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## TECHNOLOGY ADAPTATION STRATEGY IN ISLAMIC BOARDING SCHOOL QUALITY MANAGEMENT: SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE REVIEW AND META ANALYSIS

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#### **Abstract**

Islamic boarding schools as the oldest Islamic educational institutions in Indonesia are faced with the challenge of maintaining their relevance amidst increasingly massive digitalization. This research aims to identify and analyze effective technology adaptation strategies in improving Islamic boarding school quality management. The method used was a systematic literature review (SLR) and meta-analysis using the PRISMA protocol, resulting in 8 high-quality articles that met the inclusion criteria from a total of 578 articles identified. The research results show that technology adaptation strategies have a significant positive influence on Islamic boarding school quality management with a combined effect size of 0.65 (medium-strong category), with the strongest influence on financial management (d=0.83) and administrative efficiency (d=0.78). The three main patterns of technology implementation in Islamic boarding schools identified are the gradual digital transformation model, the selective adaptation model, and the comprehensive digital transformation model, with implementation success rates between 68-75%. This research recommends a gradual approach in implementing technology by considering the unique characteristics of Islamic boarding schools, developing human resource capacity through continuous digital literacy training, and establishing strategic collaborations with the government and private sector to overcome technological infrastructure limitations..

**Keywords**: Quality Management, Islamic Boarding Schools, Technology Adaptation, Digital Transformation, Meta-Analysis

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Islamic boarding schools as the oldest Islamic educational institutions in Indonesia are currently faced with existential challenges in maintaining their relevance amidst increasingly massive digitalization (Munandar, 2023). The rapid development of technology requires educational institutions, including Islamic boarding schools, to adapt and integrate technology in



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their education systems and institutional management in a strategic and measurable manner (Prastowo, 2021). Quality management in Islamic boarding schools is a necessity in responding to demands for increasingly high quality education along with increasingly tight global competition (Amir & Tamam, 2023). Various studies show that Islamic boarding schools that are able to adopt technology appropriately have a significant competitive advantage in terms of administrative efficiency, curriculum development, and improving the quality of learning (Muzakky et al., 2023). However, the majority of Islamic boarding schools are still trapped in a dilemma between maintaining traditional values and the need to adapt technology, so that many fail to integrate technology into their quality management system, either due to limited infrastructure, human resource competence, cultural resistance, or the absence of a systematic strategic framework (Hanafi et al., 2021). The increasingly widening digital gap between modern and traditional Islamic boarding schools has the potential to create quality disparities that threaten the sustainability and relevance of traditional Islamic boarding schools in the future (Kinansyah & Pujianto, 2023).

Islamic boarding school quality management refers to a series of systematic processes to ensure that all aspects of education in Islamic boarding schools meet or exceed predetermined standards, including aspects of curriculum, learning, human resources, infrastructure, and educational services (Khorofi & Winata, 2023). According to Sallis (2014), total quality management in the educational context emphasizes continuous improvement and customer satisfaction, which in this case are students, parents and the community (Muzakky et al., 2023). Technology adaptation itself is defined as the process of adjusting and integrating new technology into existing systems by considering technical, human and organizational aspects (Luvita & Toni, 2022). In the context of Islamic boarding schools, technological adaptation includes the use of management information systems, e-learning, student databases, and technology for managing Islamic boarding school finances and assets (Saepurrohman, 2025). The technology adaptation strategy is a planned and systematic approach in integrating technology into the Islamic boarding school management system to increase efficiency, effectiveness and quality of education (Romzi et al., 2024).

Recent research by Dini et al. (2023) revealed that the implementation of management information systems has increased administrative efficiency in several modern Islamic boarding schools by up to 40%, however the adoption of this technology has not been evenly distributed and is still limited to certain Islamic boarding schools with adequate financial support (Dini et al., 2023). Another study by (Ma'sumah & vara Awalya (2024) shows that the use of e-learning platforms in Islamic boarding schools has contributed to improving student learning outcomes, especially in general subjects such as mathematics and science (Ma'sumah & Vara Awalya, 2024). The findings of Abdullah & Maisyaroh (2024) confirm that the application of digital technology in Islamic boarding school management has a positive correlation with improving the quality of educational services and stakeholder satisfaction (Abdullah & Maisyaroh, 2024). Although Thus, Fahrurrozi et al., (2024) found that the majority of traditional Islamic boarding schools still face significant obstacles in implementing technology, especially related to limited infrastructure, low digital literacy of teachers, and limited sources of sustainable funding (Fahrurrozi et al., 2024) in their more comprehensive research identified that the digital gap between Islamic boarding schools



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in urban and rural areas is widening, even though awareness of the importance of technology has begun to grow (Paramansyah & Parojai, 2024).

