

# **RESEARCH ARTICLE**

#### CHANGE IN *MAMAK* ROLE IN *MULO CUCU AYAE* CEREMONY IN MATRILINEAL COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT IN SUNGAI LIUK VILLAGE PERSISIR BUKIT COUNTY, SUNGAI PENUH KERINCI CITY.

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#### Abstract

..... In the past until the 1990s in Sungai Liuk mamak had the obligation to carry out a ceremony when the niece of the first daughter of her sister married, named mulo cucu ayae ceremony. But nowadays that role of mamak in the implementation of mulo cucu ayae ceremony has undergone a change. The approach used in this research is a qualitative. The selection of inforants were done by porposive sampling, and the data were analyzed by the techniques of Milen and Hubermes. The results indicate that the role of mamak in the mulo cucu ayae ceremony has undergone a change of role. The role is replaced by father of *orang* sumando. The role of mamak in mulo cucu ayae ceremony in the past until the 90s (1) Responsible for carrying out mulo cucu ayae ceremony; (2) Coordinating fundraising for *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony; (3) Preparing equipment for the implementation mulo cucu avae ceremony, now there is a change in the role of mamak in the implementation mulo cucu ayae ceremony in Dusun Sungai Liuk, such as (1) Educational factor; (2) Economic factor; (3) Factor of heirloom that have been sold; (4) Overseas factors; the occurrence of the change in the role of the mamak during the mulo cucu ayae ceremony in Sungai Liuk; (1) The figure of *mamak* is less respected by nephews; (2) The authority of mamak begins to fade in the midst of society and sumando (3) Changes in structure and responsibilities in the family: (4) Conflicts faced; (5) Conflict of inheritance.

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Introduction:-

The Kerinci community use a matrilineal kinship system that is based on the mother's line age. So that in the Kerinci community a *mamak* has a social obligation and is responsible for the welfare of his kamanakan. In the Kerinci customs, the role of *mamak* in a normative manner, namely *Mamak*, plays a role in educating, guiding inheritance, supervising education, and asking questions, including education by nephews. *Mamak* also plays a role in the field of inheritance is to maintain, supervise the use, and develop inheritance, maintaining that customary assets continue to function in accordance with traditional provisions. *Mamak* also plays a role in the development of his people's assets so that the welfare of his people, including his nephews, can be guaranteed. The role of *mamak* in niece marriage is to find a mate for the niece of the nephew in particular, the person in charge of the full marriage

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**Corresponding Author:-James E Curtis.** Address:-Jr, igri, po box 3126, washington dc 20010. agreement, *mamak* is also responsible for the cost of the nephew's marriage, but if *mamak* is underfunded the inheritance may be pawned for the continuity of the wedding. *Mamak* also acts on behalf of the family to solve a problem. In the prover it is stated that the role of a *Mamak* is: "The child is in his lap, *Kamanakan* is buried" (Zakaria 1984: 165).

Sanderson in Firman (1997: 6) reveals that the people who adhere to the matrilineal system give rise to two basic types of "fatherhood", namely "biological fidelity" and "sociological fidelity". Married men are said to be the biological fathers of their own children. Whereas the sociological father is a man who has the primary responsibility for caring for the children of his parents. This often creates tension in matrilineal society.

Social changes that occur in the Kerinci community, which can be seen from the structure of the matrilineal system itself. The child or niece has been cared for or lived with the nuclear family consisting of father, mother and children compared to living with a broad family consisting of grandmothers, children and grandchildren who live in one house. The changes will also be seen in the implementation of the *Mulo Cucu Ayae* ceremony where in the past until the 1990s the ceremony was carried out by the *mamak*, but at this time *mamak* was unable to carry out the *Mulo Cucu Ayae* ceremony when the niece married, the role was taken over by the father or Orang sumando.

From the explanation above, it can be seen that the occurrence of changes in this matter, the role of *mamak* in the ceremony of *mulo cucu ayae*, this also has an impact on social institutions and the values of their customs. Therefore, this research is important because in community life especially on the Sungai Liuk, the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony is one of the conservation forms of local custom that is carried out from the past to the present, the process of kinship between *mamak* and his niece; *Mulo Cucu Ayae* is also a form of solidarity among fellow *mamak* for his niece. But by looking at the changes in the role of the *mamak* at the *Mulo Cucu Ayae* ceremony in Sungai Liuk Hamlet, researchers were interested in seeing the role of *mamak* at *Mulo Cucu Ayae* ceremony and the impact of this change in Sungai Liuk Hamlet at this time in which there was a change in the role of *mamak* in the *mulo cucu ayae ayae* ceremony.

