondary education in rural areas of Turkey is not optimal because many students are not yet skilled in managerial matters. They are only equipped to replace the bureaucracy and are recruited to work in their own villages. It can be said that village education in Turkey still bases general knowledge rather than practical needs in the workplace, so there are many allegations that village institutions ignore student development (Altinyelken, 2011).

The history of practical education in Turkey has a beneficial effect in the future. The problem of education is corrected by adding many continuing education programs. Green (2015) argues that sustainability in this context refers to how, why, and what happens in the present to have impacts on the future. On the other hand, Goodwin and Kosnik (2013) described that undoubtedly, we need teachers who are diverse not just in how they look, where they come from, the language they speak, and the histories they embody, but in how they think, how they interact with other(s), and how they are able to embrace a world where citizenship is differentiated and is not simply legal or minimal, but active and transformative genuinely. However, Halsey (2011) explained that teachers in a rural area can have a direct impact on determining long-term sustainability of rural communities as schools are central to the life and viability of rural towns, a view often expressed. To support the arguments, McManus et al. (2012) addressed the perceived inequalities of rural schooling from a social justice perspective, arguing that the sustainability of rural communities was a national and global issue. Also, Cochran-Smith et al. (2009) claim that the most important goals of teacher education programs are: social responsibility, social change, and social justice, and those are the goals that should be taken as frameworks or programs.

The government has created a draft of policy for the recruitment of civil servant teachers, with special methods so that professional teachers can be obtained and are ready to serve throughout the Republic of Indonesia region to educate and to embrace the nation's children. The program is known as Bachelor of Teaching Program graduates sent to teach in FOLDR (Frontier, Outermost, and Least Developed Regions) and TPE (Teacher Professional Education) training program. Buchory (2012) said that TPE program is a new program because it was designed operationally based on Minister of Education and Culture Number 8 of 2009. In the National Education Ministerial Regulation, it was stated that TPE is an educational program organized to prepare S1 and S1/S1 graduates DIV is non-educated who has the talent and interest in becoming a teacher to master teacher competency as a whole in accordance with national education standards, so that they can obtain professional educator certificates in early childhood education, basic education, and secondary education. The aim of the TPE program is to produce prospective teachers who have the competence in planning, implementing, and assessing learning; to follow up on the results of the assessment by guiding and training students; and to be able to conduct research and develop professionalism on an ongoing basis (Minister of Education and Culture No. 8, 2009, article 2).

The program of FOLDR is an educator service program to participate in the acceleration of education development in the FOLDR area for one year as the preparation of professional educators which will be continued with the TPE program. The program of FOLDR, scholars is not only qualified in education but socially, they learn to be strong, adaptive, change their culture to be better. In addition to progress in community life, the presence of FOLDR also captures information about portraits of education in the FOLDR category, both man and tool. Recipients of the FOLDR program are entitled to continue the professional teacher education program for free.

They will be guided in more depth on how to become professional teachers. After the completion of the teacher professional education, the teacher is expected to return to teach in the FOLDR area again to further develop the previous school for several years. This process is carried out on an ongoing basis with several other FOLDR program registrants. The Scholars teach in FOLDR area program aims to assist FOLDR regions in overcoming educational problems, especially the lack of educators, to provide experience of devotion to undergraduate education so that professional attitudes and skills in solving educational problems are formed, foster an attitude of love for the country and be responsible for the progress of the nation, the teachers who works in the FOLDR area and prepares prospective professional educators before joining TPE program.

The results of this study are expected to provide support to teachers to become more professional. Thus, the results will have a direct impact on society on an ongoing basis. So far education research in remote areas with cases in Indonesia has not been widely reported. This research is expected to be the initiation of studies in that direction. The formulation of the problem in this study is "What are the analysis results on the FOLDR teaching program in dealing with educational problems and solutions in the FOLDR area (Case Study of FOLDR teachers who take part in TPE program at the Universitas Sebelas Maret)?"

Based on the former studies from other researchers and pilot study conducted in the beginning of this study, the questions researches were defined, namely:

- 1. What are the problems found on the education implementation of FOLDR (Frontier, Outermost, and Least Developed Regions) program?
- 2. What are the solutions to the FOLDR (Frontier, Outermost, and Least Developed Regions) program related educational problem found?
- 3. What are the impacts of implementing FOLDR (Frontier, Outermost, and Least Developed Regions) program in Indonesia?

#### **METHODS**

The approach used by researchers in this study was qualitative approach as methodological research. A qualitative approach is used because the researcher wants to analyze more deeply the cases that are the focus of this study. The aim of this study is to analyze the problems, solutions, and impacts of education through Bachelor of Teaching Program graduates sent to teach in FOLDR area. The discovery of research subjects was using purposive sampling technique, namely the technique of determining the sample with certain considerations (Sugiyono, 2013). This technique is used because researchers want to focus this research in accordance with the objectives and research subjects.

