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# Game Modification of *Kuru-Kuru* Model For Improving Dental Hygiene Treatment of Pregnant Women

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**Abstract:- Dental and oral health problems in pregnant** women are caused by poor care behavior of dental and oral hygiene as well as the condition of dental and oral hygiene of pregnant women itself. Those can lead to an impact of premature birth and low weight of the baby at birth. Strategies for behavioral change in pregnant women were one achieved through dental and oral hygiene education in the form of counseling along with material delivered that was well received by the pregnant women as the subject of research. The modification of Kuru-Kuru as game model can improve skills, self-reliance and as a media of counseling to pregnant women. The aim of research is to create Kuru-Kuru, a game model, as an effort to improve dental health treatment to pregnant women. Research and Development method (R & D) was adopted with model testing of quasy-experimental one-group pre-test posttest design for this research. OHI-S and the skills of pregnant women are the dependent variables. The expert validation used intra-class correlation coefficient, while for the normality test, it used Shapiro Wilk. In addition, variable of abnormal pregnant women used non-parametric test (Wilcoxon). The result of Kuru-Kuru game model is either relevant or feasible as an effort to improve dental and oral hygiene of pregnant women shown by p-value less than 0.003. This game effectively improves the skills of dental and oral hygiene with pre-test result in 5.92±1.158 and post-test in  $9.54\pm0.613$  (p < 0.000) and lowers the score of OHI-S pregnant women with pre-test in 1.211±0.605 and posttest in  $0.155\pm0.275$  (p < 0.000). It can be concluded that Kuru-kuru game model is effective as an effort to shape the behavior of pregnant women in improving dental and oral hygiene.

Keywords:- Dental Hygiene, Kuru-Kuru, Pregnant Women

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Various dental and oral health problems are often encountered in the different dental and oral hygiene, gingivitis, periodontal disease and dental caries. The major problem faced by people in Indonesia and other developing countries in the field of dental and oral hygiene is dental caries and gingivitis that occurs in all circles including pregnant women[1][2].

The number of dental and oral health problems of pregnant women in Indonesia, especially dental and oral hygiene is 37.9%, and gingivitis in as much as 56.7% [3][4].

Dental and oral health problems are caused by many consumption of sweet and sticky foods, lack of morning tooth brushing after breakfast and night before bedtime, chewing with both sides of the jaw and less dietary fiber intake[5] as well as the poor care behavior upon dental and oral hygiene [6]. This is proven by research demonstrating knowledge percentage in 47.2%, attitudes in 44.5%, and actions in 44.5% are all in bad category, meaning that there is influence of dental and oral health care behavior to OHI-S. Thus, the behavior happens through stimulus towards a person[7].

Behavioral change strategies are strengths, regulations or penalties and education. One of the strategies of behavioral change in pregnant women is through dental health education in the form of counseling with the purpose of material delivery which is expected to be well-received by them. In Timor-Leste, it takes need to pay attention to local wisdom culture. During this counseling, we only used lecture method, demonstration and props that have an influence to improve the knowledge and skills of participants[8]. However, the government need to develop other methods and media in terms of dental and oral hygiene promotion such as game of local culture (*Kuru-kuru*) and dice-like game.

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An effort to improve the dental and oral hygiene of pregnant women can be performed by the innovation of Public Health Care cadre training program, implementing the local wisdom of the game, a Timor-Leste traditional game, which almost played in every area at people feast and grief. *Kuru-Kuru* is made of cube-shaped wood that resembles a dice. There are six surfaces on the six sides given dice one to six. This *Kuru-Kuru* game will be modified into a game model of *Kuru-Kuru* which contains dental and oral medical material for pregnant women to be performed by the UKGM (Community Dental and Oral Care) cadre as an extension media. The implementation of this *Kuru-Kuru* game models are as follows: training, simulation, practice and evaluation.

### II. METHODOLOGY

The method in this research is Research and Development (R & D). The test model used Quasy-experimental one-group pre-test post-test design. The aim of this research is to modify the model of *Kuru-Kuru* as dental and oral hygiene learning method [9]. The main stages include 5, i.e. data collection, design and build, expert validation and revision, model test and model result[10]. The research venue was done at Servisu Saude Komunitaria Comoro in RDTL (Republica Democratica de Timor-Leste).

The sampling technique was purposive sampling of 50 pregnant women who meet the criteria of inclusion. Intraclass statistical test correlation was done to understand the feasibility of the model. Shapiro Wilk was chosen for the normality test when the respondent amounted to less than 50. Wilcoxon test was picked for the in-pair group effectivity as the data is not normal.

## III. RESULTS

## A. Data Collection

Education of dental and oral hygiene for pregnant women can be performed through understandable delivery of material and information and in accordance with the conditions and education. Media and props facilitate the material to be understood along with the practice of tooth-brushing through the simulation made it easy. Consequently, the media or games make pregnant mothers more active in playing and thinking.

# B. Design and Build

The design and build of the model was made based on the results of data collection with the approach of following theories: design and modification of *Kuru-Kuru* game as an effort to improve the dental and oral hygiene care of pregnant women.

