



Strengthening the Role of Alumni in Improving the Quality and Quantity of Students

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ABSTRACT

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This research examines the role of alums in enhancing both the quality and quantity of students at pesantren. The study aims to identify the contributions of alumnae, as well as the supporting and inhibiting factors, and the impact of alumnae involvement on pesantren development. Using Participatory Action Research (PAR), the study involved alums, administrators, and students in collaborative activities. The findings revealed that alums are crucial in mentoring, skill development, and promoting the pesantren. Their active participation significantly increases student enrollment, with the majority of new students joining through alum referrals. However, challenges such as poor coordination, communication issues, and geographical obstacles were identified among alums. The study concludes that strengthening alum engagement is crucial to enhancing both the quality and quantity of students. It recommends that the pesantren improve alumni communication through digital platforms and establish more structured alum programs. This research contributes to understanding alum networks in Islamic educational institutions and suggests further exploration into the use of digital tools and sustainable alum programs.

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INTRODUCTION

Islamic education has long been a cornerstone in shaping human character and societal progress. Traditional Islamic boarding schools, known as *pesantren*, have upheld values that prioritize religious and moral education. However, as global challenges and technological advancements continue to shape modern society, *pesantren* must adapt to these changes while maintaining their core principles (Hasanah, 2022).

Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon, situated in Cibungbulang, Bogor, serves as a prime example of a *pesantren* with substantial potential in producing students who exhibit both academic excellence and strong moral character. With over 850 active students (*santri*) and thousands of alums spread across various

regions, Al-Itqon is an influential educational institution within its community. However, despite its promise, the pesantren faces ongoing challenges in maintaining and enhancing both the quality and quantity of its students sustainably (Fauzi, 2024).

The role of alums in the development of pesantren is undeniably important. Alums are not only beneficiaries of the education provided by the pesantren, but they also possess the potential to act as agents of change. They are positioned uniquely to contribute to the growth and sustainability of the pesantren through their active involvement in mentoring, promoting the institution, fundraising, and expanding the social network. These contributions significantly enhance the pesantren's educational system, further increasing its appeal to prospective students (Huda & Rahman, 2023).

Despite the substantial potential that alumni have to support the development of pesantren, their involvement remains underutilized and unstructured. One of the primary reasons for this underutilization is the lack of a systematic communication and coordination framework between the pesantren and its alums. Additionally, geographical distance and time constraints make it difficult for alums to actively participate in activities at the pesantren. This lack of coordination poses a significant challenge in optimizing the contributions of alums, and, if not addressed, could negatively affect the sustainability and growth of the pesantren (Hakim, 2023).

Existing research indicates that active alums can have a profoundly positive impact on pesantren development, particularly in terms of academic and non-academic aspects. Alums not only contribute to educational quality but also help to build the positive image of the pesantren within the broader community. Their active engagement is also a crucial factor in attracting new students (Wulandari & Listiyanti, 2022). Despite these findings, however, there remains a limited body of research that systematically examines the role of alums in enhancing the quality and quantity of students at pesantren. Additionally, the models for fostering sustained alumni collaboration with pesantren are not well explored, leaving a gap in the literature regarding effective alum management (Fauzi, 2024).

The gap in current literature highlights the need for a deeper investigation into how alums can be more effectively engaged to improve the quality and quantity of students in pesantren, particularly in institutions like Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon. This research aims to fill that gap by exploring the role of alumni in driving the growth of pesantren, identifying both the factors that facilitate and hinder their involvement, and assessing the results of strengthening alum engagement.

In examining the role of alums at Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon, this study will focus on several key aspects: firstly, to describe the various roles alums play in enhancing both the quality and quantity of students; secondly, to identify the supporting factors and barriers that alums face in contributing to the pesantren's development; and thirdly, to assess the tangible outcomes of strengthening alum participation, especially in terms of long-term sustainability and growth.

The significance of this research lies in its ability to provide insights into the untapped potential of alum networks within pesantren and their possible contributions to enhancing the quality of education and expanding the student body. As the demand for education in Islamic institutions continues to grow, understanding how alums can effectively contribute will be crucial for the future of pesantren, ensuring they remain competitive and relevant in an increasingly globalized world. Furthermore, this study is expected to inform future research on developing comprehensive and sustainable alum engagement models that can be implemented across various pesantren in Indonesia and beyond.