# Participants

The subjects in this study were the FOLDR graduates who were taking TPE program in Universitas Sebelas Maret. The subjects in this study were 31 FOLDR teachers who have sub served to teach in Asmad (Papua), Parigi Moutong (Central Sulawesi), Malacca (East Nusa Tenggara), South Nias (South Sumatra), Melawi (West Kalimantan), West Southeast Maluku (Maluku), and West Sulawesi. This subject was chosen because Universitas Sebelas Maret was one of the universities chosen by the Government within legal documentation in both structural and infrastructural facilities to conduct TPE program in both pre-service area and the office area.

# **Data Collection and Analysis**

Data collection used in this study was the method of observation, interviews, and documentation. The type of data used in the research process was divided into two groups, namely primary data and secondary data. Primary data is collected through several methods, namely observations, interviews, and documentation. The primary data in this study is information about educational problems in the FOLDR program. Observations were made by observing learning process in the FOLDR area. Interviews were conducted with teachers who were being teachers in the FOLDR area and joining FOLDR program placed by the government of Indonesia. Interviews were conducted to each subject taken in this study who gave their consent to give the information related to the implementation of FOLDR program in rural area of Indonesia. Documentation method was done by analyzing the archives and documents at schools.

These three techniques were chosen because to strengthen the data needed by researchers. Secondary data is collected by reading the results of research or documentation about the history or background of the schools as the places of research. Data analysis in this study has two types of analysis, namely analyzing to determine the data validity and conducting data analysis through interpretation of the overall data. The data analysis used was inductive technique method through reducing the data, presenting the data, and conclusion arrangement.

#### **Data Validation**

Triangulation method was used to certain that this research is valid through several data collecting. Triangulation methods used were technical triangulation and source triangulation. Triangulation techniques are carried out by using various data collection techniques to obtain consistency from the sources of observations, interviews, and documentation method of collecting data. The source triangulation is done by collecting data from various sources, namely several students in Papua, Kalimantan, Sumatra, Sulawesi, Maluku, and East Nusa Tenggara. Before the researcher validates the data, the researcher arranges the instrument first.

These instruments include interview guidelines, observation sheets, and documentation sheets. The instruments that have been made are tested in a construct and content manner to expert assessors or expert judgment. The instrument can be used for research if it has been declared feasible by expert judgment. The instrument was not tested because it was felt to be sufficient to represent the needs of the construct and content to collect research data.

# RESULTS

# Defining FOLDR Educational Problems Referred to 7M Characteristics

The FOLDR program as one of the Indonesian Advanced Learning and Educating Programs is aimed at Education Graduates or those who have not yet served as civil servant teachers, to be assigned for one year in the FOLDR area. The FOLDR program is intended to help strengthening teacher shortages, while at the same time preparing professional teacher candidates who are strong, independent, and have a caring attitude towards others, and also to have the spirit to educate the national children. The problem in this study refers to 7 M (Man, Money, Method, Machine, Material, Market, and Minute) of educational management. First, man aspect covers human resources in schools. Second, money aspect covers everything related to school management and educational funding. Third, method aspect covers learning methods and innovations. Fourth, machine aspect discusses technology and learning media. Fifth, material aspect discusses material and sum learning. Sixth, market aspect discusses school marketing strategies. Seventh, minute aspects discuss management of study time.

Table 1 indicates that the majority of respondents have some problems with human resources. The first problem is about the teachers. The number of teachers is still lacking and it leads to the shortage of teaching staff, unbalanced distribution, so in seven regions there are still many honorary teachers. Besides that, the lack of quality teachers, some teachers are already undergraduates and there are still high school graduates who are not having the requirements

for the educational standard of teachers. The other problem is the lack of technology, for example, all teachers and principals in the seven regions area cannot use computers. The second problem is about the students. Many students who have not been able to read, write, and count. Besides that, the problems have also been found in students such as lack of quality in students, lack of skills mastery, lack of interest in learning, lack of discipline, lack of absorption toward the material, and difficulties in adapting with various challenges. From seven regions, there are many students who have been dropped out of school. The third problem is about the supporting of parents. The parents' concern for education is still lacking in supporting their children for learning. For example, in the Papua region, some parents make a living as eagerness seekers so that at certain times they cluster away from the forest and bring their children who are still in school.

Participant	FOLDR Educational Problems Obtained
Papua	Papua lacks the number of teachers in the Asmat district on average one school only has two teachers and one school principal. Students often come with their parents to the forest so they often don't attend school. Parents make a living as eagerness seekers so that at certain times they cluster away from the forest and bring their children who are still in school. Conditions for many students who have not been able to read, write, and count. The ability to master the Indonesian language is very minimal, even the low- class level cannot speak Indonesian.
Southeast	In terms of quantity and quality, teachers are inadequate. Some teachers are already
Sulawesi	undergraduates and there are still high school graduates. From the student side, the quality of students is still relatively slow compared to regular schools.
West Sulawesi	The number of teachers is still lacking, there are still many honorary teachers, and many high school graduates are not in accordance with teacher qualifications. The parents' concern for education is still lacking in supporting school programs.
East Nusa	The teacher's human resources are still low. The number of civil servant teachers is
Tenggara	only three including the principal. Meanwhile, the other honorary staff who cannot go to school every day to teach. Students' learning motivation is still lacking. In the upper class, there are still students who have not been able to read, write, and count. Some students are identified to have learning difficulties but there was no specific treatment to overcome each problem regarding students' problems.
West Kalimantan	The number of teachers where the subject works are only four people. One is the
	principal, two teachers are S1 qualified, and one teacher in high school qualified. Students' enthusiasm to attend school is good but it is not accompanied by enthusiasm in learning. The education level of the surrounding community is still low and many teenagers drop out of school in order to find job of helping families.
Maluku	All teachers and principals in the area where the subject teaches cannot use computers. Teachers are still lacking, there are only two civil servant teachers and many honorary teachers. Students are identified to have low literacy, science, mathematics, and language skills. Also, students' enthusiasm and lack of interest in learning lead to the lack of discipline, the lack of absorption of students' achievements towards the materials, and the lack of personal hygiene. Meanwhile, dropout rates are still high.
North Sumatra	Teachers in Nias are considered as important people after the Pastor. There are already many teachers, even in remote areas. But, teachers' educational qualifications are still low. Many students are interested in studying and being diligent at school.