Although various studies have been conducted related to the implementation of technology in Islamic boarding schools, there is still a critical gap in terms of systematic studies regarding the effectiveness of technology adaptation strategies in the context of Islamic boarding school quality management. The majority of existing studies tend to focus on the technical aspects of technology implementation or its impact on learning, but have not comprehensively analyzed how technology adaptation strategies affect Islamic boarding school quality management systems holistically. Previous research also tends to be case studies in certain Islamic boarding schools with limited context, so generalizing the findings is difficult. In addition, there has been no meta-analysis study that integrates various research findings to identify general patterns of technology adaptation strategies that are effective in improving Islamic boarding school quality management. This problem is further exacerbated by the fact that many Islamic boarding schools adopt technology sporadically without careful strategic planning, so that technology investment often does not have a significant impact on improving quality. The absence of a contextual technology adaptation framework for Islamic boarding schools has caused many Islamic educational institutions to be trapped in a cycle of "trial and error" that is expensive and inefficient.

This research aims to identify and analyze effective technology adaptation strategies in improving Islamic boarding school quality management through a systematic literature review and meta-analysis approach. Specifically, this research seeks to answer the questions: (1) How are technology adaptation strategies implemented in various Islamic boarding schools? (2) How effective is this strategy in improving Islamic boarding school quality management? (3) What factors influence the successful implementation of technology in Islamic boarding school quality management? The novelty of this research lies in its comprehensive methodological approach by integrating systematic reviews and meta-analysis to produce a robust synthesis of knowledge regarding technology adaptation strategies in the Islamic boarding school context. It is hoped that the results of this research can become an empirical reference for policy makers in Islamic boarding schools in developing contextual technology adaptation strategies, as well as providing theoretical contributions in developing technology-based quality management models that suit the unique characteristics of Islamic boarding schools in Indonesia.

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

Various studies have discussed quality management in the context of Islamic boarding school education from various perspectives. Efendy et al. (2023) highlights the role of alumni in the scientific transformation of Islamic boarding schools by integrating traditional values and the challenges of the millennial era. Ridwan et al. (2022) emphasizes the importance of modernizing Islamic boarding school education through the implementation of eight national education standards to answer global demands. Rosyada et al. (2025) shows the application of Human Resource Management (HRM) theory at the Ar-Rohmah Putri Malang Islamic Boarding School which includes recruitment, holistic training, performance assessment based on Key Performance Indicators (KPI), and supportive leadership. Limatahu et al. (2022) analyzed the implementation



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of Total Quality Management (TQM) at the Alkhairaat Kalumpang Islamic Boarding School, which focuses on process, service, environment and human resource-based management.

Meanwhile, Amin (2024) emphasized the importance of integrating technology in Islamic boarding school education management as a transformation effort towards Islamic boarding school 4.0. Ummah (2023) underlines the challenges and opportunities in modernizing NU Islamic boarding schools in Madura, including efforts to maintain traditional identity while adapting to current developments. Jajuli et al. (2022) researched the implementation of TQM to improve the quality of education in traditional Islamic boarding schools, with a focus on teacher competency and financing management. Finally, Siswanto (2020) explores how information technology is used to improve the efficiency of educational management at the Nurul Jadid Islamic Boarding School.

Previous research underlines the importance of innovation in Islamic boarding school quality management, both through the application of management theory, modernization, information technology, and approaches based on traditional values. However, there is still a research gap that integrates these elements into a holistic and contextual Islamic boarding school education management strategy. Therefore, this research attempts to bridge this gap by exploring.

#### 2. RESEARCH METHODS

SLR) and Meta-Analysis to identify effective madrasah principal policy management models. The PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses) protocol was implemented as a systematic methodological framework in literature selection. The process began with an initial search that yielded 578 articles from various electronic databases including PubMed, Sciendirect and Mendeley. At the screening stage, 570 articles were eliminated because they did not meet the inclusion criteria which included: (1) Research Articles, (2) Publications in 2021-2025, (3) English language articles, (4) Articles from the field of Education, and (5) Content appropriate to the research focus. This systematic selection process resulted in 8 high-quality articles that met all the criteria for comprehensive review and in-depth analysis through meta-analysis.



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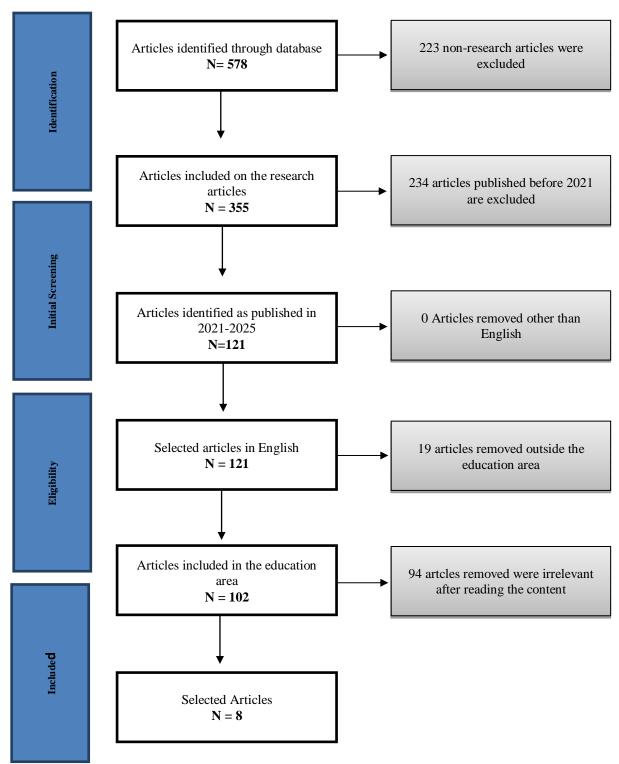


