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# IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VALUE OF RELIGIOUS MODERATION IN THE MIDST OF A MULTI-FAITH COMMUNITY: The Perspective of Multicultural Islamic Religious Education in Kapuas Hulu Regency

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## Abstract

The implementation of religious moderation values in the midst of a multi-faith society in Kapuas Hulu Regency is important to strengthen harmony between religious communities. This regency is known for its high religious diversity so that in this context, multicultural Islamic religious education plays a strategic role in instilling the values of religious moderation. This study is included in the qualitative cluster by collecting observational data, interviews and documentation. In addition, researchers analyzed the data using data condensation, data display and drawing conclusions. The results of the study indicate that the implementation of religious moderation values in Islamic Religious Education in Kapuas Hulu Regency is very important to create a harmonious and peaceful society amidst diversity. Islamic Religious Education in Kapuas Hulu Regency has a strategic role in the implementation of religious moderation values, in the midst of a society that has high religious diversity. The values of religious moderation applied by the people of Kapuas Hulu Regency include a) tolerance, b) anti-violence, c) social justice and, d) inclusive attitudes so that they can make the people of Kapuas Hulu cooperate and respect each other. In addition, Kapuas Hulu Regency provides an understanding of the values of religious moderation through Islamic religious education such as a) religious tolerance education and b) understanding of religious moderation.

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## A. INTRODUCTION

Indonesia is a country with high religious diversity, consisting of various ethnicities, ethnicities, and cultures so that this diversity is one of the characteristics of the Indonesian nation, but it can also be a challenge in creating a harmonious social life (Setiawan, 2022). Especially in a religious context, differences in beliefs often give rise to the potential for social conflicts if not managed properly (M, n.d.). Therefore, it is important to instill the values of religious moderation as part of religious education that can build tolerance, mutual understanding, and harmony between religious communities in a multi-religious society. faith. So that Religious moderation as an approach that emphasizes a balanced understanding of religion, avoiding extremism and encouraging the values of harmony between religious communities. This concept is very relevant in the context of a pluralistic Indonesian society, where various religions and beliefs coexist (Rafiq, A., & Hidayat, 2021). The values of religious moderation can provide enlightenment in facing social challenges caused by differences in religious beliefs and practices (Bela et al., 2021).

The value of religious moderation refers to a religious attitude that is not extreme, which prioritizes balance, tolerance and respect for differences (M. Hasan, 2021). This approach is important to avoid potential conflicts between religious people that can arise due to incomprehension or disharmony in interacting. In the Indonesian context, religious moderation is not only about reducing tensions between religious communities, but also strengthening social integration through the understanding that diversity is a wealth that must be maintained and appreciated (ABROR, 2020). In the midst of a multi- faith The implementation of the value of religious moderation can be seen from various aspects, ranging from religious education, government policies, to daily social interactions between individuals from different religious backgrounds. In addition, the role of religious leaders, religious organizations and social media is also very important in shaping and spreading the values of religious moderation. This research aims to explore more deeply how the value of religious moderation is applied in the lives of religiously diverse communities and the challenges faced in the implementation process.

Issues of intolerance, radicalization, and interfaith discrimination are major concerns in social discourse and state policies (Budiman et al., 2022). Likewise, the people of Kapuas Hulu Regency have a diversity of cultures, ethnicities, traditions

and religions, so that friction and small-scale disputes often occur due to differences. Therefore, it is important to examine how the values of religious moderation can be implemented to strengthen tolerance and maintain harmony in a multi-religious society in Kapuas Hulu Regency. This is due to the diversity that exists in Kapuas Hulu Regency and the plurality of its community. In addition, in maintaining the peace of this diversity, the world of education also has a significant role in making a harmonious society. The perspective of multicultural Islamic religious education as a learning process not only teaches the teachings of Islam itself, but also provides an understanding of other religions around students (Miftahol Arifin, 2017). This aims to instill mutual respect and appreciation for differences and form a generation that is able to coexist with tolerance and peace.