### The Method of Research

This research is a qualitative approach, this approach was chosen because it can open opportunities to express the impact of the change in the role of *mamak* in *mulo cucu ayae* ceremonies sharply and deeply based on the meaning given by the research subject (native point of view). The study was conducted in Sungai Liuk Hamlet, Pesisir Bukit District, Sungai Penuh City. This village was chosen because the only hamlet that carried out the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony when the first daughters were married. Dusun Sungai Liuk consists of four villages, namely Sungai Liuk, Koto Dua Village, Seberang Village, and Sumur Gedang Village.

The selection of informants were done intentionally (purposive sampling), namely the deliberate withdrawal of informants in accordance with the objectives of the study. Informants who have been estimated to have extensive knowledge and have experiences in *mulo cucu ayae* ceremonies in depth. This technique was chosen because researchers already understood the mapping of subjects believed to understand and know about *mulo cucu ayae*. The total number of informants in this study were 27 people. This research was conducted on November 10, 2017 to November 25, 2018. Interviews conducted were in-depth interviews. The researcher conducted in-depth interviews with informants to obtain detailed data on the impact of the change in the role of *mamak* in the mulocucuayae ceremony on the Sungai Liuk community by asking questions based on interview guidelines that had been made before the field. Data analysis in this study is an analysis technique from Miles and Huberman namely Data Reduction, Display or data presentation and conclusion and data verification.

## **Research result**

In the results of this study, researchers describe the data obtained from field research in the form of interviews, direct observations and supporting documents. The description of the data intended in this study is a description of the facts and various information obtained through approaches based on the framework of thinking and methods recognized by scientific principles, departing from the formulation of the problem, the findings during conducting research will be explained as follows:

1. The Role of *Mamak* in the Mulo Ceremony of Ayae's Grandson

The role of *mamak* for her nephew children is found in everyday life, for example guiding the niece in accordance with the traditional proverb, telling the child in the nephew to be guided, giving advice, funding the nephew, finding

a mate, and giving to those who are in trouble and needing help. This means that *mamak* is obliged in terms of traditional ceremonies, from the moment of birth, marriage, to death

The role of *mamak* in Dusun Sungai Liuk, Pesisir Bukit Sub-district was initially seen at the time of niece, the first child of his sister to marry. *Mamak* will carry out a ceremony which is the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony as a thanksgiving that his niece is married, and will continue the descendants of her family and her family. In Sungai Liuk community, they hope to have daughters because inheritance are entrusted to girls. If a family does not have a daughter, then no one will continue the descendants of the heart to inherit the title of Pusako. The role of *mamak* at *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony when the niece of the firt female child from her sister is married, namely: (a) is responsible for carrying out the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony; (b) coordinating the collection of funds for *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony.

2. There was a change in the role of mamak in the matrilineal community during the ceremony of mulo cucu ayae

In essence the relationship between *mamak* and nephew in Sungai Liuk is a relationship of blood relations, in its ideal pattern the relationship between *mamak* and niece can be seen in *mamak* carrying out customs, fulfilling the economic needs of extended families, supervising inheritance and inheriting values and carrying out ayae granddaughter ceremonies when niece of the first daughter of his sister. The role of *mamak* in the past was quite heavy, with the current changes caused by several factors, these changes would have an impact on the role of *mamak* in the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony.

*Mamak*'s role in Sungai Liuk village will not be at the time of the niece of the first married woman, where the role of *mamak* in carrying out the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony has been taken over by a sumendo father or person so that the child or niece will marry and what day the implementation of the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony will be determined by me. Previously before carrying out the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony, *mamak* is going to a deliberation first or holding angimbujantong was decided by all the decisions starting from the day of consent, the day of the *mulo cucu ayae* 's implementation would be determined by *mamak*. *Mamak* was the one who had the role in breaking everything because the costs were also borne by *mamak*, so before *ngimbu jantong dimundalea* no other person should know including the family of the father when the marriage would take place, the implementation of *mulo cucu ayae*, and invitations should not be revealed.

