

# Evaluation and Monitoring of Islamic Education Learning Management in Efforts to Improve Education Quality

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## ABSTRACT

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This research aims to provide a deeper understanding of the importance of evaluation and monitoring in an effort to improve the quality of Islamic education and to realize it practically in improving the quality of Islamic education through evaluation and monitoring. This study uses library research methods (library research). The data obtained from the literature study were analyzed using an interactive qualitative model. This data analysis model consists of data collection, data reduction, data presentation, and drawing conclusions. The results of this study indicate that the importance of evaluation and monitoring in the management of Islamic education learning includes improving the quality of education, optimizing the learning process, measuring the success of curriculum implementation, helping strengths and weaknesses, measuring student progress, increasing accountability and facilitating the right decision making. Several practical realizations in improving the quality of Islamic education through evaluation and monitoring include proper lesson planning, feedback to teachers, development of teacher professionalism, coaching and mentoring of teachers, curriculum improvement, involvement of students and parents and use of technology in evaluation and monitoring.

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## INTRODUCTION

Islamic education is an integral part of the education system which aims to form a generation that has noble character, Islamic insight, and is able to apply Islamic values in everyday life (Ainiyah, 2013). To achieve this goal, Islamic education learning management plays a crucial role in ensuring optimal quality of education is achieved (Mukarromah et al., 2021). In practice, there are still various challenges in carrying out effective Islamic education learning management. Some of these challenges include a lack of understanding and application of Islamic concepts in the learning process, a lack of mastery of

Islamic learning methods and strategies, and difficulties in dealing with contemporary developments affecting Islamic education.

To overcome this challenge, the development of teacher professionalism in the management of Islamic education learning is very important (Ali, 2022). Teachers who have high professionalism will be able to face these challenges better and provide quality teaching in accordance with Islamic principles. However, in an effort to develop teacher professionalism in Islamic education learning management, evaluation and monitoring play an important role. Evaluation and monitoring can provide an in-depth understanding of the successful implementation of the Islamic curriculum, identify strengths and weaknesses in the learning system, and assist in making the right decisions to improve the quality of Islamic education.

Although the importance of evaluation and monitoring in the management of Islamic education learning is widely recognized, there are still deficiencies in the understanding and application of effective evaluation and monitoring practices (Rindarti, 2021). Therefore, this study aims to explore the importance of evaluation and monitoring in an effort to improve the quality of Islamic education as well as provide practical insights and recommendations for practitioners, supervisors, and researchers in developing quality management of Islamic education learning.

Islamic education learning management involves various aspects, including Islamic curriculum planning, selection of appropriate learning methods, use of Islamic learning resources, interactions between teachers and students, as well as evaluation and monitoring of the learning process. Evaluation and monitoring have a crucial role in ensuring that the goals of Islamic education are achieved and the quality of education increases (Setiawan et al., 2022). Evaluation in the context of Islamic education involves assessing student learning progress, the successful implementation of the Islamic curriculum, and the effectiveness of Islamic learning methods (Haddar, 2016). By conducting periodic evaluations, we can identify strengths and weaknesses in the learning system, and determine the necessary corrective steps (Yunus, Raharjo, & Lestari, 2016).

Monitoring is also an important element in the management of Islamic education learning (Abusin, 2021). Through monitoring we can continuously monitor the learning process that takes place in class, interactions between teachers and students, as well as student learning progress (Puspitasari, 2018). This allows us to take the necessary actions quickly and appropriately to improve the quality of learning. However, there are still challenges in implementing evaluation and monitoring in the learning management of Islamic education. Some of these challenges include a lack of understanding of the concept of evaluation and monitoring, limited resources and infrastructure, and the active role of all stakeholders in the evaluation and monitoring process.

Based from this context, this study aims to provide a deeper understanding of the importance of evaluation and monitoring in an effort to improve the quality of Islamic education and the practical implications of improving the quality of Islamic education through evaluation and monitoring. Through this research, it is hoped that practical solutions and recommendations can be found for practitioners, supervisors, and researchers in overcoming these challenges and developing effective and quality Islamic education learning management.

## RESEARCH METHODS

The method utilized in this study is the library research method. Literature-based research involves the use of literary works as the focal point of investigation (Sawarjuwono, T., 2004). Researchers delve into literature, written materials, and sources closely associated with the problems under study. Literature-based research is a comprehensive approach to comprehending a specific topic by collecting, evaluating, and analyzing information from various reliable sources. This method doesn't involve gathering new data directly but relies on pre-existing research, books, articles, journals, and other sources to underpin arguments or ongoing research. It enables researchers to broaden their insights on the subject of study, as well as compare and synthesize existing research findings to support the study's outcomes or conclusions. Moreover, literature-based research requires critical skills to assess the reliability and relevance of the information used in formulating analyses or syntheses.