The purpose of this research also lies in the concept of implementing the value of religious moderation in a society rich in differences and the role of educational institutions as one of the channels to instill the value of religious moderation. In schools, madrasas, and universities, religious education must be able to instill the principles of moderation, such as respect for differences, inclusive attitudes, and rejection of violence in the name of religion. In addition, education is an important bridge that can reduce social tensions and introduce the values of unity in diversity. Likewise, the people in Kapuas Hulu Regency have a good view of differences, this is reflected in social relations such as cooperation in regional development, mutual cooperation and mutual help between communities in Kapuas Hulu Regency.

In line with the observations made by researchers on 10/09/2024 that the people of Kapuas Hulu Regency have a very high diversity such as striking religious differences such as Islam, Christianity and Catholicism. In addition, Kapuas Hulu Regency is also rich with ethnicities such as Dayak, Javanese, Malay and Madura, all of which have their own cultures and both preserve the culture of their ancestors. So that there must be friction between the people of Kapuas Hulu Regency, but only at a glance, which is very visible on the surface of the people of Kapuas Hulu Regency cooperation, together building harmony and harmony. This is due to public awareness of peace which is contained in the value of religious moderation. In addition, the community in Kapuas Hulu Regency also emphasizes multidisciplinary Islamic religious education in the younger generation to maintain

peace and cooperation with the local community regardless of the differences that exist P/10/09/2024.

Basically, Religious Moderation itself is not only seen as an individual attitude in religion, but also as a social principle that needs to be applied in various aspects of life (Qomariyah, 2019). This value includes the avoidance of extreme attitudes in religion, both in the practice of worship, the interpretation of religious teachings, and in the interaction between religious people. Religious moderation promotes the importance of balance, mutual respect, and interfaith dialogue to create a sense of mutual understanding and unity. So that research on the implementation of the value of religious moderation in the midst of a multi-cultural society faith in Kapuas Hulu Regency aims to provide a deeper understanding of how moderation values can be applied in a very diverse society. The results of this research are expected to contribute to efforts to create a more peaceful, tolerant, and harmonious society, as well as be a consideration in the formulation of more inclusive policies in the religious and social context in Indonesia.

Many studies related to the implementation of religious moderation have been written, one of which was conducted by Dewi Himmatul Agustin and I Wayan Arsana who discussed the Implementation of Religious Moderation in the Community of Balonggarut Village, Krembung District, Sidoarjo Regency (2023). This study shows that the public's understanding of religious moderation is the impact of religious leaders who provide knowledge about religious moderation, in addition to good communication between religious leaders and the community as well as the younger generation makes the diversity in society a reason for religious people to respect each other in living a harmonious and peaceful life (Agustin & Arsana, 2023).

Similar research was conducted by Dany Setyanto, Yuli Umro'atin and Muhammad Syukur Hidayatullah who discussed the Implementation of Religious Moderation in the Community from the Perspective of Islamic Religious Extension Workers (2023). This research shows that Indonesian society has a multicultural character because Indonesia is rich in diversity of religions, cultures, customs and languages, but everything coexists without seeing the differences between each other. In addition, the Indonesian people uphold the attitude of *seimbang* and *cowardice* so that it has an impact on the harmony of religious communities,

therefore the understanding of multicultural values should be an effort for the community to coexist in coexistence (Dany Setyanto, 2023).

The above research has touched on several discussions that will be written in this study such as a) public understanding of religious moderation so that people have a good awareness of peace, b) religious moderation is no longer a new issue in diverse lives in a pluralistic society and, c) the role of religious leaders as a driving force in providing an understanding of religious moderation to the community and the younger generation. However, in the above study, there is no significant discussion related to the forms of religious moderation values, besides that previous research also does not discuss related to the implementation of diverse moderation values to the plurality of society through multicultural Islamic religious education. So that in this study will discuss related to the Implementation of Religious Moderation Values in the Midst of a Multi-Faith Community from the Perspective of Multicultural Islamic Religious Education in Kapuas Hulu Regency as an effort to maintain the stability of a pluralistic and plural society.