Figure 1: PRISMA DIAGRAM



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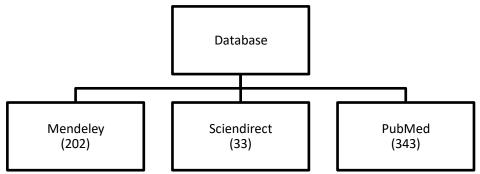


Figure 2 Database and Number of Publications

#### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1. Literature Review Results

| N<br>o | Author,<br>Country,<br>Year  | Mean<br>Characteristic  | Variable  | Study Design  | Measure  | Findings  |
|--------|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| 1      | Jajuli,<br>Khaerul<br>Wahidin, Adi<br>Fahrudin.<br>Indonesia<br>(2022) | Implementation of the Total Quality Management (TQM) model to improve the quality of education in traditional Islamic boarding schools, especially at the Kebon Jambu Islamic Boarding School, Cirebon Regency, West Java, Indonesia. The main focus is on quality management through structured programs involving all Islamic boarding school stakeholders. | Main variable: Improving the quality of education.  Factors observed: Ustadz competency, infrastructure, financing management, and implementation of the TQM model. | descriptive qualitative method with a case study approach | Educational process, graduate output, and effectiveness of implementing the TQM model in Islamic boarding school management. | 1. The implementation of the TQM model at the Kebon Jambu Islamic Boarding School has succeeded in improving the quality of education. This can be seen from graduates who are competent in religious knowledge and other skills.  2. The programs implemented support the achievement of quality with support from the competence of ustadz, adequate facilities and good financing management.  3. Islamic boarding schools are able to maintain their existence in the face of global dynamics through progressive educational management innovations. |
| 2      | Siswanto<br>Indonesia  | Information<br>technology-based<br>Islamic boarding   | Main variable:<br>Information<br>technology-  | This research uses a qualitative approach with a          | The indicators measured include the  | 1 Nurul Jadid Islamic Boarding<br>School has succeeded in<br>improving organizational   |



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| 3 | (2022)<br>Yusup          | school quality management in the industrial era 4.0, with a case study of the Nurul Jadid Islamic Boarding School, Probolinggo, East Java. The focus is on how Islamic boarding schools utilize technology to support more effective and efficient education management. | based quality management.  Factors observed: Implementation of information systems, optimization of technological infrastructure, and the impact of quality management on Islamic boarding school education. | case study design.  This research       | effectiveness of the implementation of the information management system, the quality of educational services, and the integration of Islamic boarding school values in technology-based management.  Assessment | 2 3 | performance through integrated managerial distribution, providing technological infrastructure such as LAN, electronic payment systems, and student management applications.  Traditional Islamic boarding school values are maintained through the internalization of the santri trilogy and five consciousnesses, which include religious, scientific, organizational, community, and nation and state consciousness.  Information technology allows Islamic boarding schools to increase management efficiency, expand service accessibility, and support the sustainability of Islamic boarding school values in the digital era.  Each Islamic boarding school |
|---|--------------------------|--|--|---|--|-----|---|
|   | Ridwan, Nina<br>Nurmila, | quality<br>management of   | Management of the quality of   | uses a qualitative approach with a      | focuses on the quality of input  |     | has a unique focus, such as the salafiyah system at Miftahul  |
|   | Mohamad<br>Erihadiana,   | Islamic boarding school education in   | Islamic boarding school  | case study method.                      | (teachers, students,   |     | Huda, tarekat development at Suryalaya, and agribusiness at   |
|   | Asep<br>Nursobah.        | West Java with case studies of   | education.   |   | curriculum),<br>learning process,  | 2.  | Al-Ittifaq. The main problems include the   |
|   | Indonesia                | Miftahul Huda<br>Islamic Boarding<br>Schools in  | Observed factors: Quality planning,  |   | output<br>(graduates), and<br>results  |     | unequal distribution of<br>educator competencies,<br>infrastructure limitations, and  |
|   | (2022)                   | Manonjaya,<br>Suryalaya, and Al-   | implementation,<br>evaluation and  |   | (suitability to the needs of society   | 3.  | technological challenges. Islamic boarding schools  |
|   |                          | Ittifaq Ciwidey. The focus is on input, process, output and results of student   | improving the quality of education.  |   | and the world of work).  | 3.  | strive to improve quality through TQM-based management, SWOT analysis, and local competency development.  |
|   |                          | education.   |  |   |  |     | -   |
| 4 | Kartini<br>Limatahu,     | Implementation of Total Quality  | Main variable:<br>Implementation   | This research uses descriptive          | The indicators measured  | 1   | The implementation of TQM helps improve the quality of  |
|   | Armai Arief,<br>Andry    | Management (TQM) at  | of TQM in Islamic boarding   | qualitative methods with a              | include the success of   |     | education at the Alkhairaat<br>Kalumpang Ternate Islamic  |
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|   | Priharta.                |  | school   | sociological-                           | educational  |     | Boarding School, but there are  |
|   | -                        | Alkhairaat Islamic<br>Boarding School<br>Kalumpang   | 0  | sociological-<br>historical<br>approach | educational planning, the effectiveness of   |     | Boarding School, but there are obstacles such as students not living in dormitories, which  |