 Table 1. Man problems (human resource management)

Then, they are also asked a question about how their money problem is, especially how the funding management is. Their responses are summarized in Table 2. As shown in Table 2, it indicates that from seven regions there is no problem with funding management. There is some information about the funding. First, school funding is all free for students because the economy of the community is classified as a lower economy, mostly working as garden farmers. Second, most students also have received the ISC cards and OAF from the government. The third, the existence of school operational assistance funds or BOS as capital is the center in school funding. The funding is channeled to buy school equipment, tools, learning media, books as learning resources, and extracurricular activities that support learning.

Participant	FOLDR Educational Problems Obtained
Papua	School tuition is all free for students. There are no levies from the school because the average parent of many students is unable to pay the tuition.
Southeast Sulawesi	There is no management of school funding because all students are free of charge. This is because the economy of the community is classified as a lower economy, mostly working as garden farmers. Funds managed by schools only come from Operational Assistance Funding (OAF).
West Sulawesi	There is no management of school funding because all students are free of charge. This is because the economy of the community is classified as a lower economy, mostly working as garden farmers. Funds managed by schools only come from School OAF.
East Nusa Tenggara	Students are free of charge or free to go to school within the existence of school operational assistance funds as capital in school funding.
West Kalimantan	Students at the school are not charged for tuition as the number of students is small so that the OAF obtained are few. This fact leads to the attitude as they are less supportive for the procurement of learning facilities and infrastructure.
Maluku	Free school fees are happened as they are covered by OAF. Most students also have received the Indonesia Smart Card (ISC) from the government. Funding in schools doesn't lead to major problems or any significant problem because budgeting for schools is arranged together so that there is budget transparency for all of school staff in Maluku.
North Sumatra	The funding that goes to the school where the subject teaches comes from OAF. The funding is channeled to buy school equipment, tools, learning media, books as learning resources, and extracurricular activities that support learning process.

**Table 2.** Money problems (financial management)

The subjects was also then asked questions about method problem, especially how the management of methods. Their responses are summarized in Table 3. Based on the FOLDR graduates perceptions who were taking TPE, their perception of the management of method are shown in Table 3. It is clearly seen that some of the elementary school teachers in seven regions state that their method in teaching learning process used in managing education in the FOLDR area still feels stagnant. It is because in learning activities, most teachers still use conventional methods. Learning process is mostly done by dictating, lecturing, and giving assignments. There has been no innovation in learning material. Meanwhile, the other problem is that the teacher does not know a variety of innovative learning method. The use of learning media has not been done yet because the teachers have never participated in the Teachers Working Groups program. They domicile apart and the distance between the unit of education district from the education office are quite far.

Table 3. Method	problem	(management	of methods,	learning innov	ations)
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Participant	FOLDR Educational Problems Obtained
Papua	The lack of teachers' competency there has an impact on the lack of development of learning methods and learning innovations. The most important thing in Asmat ethnic group is that children can read, write, and count. During the teaching and learning process, the teacher only lectures without using media or learning methods. The learning process tends to be monotonous and encourages students to only memorize the lesson. The method uses lectures because there is no media to supports the class.
Southeast Sulawesi	In learning activities, most teachers still use conventional methods and learning is mostly done by dictating, lecturing, giving assignments, and there has been no innovation in learning material.

**Table 3.** Method problem (management of methods, learning innovations) (Continued)

Participant	FOLDR Educational Problems Obtained
West Sulawes	i In learning activities, most teachers still use conventional methods, lectures, memorization, and dictation.
East Nusa Tenggara	The method used in managing education in the FOLDR area still feels very conventional because it only relies on the teachers as the main center in education. The processes of learning are fewer involving parents, the community or the student environment. In addition, knowledge related to limited learning methods is one of the main factors, the
West Kalimantan	The subjects state that they find it difficult to innovate in the FOLDR area. Limited resources such as the absence of electricity and communication network signals are one of the causes. The location of the hamlet was isolated in the middle of the forest far from urban areas and access to the district was very difficult with a PP fee of five hundred
Maluku	The methods used by teachers in schools generally only are direct lecturing with questions and answers method only. The method used is still using conventional method and learning process is still teacher centered.
North Sumatra	Learning process in North Sumatra method still uses lecture and assignment method. The problem is that the teacher does not know a variety of innovative learning methods, using learning media because the teachers have never participated in the KKG apart from the distance between the Unit of education district and the education office.