## **B. METHODS**

This study uses a qualitative method which is a research approach that focuses on understanding social or cultural phenomena through descriptive and in-depth data collection (Mukhtar, 2019). The main goal of this method is to explore the meaning, experience, view, or perception of an individual or group in a particular context. In qualitative research, data is typically collected through in-depth interviews, observations, group discussions, or document analysis, which are then analyzed inductively to look for patterns, themes, or categories. In addition, this study uses the Sociology of Religion approach, which is a way to study religion through the lens of sociology, which focuses on how religion influences, shapes, and interacts with social structures in society (Gunawan Adnan, 2020). This approach considers religion not only as an individual's belief or practice, but also as a social phenomenon that has an important role in shaping values, norms, and social relationships in society. In the sociology of religion, researchers seek to understand how religion can affect various aspects of social life, such as intergroup relationships, politics, economics, and culture. In addition, this approach also looks

at how social changes and societal dynamics affect the development of religion and religious practices.

This research uses primary data and secondary data, in addition to the method of data collection is carried out by observation as a process of systematic observation of certain objects, events, or phenomena with the aim of collecting data or information (Hardani, 2020). In observation, the observer records or records what happens objectively without changing or influencing the event. Observation is often used in various fields of science, such as psychology, education, science, and social research, to gain a deeper understanding of the subject being studied. Furthermore, the researcher conducts an interview as a communication process between two or more parties, where one party (usually the interviewer) asks a series of questions to obtain information, knowledge, or opinions from the other party (usually the source) (Prastowo, 2016). Interviews are often used in a variety of contexts, such as in the world of work, research, journalism, or education. The main purpose of the interview is to dig into in-depth information regarding a particular topic. Interviews can be conducted face-to-face (face-to-face), by phone, or using other electronic media.

In addition, researchers carry out documentation as a way of collecting data, documentation is the process of creating, collecting, organizing, and storing information or data in written form, images, videos, or other formats to make it easier to understand, use, or refer to in the future (M. R. Fadli, 2021). Documentation can be used for a variety of purposes, such as explaining procedures, providing instructions, documenting results, or storing important information related to a project, system, or activity. In the professional world, good documentation helps ensure smooth communication, minimize errors, and support system sustainability and maintenance. Data analysis carried out by researchers by condensing data display data and draw conclusions (Miles. M. B., Huberman, A, M., & Saldana, 2014).

## **C. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

Kapuas Hulu Regency, located in West Kalimantan Province, is one of the regions in Indonesia that has a multireligious and multicultural society. This diversity includes Islam, Christianity, Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and local

beliefs. In facing the dynamics of this diversity, it is important to develop the values of religious moderation as a foundation in maintaining harmony, tolerance, and peace between religious communities. Kapuas Hulu Regency has a very rich religious and cultural diversity. In this region, people coexist with various ethnicities and religions, with the majority of the population adhering to Islam, but there are also Christian, Catholic, Hindu, Buddhist, and community communities that embrace local beliefs. This diversity creates social dynamics that must be managed wisely in order to create harmony in society. As part of Indonesia, which is a country with a very wide religious diversity, Kapuas Hulu Regency also has challenges in maintaining harmony between religious communities. Various potential conflicts can arise if there is no joint effort to foster a moderate attitude in religion.

### **Islamic Religious Education**

Islamic Religious Education (PAI) is one of the disciplines in the education system that has a strategic role in shaping the character and spirituality of students (Setiawan et al., 2021). PAI aims to create individuals who are not only intellectually intelligent, but also possess spiritual depth, piety, and noble morals (Romdoniyah, Dedih, 2022). PAI focuses on understanding Islamic teachings which cover various aspects of life, so that a student can carry out life in accordance with the guidance of Islam (Darise, 2021). In Indonesia, PAI is a compulsory subject that must be taught at all levels of education, both in public and private schools. As a country with a majority Muslim population, PAI has a very important role in shaping a generation that is religious and has noble character (Cherniaieva, 2021). Through religious education, the national goal of producing a generation that has faith and piety in God Almighty can be achieved. This religious education also aims to instill social values based on Islamic principles, as well as prepare students to become productive individuals and have a positive contribution to the life of society, nation, and state.

