The Effect of Transformational Leadership and Non-Physical Work Environment on Employee Performance with Job Satisfaction as Intervening Variables at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V during COVID-19 Pandemic

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ABSTRACT

The objective of the research is to analyze of transformational leadership and non-physical work environment of employee performance through job satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. This type of research is causal with a quantitative approach. The population in this study were all employees of main office, totaling 503 employees. Used primary and secondary data which are obtained through documentation study and questions list. Taken by using simple random sampling. The data are analyzed with structural equation modeling (SEM) using SmartPLS 3.0 version. The results demonstrated that transformational leadership had positive and significant effect on employee satisfaction, non-physical work environment positive and hadn't have significant effect on employee satisfaction, transformational leadership had positive and significant effect on job satisfaction, non-physical work environment had positive and significant effect on job satisfaction, job satisfaction had positive and significant effect on employee satisfaction. Transformational leadership indirectly had had positive and significant effect on employee performance through job satisfaction and nonphysical work environment had positive and significant effect on employee satisfaction through job satisfaction.

Keywords: Transformational leadership, nonphysical work environment, job satisfaction, employee performance

INTRODUCTION

The world is currently being shocked by the emergence of a virus originating from Wuhan, China which first appeared in November 2019. This virus is called the Corona Virus. All countries are trying to break the Covid-19 chain by making new regulations related to this virus, such as the implementation of a lockdown or work from home. The Covid-19 pandemic has forced people. including individuals in organizations, to adapt to new habits and behaviors such as implementing health protocols, maintaining distance. not crowding, and even leaving the house only if there is an urgent situation. The impact of the pandemic that is most affected is human resources. Human resources are a very important factor in running the organization in achieving its goals. Without human resources, other resources will be idle and less useful. The results of the work of human resources, both individuals and groups, both qualitatively and quantitatively in an effort to achieve company goals, are commonly referred to as employee performance. Employee performance is a very influential

thing for the development of a company. Good employee performance will make it easier for the company to develop. But because of the pandemic, many companies are having a hard time surviving.

PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V experienced an increase in performance during the Covid-19 pandemic, while almost all companies experienced a decline due to activity restrictions in accordance with established health protocols and coincided in the same year there was a change of leadership at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V which resulted in increased company performance. The company's leaders from 2019 until now have been closer to employees by providing inspiration and support so that employees can develop more for the achievement of company goals, so that employees have a sense of trust, admiration, loyalty, and respect for the leadership. According to Ritaudin and Mukhsin (2018) there are several factors that employee performance cause to namely transformational increase, leadership, work environment, and job satisfaction. According to Robbins (2017). Transformational leadership is a leader who pays attention to the issues and development needs of each follower. Transformational leaders change followers' awareness of problems by helping them view old problems in new ways. The next factor that affects employee performance is the nonphysical work environment. According to Sedarmayanti (2015) the non-physical work environment is a condition that occurs related to work relationships, both working relationships with superiors and working relationships with fellow co-workers, or working relationships with subordinates. The next factor that affects performance is job satisfaction. According to Afandi (2018) job satisfaction is a positive attitude from the workforce including feelings and behavior towards their work through the assessment of one job as a sense of appreciation in achieving one of the important values of the job.

LITERATURE REVIEW Employee performance

Mangkunegara (2017) performance is the result of work in quality and quantity achieved by an employee in carrying out his accordance with duties in the responsibilities given to him. In addition, according to Lizan (2017), employee performance is defined as the ability of employees to do certain things. According to Agustina et al. (2019) employee performance needs to be considered because employee self-confidence and self-esteem greatly affect work results. With confidence, employees feel able to complete their tasks effectively. According to Kawiana et al., (2020) it is formulated that the factors that can affect employee performance are transformational leadership, work environment and job satisfaction.

Job satisfaction

Job satisfaction is basically something that is individual. Each individual has a different level of satisfaction according to the system that applies to him. According to Kaswan (2017), job satisfaction is the result of employees' perceptions of how well their work provides things that are considered important. Meanwhile, according to Wibowo (2016), job satisfaction is a general attitude towards one's work that shows the difference between the number of awards workers receive and the amount they believe they should receive. According to Robbin (2016) job satisfaction is a general attitude towards one's work that shows the difference between the number of awards received by workers and the amount that workers believe they should receive. According to Robbins and Judge (2015) defines job satisfaction as positive feelings about work as a result of evaluating the characteristics of the job.