Table 4 presents data from the FOLDR graduate's perception related to machine problems that were taking TPE about media management and learning technology. It is clearly seen that all school from the seven regions have machine problems specifically in media and learning technology. They admit that their schools cannot use media such as laptops and projectors because there is no electricity. On the other hand, they have not been able to use internet-based media because of the limitations of signals yet not affordable source. Schools rely on diesel as a source of electricity. Interestingly, two schools in West of Kalimantan and West Sulawesi, the use of technology at school has begun to exist. Every school has at least one computer, one laptop, and one printer. However, the utilization is still not optimal, because many teachers are still stuttering technology as they have been recognized the devices not for a long time. The media is not properly utilized and is just being put in the warehouse. This finding shows that a lot of media is damaged because it is not used as operational device at school. Teachers and school staff need to be educated to utilize the media as learning tools due to the process of teaching and learning.

Particpant	FOLDR Educational Problems Obtained
Papua	Technologies such as computers and printers are not yet available because there is no electricity source. Most schools in the Asmat ethnic group have not used technology. There is no electricity, signals, and the access is far from the city.
Southeast	School staff cannot use media such as laptops and projectors because there is no
Sulawesi	electricity. It has not been able to use internet-based media because of the mobile phone signals limitation that are not affordable for school staffs. Schools rely on diesel as a source of electricity during the gymnastics agenda every Friday.
West Sulawesi	The use of technology has begun to exist. Every school has at least one computer, one laptop, and one printer. However, the utilization is still not optimal, because many teachers are still stuttering from technology applied in the city.
East Nusa	In the school where the subject works, there is no electricity. The subject has one
Tenggara	computer for the school operator. However, learning resources for students are very minimal. It is only a few moments when we can find teacher or students reading books, which is one of the factors that influence the learning process.

**Table 4.** Machine problems (media management, learning technology)

Particpant	FOLDR Educational Problems Obtained
West Kalimantar	The learning media in the school where the students was assigned was quite adequate.
Maluku	Schools receive assistance from the education office. However, the media is not properly utilized and is just put in the warehouse, so that a lot of media is damaged The use of media, machinery, and technology is still lacking because there is no electricity network to support this. Village electricity still relies on a generator set that is on for 4 hours from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., even if oil (diesel) is sufficient.
North Sumatra	The absence of facilities that support the process of teaching and learning activities, even for school administration such as laptops, printers, and others leads to the unavailability of optimal learning process.

**Table 4.** Machine problems (media management, learning technology) (Continued)

In addition to the problems of human resources, methods, funding, and machinery, other findings faced by schools in the FOLDR area are school materials. The management of school materials is one aspect that will be explored further in this study. Table 5 presents data from the FOLDR graduate's perception of the management of learning materials.

 Table 5. Material problems (management of learning materials)

Participant	FOLDR Educational Problems Obtained
Papua	Teaching materials used in most areas in the Asmat ethnic group district still use competence-based curriculum. The applied resource of teaching is using curriculum-
Southeast	based books. The materials used are only teacher knowledge and makeshift textbooks. Learning material has been equated with regular schools using competence-based
Sulawesi	curriculum. But, there are some schools that have implemented the 2013 curriculum, but it is still in the experimental stage of implementation.
West Sulawesi	The teaching material used in the school where the subject teaches is in charge still uses book from competence-based curriculum. The books provided are not preserved to the number of students so many students are still in pairs and took turns using
East Nusa	The teaching materials used in the school where the subject teaches still uses book
Tenggara	from competence-based curriculum. The books provided are not preserved to the number of students so many students were still in pairs and took turns using books.
West Kalimantar	The existing sourcebook is still very limited and not updated. To find the latest sources of learning materials is quite difficult as there are also obstacles due to the absence of communication or internet network signals.
Maluku	The learning method used is still using lectures, because of the limited facilities and unavailable infrastructure. Less use of available learning media.
North Sumatra	Teaching materials used are not in accordance with the curriculum. There are only 2013 curriculum books, but the teachers do not understand how to use the book, so the material taught is often not appropriate.

Based on students who have taken TPE program and joined FOLDR teaching program, their perception of the material problems are shown in Table 5, it is clearly seen that learning material has been equated with regular schools using competence-based curriculum. However, two schools in North Sumatra and Central Sulawesi have implemented the 2013 curriculum, but it is still in the experimental stage. Furthermore, several existing sourcebooks is still very limited and not updated. Books available at school come from old or conventional books with a long year of publication. There are obstacles due to the absence of communication or internet network signals to find the latest sources of learning materials, so the learning process is not optimal. Moreover, the books provided in school were preserved according to the number of students so many students were still in pairs.

Furthermore, another problem that is no less important is the management of schools, especially how teachers market their schools to the community. The hope is that the community will be interested in participating to empathize to send their children to school at the school. The subjects were also asked several questions about market problem, especially how the

management of the school market. The following table 6 will summarize the problems of schools, especially school market management.