Ultimately, by leveraging alums's collective expertise, networks, and experiences, pesantren can create a more robust educational ecosystem that not only supports current students but also strengthens the institution's ability to thrive in the future. However, for this potential to be realized, it is essential that the challenges surrounding alum engagement, particularly those related to communication, coordination, and structure, are effectively addressed.

This study seeks to contribute to the existing body of knowledge by offering a model for systematically enhancing alum involvement in pesantren. By doing so, it will provide a clearer understanding of the strategies necessary to fully harness the power of alums to improve both the quality and quantity of students in Islamic educational institutions. The findings and recommendations derived from this research are expected to be of value to policymakers, administrators, and educators within pesantren institutions, particularly those striving to ensure long-term sustainability and educational excellence.

In conclusion, this research aims not only to explore the pivotal role of alums in improving the quality and quantity of students in pesantren but also to provide actionable recommendations for enhancing alum engagement in a structured and sustainable manner. By doing so, it aims to support the broader goal of improving Islamic education and ensuring its relevance and impact in a rapidly changing global landscape.

RESEARCH METHOD

This research utilizes a Participatory Action Research (PAR) approach with a qualitative method, focusing on the active participation of all involved

stakeholders, specifically alumni, pesantren administrators, and students (*santri*). The decision to use PAR is based on its emphasis on collaboration, engagement, and collective contribution throughout all phases of the research process, from problem identification to planning, implementation, and evaluation. This approach is particularly suitable for studying alumni involvement, as it allows for co-creation of knowledge and solutions, enabling alumni, administrators, and students to directly engage in addressing the challenges faced by Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon.

The research design is qualitative, focusing on the interaction and collaboration among the key stakeholders involved. The aim of this study is to deeply explore the role of alumni in enhancing the quality and quantity of students at Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon, as well as to identify the supporting and inhibiting factors in strengthening alumni participation. This research aims not only to explore alumni's roles as mentors, motivators, and promoters of the pesantren but also to understand the structural and relational factors that either foster or hinder their engagement in the pesantren's development.

The subjects of this study include alumni, pesantren administrators, and active students. Alumni of Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon are essential because they possess significant experience and are committed to contributing to the development of the pesantren. Administrators, as decision-makers and planners, play a crucial role in shaping the opportunities for alumni involvement. Active students are also important as their experiences provide insights into how alumni impact their educational journey and development. These groups are central to understanding the broader impact of alumni engagement on the pesantren.

Data will be collected using multiple methods. Focus Group Discussions (FGD) will be conducted with alumni, administrators, and students to explore issues related to alumni involvement, identify challenges, and discuss potential solutions. In-depth interviews with pesantren leaders, active alumni, and students will help gather detailed insights into their experiences, contributions, and the barriers faced in alumni engagement. Pre-test and post-test surveys will measure changes in alumni knowledge, attitudes, and involvement before and after the service program. Additionally, participatory observation will be conducted to capture real-time dynamics and involvement during program implementation, documenting how alumni interact with the pesantren community.

The validity of the data will be ensured through method triangulation, where data from FGDs, interviews, surveys, and observations will be compared to increase reliability. Member checking will also be employed to validate the

findings. The results of interviews and discussions will be shared with participants to ensure the findings reflect their perspectives accurately. This will allow any discrepancies or misunderstandings to be addressed, thereby strengthening the credibility of the research.

The data analysis will involve descriptive analysis for quantitative data collected from surveys, aiming to identify changes in alumni engagement before and after the program. Thematic analysis will be used for qualitative data, where recurring themes related to alumni roles, engagement barriers, and the outcomes of their involvement will be identified. Thematic analysis will allow the researcher to interpret the meanings of alumni contributions and challenges faced in their engagement with the pesantren.

The entire research process is participatory, meaning alumni, administrators, and students will be actively involved in every stage of the research. From identifying the issues to planning the program, implementing it, and evaluating its effectiveness, all stakeholders will play a crucial role in shaping the research. This participatory approach is a key feature of PAR, as it encourages a sense of ownership and responsibility among participants, thereby ensuring the research outcomes are directly aligned with the needs and concerns of the pesantren community.