Based on the five definitions that have been put forward by experts, it can be concluded that job satisfaction is the feeling of happiness of employees towards their work which is produced by their own efforts

and which is supported by things outside of themselves, on work conditions, work results, and work itself. When employees join an organization, they bring with them a set of wants, needs, desires, and past experiences that combine to form job expectations. Job satisfaction shows the match between a person's expectations that arise and the rewards provided by the job.

Transformational leadership

Transformational leadership is one type of leadership in which the leader provides inspiration and support to employees to further develop in order to achieve goals. Transformational leaders also change followers' awareness of problems by helping them look at old problems in new ways and they are able to excite, excite, and inspire followers to put in extra effort to achieve group goals. Transformational leadership is a condition in which followers feel trust, admiration, loyalty, and respect for the leader and they are motivated to do more than they originally expected (Bass, 2013; Yuki, 2015). Leaders change and motivate followers by making them more aware of the importance of task outcomes, persuading them to put the interests of their team or organization above their personal interests, and activating their higher-order needs. Wibowo (2017)says that transformational leadership is a leadership perspective that explains leaders change a organization team or by creating, communicating, and modeling a vision for the organization or work unit and inspiring employees to strive to achieve that vision.

Based on the definitions that have been put forward by the experts, the researcher concludes that transformational leadership is a leadership style in which the leader inspires and supports a lot of employees, and can create a sense of trust, admiration, loyalty and respect for the leader.

Non-Physical Work Environment

The non-physical work environment is a condition related to the emotional relationship between leaders and employees, and emotional relationships between fellow employees that can affect employee performance. Sedarmayanti (2017) argues that the non-physical work environment is all conditions related to work relationships, both with superiors and relationships with fellow coworkers. Suwondo and Sutanto (2015) argue that the non-physical work environment is an interaction or relationship between employees and leaders.

Based on the definition put forward by experts, it is concluded that the nonphysical work environment is the state of the employee's workplace environment in the form of a harmonious work atmosphere, meaning that there is a relationship or communication between subordinates and relationships) superiors (vertical and relationships between fellow employees relationships). (horizontal With a working atmosphere harmonious and communication, employees will feel comfortable at work so that the work they do can be carried out properly, effectively and efficiently.

MATERIALS & METHODS

This research is a causal research with a quantitative approach. This study aims to describe or describe the nature (characteristics) of a situation or object of research carried out starting from the collection and analysis of quantitative data statistical testing. The variables and connected in this study are independent namely transformational variables. leadership variables (X1) and non-physical work environment (X2), the dependent variable is employee performance (Y), and the intervening variable is job satisfaction (Z). This research was conducted at PT. Nusantara V Plantation Jalan Rambutan. The population in this study were all employees who work at the head office of PT. The Nusantara V in plantation Pekanbaru has 503 employees. The sampling method used is simple random sampling, namely the sampling of the population is carried out randomly without

regard to the strata that exist in the population. Sampling was carried out using the Slovin formula. Based on calculations using the Slovin formula, it is concluded that the sample of respondents in this study was 84 employees who worked at the head office of PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. The data analysis technique used to test the hypothesis in this study is descriptive analysis and PLS-SEM analysis.

RESULT

Respondents' Descriptive Results

Data		f	(%)	Data	f	(%)
Gender				Education		
	Male	78	92,9	Senior High School	6	7,1
	Female	6	7,1	D3	4	4,8
Age				S1	66	78,0
	21-30	15	17,9	S2	8	9,5
	31-40	25	29,8	Work Division		
	41-50	28	33,3	Engineering and Processing	13	15,4
	>50	16	19	Plant	14	16,
Length of work				Hukum	Law	7,1
	1-10	21	25	Finance	8	9,5
	11-20	24	28,6	HR	9	10,
	21-30	28	33,3	company secretary	9	10,
	> 31	11	13,1	Internal Control Unit	10	11,
				Strategic Planning and Business Engineering	6	7,1
				Procurement	9	10,
Note:	n=84					

Table 1 presents a description of the sample, where the majority of respondents This shows that are male (92.9%). respondents with male sex are more dominant than women. This is triggered by various factors, including: as known by PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V is engaged in the palm oil industry and processing, so the company requires employees to go to the field and it is physically needed because the terrain they face tends to be difficult. In addition, the majority of respondents are 41-50 years old (33.3%). In this case, employees who work at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V is a senior employee who already has a lot of experience and the majority of these employees have worked between 21-30 years, which consists of the position of Head of Sub-Division and Head of Division who work directly under the auspices of the leadership. The majority of respondents worked in the plant work division consisting of 14 respondents (16.7%) and the engineering and processing work division as many as 13 respondents (15.4%). This is because PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V works in the commodity of oil palm plantations along with the processing into semi-finished goods, so that employees work more and are placed in the work division.