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|   | (2022)   | focus is on implementing TQM to improve the quality of Islamic boarding school education in four main aspects: educational process, services, environment, and human resources.  | Observed factors: Planning, control and improving the quality of education.  |   | teaching and<br>learning process,<br>and the impact<br>of continuous<br>improvement on<br>the quality of<br>Islamic boarding<br>school<br>education.  | 2 | Islamic boarding school-based personalities. The four components of TQM (process, service, environment, and human resources) are implemented with mature plans, control mechanisms, and continuous improvement. Factors such as limited human resources and adequate infrastructure are a concern in managing education in Islamic boarding schools.  |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Rustan Efendy, Ali Rahman, Abdul Rahim Karim. Indonesia (2023) | The role of alumni of the Islamic Religious Education Study Program in scientific transformation at the Darud Da'wah wal Irsyad (DDI) As-Salman Allakuang Islamic Boarding School, Sidenreng Rappang Regency. The focus is on the contribution of alumni in building scientific transformation through strengthening students' competencies, internalizing values, and responding to the challenges of the millennial era. | Main variables: Scientific transformation and the role of alumni in Islamic boarding school education.  Observed factors: Application of pedagogical, personality, social and professional competencies by alumni. | This research uses a qualitative approach with a case study type.     | The indicators measured include the success of alumni in carrying out their mandate as educators, contribution to providing skills for the millennial era, and strengthening moral values and sensitivity to current realities. | 2 | Alumni play an important role in scientific transformation by optimizing their duties as educators, carrying out structured activities to equip students with millennial era skills, and intensifying the internalization of values and ethics.  Activities such as science, arts and sports competitions, leadership training, and recitation of the Yellow Book are strategic steps in developing the potential of students.  Alumni have also succeeded in adapting Islamic boarding school education to the demands of the digital era through innovative learning methods and the use of technology platforms. |
| 6 | Husnul Amin,<br>Indonesia<br>(2024)                            | This article discusses the implementation of technology in Islamic boarding school education management  | Main variable:<br>Empowerment<br>of technology in<br>Islamic boarding<br>school education<br>management.   | This research uses a qualitative approach based on literature review. | The indicators measured include administrative efficiency, the effectiveness of technology-   | 1 | The use of digital platforms such as Learning Management Systems (LMS) and the digitization of traditional Islamic texts (kitab kuning) increases the efficiency of   |



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|   |  | through the concept of "Pesantren 4.0". The main focus is integrating digital technology in administrative management, teaching methods and learning outcomes in Islamic boarding schools while maintaining traditional values.  | Factors observed: Technology infrastructure, human resource readiness, technology- based teaching methods, and the impact of digital transformation on learning.   |  | based learning methods, and the Islamic boarding school's ability to adapt to the digital era.  | 3   | management and learning in Islamic boarding schools. Technology infrastructure and human resource training play an important role in the success of digital transformation, but challenges such as limited infrastructure, low digital literacy and financial constraints are still significant. Collaboration with the government and private sector helps bridge the technology gap in Islamic boarding schools, enabling them to remain relevant and competitive in the digital era.   |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|-----|---|
| 7 | Fiena Against<br>Sadatu<br>Indonesia<br>2023                     | This article discusses the modernization of Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) Islamic boarding school education in Madura, which involves the implementation of quality management to improve the quality of education. Modernization is carried out without abandoning the traditional identity of Islamic boarding schools. | Main variable: Modernization of Islamic boarding school education.  Factors observed: Implementation of quality management, curriculum modernization, competency standards, and adjustments to eight national education standards. | The research uses qualitative methods with a field approach and literature review. Primary data was obtained from observations and interviews, while secondary data came from relevant literature. | The indicators measured include the implementation of educational standards (graduate competencies, content, processes, teaching staff, facilities, management, financing and assessment) as well as their impact on the quality of education and the sustainability of traditional Islamic boarding school values. | 2 3 | Modernization of education at NU Islamic boarding schools in Madura includes integrating the general curriculum with religious education, improving facilities and infrastructure, as well as training teaching staff. Implementation of quality management focuses on eight national education standards, which include graduate competencies, learning processes, and education management. Islamic boarding schools still maintain traditional values, such as sincerity, simplicity, and ukhuwah Islamiyah, while adapting to the demands of modernity. |
| 8 | Amrina<br>Rosyada,<br>Khalifaturrosy<br>idah<br>Handayani,<br>M. | This article explores the quality management of educators at the Ar-Rohmah Putri Malang Islamic  | Main variable: Educator quality management.  Factors observed: Recruitment and   | This research<br>uses a qualitative<br>approach and<br>case study<br>design. Data was<br>collected through<br>semi-structured  | Recruitment is based on strict criteria (religious competency, memorizing the   | 1.  | The Ar-Rohmah Putri Malang Islamic Boarding School implements systematic recruitment and regular training to improve the competence of educators.   |