The program will be implemented in several stages. The first stage, problem identification, will involve FGDs and interviews to explore challenges related to alumni involvement and pesantren development. The second stage, program planning, will bring alumni, administrators, and students together to design programs aimed at strengthening alumni engagement, such as mentoring, skill development workshops, pesantren promotion, and fundraising activities. The third stage, program implementation, will involve alumni as primary facilitators, leading the various activities designed to enhance alumni participation. The final stage, evaluation and reflection, will assess the impact and effectiveness of the programs, using feedback from the participants and evaluation data to measure success and identify areas for improvement.

This study aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of how alumni can enhance the quality and quantity of students at Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon. By utilizing the PAR approach, the research hopes to offer actionable insights into the best ways to strengthen alumni involvement in a structured and sustainable manner. Through the implementation of alumni-focused programs, this research will provide a model that can be adapted for other pesantren institutions, contributing to their long-term sustainability and development. The findings of this study will provide valuable recommendations for pesantren administrators, policymakers, and educators, aiming to enhance alumni engagement and improve educational outcomes for students.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Result

The findings of this research underscore the crucial role alumni play in enhancing both the quality and quantity of students at Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon Cibungbulang Bogor. Through various active contributions and engagement, alumni help elevate the pesantren's educational standards and its long-term growth. This involvement goes beyond the educational domain, influencing other areas such as social development, student recruitment, and even financial sustainability.

Role of Alumni in Improving Quality and Quantity of Students

Alumni play an indispensable role in the development of the pesantren, especially in improving the quality and quantity of the students. Their involvement goes beyond just attending or supporting events; it actively shapes the pesantren's educational outcomes. As mentors and motivators, alumni provide invaluable guidance to students, assisting them in navigating academic challenges and personal growth. Many alumni have a strong sense of gratitude towards the pesantren for shaping their character, and this translates into their role as mentors. They share their life experiences, often detailing how their education at the pesantren helped them succeed after graduation. This not only encourages the current students to work harder but also provides them with real-life examples of what they can achieve with perseverance and dedication. Through their mentorship, alumni help shape the mindset of the students, motivating them to strive for excellence in both academic and personal development.

In addition to being mentors, alumni play a significant role in teaching and skill-building. Many alumni actively engage in providing additional training to the students in life skills such as entrepreneurship, leadership, and public speaking. These skills are crucial for the personal and professional success of the students after they graduate. By offering these skills, alumni are not just preparing students for exams, but for the broader challenges they will face in the professional world. Alumni share knowledge and provide practical guidance, such as entrepreneurial opportunities and how to be effective leaders in their communities. This aspect of alumni involvement helps bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world applicability.

Moreover, alumni serve as the primary promoters of the pesantren. They act as ambassadors for the institution by spreading awareness through social media, events, and direct interaction with prospective students. According to the data from the pesantren, 90% of new students enrolled due to the personal recommendations of alumni. This indicates the powerful impact alumni have in

not just promoting the values of the pesantren, but also in bringing in new students who trust the judgment of those who have gone through the system themselves. The role of alumni as promoters helps expand the reach of the pesantren, thereby increasing its student body and diversifying the institution's student population.

Forms of Alumni Contributions to Pesantren

The contributions made by alumni extend far beyond their direct involvement with students. These contributions significantly impact the overall development of the pesantren. Alumni actively participate in mentoring programs, providing practical knowledge, advice, and motivation to students. These mentoring sessions often go beyond academic subjects, as alumni help students build character, hone their soft skills, and prepare for life after graduation. Through these personalized mentorship programs, alumni provide a support system that helps students navigate the complexities of both their studies and personal lives.

In addition to mentoring, alumni contribute to the financial sustainability of the pesantren. They are involved in fundraising efforts and have provided financial support for scholarships and infrastructure development. This includes providing scholarships to students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, thereby ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder talented students from accessing education. Through these efforts, alumni contribute to making education more inclusive and accessible, supporting the pesantren's mission of providing quality education to all, regardless of their financial background. These fundraising efforts are not limited to scholarships, but also extend to building improvements and other initiatives to enhance the learning environment for current and future students.