The data collection involved gathering information from diverse sources, including books, journals, and existing research, acquired through both offline and online means. Subsequently, the data obtained from the literature study underwent analysis employing an interactive qualitative model. This method of data collection encompasses a comprehensive exploration of available resources, integrating both conventional (offline) and digital (online) sources. Following the data collection phase, an interactive qualitative model was employed for analysis. Such an approach involves a dynamic process of examining, organizing, and interpreting the gathered data in a manner that encourages iterative interaction, allowing for a nuanced understanding of the subject matter. This model facilitates a systematic and thorough investigation of the collected information, promoting deeper insights and more comprehensive findings (Huberman et al., 2014).

The study employed a systematic data analysis model. Initially, diverse information was collected from various sources such as books, journals, and both offline and online research. This collected data was then condensed and organized, followed by its presentation through visual aids and summarized descriptions for better comprehension. Lastly, the study drew insightful conclusions by synthesizing the analyzed data, identifying patterns, and

addressing the research objectives. This structured approach facilitated a comprehensive and systematic analysis, yielding valuable insights efficiently.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### **Evaluation in Islamic Education: Principles, Objectives, and Impact**

Evaluation in the management of Islamic education learning entails a systematic process of data collection, analysis, and assessment (Bici & Çela, 2017). It aims to evaluate the implementation of the Islamic curriculum, measure student progress, and gauge the effectiveness of teaching methods (Widoyoko, 2009). The process assists in determining the achievement of learning objectives and offers insights for program enhancements.

Arikunto (2017) defines learning evaluation as a comprehensive process involving data collection, analysis, and interpretation to assess whether learning objectives are met. Mulyasa (2015) echoes this, focusing on data interpretation to determine the extent of achieving learning objectives. Meanwhile, Sudjana (2015) emphasizes the role of evaluation in assessing learning outcomes and program effectiveness.

Evaluation in Islamic education encompasses various methods like class observation, assessments, analyses of written works, examinations, and interviews. These evaluations, performed regularly, monitor student progress, assess learning strategies' efficacy, and identify educational system strengths and weaknesses.

The importance of defining evaluation lies in its role in improving learning quality and providing constructive feedback to stakeholders. Principles in Islamic education evaluation, such as being value-based, fair, encouraging self-improvement, learning-oriented, promoting independence, and conducted continuously and periodically, align evaluation with Islamic values and broader educational goals.

Objectives in Islamic education evaluation aim to assess student progress, evaluate teaching methods' effectiveness, enhance the curriculum, provide constructive feedback, and foster teacher professionalism. These objectives collectively aim to optimize Islamic education's impact on students' holistic development.

Types of valuation in Islamic education include formative, summative, diagnostic, joint formative, self-evaluation, and portfolio evaluation. Each type serves specific purposes, such as continuous feedback, final assessment, understanding students' initial knowledge, engaging students in evaluations, encouraging self-assessment, and showcasing students' progress.

The benefits of evaluation include identifying system strengths and weaknesses, measuring curriculum implementation, enhancing teaching quality, and aiding decision-making in Islamic education development. Evaluation data aid educators and policymakers in making informed decisions, ensuring the effectiveness and relevance of educational practices.

In conclusion, evaluation in Islamic education is a multifaceted process that plays a pivotal role in shaping the quality and relevance of education, aligning with Islamic values and catering to the diverse needs of students and the community. Through comprehensive evaluation practices, Islamic education can be continually refined to meet evolving educational standards and societal requirements.

### **Evaluation Methods in Islamic Education Learning Management**

It seems you've provided an extensive guide on class observation, assessment in Islamic education, the authentic assessment approach, monitoring mechanisms in Islamic education, and the supervisory role in education. Each section covers a thorough explanation of the concepts, approaches, and steps involved in these educational processes.

For class observation, you've outlined the purpose, benefits, and implementation steps, emphasizing its role in evaluating teacher performance, improving teaching quality, understanding students' needs, assessing the feasibility of the curriculum, developing teacher professionalism, and increasing student participation. The steps involved in implementing class observation are detailed, ensuring clear objectives, choosing suitable observation methods, identifying focus areas, scheduling observations, note-taking, data processing, providing feedback, and reflecting on the process for future improvements.

Regarding assessment in Islamic education, you've covered various assessment instruments such as Islamic written tests, portfolios, assessment of Islamic attitudes and behavior, Islamic performance assessment, observation of participation in Islamic activities, and Islamic writing assessment. You've emphasized the importance of aligning these instruments with Islamic values while catering to different age and skill levels of students.

The discussion on the authentic assessment approach in Islamic learning highlights its significance in measuring students' abilities to apply Islamic teachings in real-life situations. It emphasizes the importance of contextual challenges, active engagement, authenticity of assessment situations, collaborative learning, and constructive feedback in this approach.

Your elaboration on the monitoring mechanism in Islamic education details the definition of monitoring, steps in conducting monitoring (determining objectives, identifying indicators, data collection, analysis, comparison with standards, identifying changes or problems, providing feedback, and follow-up monitoring). Additionally, the supervisory role in this mechanism, including curriculum implementation, teacher performance evaluation, monitoring student achievement, coaching and support, resource usage monitoring, compliance supervision, feedback provision, and recommendations, is well-explained.