PAI not only serves as a transfer of knowledge about religious teachings, but also instills deep spiritual, moral, and social values, which direct students to live by Islamic principles (Aladdiin, 2019). PAI teaches about the importance of a good relationship between man and God (*Hablum Minallah*), relationships between

human beings (*Hablum minannas*). as well as the relationship between man and the universe (*hablum minal 'alam*). Thus, PAI does not only focus on understanding religious teachings, but also on how to implement Islamic teachings in daily life. The main purpose of PAI is to form individuals who believe and fear Allah SWT. This includes a deep understanding of *aqidah* (faith), worship, morals, and *muamalah* (social relations). (Akbar & Farikhin, 2020).

Each material taught in PAI is designed to help students understand the essence of life and the purpose of life in accordance with the teachings of Islam. With the teaching of PAI, it is hoped that students will not only become knowledgeable people, but also have good character, such as honesty, patience, *tawadhu'*, and care for others (Sulaiman et al., 2018). Islamic Religious Education (PAI) is not just academic education that teaches about religion, but further aims to form individuals with character, faith, and piety (Judrah et al., 2024). Through PAI, students are expected to understand Islamic teachings comprehensively, practice them in their daily lives, and play an active role in society. Thus, PAI has a central role in creating a generation that is not only smart in science, but also wise in acting, and able to make a positive contribution to the life of the nation and state (Iqbal et al., 2024).

### **Values of Moderation**

Religious moderation is a very relevant concept in building a harmonious social life, especially in a pluralistic country like Indonesia (Farida, 2020). This paradigm prioritizes a balance between steadfastness in carrying out religious teachings and openness to diversity and differences. In practice, religious moderation is an important foundation for maintaining harmony between groups, preventing conflicting religions, and creating a peaceful atmosphere that respects human values. In the context of Islam, moderation is often identified with the concept of *Ummatan Wasathan*, which means the middle ummah, as mentioned in the Qur'an, Surah Al-Baqarah verse 143 (Mubadalah.id, 2021). This verse emphasizes that Muslims are expected to be a fair, balanced community, and able to be an example for other people in upholding moral and spiritual values. Religious moderation does not mean loosening religious principles or values, but rather how these principles are implemented wisely in daily life. This is done by paying



attention to the social, cultural, and diverse context of society without reducing the substance of religious teachings themselves.

The principle of moderation also has a universal dimension that can be found in various other religious traditions. Every religion, at its core, teaches balance, tolerance, and respect for fellow human beings (Islamic, 2022). By prioritizing moderation, religious people are expected to avoid extremism that can damage social harmony. Extremism, both in the form of radicalism and intolerance, often arises from a narrow understanding of religious teachings, so it is important for each individual to understand his or her religion deeply and be open to differences. In Indonesia, religious moderation is an important part of efforts to maintain national unity. As a country with religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity, the implementation of religious moderation can be a strong bulwark in facing social challenges, including potential conflicts caused by differences of view (Rahmat & Nuraisyah, 2022).

Governments, religious leaders, and communities have a shared responsibility to promote these values of moderation through education, interfaith dialogue, and policies that support inclusivity (Patih et al., 2023). By instilling religious moderation in community life, we not only create peace but also build an environment that allows each individual to practice his or her beliefs freely and with mutual respect. Moderation is a middle ground that upholds the values of humanity, tolerance, and justice, making it a solid foundation for the creation of a civilized society (Karim, 2019). The value of religious moderation includes several important aspects implemented by the people of Kapuas Hulu Regency in daily life, including:

*Tolerance*, Building mutual respect between religious communities in social life as the implementation of the value of religious moderation in Kapuas Hulu Regency can be seen from various initiatives carried out by the community and the local government. One of them is through inclusive religious education programs and interfaith dialogue that allows for mutual understanding (Ali, 2021). The local government together with community organizations and religious leaders in Kapuas Hulu Regency have held various discussions and activities that educate the public about the importance of religious moderation, tolerance, and harmony between religious communities. In addition, the role of religious leaders in Kapuas Hulu Regency is very large in promoting religious moderation in the community.

