

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST: ISLAMIC SCHOOLS IN THE MIDST OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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ABSTRACT

The madrasah has been an important educational institution for Muslim in providing young children with religious instructions. It has been responsible for transmitting Islamic knowledge, value and culture. This qualitative study employing phenomenology aimed to determine the survival of the fittest: Islamic schools in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic in the municipality of Kabacan, Cotabato. Results showed that deals with the identification of the issues that the pandemic has brought to Islamic schools the azatids were afraid that the learners would be infected with the virus. There were a lot of concerned that made them hesitant to go schools for face to face. One of which was that there were a lot of learners who opted to stop because of the fear to be contaminated by the virus. Hence, Azatids took an action to provide stringent in Madaris Education along with the partnership of Local Government Units, parents, relatives, and school community towards the problem on how it maneuvers the face to face class while having virus is still spreading and alive.

However, if there was a good plan, there was good an execution. Meeting began with a composed of stakeholders, such as azatids, parents, learners, and security lobbied on gearing towards continuity studies of Madaris Education. The exchanged collective ideas from them brought up the needs, intervention, and support manpower of the Madaris gave impactful to rise again in polarizing of Muslim learner community.

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