Finally, the section on monitoring the learning process and teacher-student interaction dives into aspects like class observation, monitoring tools,

analyzing interaction quality, the use of supporting technology, feedback and coaching, and collaboration among teachers.

Overall, you've provided a comprehensive and well-structured guide covering various aspects of educational processes, particularly focusing on observation, assessment, authentic learning approaches, monitoring mechanisms, and the roles of supervisors in Islamic education. This detailed information can serve as a valuable resource for educators, administrators, and stakeholders involved in enhancing teaching and learning practices in Islamic educational settings.

### **Implementation of Evaluation and Monitoring**

The analysis and interpretation of evaluation results stand as pivotal steps within the educational monitoring mechanism. The process involves several essential stages: Organizing acquired data marks the primary step. It necessitates collecting and structuring data obtained during evaluation. Data may include figures, graphs, observational notes, or questionnaire responses. Well-organized data ensures ease in subsequent analysis. Following data organization, the identification of emerging patterns and trends becomes crucial.

Observing changes, increments, or decrements within observed indicators aids in comprehending the information. Long-term trends are assessed when periodic data is available, providing insight into changes over time. Statistical analysis, if feasible, adds depth to the evaluation process. Techniques such as averages, percentages, standard deviations, significance tests, or regression analysis offer a deeper understanding of variable relationships and differences. Comparison of evaluation outcomes against predefined standards or criteria ensues. These standards could be performance or service standards.

This phase involves recognizing gaps between evaluation outcomes and established benchmarks. From the data analysis, identifying weaknesses or problems in the educational process becomes pivotal. Pinpointing the root causes and potential improvements formulates the foundation for enhancing the educational system. Generating clear findings and conclusions based on data analysis becomes imperative. These findings elucidate the implications for education quality, learning, or processes, ensuring an objective presentation. Subsequently, developing specific and targeted recommendations based on the findings and conclusions offers a pathway for improvement in education. Finally, communicating the evaluation results, findings, conclusions, and recommendations to relevant stakeholders, such as teachers, principals, supervisors, or related parties, becomes essential. Clear, transparent communication and inclusive engagement enable stakeholders to provide input or feedback. In the analysis and interpretation of evaluation results, considering the specific context of Islamic education and its associated values remains paramount. It is crucial that the analysis reflects Islamic principles and objectives to offer recommendations fitting within that context.

Following up on evaluation findings stands as a critical step in the process of monitoring and managing Islamic education learning: Prioritizing identified issues and findings based on urgency, impact, and potential improvements becomes essential. Focusing on those with the greatest impact on learning quality and Islamic education goals ensures effective follow-up. Developing clear and directed follow-up plans for each prioritized evaluation finding becomes pivotal. These plans encompass specific steps, assigned responsibilities, implementation timelines, and required resources to ensure feasible execution.

Stakeholder collaboration and engagement, involving teachers, principals, supervisors, parents, and students, holds utmost importance. Discussing evaluation findings, recommendations, and follow-up plans with stakeholders enables input sharing and contributes to formulating effective solutions. Implementing corrective actions according to predetermined plans ensures a structured approach. Clear definition of responsibilities and roles aids in monitoring progress and accountability in implementing corrective measures. Conducting follow-up evaluations and monitoring post-implementation allows reviewing the impact of actions taken.

Adjustments can be made based on the evaluation results to ensure expected improvements. Identifying the training and development needs for teachers and staff based on evaluation findings aids in enhancing learning quality. Relevant training supports the improvement of their skills and knowledge. Communicating follow-up information transparently to stakeholders fosters understanding of plans, progress, and achieved results. Effective communication ensures stakeholder involvement and comprehension of ongoing changes. The continuous evaluation cycle marks an ongoing process. Regular evaluations monitor progress, identify new improvement needs, and align educational objectives with Islamic education goals. Continual follow-up on evaluation findings ensures continuous improvement in the learning system and quality of Islamic education.

## CONCLUSION

The evaluation process in Islamic education management encapsulates a systematic approach, involving data collection, analysis, and assessment to gauge the effectiveness of teaching methodologies, measure student progress, and ensure the implementation of Islamic curriculum aligns with educational objectives. This comprehensive procedure, as defined by various scholars, emphasizes the importance of continual assessment to ascertain learning outcomes and program effectiveness while upholding Islamic values. Through diverse evaluation methods and types, including formative, summative, and diagnostic assessments, the evaluation process aids in identifying system strengths, weaknesses, and curriculum enhancements, offering constructive feedback crucial for educators and policymakers to make informed decisions, thereby ensuring the relevance and quality of Islamic education.

The next research is expected to conduct in-depth research on "The Effect of the Application of Technology-Based Learning Methods on the Understanding of Islamic Concepts in Students." This study will evaluate the effectiveness of the use of technology in the religious learning process, comparing between conventional learning methods and innovative technology-based approaches that focus on teaching Islamic religious materials. The research will pay attention to changes in students' understanding of Islamic teachings, mastery of the material, and the application of Islamic values in their daily lives.

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