



IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY IN THE USE OF REGIONAL ELECTION FUNDS IN PURBALINGGA DISTRICT IN 2024 THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF THE ADHOC BODY BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY INFORMATION SYSTEM (SITAB) IN THE PURBALINGGA GENERAL ELECTION COMMISSION (KPU)

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Abstract

This article discusses the implementation of the Budget Accountability Information System for Adhoc Bodies (SITAB) application in enhancing transparency in the use of election funds in Purbalingga Regency. SITAB is a digital system designed to record and monitor budget accountability by adhoc bodies within the General Election Commission (KPU). The research findings indicate that the SITAB application improves efficiency and accountability in financial reporting, although challenges remain in terms of user comprehension and system stability. This article provides recommendations for optimizing the application through server capacity upgrades, intensive user training, and improvements in backup systems and data security.

Keywords: Transparency, Election Funds, SITAB Application, KPU, Accountability

Abstrak

Artikel ini membahas penerapan aplikasi Sistem Informasi Pertanggungjawaban Anggaran Badan Adhoc (SITAB) dalam meningkatkan transparansi penggunaan dana Pilkada di Kabupaten Purbalingga. Aplikasi SITAB merupakan sistem digital yang dirancang untuk mencatat dan memantau pertanggungjawaban anggaran oleh badan adhoc dalam Komisi Pemilihan Umum (KPU). Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa aplikasi SITAB mampu meningkatkan efisiensi dan akuntabilitas dalam pelaporan keuangan, meskipun masih terdapat kendala dalam hal pemahaman pengguna dan stabilitas sistem. Artikel ini memberikan rekomendasi terkait optimalisasi aplikasi melalui peningkatan kapasitas server, pelatihan intensif bagi pengguna, serta peningkatan sistem backup dan keamanan data.

Kata Kunci : Transparansi, Dana Pilkada, Aplikasi SITAB, KPU, Akuntabilitas

A. INTRODUCTION

General elections are the main pillar of democracy that aims to elect regional leaders directly by the people. In its implementation, transparency in the use of Pilkada funds is a crucial aspect to ensure public accountability. The Purbalingga Regency KPU faces challenges in ensuring transparency in the use of Pilkada funds, so that effective and efficient management becomes a top priority. To answer this challenge, the KPU implemented the SITAB application, which was designed as a means of digitization in the preparation of the budget accountability of the Pilkada adhoc body.

B. IMPLEMENTATION AND METHODS

The author conducted an internship at the Purbalingga General Election Commission (KPU) from August 12 to December 13, 2024. During the internship, the author was placed in the Finance, General, and Logistics Subdivision (KUL) which provided an opportunity to be involved in various administrative and operational activities of the KPU. In carrying out the internship, the author followed the rules that had been set, such as taking attendance, entering before 07.30 and leaving at 16.30, and following the prescribed dress code, namely wearing alma mater on Monday, polite free clothes on Tuesday to Thursday, and batik on Friday. In addition, interns are not allowed to leave the office without permission.

Table 1. KPU Internship Working Hours

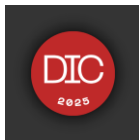
Working Days	Time	Break
Monday - Thursday	07.30 – 16.00	12.00
Friday	07.30 – 16.30	11.30



Picture 1. Logistics Management of Pilkada Ink Packing

During the internship, the author was assigned the main task of managing and filing letters. Some of the documents handled include incoming letters, outgoing letters, minutes of events, official travel letters, assignment letters, and accountability letters. The archiving process is done manually by recording the agenda in a book and digitally using a scanner and KPU Purbalingga's internal application. Official travel and duty letters are archived as proof of reporting to the Ministry of Finance through the Sakti application. In addition, the author also plays a role in creating social media content to support the socialization of Pilkada 2024. The content created includes information flyers, Instagram video reels, and holiday greetings that are tailored to social media trends.

The author also had the opportunity to participate in business trips within the city, such as accompanying meetings, monitoring election logistics in several locations, and documenting the activities



that take place. In addition, in terms of administration, the author assists in handling official travel letters by receiving reports, checking documents, and filing them manually and digitally after obtaining signatures and stamps from related parties. The author is also involved in administrative services by helping to receive LPJ reports from PPK and PPS, checking documents, and stamping official travel orders (SPPD) and transferring digital archives.

In addition to administrative tasks, the author also participated in the socialization of the Pancasila Student Profile Strengthening Project (P5) with the KPU at SMK YPT 1 Purbalingga to introduce novice voters to the 2024 Election. In the logistics field, the author assists in checking and calculating ink, as well as ensuring the condition of election logistics such as voting booths, plastic, and ballot seals stored in the Puspa Hastama Warehouse in good condition. During the internship, the author also learned from the Election Class activities that are routinely held by KPU Purbalingga every month. This activity aims to increase students' understanding of the election process and encourage active participation as voters.

As part of the documentation task, the author is also responsible for documenting various activities such as morning roll call, hero's day ceremony, and other important meetings. This documentation was then uploaded to the KPU's Google Drive and photo editing was carried out to ensure a more organized archive. With the various tasks that have been carried out, the internship experience at KPU Purbalingga provides a broad insight into government administration, election logistics, and socialization strategies. digital-based, while improving skills in document management and social media.

C. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Accountability Information System
Application Prior to the implementation of

SITAB, budget accountability reporting was done manually, which often led to delays and potential data loss. With the adoption of SITAB, relevant documents can be managed digitally, allowing for faster monitoring and verification by stakeholders. Some of the key benefits of this application include:

1. **Administrative Efficiency:** Financial documents can be accessed and checked digitally, reducing the risk of loss or manipulation of physical documents.
2. **Increased Accountability:** Every financial transaction is clearly documented, ensuring transparency and preventing misuse of funds.
3. **Optimization of Time and Resources:** Validation and reporting can be done faster as data is stored in one centralized system that is easily accessible.

However, in its implementation, there are several challenges that still need to be overcome, including:

1. **Technical Interruptions:** Servers are often overloaded when many users access the app at the same time.
2. **User Understanding Constraints:** Some officers, especially at the Kecamatan Election Committee (PPK) and Voting Committee (PPS) levels, still have limitations in understanding the use of this application.
3. **Infrastructure Access:** The limited internet network in some areas causes obstacles in the accessibility and optimization of the application.

D. CLOSING

Summary

The SITAB application is an innovative solution that supports transparency and efficiency in election budget management. By utilizing information technology, This application helps KPU and Adhoc Bodies such as PPK and PPS in preparing structured budget accountability reports, thus creating



better accountability.

However, the implementation of this application still requires more attention to technical aspects, user education, and infrastructure. Improvement efforts such as increasing server capacity, intensive training for users, and system optimization are expected to overcome the existing obstacles. With the right evaluation steps, SITAB can be the main tool that supports the smooth administration of election finances in the future.

With good cooperation between the KPU, Adhoc Body, and application developers, SITAB can be an effective model of financial accountability digitization in Indonesia.

Advice

To improve the quality of the SITAB application, several steps need to be considered. First, the technology infrastructure must be strengthened by increasing server capacity and optimizing the system to make it more stable and responsive. Second, the KPU needs to improve education for PPK and PPS through intensive training, visual guidance, and socialization of account security and document standards. In addition, backup systems and data

security should be strengthened to prevent data loss or manipulation. PPK and PPS are also advised to upload documents earlier to avoid the buildup of users ahead of the deadline. Finally, monitoring by KPU operators should be improved so that budget reports from Adhoc Bodies can be submitted on time, ensuring transparency and accountability of the system.

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