

ABSTRACT

In Article 18 paragraph (2) of the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia, it is stated that the provincial, district and city governments regulate and manage their own government affairs according to the principles of autonomy and co-administration. One of the implementations is that the South Semarang District Head is authorized by the Mayor of Semarang to carry out his duties and functions to assist the City Government program called Thematic Village. All sub-districts in South Semarang Sub-district have thematic Villages but not all of them have developed. The research problem is how the implementation of the coordination function by the South Semarang District Head in each stage of the Thematic Village program is and what obstacles are faced in implementing the coordination function.

The results of this study show that the stages of implementing the Thematic Village program consist of community meetings, development planning deliberation, proposal preparation, budgeting, and implementation of the Thematic Village program. The District Head of South Semarang has carried out a coordinating function at the implementation stage of the Thematic Village program. In the implementation of the Thematic Village, the Head of the South Semarang District has carried out communication, division of tasks, cooperation, harmony and agreement which are elements of coordination. The obstacles faced in the development stage of Thematic Villages are communication and public awareness, and marketing.

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