**Table 6.** Market problems (school market management)

Participant	FOLDR Educational Problems Obtained
Papua	Management for the promotion of school citizenship is still lacking. This is due to the low interest of parents to send their children to school because of the family's economic condition and they just prefer the kids to work.
Southeast Sulawesi	Management of student interest in schools is done by helping students who live in class and are old enough to continue to rise at the class level. The teacher also helps students who drop out of school to take school exams.
West Sulawesi	Management of student interest in schools is done by helping students who live in class and are old enough to continue to rise at the class level. The teacher also helps students who drop out of school to take school exams.
East Nusa Tenggara	At the place where the subject has been in charge, the management of school promotion to community members is quite good.
West Kalimantan	The management of school promotion in order to attract interest in school has been carried out when there are meetings in the village customary hall and at the time of the new school year entering school.
Maluku	In the place where the subject has been in charge related to school promotion to attract the interest of the community so that their children are admitted to the school, it is rarely done because this school is the only school in the nearest village.
North Sumatra	The program for socialization in the introduction of schools to the community where the subject teaches has been conducted at the beginning of the new school year. This is to attract the interest of children to go to school. Most students come from neighboring villages, which are about 4 kilometers away.

Based on students who have taken TPE program and joined FOLDR teaching program, their perception about the management of school market shown in Table 6, it is clearly seen that all the elementary school teachers in seven regions state that the management of school promotion to community members is quite good. For example, the management of school promotion in order to attract interest in school has been carried out when there are meetings in the village customary hall. Meanwhile, management of student interest in schools is done by helping students who live in class and are old enough to continue to rise at the class level. The teacher also helps students who drop out of school to take school exams properly to take the certificate of graduation. Interestingly, the school promotion is held to attract the interest of the community so that their children are admitted to the school. But it is rarely done because this school is the only school in the nearest village.

Table 7 presents data from the TPE students' perception about management of learning time problems in FOLDR.

Participant	FOLDR Educational Problems Obtained
Papua	Students often come with their parents to the forest and help the parents to work so they often don't attend school. The school's daily life is only handled by the Principal and the FOLDR teacher. This is because the teacher is absent due to the difficulty of access to the trip. Management of learning hours is less effective because many students rarely enter school. They go for work instead.
Southeast Sulawesi	Students after school are helping parents gardening or helping parents with the housework. If it has entered the harvest season of chocolate, pepper, or coconut, many students who go to help harvesting the crops will go into the garden for several days due to the distance of the house to the garden that is quite far. So that many students do not go to school to support the family economy. When the market day arrives which is only once a week, students will join their parents to trade or shop at the market or maybe they will be home to take care of their younger siblings.

**Table 7.** Minute problems (management of learning times)

Participant	FOLDR Educational Problems Obtained
West Sulawesi	Students have lacked the motivation to study and they also often skip school and
	attach importance to help their parents work in the garden, students often do not
	bring stationery to school. This affects the management of study time.
East Nusa	The learning environment is still less supportive of being able to display education in
Tenggara	the FOLDR area comprehensively where the subjects are assigned and this affects the
	management of students' learning time at schools.
West Kalimantan	Management of study time at the subject has a duty is influenced by the local
	language. The language used is the Dayak Kebahan language. The majority of students
	use Dayak Kebahan language every day. Low-class students still have difficulty using
	Indonesian, so the subjects feel difficult when teaching in a low class.
Maluku	The place where the subject teaches the management of study time for students is less
	to get attention by both the school teachers and parents at home.
North Sumatra	Management of study time is good because the number of teachers is sufficient.
	Parents also support their children to be diligent in school without being told to help
	with the work of parents in the garden.

**Table 7.** Minute problems (management of learning times) (Continued)

Based on Table 7 about their perception about the time management, it is clearly seen that all school from the seven regions have minute problems specifically in the management of learning time. First, several teachers are absent because of the difficult access to go to the school. Second, many students do not go to school to support the family economy. Third, problem is the learning environment was still less supportive of being able to display education in the FOLDR area. The other problem is management of study time in the FOLDR area is influenced by the local language, lack of attention, and motivation from the parents of students. Interestingly, the management of study time of one school in North Sumatra is good because the number of teachers is sufficient and the parents of students also support their children to be diligent in school without the duty to help with the work of parents in the garden.

# **Defining Solutions to FOLDR Educational Problems**

The FOLDR program runs for one year for each students of TPE as teachers in FOLDR area. The first section mainly presents the problems of FOLDR program. This section defines the suggested solutions to overcome the various problems found. Also, several efforts to improve the implementation of FOLDR program are defined in Table 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Aspects	Identified Problems	How to Solve	
Learning	There is not yet a teacher's or	Among other things done submitting the	
Environment	headmaster's room; the environment is	construction of a study room building to the	
	not conducive to emergency classrooms; many livestock enter the school, disrupt	local office; building the emergency classrooms; carry out the leafy planting	
	the concentration of student learning,	program; submitting the purchase of a	
	and damage the student learning	blackboard with BOS money; and providing	
	environment such as the field; plants in	garbage bins, even with makeshift	
	the school environment are still lacking;	materials (rattan woven made by parents).	
	unavailability of trash bins and public garbage disposal sites in the school		
	environment make the students; and		
	teachers throw garbage in any place.		
Learning	Learning media is not available.	Submitting procurement of data boards to	
Resources/ Media		school principals, holding a donation of raising book, and making various simple	
Media		media from used items such as cardboard	
		and bottles of mineral water to support	
		learning activities.	