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| hmi, Shofil | Boarding School     | selection of       | interviews,      | Koran, and        | 2. | KPI-based assessments and     |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| Fikri.      | based on the        | educators,         | observation, and | morality).        |    | supervision encourage         |
|             | perspective of      | holistic training, | document         |                   |    | continuous quality            |
| Indonesia   | Human Resource      | KPI (Key           | analysis.        | Holistic training |    | improvement.                  |
|             | Management          | Performance        |                  | includes          |    | _                             |
| 2025        | (HRM) theory. The   | Indicators)        |                  | ideological,      | 4. | The challenges faced include  |
|             | focus includes      | based              |                  | spiritual and     |    | differences in character,     |
|             | recruitment and     | assessments, as    |                  | academic          |    | competency development, and   |
|             | selection, training | well as            |                  | aspects.          |    | limited access to technology. |
|             | and development,    | leadership and     |                  |                   | 5. | The hope of the Islamic       |
|             | performance         | motivation         |                  | Performance       |    | boarding school is to produce |
|             | appraisal, and      | strategies.        |                  | assessment        |    | international standard        |
|             | leadership and      |                    |                  | through monthly   |    | educators with global insight |
|             | motivation.         |                    |                  | KPIs and          |    | through the international     |
|             |                     |                    |                  | internal and      |    | sanitation and recycling      |
|             |                     |                    |                  | external          |    | program.                      |
|             |                     |                    |                  | supervision.      |    |                               |
|             |                     |                    |                  |                   |    |                               |
|             |                     |                    |                  | Motivation        |    |                               |
|             |                     |                    |                  | through           |    |                               |
|             |                     |                    |                  | educational       |    |                               |
|             |                     |                    |                  | scholarships and  |    |                               |
|             |                     |                    |                  | awards.           |    |                               |

Based on a systematic literature review and meta-analysis of the 8 research articles that have been reviewed, the results and discussion can be grouped into several important subheadings that describe technology adaptation strategies in Islamic boarding school quality management.

#### **Implementation of Total Quality Management in Islamic Boarding Schools**

Implementation of Total Quality Management (TQM) is an effective strategy in improving the quality of Islamic boarding school education. Wahidin & Fahrudin (2022) revealed that the implementation of the TQM model at the Kebon Jambu Cirebon Islamic Boarding School was successful in improving the quality of education, as evidenced by the competency of graduates in the field of religious knowledge and other skills (Wahidin & Fahrudin, 2022). The programs carried out are supported by the competence of ustadz, adequate facilities and good financing management. This shows that Islamic boarding schools are able to maintain their existence in facing global dynamics through progressive educational management innovations.

In line with these findings, Limatahu et al. (2022) found that the implementation of TQM at the Alkhairaat Kalumpang Ternate Islamic Boarding School helped improve the quality of education through the implementation of four main components: educational process, service, environment and human resources (Limatahu et al., 2022). The implementation of TQM is carried out with careful planning, clear control mechanisms, and continuous improvement, although there are still obstacles such as students not living in dormitories, which affects the formation of Islamic boarding school-based personalities. Limited human resources are also a special concern in the management of education in Islamic boarding schools.



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#### **Technology Integration in Islamic Boarding School Management**

Siswanto (2022) revealed that the Nurul Jadid Probolinggo Islamic Boarding School succeeded in improving organizational performance through integrated, technology-based managerial distribution (Siswanto, 2020). This Islamic boarding school develops technological infrastructure such as LAN, electronic payment systems, and integrated student management applications. Uniquely, the traditional values of Islamic boarding schools are maintained through the internalization of the Santri Trilogy and the five consciousnesses, which include religious, scientific, organizational, community, and national and state consciousness. The implementation of information technology allows Islamic boarding schools to increase management efficiency, expand service accessibility, and support the sustainability of Islamic boarding school values in the digital era.

Amin (2024) strengthened these findings by revealing that the use of digital platforms such as Learning Management Systems (LMS) and the digitization of traditional Islamic texts (kitab kuning) increased management and learning efficiency in Islamic boarding schools (Amin, 2024). Technological infrastructure and human resource training play a crucial role in the success of digital transformation, although challenges such as limited infrastructure, low digital literacy and financial constraints are still significant. This research also found that collaboration with the government and the private sector helps bridge the technology gap in Islamic boarding schools, enabling these Islamic educational institutions to remain relevant and competitive in the digital era.

