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My beloved colleagues Assalamu alaikum,

### How to evaluate Problem Statement in a PhD Research Proposal? Series 2

A problem statement is a specific condition that needs urgent attention and a possible solution. Problem statement attempts to fill a gap in the existing knowledge that requires serious attention. An excellent problem statement is just **a line or two**. The rest of the paragraph(s) is its elaboration; possible solution and most importantly who says that it is a problem (cite scholarly references). The problem must generate questions for the research to answer. A PhD proposal problem statement must challenge to answer the following questions:

1. What is the problem? **What?**
2. Where is the problem? **Where?**
3. How to solve the problem? **How?**
4. Why you want to solve the problem? **Why?**
5. Is the problem **current?**
6. Will the problem **continue in the future** if it is not solved?
7. Who is **suffering** by that problem?
8. Will this problem **prove or disprove** the existing knowledge?

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