 Table 8. Mapping problems identification about learning environment and resource/media

Aspects	Identified Problems	How to Solve
Students' Condition	Students tend to be passive during learning; there are still many students who don't go to school for several reasons; ability 3 M (reading, counting, and writing) students are still lacking; most students do not wear footwear; the discipline of students at school is still lacking; and students are going to school without bathing and students' nails are long and dirty.	Using methods that invite students' interest and learning motivation, such as methods that smell like games; taking more points and certain approach to help children going to school and balancing their schedule of helping people; holding additional lessons for grades 3, 4, 5, and 6; additional tutoring activities are focused on improving students' numeracy skills, reading and writing; encouraging students to use a minimal mat using sandals; instilling neatly dressed habits by applying penalties for those who do not carry out; instilling morning bathing practices by applying penalties for those who do not carry out; and this punishment is to follow up the Government Planting Program so that the plants will remain fresh and grow fast.
Teachers' Condition	The number of teachers is still low; most teachers have not graduated from bachelor's degree of Education; computer skills are still minimal; and teachers' violence is still common.	Submitting the number of teachers to the local office; recommending the teachers to continue the study; conducting computer training for teachers in the district; and encouraging teachers to reduce violence and better punish using other educative and useful methods.
Conditions of Students' Parents	Most parents of students have a livelihood as farmers so parental income is still low; parents' attention to school facilities is still lacking; and parents' awareness of the importance of education is still low.	Holding meetings with parents/guardians; providing understanding to parents/guardians of students that education is very important; and parents/guardians must work together to build school progress.

**Table 9.** Mapping problems identification about students', teachers', and students' parents condition

 Table 10. Mapping problems identification about student sociological background, local community culture, and education service policy

Aspects	Identified Problems	How to Solve
Student	Some students cannot speak Indonesian and use local	Holding a course or
Sociological	languages more often. Besides, teachers and students are	additional lesson of
Background	being in an environment that still upholds customs and	Indonesian language
	culture, and a community that still likes parties, drinks and	and meetings with
	plays gambling. Even certain events, students can gamble	parents.
	freely to join the party.	
Local	The culture of the local community is still thick, for example,	Holding meetings with
Community	there are parties with Tebe dances and other dances. The	parents to help
Culture	party can be held until evening and even until morning while	students limiting their
	some students attend the party until evening. There is a	time at the party.
	habit of people throwing garbage in any place.	
Education	In FOLDR area, there is no regional assistance of education	Holding meetings with
Service	in the sub-district, so the school is directly related to the	local government,
Policy	District Education Office in the city center; local service	policy maker, parents,
	policy tends to appoint/recruit employees based on the	and stakeholders.
	family system; in addition to the kinship system, in the	
	FOLDR is still thick with customs and culture. If someone	
	wants to rise in rank or get the desired position, then	
	someone is obliged to pay for adapt (pork, rooster, and sop	
	or commonly called tuak).	

Name of activity	Execution time	Descriptions	Results
Lesson Plan Training	Every chance	Performed on a "one by one" basis through the activities of compiling lesson plan.	Lesson plan is done and compiled.
Renewal of Teaching Strategies	During the teaching-learning process	The use of effective learning methods that are tailored to the environment, the conditions of students, and varied learning locations.	Student's motivation to study is increasing and students are more likely to not skip the class.
Innovative Learning Media	During the teaching-learning process	The development of learning media that are around the student environment is tried to compile and the use of learning media that are already available in schools are not utilized properly.	Students' interest in learning is increasing: learning achievement increases, teachers and students are more communicative, and learning media is used as it should be.
Quality Improve- ment Assessment	Mid and end of the academic year of learning	Formulation of minimum completeness criteria values with teachers and principals is needed; the test semester will be held on mid and end year implementation; Additional Learning (AL) Implementation is needed; implementation of National Examination is needed; and implementation of competence grade test is held.	There are minimum completeness criteria values; examination results exceed the minimum completeness criteria; and program testing are well planned.
Develop- ment of Extracurri- cular Activities	Mid-year academic year of learning	Healthy Friday Gymnastics routines are carried out by students and teachers; the activities of routine ceremonies are conducted alternately between elementary and middle school students; and the habit of speaking Indonesian is needed to	The extracurricular is accustomed by doing gymnastics; skilled students are placed as ceremonial officers; and students begin to get used to speaking Indonesian and grow self- confidence.
Develop- ment of Extracurri- cular Activities	Once a week	carry. Scout activities are carried out by students with teacher guidance and activities to cultivate traditional Javanese and Nias games among students is needed.	The increasing of students' discipline and character development, and the existence of Javanese Traditional Games Festival activities.