Now this has changed because not the *mamak* is responsible for the continuation of the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony, so calling for *jantong* is only a formality, because at the time of *ngimbu jantong dimundalea* the father's family also participated, and the implementation of *ngimbu jantong dimundalea* at the moment three days before *Ijab Kabul*, where other people already knew when the wedding day, *mulo cucu ayae* 's day and invitation had spread. So *mamak* is currently disappointed because in calling on the *jantong dimundalea* he no longer decides everything but now he only accepts decisions from the people of Sumando.

Social change is not a sudden process. In general there are several factors that contribute to the emergence of social change. These factors are classified in and out of society. Factors originating from within: (1). Increased and reduced population; (2). New discoveries, while external factors: (1). The occurrence of natural disasters or physical environmental conditions; (2). In addition, there are also factors that encourage (accelerate) and hinder the process of social change, among others: (1). Contact with other cultures; (2) advanced formal pendidian systems; (3). The tolerance of change is distorted, and so on. While the factors that hinder the process of social change include: (1). Lack of relations with other communities; (2). Social contact (social interaction) is lacking with other communities; (3). Very traditional attitude of society; (4). The fear of shaking in the integration of culture, etc.

Based on data and facts gathered in the field, quite a lot of things have happened in the process of social change. Factors that cause changes in the role of *mamak* at *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony in Sungai Liuk Hamlet are: (1) educational factors; (2) economic factors; (3) factors of inheritance that have been sold; (4) migratory factors.

#### 3. Acknowledging the Change of Mamak's Role in MuloCucu Ceremony

Based on the description of the data obtained in the field, due to changes in the role of the *mamak* in the mulocucu ceremony also had an impact on the relationship between the *mamak* and the niece. In more detail, it can be identified as a result of the change in the role of the *mamak* at the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony:

## a. The *Mamak* figure is lacking in respected by nephews.

The lack of functioning of the *mamak* against the nephew makes the niece less appreciate and dislike the *mamak*. This is because the niece does not need to respect her *mamak* anymore because *mamak* is no longer influential in her life, where *mamak* is no longer a person who decides when she wants to get married so they no longer need to ask her permission if she wants to get married. So in the community of Dusun Sungai Liuk at this time it is rare for those who marry a *mamak* child, because they have dared to refuse an arranged marriage from *mamak*, in addition to a ceremony held by the Dusun Sungai Liuk community namely mulocucuayae ceremony the role of *mamak* here is very clear it has changed, usually during the ceremony of mulocucuayae carried out by *mamak* who held the role and *mamak* who regulated everything father not only married his son.

The lack of *mamak* participation in the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony will have an impact on the relationship of the *mamak* with the niece and relationship of the *mamak* with his sister. The figure of *mamak* is less respected by niece, where *mamak* should be respected and respected by nieces and nephews, but now with the change in the role of *mamak* in the mulo grandchildren ayae ceremony will have an impact on *mamak* figures who are less respected by nephews.

#### b. The authority of Mamak began to fade in the middle of society and Sumando

The lack of functioning of the *mamak* against nephews can cause uncontrolled well. Control of *mamak* is needed for the good of his nephew. If the niece makes a mistake in the community the first time it becomes a question for the community who is *mamak*nya. Likewise for the Sungai Liuk community when the first girl wants to get married who is questioned by the community and the party from the male family is *mamak*, because the male side wants to meet his *mamak* first before the wedding is held. So if the first married child in Dusun Sungai Liuk does not carry out the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony then *mamak* is fined by adat and *mamak* will be ridiculed by the local community.

But at this time has undergone a change *mamak* not ready to carry out the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony when the merriage with his nephew, so that when the nephew married and *mamak* is not important anymore, sometimes *mamak* when the nephew married do things that he should not do such as helping set up a stage, tent, sticking firewood. *Mamak* here should be the person who assigns or instructs other people to work during the wedding of his niece.