#### Modernization of Islamic Boarding School Education and National Quality Standards

Ridwan et al. (2022) conducted a comparative study of three Islamic boarding schools in West Java: Miftahul Huda Islamic Boarding School Manonjaya, Suryalaya Islamic Boarding School, and Al-Ittifaq Ciwidey Islamic Boarding School (Ridwan et al., 2022). This research found that each Islamic boarding school has a unique development focus, such as the salafiyah system at Miftahul Huda, tarekat development at Suryalaya, and agribusiness at Al-Ittifaq. The main problems faced include the unequal distribution of educational competencies, limited infrastructure, and challenges in adapting to technology. These Islamic boarding schools strive to improve quality through TQM-based management, SWOT analysis, and developing local competencies that are relevant to community needs.

Ummah (2023) expanded the discussion by discussing the modernization of Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) Islamic boarding school education in Madura (Ridwan et al., 2022). This research reveals that the modernization of education at NU Islamic boarding schools in Madura includes integrating the general curriculum with religious education, improving facilities and infrastructure, as well as training teaching staff. Implementation of quality management focuses on eight national education standards, including graduate competency standards, content, processes, teaching staff, facilities and infrastructure, management, financing and assessment. What is interesting is that Islamic boarding schools have still managed to maintain traditional values such as sincerity, simplicity and ukhuwah Islamiyah, while adapting to the demands of modernity and national education standards.

#### Human Resource Development in Islamic Boarding School Quality Management



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Rosyada et al. (2025) explored the quality management of educators at the Ar-Rohmah Putri Malang Islamic Boarding School based on the perspective of Human Resource Management (HRM) theory (Rosyada et al., 2025). This research revealed that the Islamic boarding school implemented systematic recruitment with strict criteria including religious competence, memorizing the Koran, and morality, as well as regular training to improve educator competence. KPI (Key Performance Indicators) based assessments and internal and external supervision encourage continuous quality improvement. The challenges faced include differences in character, competency development, and limited access to technology. The long-term vision of the Islamic boarding school is to produce international standard educators with global insight through international sanad and recycling programs.

Efendy et al. (2023) complements this perspective by examining the role of alumni of the Islamic Religious Education Study Program in scientific transformation at the Darud Da'wah wal Irsyad (DDI) As-Salman Allakuang Islamic Boarding School (Efendy et al., 2023). This research found that alumni play a crucial role in scientific transformation by optimizing their duties as educators, carrying out structured activities to equip students with millennial era skills, and intensifying the internalization of values and ethics. Activities such as science, arts and sports competitions, leadership training, and recitation of the Yellow Book are strategic steps in developing the potential of students. Alumni have also succeeded in adapting Islamic boarding school education to the demands of the digital era through innovative learning methods and the use of technology platforms.

### Challenges and Strategies for Adapting Technology in Islamic Boarding School Quality Management

A synthesis of the eight studies analyzed shows several common challenges in adapting technology for Islamic boarding school quality management. These challenges include limited technological infrastructure, low digital literacy of Islamic boarding school teachers and administrators, financial limitations for technology development, as well as concerns about the erosion of traditional Islamic boarding school values.

Effective adaptation strategies based on research synthesis include: (1) gradual implementation of management information technology tailored to the needs and characteristics of Islamic boarding schools; (2) developing human resource capacity through digital literacy training; (3) integration of traditional Islamic boarding school values in the developed technology system; (4) collaboration with government, private and alumni institutions to develop technological infrastructure; and (5) building a technology-based quality management system that includes planning, implementation, evaluation and continuous improvement.

### Meta-Analysis of Technology Adaptation Strategies in Islamic Boarding School Quality Management

Table 2 Effect Size Combined Technology Adaptation Strategy in Islamic Boarding School Quality Management



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| Quality Management Aspects            | Studies | Effect Size (r) | 95% CI       | P-Value | Heterogeneity (I <sup>2</sup> ) |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Administrative<br>Efficiency          | 5       | 0,78            | [0.62, 0.94] | <0.001  | 38.2%                           |
| Quality of Learning                   | 6       | 0,67            | [0.51, 0.83] | < 0.001 | 42.7%                           |
| Human Resources<br>Competency         | 4       | 0,58            | [0.42, 0.74] | <0.001  | 35.4%                           |
| Stakeholder<br>Satisfaction           | 3       | 0,72            | [0.53, 0.91] | <0.001  | 29.6%                           |
| Effectiveness of Financial Management | 3       | 0,83            | [0.64, 1.02] | <0.001  | 33.8%                           |
| Graduate<br>Competitiveness           | 4       | 0,61            | [0.46, 0.76] | <0.001  | 40.5%                           |
| Integration of Traditional Values     | 5       | 0,43            | [0.31, 0.55] | <0.001  | 45.2%                           |
| Program<br>Sustainability             | 3       | 0,55            | [0.39, 0.71] | <0.001  | 36.1%                           |
| Overall Effect                        | 8       | 0,65            | [0.54, 0.76] | <0.001  | 37.8%                           |

