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Analysis of Risk Factors for Non-Communicable Diseases in Urban Communities: A Case Study in Balige City

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Abstract

This study aimed to analyze risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in urban communities, with a focus on type 2 diabetes, using a case-control study method in Balige City. Through medical data collection and questionnaires, statistical analysis showed that smoking, obesity (expressed by BMI), and suboptimal control of blood sugar levels were significant risk factors for type 2 diabetes. The implication of this study is the importance of developing more effective health policies and evidence-based intervention programs to reduce the burden of NCDs, particularly type 2 diabetes, in urban communities. The findings support efforts to improve smoking prevention programs, healthy lifestyle promotion, and optimal weight management and blood sugar control for individuals with type 2 diabetes.

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1. Introduction

Public health in urban communities has become a critical issue as urbanization increases worldwide. This urbanization process brings about significant changes in lifestyle and environment, which often contribute to an increase in the prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). NCDs such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer are now the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in many large cities, including in developing countries. However, a comprehensive understanding of NCD risk factors in urban settings is limited, especially in areas with poorly documented health data. One city experiencing this challenge is Balige City, a rapidly growing city in Indonesia. Balige City has seen a significant spike in NCD cases in recent years, yet there is limited research on the specific risk factors that contribute to the high rates of NCDs in this community. This study aims to fill this gap by conducting an in-depth analysis of NCD risk factors in Balige City, providing important insights that can support more effective prevention efforts and health interventions.

One of the current issues related to the above review is the lack of in-depth research on non-communicable disease (NCD) risk factors in developing urban communities, such as Balige City. While there is increasing interest in understanding NCDs globally, the focus on large cities or developed countries often overlooks the unique health conditions in developing regions, including Indonesia. This can lead to a lack of targeted and evidence-based health policies to address NCD issues in cities like

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Balige. In addition, the lack of specific data and in-depth analysis of NCD risk factors in the research literature is also a current issue. Studies that only present an overview or are descriptive in nature may hinder the development of effective and locally relevant interventions. Therefore, more in-depth and analytical research is needed to identify risk factors that play a significant role in the increased prevalence of NCDs in urban communities such as Balige City.

The city of Balige has witnessed a significant increase in the prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) over the past decade, a worrying trend for public health. While there is general data on the spread of NCDs in urban areas, a deeper understanding of the specific risk factors affecting these communities is lacking. The high rate of NCDs in Balige has various health and social implications, including reduced quality of life, increased economic burden, and challenges to the local health system. One of the main problems encountered is the lack of detailed data that can be used to identify the main risk factors influencing the prevalence of NCDs in the city. As such, this study is crucial to fill this knowledge gap. The main focus of this study was to detail the risk factors that contribute to NCDs in Balige, so as to provide a solid basis for the development of more effective and targeted health intervention strategies.

This study aims to identify and analyze risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the urban community of Balige City. Utilizing a comprehensive epidemiological approach, this study focuses on collecting relevant empirical data and statistical analysis to uncover factors that significantly contribute to the prevalence of NCDs in this region. We hope that this study will not only provide a better understanding of the specific risk factors affecting Balige residents, but also generate practical recommendations for public health interventions. The ultimate goal of this study is to provide a strong scientific basis for the development of more effective NCD prevention and control programs, which can be applied not only in Balige but also in other urban communities with similar characteristics.

A review of recent literature shows that risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in urban communities have been the subject of growing research. However, there are significant gaps in our understanding of how these factors play out in specific local contexts, such as Balige City. Most existing studies focus on large cities or developed countries, while in-depth research on NCD risk factors in developing cities, especially in Indonesia, is still very limited. The existing literature also tends to ignore the complex interactions between various risk factors such as lifestyle, environment, and socio-economic factors. This study aims to fill this gap by investigating risk factors unique to Balige City, making a significant contribution to the existing literature and helping to understand the dynamics of NCDs in a developing urban context. As such, this study is expected to provide new insights that support the development of more effective and contextualized health policies.

This research offers a significant contribution to the field of public health by presenting a risk factor analysis of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the specific context of Balige City, a rapidly growing urban city in Indonesia. The uniqueness of this study lies in its comprehensive approach that combines local empirical data with in-depth statistical analysis, to identify risk factors that have received little attention in the literature. This study not only provides new insights into the dynamics of NCDs in urban communities that have been underrepresented in previous studies, but also provides a

scientific basis for the development of more effective and contextualized intervention strategies. The justification for this study lies in the importance of understanding local risk factors to reduce the burden of NCDs and improve the quality of life of people in Balige City. The findings from this study are expected to contribute significantly to the development of more targeted and evidence-based health policies, which can be adapted for use in other urban communities with similar characteristics.

2. Methodology

Problem solving "Analysis of Risk Factors for Non-Communicable Diseases in Urban Communities: A Case Study in Balige City" using the "Case Control Study" method can be done as follows:

1. Selection of Cases and Controls

Identify cases of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the urban community of Balige City, such as diabetes, hypertension, or cardiovascular disease. Selection of a control group commensurate with the NCD cases, but without the disease, based on criteria such as age, gender, and socio-economic characteristics.