Data Analysis Results

The following table presents the path coefficient values and P-Values values for testing the significance of the direct effect and indirect effect.

	Original Sample (O)	P Values	Conclusion
Transformational Leadership -> Employee Performance	0,343	0,040	Accepted
Non-Physical Work Environment -> Employee Performance	0,140	0,362	Rejected
Transformational Leadership -> Job Satisfaction	0,353	0,023	Accepted
Non-Physical Work Environment -> Job Satisfaction	0,523	0,001	Accepted
Happy Satisfaction-> Employee Performance	0,434	0,001	Accepted
Transformational Leadership -> Job Satisfaction -> Employee Performance	0,153	0,035	Accepted
Non-Physical Work Environment -> Job Satisfaction -> Employee Performance	0,227	0,045	Accepted

 Tabel 2 Path Coefficients (Direct Effect and Indirect Effect)

DISCUSSION

The Effect of Transformational Leadership on Employee Performance

Based on the results of hypothesis testing, it is shown that transformational leadership has a positive and significant effect on employee performance at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. This is evidenced by the path coefficient value of 0.343 with a significant value of 0.040 <0.05, meaning that transformational leadership has a positive and significant effect on the performance of PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. So that the results of this hypothesis test are accepted. The results of this study indicate positive and significant a relationship between transformational leadership and employee performance. The implementation the better of transformational leadership by the leadership will be in line with the increase in employee performance. Leaders must be able to be role models and have charisma so that the motivation and support given to employees can be carried out for the achievement of goals. One form of support motivation and by PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V improve to employee performance during the pandemic, the company created a special website, namely OliDoSS for employees of PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V and create discussion groups division on the WhatsApp for each establish application. It aims to communication, provide support and work motivation and the leadership conducts evaluations every week.

The results of transformational leadership research employee on performance at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V is in accordance with research conducted by Dung and Hai (2020) "The Effect of Transformational Leadership and Job Satisfaction on Commitment to Organizational Change: Three-А Component Model Extension Approach"; Budiwati et al. (2020) "The Influence of Transformational Leadership Styles and Compensation on Employee Performance Mediated by Job Satisfaction"

The Effect of Non-Physical Work Environment on Employee Performance

Based on the results of hypothesis testing, it is shown that the non-physical work environment has a positive and insignificant effect on employee performance at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. This is evidenced by the path coefficient value of 0.140 with a significant value of 0.362 > 0.05, meaning that the non-physical work environment has a positive and insignificant effect on the performance of PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V employees. So the results of this hypothesis test are rejected.

The results of this study indicate that the non-physical work environment has no effect on employee performance. Good between relations superiors and subordinates, as well as relations with fellow employees do not affect employee performance. The results of this study are in accordance with the opinion of Norianggono, et al (2014) which states that the non-physical work environment in the form of the relationship between superiors and employees or fellow employees does not affect employee performance because employee performance is still assessed individually so that social relations in the company do not really affect performance. employee.

The Effect of Transformational Leadership on Job Satisfaction

Based on the results of hypothesis testing, it is shown that transformational leadership has a positive and significant effect on job satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. This is evidenced by the path coefficient value of 0.353 with a significant value of 0.023 <0.05, meaning that transformational leadership has a positive and significant effect on job satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. So that the results of this hypothesis test are accepted.

The results of this study indicate a positive and significant relationship between transformational leadership and job satisfaction. The support and motivation

given by the leadership to employees creates job satisfaction for employees. Leaders also provide solutions if employees are facing problems. The results of this study are in accordance with the opinion of Yuki (2009) the extent to which a leader is called transformational is measured by the influence of leadership on his followers. employees feel trust, Followers i.e. admiration, loyalty, and respect for the leader and feel motivated to take action for the common good.

The results of transformational leadership research on job satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V is in accordance with research conducted by Budiwati et al. (2020) "The Influence Of Transformational Leadership Styles And Compensation On Employee Performance Mediated By Job Satisfaction"; Ritaudin and Mukhsin (2018) "The Influence of Transformational Leadership and Work Environment on KSK Performance with Job Satisfaction as an Intervening Variable in Banten Province"

The Effect of Non-Physical Work Environment on Job Satisfaction

Based on the results of hypothesis testing, it is shown that the non-physical work environment has a positive and significant effect on job satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. This is evidenced by the path coefficient value of 0.523 with a significant value of 0.001 <0.05, meaning that the non-physical work environment has a positive and significant effect on job satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. So the results of this hypothesis test are accepted.