#### c. Changes in the Structure and Responsibilities in the Family

There has been a change in the structure of power in the family. The ones who are in charge in the family should be *mamak*, but at the present time the number of *mamak* who migrate and the unpreparedness of *mamak* in fulfilling their needs for settlement is also caused by ulayat land which has been sold out. So that the transition of power to switch to Sumando or the father of the nephew. The function and role of *mamak* begins to diminish so that all things related to niece are taken care of by sumando or the father of the nephew. Changes in the power structure in the family in Sungai Liuk Hamlet are partly caused by: (1) the *mamak* who migrate means leaving the territorial origin and occupying a new territory, this also means leaving the inheritance in the form of ulayat land which was used as the main source of the family economy; (2) *mamak* who migrate means moving from the old social environment to the new social environment and living side by side with other tribes, this provides an opportunity for acculturation.

The shift of power in the family from *mamak* to father because of leaving territorial customary law, the grip of customs has weakened. *Mamak* can no longer carry out his will towards nephews. By leaving the territorial law of customary means the family leaves the inheritance. So this indicated the responsibility to finance the mulo grandson ayae ceremony when his nephew married and his niece economy, because *mamak* no longer worked on inheritance, so it was father who took the full role of financing the needs of the *mamak*'s child or niece.

### d. Conflict faced

The change in the role of the *mamak* during the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony also gave rise to conflict in the family, where during this ceremony the married niece was no longer asking permission from her *mamak*. In around the 90s, nieces met *mamak* first before getting married, and sometimes the *mamak* already had a candidate for his nephew. However, now that the *mamak* does not approve of the marriage of the niece of *mamak*, she will be left behind and not listened to her words, because *mamak* can be too hard to investigate and determine her marriage, this is because the *mamak* is no longer issuing funds during the mulo granddaughter's ceremony. So that at the time of the niece's marriage, women at this time, *mamak* often had conflicts with his father's family, because they were fighting over to play a role in the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony, many of them were exiled when they married.

The change in the role of *mamak* in the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony also led to a conflict between *mamak* and niece, *mamak* and his sister. In the past, nieces and female relatives of *mamak* were afraid of having problems with *mamak*, they always maintained that the relationship with *mamak* was well-established, because *mamak* was a powerful person and the place of niece was dependent and protecting. So that the niece and her mother know the sister follows the will of *mamak* because the peacock is afraid that *mamak* will pawn the inheritance and no one will help them when they are troubled and facing problems.

#### e. Heritage Treasure Conflict

The change from the role of *mamak* to the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony was also based on inheritance, this caused a conflict of inheritance, where the *mamak* used to play a role and hold power over the inheritance, but nowadays the *mamak* has not been approved by his sister who has the right to regulate inheritance. In the 90s *mamak* had the right to process inheritance, and his brother was afraid of *mamak*, if *mamak* wanted to ask for rice, borrowed money and worked on the inheritance, his sister would give them, they could not refuse the wishes of *mamak*. However, at this time there were many conflicts in conflict between *Mamak* and his sister and niece regarding inheritance.

The release of the responsibility of the *mamak* to the niece makes *mamak* no longer valued, respected and also causes conflicts over inheritance, the daughter does not want the son or *mamak* who has the power over the inheritance because the yield of the inheritance is no longer given to her son, because *mamak* is more concerned with its core family.

## **Conclusion:-**

Changes in the role of *mamak* which occurred during the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony in Sungai Liuk village, Pesisir Bukit Sub-district, Sungai LiukKerinci City based on the results of the study were caused by factors from outside and from within the community. Besides that, based on the data and facts that have been collected in the field, there are quite a lot of things that occur in the social change process. The factors that cause changes in the role of *mamak* in mulocucuayae ceremonies are education, economy, sold property, and wandering. From the change in the role of the *mamak* during the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony, it also caused a conflict between *mamak* and niece, *mamak* (brother) with a sister.

As a result of the change in the role of *mamak* at the *mulo cucu ayae* ceremony, the *mamak* figure is not respected by kemenakan, the authority of *mamak* begins to fade in the community due to the fading of friendship and *mamak*'s relationship with niece, and it is the structure and responsibility of the father's family that has an important role in the family now both from education, guiding, educating and carrying out *mulo cucu ayae* ceremonies when the first child is married.

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