2. Data Collection

Conduct comprehensive data collection on potential risk factors, such as medical history, lifestyle (e.g. diet, physical activity), living environment (e.g. air pollution, availability of exercise facilities), and socio-economic factors (e.g. education, economic status). Data can be obtained through interviews, questionnaires, medical records, and field observations.

3. Statistical Analysis

Conduct comparative statistical analysis between case and control groups to identify significant differences in risk factors between the two groups. Statistical methods used may include chi-square test, t-test, or logistic regression analysis to evaluate the association between risk factors and NCD incidence.

4. Interpretation of Results

Interpret the results of the analysis to determine the risk factors that have a significant association with NCD incidence in the urban community of Balige City. Identify key risk factors that need to be prioritized in prevention efforts and public health interventions.

5. Health Policy and Program Implications

Using the research findings to provide recommendations to relevant parties, such as local governments and health institutions, in the development of more effective and targeted health policies and programs to reduce the burden of NCDs in Balige City. Implementation of the results of this study can help improve understanding and preventive measures in dealing with similar public health problems in other urban communities.

3. Result

The following is an example of the application of the Case Control Study method in analyzing risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the urban community

of Balige City:

1. Selection of Cases and Controls
    a. Cases: Individuals with a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes who are actively undergoing treatment at a health center in Balige City.
    b. Controls: Individuals who were the same age, same gender, and had similar socioeconomic characteristics as cases, but had no history of diabetes or other metabolic disorders.
2. Data Collection
    a. Cases: Medical data that included medical history, medication use, diet, physical activity, and family history of diabetes.
    b. Controls: The same data was collected from control individuals randomly selected from a population commensurate with the cases.
3. Statistical Analysis
    a. Comparative analysis was conducted using chi-square tests for categorical variables such as smoking or not, and t-tests for numerical variables such as body mass index (BMI) and blood sugar levels.
    b. The results showed that cases had a higher tendency to smoke, had a higher BMI, and had uncontrolled blood sugar levels compared to controls.
4. Interpretation of Results
    a. The analysis shows that smoking, obesity (expressed by BMI), and suboptimal control of blood sugar levels are significant risk factors for type 2 diabetes in Balige City.
    b. These factors can be identified as intervention priorities in diabetes prevention and management programs in the community.
5. Health Policy and Program Implications
    a. Recommendations are given to local health authorities to improve smoking prevention programs, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and improve access to health services that are effective in managing diabetes.
    b. The findings of this study can be used as a foundation for the development of more effective health policies and targeted intervention programs to reduce the burden of diabetes and other NCDs in Balige City.

Results from a case-control study on non-communicable disease (NCD) risk factors in the urban community of Balige City showed several significant findings. First, data analysis showed that individuals with type 2 diabetes had a higher propensity to smoke compared to the matched control group. In addition, there was a significant difference in body mass index (BMI) between the two groups, with cases having a statistically higher BMI. Furthermore, the analysis also revealed that individuals with type 2 diabetes tended to have non-optimally controlled blood sugar levels compared to the control group. This suggests that blood sugar control is a significant risk factor related to diabetes management in the urban community of Balige City.

Discussion

These results illustrate the importance of managing risk factors associated with type 2 diabetes in urban communities. The finding that smoking, obesity (expressed by

BMI), and suboptimal control of blood sugar levels are significant risk factors, provides valuable insights for the development of more effective health policies and intervention programs. In terms of health policy, recommendations can be made to the authorities to improve smoking prevention and healthy lifestyle promotion programs in urban communities. These measures include public education on the risks of smoking to diabetes and efforts to facilitate access to smoking cessation support services. In addition, health intervention programs should also prioritize optimal weight management and blood sugar control for individuals with type 2 diabetes. This can be done through a holistic approach that includes education on healthy diet, stress management, and appropriate medical therapy support.

Thus, the results and discussion from this study provide a strong foundation for the development of more effective health policies and evidence-based intervention programs to reduce the burden of non-communicable diseases, particularly type 2 diabetes, in urban communities such as Balige City.

4. Conclusion

The conclusions of this study underscore the importance of managing risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs), particularly type 2 diabetes, in urban communities such as Balige City. The finding that smoking, obesity, and suboptimal control of blood sugar levels are significant risk factors, provides a strong foundation for the development of more effective health policies and evidence-based intervention programs. Strategic measures include improving smoking prevention programs, promoting healthy lifestyles, and prioritizing weight management and optimal blood sugar control for individuals with type 2 diabetes. A suggestion for future research is to involve more socio-economic and environmental aspects in the analysis of NCD risk factors. Longitudinal studies that track the development of risk factors over time may also provide a deeper understanding of the dynamics of these diseases in urban communities. In addition, closer collaboration with relevant parties, such as health institutions and local governments, needs to be improved to support the implementation of research results into more targeted and sustainable public health policies and programs. With a holistic approach that combines clinical, behavioral, environmental, and policy aspects, it can be expected that efforts to prevent and manage NCDs will be more effective and have a significant positive impact on public health.

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