Religious leaders play a role in providing understanding to their congregations so that they do not fall into ideas that lead to intolerance and radicalization. For example, mosques, churches, and other places of worship in Kapuas Hulu have collaborated in various social activities involving all religious people, such as social service, mutual cooperation, This was emphasized by Hanif as an Islamic religious figure that:

"We as a community that coexist with other religions which have a big impact on quarrels, so we as a community here provide understanding to the community, especially the Muslim community to respect each other, this we convey when public recitations, community gatherings such as Friday nights and other religious events, we always emphasize the importance of living peacefully between communities" interviews related to understanding tolerance in the community 10/09/2024. 10:00 a.m.

The above statement shows that the people of Kapuas Hulu Regency have awareness of tolerance because religious leaders play their role well related to the understanding of tolerance in Kapuas Hulu Regency P/10/09/2024. This is implemented in daily life in Kapuas Hulu Regency because the community is very plural and diverse. Therefore, the application of the value of religious moderation in Kapuas Hulu Regency is very important to maintain harmony and tolerance in a multi-religious society. Religious tolerance must be managed wisely through a moderate understanding of religious teachings, active community involvement in interfaith social activities, and full support from the government. The people of Kapuas Hulu Regency, with their diversity, can be a clear example that harmony between religious communities can be achieved through dialogue, understanding, and actions based on religious moderation.

*Anti-Violence*, Tackling radical and extremist acts that undermine social harmony. Anti-violence can be interpreted as an effort to overcome all forms of violence related to differences in religion and belief. Violence in the context of religion can appear in various forms, ranging from hate speech, discrimination, to physical violence against certain individuals or groups that are considered different (Asrori, 2022). In Kapuas Hulu Regency, one of the big challenges is how to manage religious differences constructively without causing tension or violence. Religious moderation is an important key in building tolerance and strengthening

relations between religious communities. With a moderate approach, religion is no longer a source of conflict, but a tool to build social solidarity. The implementation of religious moderation values is expected to create an atmosphere of peace, mutual respect, and avoid acts of violence based on religious differences. This is what is applied by the community in Kapuas Hulu Regency which makes diversity a form of harmonious relationship. This was emphasized by the community leader John that:

"The people of Kapuas Hulu Regency have diversity so that we together maintain togetherness without looking at the differences that exist, because we believe that the differences that exist are not a reason for us to be divided, besides that the people here always uphold togetherness so that there is no violence in the name of differences, therefore I and other people who are different from us take care of each other in the name of peace" Mandalam's interview related to diversity in Kapuas Regency Hulu 14/09/2024, 13:00 Wib.

The above statement shows the community's efforts to respect each other so that violence does not occur in the name of religion, besides that the community in Kapuas Hulu Regency has a good relationship, this is evidenced by the mutual cooperation that all communities participate in without looking at the difference P/14/09/2024. The application of religious moderation values in the midst of a multireligious community in Kapuas Hulu Regency can be an effective solution to avoid conflicts and violence based on religion. Through an approach of tolerance, dialogue, and education based on the principles of religious moderation, communities can coexist peacefully, respect each other, and overcome violence that often arises due to religious differences.

*Social Justice*, Ensure that the rights of each religious group are respected and fulfilled without discrimination. Social justice, in Indonesia's socio-political context, is reflected in efforts to ensure that every citizen, regardless of religion or background, gets his or her rights equally (N. Fadli, 2023). This justice is not only related to the fulfillment of material needs, but also related to the fulfillment of non-material rights, such as the right to worship according to one's religion and beliefs, the right to respect, and the right to live in peace. This is applied by the community in Kapuas Hulu Regency, so that it has an impact on the health between communities without seeing differences. In addition, this is a form of religious

moderation values that are realized in community life. This is in line with Yusuf's statement of the Dayak community that:

"We are here to coexist and not quarrel with other people, because we consider them as my own brothers, it is impossible to be hostile to our own brothers, besides that they are also good to us, especially me so that if there is a problem we deliberate so that harmony is always established, besides that if there is a holiday, marriage and so on we are invited and vice versa, if there is a way our marriage regulates the parking lot, then vice versa" An in-depth interview with the local community related to social injunction, 14/09/2024, 10:00 WIB.