 Table 11. Mapping problems identification and solutions of teaching and learning process

#### The Impacts of the FOLDR Program on FOLDR Regional Education

First, the section explains the impact of FOLDR program in Papua. The implementation of FOLDR program in Papua has a positive impact on the area. The presence of three-year high school teachers can meet the vacancies of teachers and lack of teachers who have good educational qualifications. Those who were in schools lacking teachers can be helped. What was previously a school that didn't work should have been able to do well.

Second, the impact of FOLDR program in Central Sulawesi is defined. FOLDR program has a very good impact to both the educational aspect and also cultural aspect, especially in the progress of schools, the role of FOLDR with program activities in schools, communities, subdistricts, and the district themselves. The great benefits are particularly felt by the school and the community of Baina'a. Many FOLDR teachers help schools in the education administration, making school budget activities plans and even accountability for OAF funds reports. In the subjects' opinion, the existence of FOLDR has had an impact on education in the FOLDR area. This can be seen from the adequate acceptance from the education office, teachers, and the surrounding community. The FOLDR program has a positive influence on the surrounding community. The existence of FOLDR program can at least provide inspiration and examples for local teachers in innovating during the learning process. FOLDR teachers, with all the knowledge brought, can share knowledge and experience in all matters related to learning process in rural area of Indonesia as it leads to the balancing national education.

Third, the impact of FOLDR program in West Sulawesi is good. It is felt real by residents in the FOLDR area. The FOLDR participants are well received by the community because their presence is felt by the community itself that the FOLDR participants have at least a positive influence on education at FOLDR. The FOLDR participants not only acted as complementary or substitute teachers in the FOLDR area but they also became motivators and drivers so that education in the FOLDR area could progress and develop in a better direction.

Fourth, the impact of FOLDR program in East Nusa Tenggara is also reportedly good. The existence of FOLDR teachers in the FOLDR area, especially in Insana sub district, North Central Timor Regency, East Nusa Tenggara Province, has quite an impact on the development of education activities there. The FOLDR teachers are always involved in various educational activities in Insana district. The FOLDR teachers also play a role in activities in the community. We FOLDR teachers are given more trust by teachers in schools or service agencies in Insana sub district. In some activities, such as competitions, teacher work groups, scout activities, and the implementation of educational holidays FOLDR teachers actively participate in these activities. Even in the school environment, the 3-year high school teacher is believed to be a classroom teacher for one year of service and given the opportunity to implement proposed activities and programs for serving schools in the area for school staff and citizen.

The FOLDR program in West Kalimantan greatly impacts the local area. The reason is that in the FOLDR area there is still a shortage of educators and many educators whose educational qualifications are not suitable. The existence of FOLDR is very helpful for advancing education so there are some new things developed in the FOLDR program. Students are also very enthusiastic about learning with the arrival of the FOLDR teachers in their schools.

The impact of FOLDR program in Maluku greatly impacts Education in the FOLDR area. There are many changes, especially in schools, starting from the completeness of school administration curriculum documents and classes, media and learning methods. This provides an experience not only for the FOLDR participants themselves but also for students, teachers, parents of students, and the community. Little or a lot of the existence of FOLDR contributes to the impact on the education sector in placement. This can be seen from various activities that have been carried out in an effort to advance the field of education.

In this case, the FOLDR participants in Kilmasa village introduced school education to IT skills, both offline and online. FOLDR participants invite teachers to get to know how to use a laptop properly and utilize its maximum usage in learning. Teachers may make anything using a laptop, starting from class administration, media, calendar, documentation of class activities, creating test, and so on. In addition to teaching at the school, the 3-year high school teacher is also an instructor in the community to open up people's insights into the importance of education.

The impact of FOLDR program in Nias, North Sumatra, helps and has an impact on education equity, especially the lack of qualified teachers who are in accordance with their fields in the FOLDR area. In general, the community is all very happy with the arrival of the SM-3T teacher with a different version of the response. Even in daily activities of behavior, speech influences the existence of better changes in society. The impact that will be felt on the existence of FOLDR makes students eager for school because in daily learning activities various methods and learning media are used. The existence of the FOLDR program provides constructive changes for the FOLDR regions, especially Nias Island.

#### **DISCUSSION and CONCLUSIONS**

This section discusses about the results defined in the previous section. The problem of education for FOLDR regions is referred to 7 M of management characteristics from seven regions in rural area of Indonesia. The findings reveal some problems. First, man problem covers human resources in schools, such the principal, teachers, students, and parents of students, its problems are quantity, quality, competency, and human resources development. Second, the money problem discusses school management and education funding. In this section, there are no problems because school funding is free for students and the existence of school operational assistance funds or OAF as capital resource in school funding. OAF covers school operational finance to support the providing of school administration and school facilities (Kathy et al., 2019). Third, methods problem discusses learning methods and innovations in teaching-learning process, because the lack of teacher competency there has an impact on the lack of development of learning methods and innovations. For example, the teachers still use conventional methods, lectures, memorization, and dictation.