The results of this study indicate that positive and significant there is a relationship between the non-physical work environment and job satisfaction of PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. This shows that the relationship between the leadership and employees as well as fellow employees is well established due to mutual respect for absence each other. and the of discrimination in front of leaders and fellow

employees. So that it creates a sense of comfort in carrying out the duties and objectives of the company.

The results of research on nonphysical work environment on iob satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V is in line with research conducted by Ramli "Work (2019)Environment, Work Motivation and Organizational Culture in Influencing Teachers Performance"; Taheri (2020)"Impact of Working et al. Environment on Job Satisfaction"; Raziq et al. (2015) "Impact of Working Environment on Job Satisfaction".

The Effect of Job Satisfaction on Employee Performance

Based on the results of hypothesis testing, it is shown that job satisfaction has a positive and significant effect on employee performance at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. This is evidenced by the path coefficient value of 0.434 with a significant value of 0.001 <0.05, meaning that job satisfaction has a positive and significant effect on the performance of PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V employees. So the results of this hypothesis test are accepted.

The results of this study indicate that positive and is there a significant relationship between job satisfaction and employee performance. It can be said that when employees feel that the provision of facilities, health insurance and pension funds, allowances and salaries as well as promotions from the company is as expected, employees will also try to give their best as a reward to the company so as to improve employee performance. Vice versa, when employees feel dissatisfied and disappointed. even the employee's performance will decrease. The results of this study are in accordance with the opinion of Herawati (2018) that job satisfaction is a positive feeling felt by employees in the work environment, a feeling that creates a sense of enthusiasm and motivation to provide even better things to the company. This proves that when job

satisfaction increases, employee performance also increases.

The Effect of Transformational Leadership on Employee Performance through Job Satisfaction

Based on the results of hypothesis testing, it is shown that transformational leadership has a positive and significant effect on employee performance through job satisfaction. This is evidenced by the path coefficient value of 0.153 with a significant value of 0.035 <0.05, meaning that job satisfaction mediates between transformational leadership on employee performance at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. So that the results of this hypothesis test are accepted.

The results of this study indicate a positive and significant relationship between transformational leadership on employee performance through job satisfaction. This means that there is a significant increase in job satisfaction triggered by support and motivation from the leadership, so that it has a positive impact on the company through increasing employee performance. The results of this study are in accordance with the opinion of Ritaudin (2018) where employee performance cannot increase instantly, it must go through a long process. Transformational leadership is considered an important influence on job satisfaction, because the leader provides inspiration and support to employees. Thus, employees are satisfied with the attention, support and guidance in order to improve employee performance.

The Effect of Non-Physical Work Environment on Employee Performance through Job Satisfaction

Based on the results of hypothesis testing, it is shown that the non-physical work environment has a positive and significant effect on employee performance through job satisfaction. This is evidenced by the path coefficient value of 0.227 with a significant value of 0.045 <0.05, meaning that job satisfaction mediates the relationship between non-physical work environment and employee performance at PT. Archipelago Plantation. So that the results of this hypothesis test are accepted.

The results of this study indicate a positive and significant relationship between the non-physical work environment on emplovee performance through job satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V. When the leadership enforces equality for employees, employees will compete fairly in their work. The existence of equality will make employees feel satisfied which has a positive impact on employee performance. Employees will compete to get promotions according to work experience and to get appreciation from the leadership. So. employees will also compete to provide the best for the company so that employee performance will also increase. The results of this study are in accordance with the opinion of Ramli (2019) which states that when the relationship between the leader and employees and fellow employees is good, a positive emotional relationship will be established so that it can create a sense of security, comfort and can motivate each other to work harder so that performance increases and company goals are achieved.

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of the study it can be concluded that:

- 1. Transformational Leadership has a positive and significant effect on Employee Performance at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V.
- 2. Non-Physical Work Environment has a positive and insignificant effect on Employee Performance at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V.
- 3. Transformational Leadership has a positive and significant effect on Job Satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V.
- 4. Non-Physical Work Environment has a positive and significant effect on Job Satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V.

- 5. Job satisfaction has a positive and significant effect on employee performance at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V.
- 6. Transformational Leadership has a positive and significant effect on Employee Performance through Job Satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V.
- 7. Non-Physical Work Environment has a positive and significant effect on Employee Performance through Job Satisfaction at PT. Perkebunan Nusantara V.

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