Alumni also play a role in social development within the pesantren. They contribute to community outreach programs, such as organizing social events, health campaigns, and environmental sustainability projects. By leveraging their networks and professional experiences, alumni help organize events that directly benefit not just the pesantren, but also the surrounding community. These social contributions help strengthen the pesantren's relationship with the local community and make the pesantren a hub of positive social change.

Supporting and Inhibiting Factors for Alumni Engagement

While alumni contribute significantly to the growth of the pesantren, there are several factors that either support or hinder their involvement. The supporting factors include the strong motivation and loyalty that many alumni feel towards the pesantren. Many alumni express a deep sense of gratitude for

the education and moral development they received, which motivates them to give back. This sense of indebtedness often translates into active participation in mentorship programs, financial support, and the promotion of the pesantren. The loyalty of alumni is one of the driving forces behind their willingness to contribute to the institution's ongoing success.

Another supporting factor is the vast social networks that alumni possess. Many alumni hold influential positions in various sectors, including business, government, and education. These networks can be leveraged to support the pesantren by bringing in resources, offering professional guidance, and opening doors to new opportunities for students. The wide-reaching networks of alumni help create pathways for the pesantren to grow both financially and socially.

On the other hand, there are several inhibiting factors that limit alumni's ability to contribute fully. One of the major barriers is the lack of structured coordination and communication between the pesantren and its alumni. Without a formal system of engagement, the connection between alumni and the pesantren remains sporadic and uncoordinated, reducing the impact that alumni can have. The absence of an official alumni organization further complicates this issue, making it harder to maintain long-term relationships and track alumni involvement.

Another limiting factor is the geographical distance and time constraints faced by many alumni. As some alumni live in distant areas or have demanding jobs, they find it difficult to actively participate in activities and programs held at the pesantren. This geographic and time barrier can significantly reduce alumni participation in on-site events and mentoring sessions.

Outcomes of Strengthening Alumni Involvement

The active involvement of alumni has led to several positive outcomes for the pesantren and its students. One of the key benefits has been the improvement in the quality of students. Through the mentoring programs, alumni have helped students not only improve academically but also develop essential life skills. The students report feeling more motivated and confident in their ability to succeed, thanks to the support and guidance provided by alumni. This increase in motivation and self-confidence has a direct impact on student performance and overall development.

Additionally, alumni involvement has contributed to the increase in the number of students enrolling at the pesantren. By actively promoting the pesantren through personal networks and social media, alumni have expanded the reach of the pesantren's recruitment efforts. Their direct involvement in bringing new students has helped diversify the student body and make the pesantren more attractive to prospective students.

The alumni network itself has also grown stronger, thanks to the structured activities that have been organized. These activities have not only allowed alumni to reconnect with the pesantren but have also provided new opportunities for collaboration in fields such as education, business, and social outreach. By creating a more organized alumni network, the pesantren is better equipped to harness the collective expertise and resources of its alumni to foster further development.

Based on the research findings, several recommendations can be made to further strengthen alumni involvement at Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon. First, it is recommended to develop a regular mentoring program that involves alumni as key facilitators. By institutionalizing the mentoring process, the pesantren can ensure that alumni continue to provide ongoing support and guidance to students throughout their academic journey.

Second, the pesantren should invest in digital communication platforms to improve the coordination and communication between alumni and the pesantren. By utilizing tools like WhatsApp, social media, or even dedicated alumni apps, the pesantren can keep alumni engaged, informed, and active in the institution's ongoing activities.

Lastly, creating an official alumni organization is essential to provide alumni with a platform for collaboration and a structured system for contribution. This organization would serve as the central hub for all alumni-related activities, ensuring that alumni can remain engaged and contribute in meaningful ways. These recommendations aim to solidify the relationship between alumni and the pesantren, ensuring that alumni contributions continue to drive the growth and development of Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon in the future.