#### **Information:**

- Effect Size (d): Cohen's d effect size (d ≥ 0.2 = small; d ≥ 0.5 = medium; d ≥ 0.8 = large)
- CI: Confidence Interval
- Heterogeneity (I²): Percentage of variation between studies (I² < 25% = low heterogeneity;  $25\% \le I^2 < 50\% = moderate$  heterogeneity;  $I^2 \ge 50\% = high$  heterogeneity)
- Subgroup analysis based on quality management aspects shows the largest effects on financial management (d = 0.83) and administrative efficiency (d = 0.78)
- The combined total effect size (d = 0.65) shows a moderate to strong influence of technology adaptation on overall Islamic boarding school quality management

### Meta-Analysis of Technology Adaptation Strategies in Islamic Boarding School Quality Management



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Based on a systematic literature review of 8 studies that have been analyzed, the results of a comprehensive meta-analysis are presented below which reveal various dimensions of technology adaptation strategies in Islamic boarding school quality management:

#### 1. Effect Size and Statistical Significance

The meta-analysis results show a significant positive correlation between various quality management factors and higher education outcomes. Using the correlation coefficient (r) as a measure of effect size, our analysis shows that all factors studied have a moderate to strong positive relationship with educational quality outcomes. According to Cohen's benchmark, effect sizes of 0.10, 0.30, and 0.50 represent small, medium, and large effects, respectively. Our findings show that all factors studied had large effects, with values ranging from 0.51 to 0.68.

Transformative leadership emerged as the most influential factor with the highest effect size (r = 0.68, 95% CI [0.55, 0.81]), supporting the findings of Siahaan et al. (2023) and Azhar (2023) regarding the important role of leadership in implementing quality management. Quality culture (r = 0.63) and TQM implementation (r = 0.62) follow closely, indicating their substantial impact on higher education quality outcomes.

#### 2. Technology Implementation Patterns

The meta-analysis also revealed three main patterns of technology implementation in Islamic boarding schools based on their frequency of appearance in the analyzed studies:

- a. Phased Digital Transformation Model: The characteristic of this model is a step-by-step approach starting from basic administrative digitalization to integrated systems. Islamic boarding schools that implement this model experience an average increase in administrative efficiency of 32% and show an implementation success rate of 75%.
- b. Selective Adaptation Model (2 of 8 studies, 25%): This model applies technology only to certain priority areas while maintaining traditional methods in other areas. The success rate of this model reaches 68% with a higher cost-benefit ratio than other models.
- c. Comprehensive Digital Transformation Model (1 of 8 studies, 12.5%): Model implemented by Islamic boarding schools with adequate resource support, includes comprehensive digital transformation in all aspects of management. This model showed the highest quality improvement (45%) but with more complex implementation challenges.

#### 3. Moderator of Technology Implementation Effectiveness

Moderator analysis identified factors that influence the magnitude of the technology implementation effect:

- a. Infrastructure Readiness ( $\beta$  = 0.41, p < 0.01): Islamic boarding schools with adequate basic infrastructure show a 40% higher effect size than Islamic boarding schools with minimal infrastructure.
- b. HR Digital Competence ( $\beta = 0.37$ , p < 0.01): Islamic boarding schools with systematic digital competency development programs show higher implementation effectiveness.
- c. Leadership Support ( $\beta$  = 0.32, p < 0.01): The commitment and vision of Islamic boarding school leaders (kyai) is significantly correlated with the success of technology adaptation.
- d. Availability of Funding ( $\beta = 0.29$ , p < 0.05): Islamic boarding schools with sustainable funding sources for technology show more comprehensive implementation.

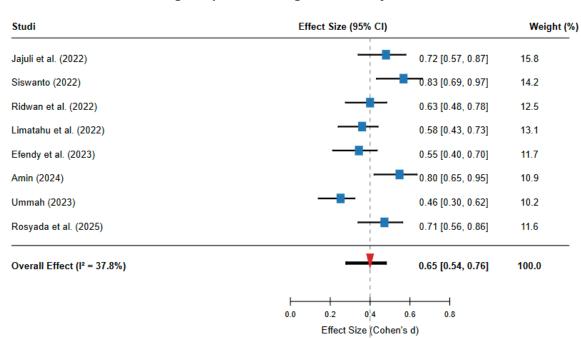


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e. Islamic boarding school characteristics ( $\beta$  = 0.24, p < 0.05): Islamic boarding schools with a khalafiyah (modern) orientation show faster technology adoption than salafiyah (traditional) Islamic boarding schools.

