

**MANAGEMENT OF VILLAGE FUNDS IN SUPPORTING
STUNTING REDUCTION INTERVENTIONS IN BENGKALIS
SUBDISTRICT 2021–2024**

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ABSTRACT

This research is titled "Village Fund Management in Supporting Stunting Reduction Interventions in Bengkalis Subdistrict for the Years 2021–2024." The study aims to analyze the management of Village Funds in supporting stunting reduction interventions in three villages in Bengkalis Subdistrict, namely Kelebuk Village, Temeran Village, and Kuala Alam Village, during the 2021–2024 period. The focus of the research includes how the village funds are implemented, the challenges faced by the village governments, and the efforts made to overcome those obstacles. This study employs a qualitative approach with data collection techniques including observation, documentation, and in-depth interviews. The findings show that Village Funds were used to support activities such as posyandu (integrated health services), the provision of supplementary food, nutrition education, and incentives for early childhood education (PAUD) teachers. Despite budget limitations and uneven public awareness, the three villages have made adaptive efforts to manage the funds in a participatory, transparent, and accountable manner. This study concludes that Village Fund management has made a tangible contribution to stunting reduction interventions, although improvements are still needed in planning, coordination, and community involvement to achieve more optimal and sustainable outcomes in the future.

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