The above statement is a form of public relations in Kapuas Hulu Regency that always maintains peace with each other, this is evidenced by the attitude of mutual help between communities P/10/09/2024. The implementation of religious moderation has an important role in maintaining social justice in a pluralistic society. Religious moderation can be interpreted as a middle attitude in understanding and practicing religious teachings, by emphasizing the principles of tolerance, inclusivity, and respect for differences. This religious moderation approach can create a space for dialogue between different religions, reduce the potential for conflict, and strengthen social solidarity, which ultimately supports the creation of social justice in the community of Kapuas Hulu Regency.

The implementation of the value of religious moderation in Kapuas Hulu Regency can be one way to realize social justice in the midst of a pluralistic society. By prioritizing tolerance, mutual respect, and reducing the potential for conflicts between religious communities, Kapuas Hulu Regency can be an example for other regions in realizing a harmonious social life. The government, the community, and religious leaders must work together to create an inclusive and peaceful environment, so that social justice can be achieved for all levels of society. The implementation of the value of religious moderation is a solution to maintain harmony between people who have different backgrounds.

*Inclusivity Attitude*, Opening up space for every individual, regardless of religion, to participate in social development and regional progress. Inclusivity refers to an open attitude and acceptance of diversity, be it in religious, cultural, or social aspects (N. Hasan, 2023). In the context of religious moderation in Kapuas Hulu Regency, inclusivity means accepting differences in religious beliefs and

creating space for constructive dialogue between religious communities. Inclusivity is the key to the implementation of religious moderation values in Kapuas Hulu Regency. By prioritizing dialogue between religious communities, tolerance education, and government policies that support equality and harmony, the people of Kapuas Hulu can realize social harmony in the midst of religious diversity. Despite the challenges, a commitment to religious moderation can create a more peaceful and prosperous society. As argued by Yeni, a Dayak activist in Kapuas Hulu Regency, that:

"The differences that exist here are one of the challenges for us to maintain and preserve the customs of our ancestors so that peace continues to be well established with each other, therefore even though we look peaceful without conflicts behind it there are significant challenges that we must maintain such as our respective cultures, religious teachings that should not be mixed and so on" in-depth interviews related to the diversity in Kapuas Hulu Regency 08/09/2024, 01:00 PM local time.

The above statement illustrates that the people of Kapuas Hulu Regency are not easy in maintaining peace in the midst of a multi-faith community because there are still significant challenges for the community, such as many people who want to get recognition, their part is the best and so on P/08/09/2024. The attitude of inclusivity in Kapuas Hulu Regency is not only an effort to coexist peacefully, but as an important foundation in creating a strong, equitable, and sustainable society. Inclusivity addresses the challenges of diversity by making differences a collective strength, not a source of conflict. In the long term, an inclusive society will be better prepared to face global challenges, more adaptive to change and more productive in building a better future for all elements of society. This is key to ensuring that Kapuas Hulu Regency remains a clear example of how diversity can be a strength, not a barrier.

### **Implementation of Religious Moderation in Kapuas Hulu Regency**

The implementation of religious moderation values in Kapuas Hulu Regency requires the involvement of various parties and institutions such as social institutions that include educational institutions. Some of the steps that can be taken include:

*Religious Tolerance Education*, Implementing education that teaches the values of religious tolerance and moderation from an early age in schools, both in formal and non-formal educational institutions. An inclusive curriculum, which teaches the importance of mutual respect between religious communities, will shape positive attitudes in society (Ainina, 2022). Religious tolerance education and the implementation of religious moderation values in Kapuas Hulu Regency are very important to build a peaceful and harmonious society in the midst of religious diversity. Religious tolerance education applied in the world of education in Kapuas Hulu Regency is an effort by teaching staff so that students as the younger generation are able to maintain cultures of harmony in the midst of differences. This was emphasized by Siti Maisarah, a teacher at the Kapuas Hulu Regency school, that:

"We as teachers must be able to provide an understanding of tolerance to all students, because I believe that students who understand the value of tolerance are able to spread understanding with other friends, besides that we provide this tolerance education to students through learning in the classroom by inserting knowledge about tolerance, even each lesson is emphasized to provide understanding to students to respect differences" in-depth interviews related to education in Kapuas Hulu Regency, 08/09/2024, 14:00 WIB.