## C. Expert Validation

Table 1 shows the expert validation results, in which the result is 0.003 reflecting the p-value is less than 0.05, meaning that the game model of *Kuru-Kuru* modification is relevant or feasible as an effort to improve the dental and oral hygiene of pregnant women.

Expert Validation*						
n		f(%)	P-value			
Relevant	3	100	0,003			
Irrelevant	0	0				

intraclass correlation coefficient

Table 1:- Statistical Validation Test From Game Expert

#### D. Model Test

Table 2 shows the normality test of skills data and OHI-S of pregnant women in a p-value of less than 0.05. Thus, it can be inferred that the data are not normally distributed so the non-parametric test is performed.

Pregnant women (n=50)	
Pre-test treatment	0,000
Post-test treatment	0,000
OHI-S pre-test	0,000
OHI-S post-test	0,000

Shapiro-Wilk

Table 2:- Normality Test Results

Table 3 shows the normality data test in pregnant women. It shows that the effectiveness test of the data on the action of tooth brushing of pregnant women indicates that the p-value of the pre-test and post-test is 0,000 (p <0.05) means that the game model of Kuru-Kuru is effective in improving the oral hygiene of pregnant women. Effectivity test of OHI-S indicates that the p-value of pre-test and post-test is 0,000 (p <0.05) meaning that the game model Kuru-Kuru is effective in reducing the OHI-S score in pregnant women.

Effectivity Test*						
	n	Mean	SD	p-value		
Pregnant women treatment						
Pre-test	50	5,92	1,158	0,000		
Post-test	50	9,54	0,613			
OHI-S of pregnant women						
Pre-test	50	1,211	0,605	0,000		
Post-test	50	0,155	0,275			

Wilcoxo

Table 3:- Normality Test Results

# E. Model Results

The result of the model which is *Kuru-Kuru*, is the outcome of the dental and oral care counseling and media development. *Kuru-Kuru* game is played by learning through guessing numbers done by participants, in this case is pregnant women. The game is guided by dental and oral health cadres at the Maternal and Child Health Care.



Fig 1:- Kuru-kuru Model



Fig 2:- Playing card with material

## IV. DISCUSSION

The results of the data collection obtained conclusions that improving skills, habit and knowledge are very important. In shaping one's actions, it is needed an effort to support learning media or counseling which is fun, useful, brings joy and stimulates the brain through playing media that involves pregnant women in their good dental and oral hygiene[11][12]. The abnormality of dental and oral hygiene of pregnant women is not explicitly because of

pregnancy but due to poor dental and oral hygiene and lack of knowledge regarding dental and oral care hygiene[13].

Model design is the result of translating analysis into packages and creating a system as well as modifying or improving an existing model that is used to increase an understanding of patient for the material. The development method in this design is in the form of traditional game media, namely *Kuru-Kuru*[14][15].

The media is tested on several indicators of eligibility assessment from the aspect of media and material so that the media is declared fit for use. Judging from all these aspects, expert validation needs to be done to produce useful and qualified extension media [16]. The media is a tool to make it easier to deliver extension material[17].

Based on the characteristics of pregnant women that during pregnancy, the problem of nausea, vomiting, dizziness, laziness can cause the mother to pay less attention to her dental and oral hygiene so that it can have a negative impact on pregnant women and fetal growth[18][19]. Based on this problem, providing counseling to pregnant women about dental and oral hygiene through Maternal and Child Health Care handled by the cadres is a must.

An increase in the practice of dental and oral hygiene is because the cadres have been provided it with dental and oral health materials, also dental and oral hygiene including proper tooth brushing techniques through simulation practices and demonstrations using *Kuru-Kuru* game. One study notes that the practice of brushing directly and repeatedly is what makes people accustomed to doing it and easily applies the lesson they have received[20].

The decrease in OHI-S come up due to the advantages of *Kuru-Kuru* game. Besides, it is because of providing counseling through repeated games of proper tooth brushing techniques and dental and oral disease material through demonstrations. This is proven in research that brushing techniques with the correct frequency, will effectively reduces OHI-S scores and by always taking care of dental and oral hygiene, it can avoid dental and oral disease[21].

The implementation of extension media was carried out in 3 stages consisting of: Stage 1, carried out pre-test, simulation, demonstration of brushing techniques, playing *Kuru-Kuru* and counseling. Stage 2 is repetition of brushing teeth with the proper technique, playing *Kuru-Kuru* and counseling. Stage 3 is simulation, demonstration of *Kuru-Kuru*. Through the game media, participants were more enthusiastic about receiving educational material, and after all, there is an increase in self-improvement of dental and oral hygiene in pregnant women. [22]

### V. CONCLUSION

Dental and oral hygiene problems occur on pregnant women is a challenge to solve. The use of game model to improve dental and oral hygiene is one solution. Since dental hygiene is an integral part of health especially for pregnant women, the cadres of dental and oral hygiene should play roles. This research in dental and oral hygiene for pregnant women was done using game model named *Kuru-Kuru*. Modification of the *Kuru-Kuru* model game effectively increases the dental and oral hygiene of pregnant women and decreases the OHI-S score of theirs.

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