Learning methods are very important for learning process. In the learning process, the teacher is a change agent who has a strategic key position in creating conducive learning environment and involves students in learning. For this reason, education practitioners are required to be capable and skilled in playing a number of roles simultaneously (Maba, 2017). As an agent of change, a teacher has a dominant role and determinant of the success of the learning process. The main determining factor is communication. In learning process, the communication process is influenced by internal and external factors. Some of these factors are varied such as psychological barriers: interests, talents, attitudes, intelligence, knowledge, and motivation (Maba, 2017). As a strategic central figure, a teacher must be able to choose and manage various strategies, methods, and learning techniques that can support active, creative, productive, and efficient learning (Kemp & Dauton, 1985). Several other studies also revealed that the presence of technology and innovative learning methods can have a good effect on student learning outcomes (Aniello, 2012; Barhoumi, 2015).

Fourth, machine problem discusses technology and learning media, the lack of facilities that support the process of teaching and learning activities, there is no electricity and internet signal. The location is also far from the city. Various cases lead to the problems that the media of learning are not available. So that it causes the use of learning media that is still quite low. The availability of instructional media is very influential for learning (Breen, 2015). Moreover, the lack of electricity, this will definitely interfere with student activities in learning. The results of the study provide data that learning media and the availability of other learning facilities have a positive effect in developing the quality of learning in the classroom. Especially if it is accompanied by the use of innovative learning models (Barber et al., 2015).

Fifth, the material problem discusses material and sum learns. The material used is only teacher knowledge and makeshift textbooks, because of the limited facilities and unavailable infrastructure. According to Richards and Rodgers, some things such as syllabus, training and good classroom activities will support the achievement of teaching objectives (Bagus et al., 2017). All teaching materials, exercises, assignments and learning activities must be well designed so as to allow interaction and communication during the teaching and learning process between students (Aslan, 2015; Beavers et al., 2015; Bethard et al., 2012). In designing this, the teacher needs to consider the differences between students in various ways, such as communication needs, motivation, and attitudes (Littlewood, 1986). Furthermore, Littlewood explained that teaching materials, exercises, and communicative activities must be in accordance with students' needs. This is certainly a specific goal has implications for the selection of teaching materials that must be adjusted to the needs of students. In addition, syllabus packaging, exercises, activities must also be interesting and fun so that it can increase motivation and change students' attitudes (Granger, 2012; Lievens & Sacket, 2012).

Sixth, market problem discusses school marketing strategies; there is no problem about the promotion of school. The program for socialization in the introduction of schools to the community has conducted at the beginning of the new school year. Seventh, minute's problem discusses the management of study time. From all school in this area, they have minute's problems specifically in the management of learning time. The problems are some of the teachers were absent, many students did not go to school to support the family economy, and the learning environment was still less supportive. The local language forbade and limited the lively learning using Indonesian language. The lack of attention and motivation from the parents of students also causes the problems in students to attend the class properly. All of the problems defined in the previous section have influenced time management of learning in the schools.

Teaching reflective skills in the academic world has become increasingly important, as is managing time (Rampullo et al., 2015). The teacher must have good documentation regarding his journey in teaching, whether it is made in a diary, report, or portfolio. This kind of activity has long been carried out by several universities in the UK. Teaching reflective skills began to emerge throughout the curriculum, with many different types of students being asked to compile reflective essays, reports, journals, logs, diaries, or portfolios as part of their assignments at UK universities (Helyer & Kay, 2015). Assistance with this reflection is often found in student handbooks, as part of successful induction days and contains theories and learning styles, metacognition, and student self-analysis (Helyer & Price, 2015).

To sum up, this research has several findings. First, regarding the problem of FOLDR area in seven regions, it is revealed that the problem of education for frontier, outermost, and least developed regions refers to 7 M (Man, Money, Methods, Machine, Material, Market, Minutes), from seven regions have some problems about the implementation education referred to 7M. Second, the FOLDR program runs for one year, there are the various problems found and several efforts to improve it. The solution of the problem in FOLDR such as submitting the construction of a study room building to the local office, hold a donation raising book for both textbooks and reading books for students, making various simple media, using methods that invite students' interest and learning motivation, hold additional lessons, submitting the number of teacher to the local office, hold computer training for teachers, and the others solution. Third, the impact of FOLDR program, it has a positive impact on the FOLDR area, especially in the progress of schools, the role of FOLDR with program activities in schools, communities, sub-districts, and districts. Researchers provide the following recommendations:

- 1. It is recommended that the FOLDR program remains existed and sustainable. For example, when a student is graduating from educational bachelor's degree, it is better that they are immediately placed in the FOLDR area to later get the title of professional teacher.
- 2. Judging from the supervision system, there is a need for improvements to be more attentive so that people can assess not only the area with easily found location and the access to the place is easier (vehicle can be passed). It will need to be preserved at least one in every sub district because each region has different problems and different handling methods are also different. In addition, accurate coordination is needed in determining target areas for FOLDR area so the goal of making a better nationals educational achievement can be gained.
- 3. The government should focus on the education budget in the FOLDR area, namely by giving more funds to the area. The focused budget is expected to help completing the facilities, repairing the facilities, and providing the infrastructure needed by the FOLDR area.
- 4. The government should pay more attention to teachers who teach in the FOLDR area, especially related to health, welfare, and security. Educators assigned to FOLDR are given life and health insurance to have a comfortable and safe feeling guarantee while on duty.

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