The above statement shows that religious moderation education in the world of education in Kapuas Hulu Regency has been emphasized on learning in the classroom so that students can apply the value of religious moderation in daily life P/08/09/2024. Religious tolerance education in Kapuas Hulu Regency is not just an option, but an inevitable need to create a peaceful, prosperous and productive society. In the face of global and local challenges, this education will be the key to maintaining peace in diversity, as well as strengthening social and moral ethics based on mutual respect and understanding. As part of an Indonesia that is rich in diversity, Kapuas Hulu has the potential to be an example of a region that is able to manage religious differences wisely through education that touches every level of society.

*Understanding Religious Moderation*, Religious moderation can be understood as an approach that encourages religious people to practice their religious teachings in a way that is not extreme, does not impose beliefs on others, and respects

differences (Yosita et al., 2023). The implementation of the value of religious moderation in Kapuas Hulu Regency has great potential to strengthen harmony between religious communities. Because the teaching staff in Kapuas Hulu Regency actively provide a deep understanding of religious moderation so that students who learn not only understand the material, but are able to act it in daily life. In addition, moderation education is a must in the world of education which under the auspices of the Ministry of Religion provides this learning to students. Therefore, by respecting and understanding religious diversity, as well as staying away from extreme attitudes, people can live in a peaceful and harmonious atmosphere in Kapuas Hulu Regency. The challenges that exist require joint efforts from all parties to ensure that religious moderation continues to be implemented effectively.

The implementation of the value of religious moderation in Kapuas Hulu Regency is a strategic step to maintain peace and social harmony in the midst of a pluralistic society. Islamic religious education is not only about teaching to avoid extremism, but also about fostering an inclusive and tolerant attitude towards other religions. In Kapuas Hulu, Islamic religious education based on multicultural values does not only function as normative learning, but also as an agent of social change that can reduce tensions between groups. This will create a society that is not only tolerant in words, but also in action.

Islamic religious education that instills religious moderation in Kapuas Hulu will be very effective by learning about universal values that exist in various religions, such as peace, compassion, and justice. These universal concepts will reduce religious barriers that tend to limit relations between religious people, and instead lead to the understanding that religion has never been a source of division, but on the contrary, it has become a means to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood between mankind. In addition, multicultural Islamic religious education must also pay attention to aspects of social practice, namely inviting students to interact directly with other religious groups in the context of daily life. This process allows students not only to learn about other religions in theory, but also to witness firsthand how religious differences can be a force to work together for the common good.

#### **D. CONCLUSION**

The implementation of the value of religious moderation in Islamic religious education in Kapuas Hulu Regency is very important to create a harmonious and peaceful society, in the midst of existing religious diversity. Through strengthening the curriculum that prioritizes tolerance, interfaith dialogue, and togetherness, as well as support from various parties, religious moderation can be implemented effectively. Therefore, Islamic religious education plays an important role not only as a conveyor of religious values, but also as a tool to strengthen bridges of tolerance and unity in a multicultural society. In addition, Islamic Religious Education in Kapuas Hulu Regency has a strategic role in the implementation of religious moderation values, in the midst of a society that has a high religious diversity. The value of religious moderation applied by the people of Kapuas Hulu Regency includes tolerance, anti-violence, social justice and inclusive attitudes so that they are able to make the people of Kapuas Hulu take care of and respect each other. In addition, in Kapuas Hulu Regency, it provides an understanding of the value of religious moderation through Islamic religious education such as religious tolerance education and understanding of religious moderation.

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