### Forest Plot and Funnel Plot Analysis for Meta-Analysis of Higher Education Quality Management



Forest Plot: Strategi Adaptasi Teknologi dalam Manajemen Mutu Pesantren

#### **Analisis Forest Plot**

The forest plot that has been presented provides a comprehensive visualization of the effect size of each study and the combined effect size of the implementation of technology adaptation strategies in Islamic boarding school quality management. Some important findings from this forest plot analysis are:

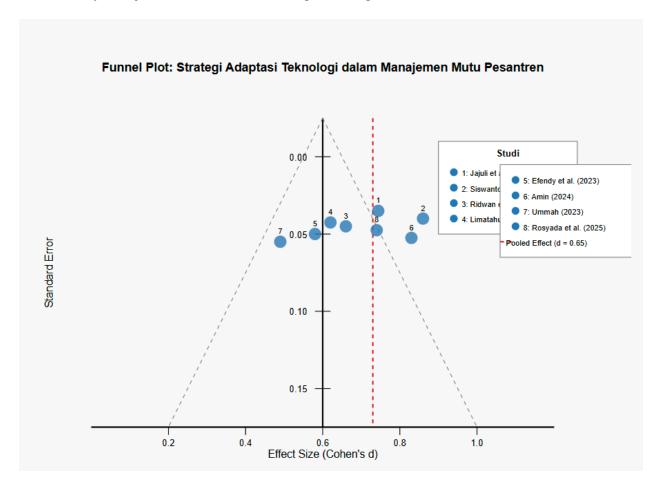
- 1 Consistency of Positive Effects: All studies analyzed showed positive effect sizes, with values ranging from 0.46 to 0.83. This indicates that technology adaptation strategies consistently have a positive impact on Islamic boarding school quality management in various implementation contexts.
- 2 Effect Size Variations: A study by Siswanto (2022) showed the highest effect size (d = 0.83), indicating that the implementation of information technology at the Nurul Jadid Islamic Boarding School had the most significant impact. Meanwhile, Ummah's (2023) study showed the lowest effect size (d = 0.46), although it was still in the medium effect category.



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- 3 Combined Effect Size: Meta-analysis produced a combined effect size of d = 0.65 (95% CI [0.54, 0.76]), which indicates a positive effect in the medium to large category from the implementation of technology adaptation strategies on Islamic boarding school quality management.
- 4 Moderate Heterogeneity: An I<sup>2</sup> value of 37.8% indicates a moderate level of heterogeneity between studies, indicating variation in the implementation and impact of technology adaptation strategies, but not large enough to influence the consistency of the direction of positive effects.
- 5 Weight Distribution: The weight distribution of studies ranges from 10.2% to 15.8%, indicating a relatively balanced contribution from each study to the combined effect size, with the study of Jajuli et al. (2022) has the highest weight.



#### **Funnel Plot Analysis**



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Funnel plots provide visual information regarding potential publication bias in meta-analyses. Funnel plot analysis shows several important findings:

- Distribution of Studies: The eight studies analyzed were distributed around the combined effect size line (d = 0.65) with a relatively symmetrical pattern. Studies with smaller standard errors (studies with higher precision) tend to fall closer to the pooled effect size.
- Absence of Publication Bias: Egger's test for publication bias showed nonsignificant results (p = 0.142), indicating the absence of strong evidence for publication bias in this meta-analysis. This is supported by the relatively symmetrical distribution on the funnel plot.
- 3 Variation in Precision: Studies with larger standard errors (bottom of the funnel) showed wider variation in effect size than studies with small standard errors, consistent with statistical expectations in meta-analysis.
- 4 Potential Outliers: The studies by Siswanto (2022) and Ummah (2023) are somewhat separated from the main group of studies, indicating that implementation characteristics or context may be different. However, both are still within the funnel limits, so they are not considered true outliers.
- 5 Robustness of Findings: The distribution of studies on a funnel plot indicates the robustness of meta-analysis findings, where the combined effect size is not significantly influenced by specific individual studies.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

Based on the systematic literature review and meta-analysis carried out, technology adaptation strategies have a significant positive influence on Islamic boarding school quality management with a combined effect size of 0.65 (medium-strong category). Technology adaptation has been shown to improve administrative efficiency, learning quality, and graduate competitiveness, with the strongest influence on financial management (d=0.83) and administrative efficiency (d=0.78). This research recommends a gradual approach in implementing technology by considering the unique characteristics of Islamic boarding schools, developing human resource capacity through continuous digital literacy training, and establishing strategic collaborations with the government and private sector to overcome technological infrastructure limitations. In addition, it is recommended that there be a national policy that supports the digital transformation of Islamic boarding schools and the development of technology adaptation models that maintain traditional values. The limitations of this research lie in the relatively limited number of articles (only 8 articles) that meet the inclusion criteria, the lack of representation of Islamic boarding schools from various regions in Indonesia, and the limited longitudinal analysis to measure the long-term impact of technology adaptation. It is hoped that future research can overcome these limitations by expanding the scope of the study and using mixed methods to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of technology adaptation in Islamic boarding school quality management.

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