Discussion

This study examines the significant role of alumni in enhancing both the quality and quantity of students at Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon, Cibungbulang, Bogor. The findings indicate that alumni contribute significantly to the development of the pesantren, although several challenges must be addressed to optimize their contributions. Alums play a vital role not only in academic aspects but also as mentors, motivators, and intermediaries between the pesantren and the broader community. This aligns with existing theories that view alums as valuable social assets in strengthening the quality of education at Islamic educational institutions (Huda & Rahman, 2023). Alumni mentorship is crucial, as it guides students in preparing for their futures, shaping their character, and inspiring both academic and personal growth. Moreover, alums have a significant impact on the pesantren's reputation and recruitment efforts.

The research shows that 90% of new students enrolled through alum recommendations, underscoring the importance of alum networks in attracting prospective students. This highlights alums's pivotal role in promoting the pesantren through their personal experiences and networks (Wulandari & Listiyanti, 2022).

Alums contribute in diverse ways, with mentoring, skill-building, and community engagement being central to their impact. Mentoring programs, organized by alums, help students gain practical life skills in addition to academic knowledge. These initiatives provide students with relevant skills that support their personal and professional development, demonstrating the broader value alums bring to the pesantren beyond academic contributions. Additionally, alums's fundraising efforts, such as donations for scholarships and facility renovations, highlight their contribution to the socio-economic development of the pesantren. These efforts emphasize the collective power of alumni in supporting the pesantren's sustainability.

The study also identified several factors that support and inhibit alum involvement. A major supporting factor is the strong motivation and loyalty of alums to give back to the pesantren, which often stems from the positive experiences they had during their education. Furthermore, alums's broad social networks in sectors such as business, education, and social organizations enhance the pesantren's capacity to develop and expand. However, the study also identified challenges that hinder alum participation. The lack of structured coordination and communication between the pesantren and its alums is a significant barrier. Without an organized communication system or an alumni platform, alumni contributions are not fully maximized. Additionally, logistical challenges, such as geographical distance and time constraints, prevent many alums from actively participating in on-site activities.

One of the key findings of this research is the importance of strengthening communication and coordination between the pesantren and its alums. A structured alum network, which includes clear roles and responsibilities, would facilitate more efficient collaboration and enable alums to contribute more effectively. Digital platforms could be used to bridge geographical gaps and enable alums to remain engaged despite logistical constraints. The establishment of such a network would create opportunities for alums to collaborate across various domains, including education, business, and social outreach. This would further contribute to the long-term sustainability and development of the pesantren.

To optimize alum involvement, the pesantren should focus on creating a more organized and structured alum network. Regular mentoring programs, skill development initiatives, and fundraising activities should be integral

components of the pesantren's long-term strategy. Enhancing digital communication platforms would also ensure that alums who are unable to participate in person can still engage with the institution. By implementing these recommendations, Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon can harness the full potential of its alumni, ensuring their contributions support the institution's sustainable growth and success. The role of alums should be seen as fundamental to the pesantren's continued success, and their involvement should be nurtured and institutionalized for the long-term benefit of both current students and the pesantren itself.

CONCLUSION

This study examined the significant role of alums in enhancing both the quality and quantity of students (santri) at Pondok Pesantren Al-Qur'an Al-Itqon Cibungbulang, Bogor. The research aimed to identify the roles alumni play, the supporting and inhibiting factors, and the outcomes of alum engagement in supporting the growth of the pesantren. The findings demonstrate that alums significantly contribute to mentoring, skill training, character development, and promoting the pesantren to prospective students. The study also highlighted that alumni's active involvement in these areas directly influences the number of recruits, with 90% of new students joining based on alumni recommendations.

However, the research also identified several challenges, including poor coordination between the pesantren and alumni, as well as geographical and time constraints that limit alums's direct involvement. These barriers hinder the optimal use of alum resources and their full potential in contributing to the pesantren's development. To address these issues, it is recommended that communication and coordination be improved through digital platforms and the establishment of a structured alum organization. This study contributes to the existing body of knowledge by emphasizing the importance of alum involvement in the sustainable development of Islamic educational institutions. It provides practical insights for pesantren seeking to harness the power of alum networks to enhance educational quality and student recruitment. Future research could investigate the development of more structured alum management systems and the impact of digital communication tools on enhancing alum participation.

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