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## THE ROLE OF RELATIONAL CAPITAL IN INCREASING THE COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ZAKAH TO ERADICATE POVERTY IN CENTRAL JAVA

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#### Abstract

Zakat has a strategic role in the welfare of the community through the distribution of income from the rich to the poor. The existence of charities, institutions are essential to support the achievement of the people's welfare. The potential of zakat in Indonesia reached Rp 213.7 trillion, while amyl Agency and national zakat (BAZNAS) recently able to collect zakat amounting to Rp 2.2 trillion. On the other hand the number of poor people in Indonesia about 30 million people. This low level of collectivity that needs to be improved through a variety of strategies to collect zakat., One of which is to optimize the relational capital (relational capital). The aim of this study to find a model to optimize the collection and distribution of zakat through relational capital. Respondents in this study were muzakki (57) and manager BAZNAS of Jepara and Semarang as many as six people. Methods of data collection is done by using questionnaires and interviews. The result showed that the zakat collection methods that exist today have not been carried out professionally and proactively. To improve the collection and distribution of zakat needed a good relational capital between BAZNAS city / county with all stakeholders such as government agencies, private businesses, muzakki, religious organizations and Islamic universities.

Keywords: Zakat, relational capital, collaboration, poverty, BAZNAS

#### INTRODUCTION

Several studies about the role of zakah to foster the welfare of society have been carried out by many researchers, such as Ammani, Abba, and Dandago, (2014); Saad Aziz, & Sawandi, (2014); Tanvir Mahmud, Kabir Hassan, Ferdous Alam, Sohag, and Rafiq, (2014); Samad & Glenn, (2010). There are three categories related to zakah term, they are figh zakah (Qaradawi, 1997; Mahmud and Haneef, 2008); zakah management (Kahf, 1999; Islahi, 2005; Azharudiddin, 1988; Faridi, 1993, 1995; Ajeel, 1995; Abdul Wahab, 1995; Khan, 1993; Jamjom, 1995; Mohammad, 1995; Balogun, 1999); and economic zakah including the impact of zakah to the economic aggregate, production, consumption and investment. Zakah is deemed to be one of the instruments which are important for the Islamic State to alleviate poverty through the distribution of income from the rich to the poor, especially in Indonesia. Zakah generally reduces poverty because it is the transfer of wealth from those with a lower marginal propensity to consume for those with a higher one (Karwai et al., 2012). In this case, zakah will increase consumption, production, and distribution pattern of Islamic countries; eliminate the inequality of income and increase social cohesion. The study conducted by Khatimah (2004) which elaborates the impact of zakah (charity) to improve the welfare of mustahik through productive financing concludes that most of partner program members earn significant revenues through the financing model of zakah. Factors related to gender, education level, total zakah received and the type of business affect the income levels significantly. Moreover, the study conducted by Sina (2005) also concludes that zakah influences mustahik's income. Susanto (2002), on his study about zakah as an alternative policy which is antidiscrimination and anti-poverty, concludes that zakah as one of charities is effective to eradicate

poverty in Indonesia. In addition, Beik (2009) evokes that any activity in the form of charity play important role in the assets redistribution, capacity and wealth creation policies.

Many studies have proven the importance of zakah to improve the welfare of the poor, however, the management of zakah carried out by institutional charities that exists today is still not optimal, both from the aspect of collection and distribution of zakah funds. National Zakah Agency (BAZNAS) has been given the authority by the government in the planning, executing, controlling, reporting and providing accountability for the collection, distribution and utilization of zakah based on Law No. 23 of 2011. In fact, in 2015, they are only able to collect zakah amounting to 3.4 trillion rupiahs of potential national zakah amounting to 213.7 trillion rupiahs (zakah collection ratio is still around 1.59%). The low ratio of zakah collection is caused by several factors, such as public awareness to pay zakah is still low, the socialization of the importance of paying zakah is still limited, the management of zakah are not professional and limited resources owned by zakah management institutions. Results of study conducted by Heru et al. (2013) on the muzakki and BAZNAS managers in Central Java areas figure out that the public interest in the payment of zakah is still low and not optimal. The collection of zakah, infaq and sadaqah (ZIS) is still dominated by the civil servants, enterprises, state-owned enterprises and other government agencies that have possessed a charity collector unit (UPZ). Although the target of ZIS collection by Bazda increases each year, yet, if compared with the potential muzakki in each area, the Bazda target is still relatively low. The results also suggest the need to reform the existing administration structure to the newest one which is in accordance with the laws and regulation; and enhance operational employees to attract potential zakah and distribute it to mustahik properly. Socialization and Strategy of collecting zakah, infaq and shadaqah have been done by all Bazda through printed and electronic media, but due to limited funds and human resources, the potential target has not been Socialization system in ZIS collection involves the commitment of all fully achieved by ZIS. parties both Bazda board and district/city governments. In Bazda level, precisely, it needs to optimize the role of zakah collection unit (UPZ) at village, district, regency/city, enterprises, and private companies. In other words, the ability to establish relationships (relational capital) with stakeholders of zakah will become a major success factor in improving the collection and distribution of zakah funds. The study conducted by Kamaluddin and Rahman (2010) concludes that there is significant correlation between relational capital and culture traits mission on the effectiveness of organization. Therefore, this study aims to determine the role of relational capital to increase the collection and distribution of zakah in reducing poverty.

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### Zakah

Terminologically, Zakah means to issue some properties with certain requirements to be given to certain groups (mustahiq) with certain requirements. Meanwhile, Infaq and Shadaqah mean to issue some properties for the purposes commanded by Allah outside zakah. Sadaqah is sometimes used for something immaterial. Zakah, Infaq and Shadaqah are the embodiment of love and compassion to fellow mankind. Muzakki's love will eliminate envy and jealousy among Mustahik. Qaradawi (1988) explains that 'zaka' means grace, grow, clean, good, and reliable. Terminologically, zakah means some specific properties which are required by God to be given to those who deserve (Qaradawi, 1988). It means that zakah is a blessing, purity, kindness, and progress on the property after payment at a certain level and distributed to eligible recipients. According to Qaradawi (1997) poverty alleviation is the purpose of zakah. Chapra (2000) states that zakah is a religious instrument to help the poor and the needy to live on.

There are many reasons explaining that *zakah* is an effective instrument to alleviate poverty (Nurzaman (2010). First, the allocation of *zakah* has been determined for 8 *ashnaf* according to QS.

At Tawbah: 60 (fuqara, Masakin, Amilin alaiha, muallafat ul qulub, fir riqab, gharimin, fi sabilillah, ibn us sabil). Second, zakah is directed to broader basis and covers many economic activities, such as agricultural products, animals, gold and silver; commercial activity, minerals as well as physical assets and financial, including professional/skills of employees, so that, it has a huge potential to reduce poverty. Third, zakah is a spiritual tax paid by every Moslem under any circumstances.

The implementation of zakah, infaq and sadaqah is the manifestation of faith and belief in God on the truth of His teaching (Qur'an, 9: 5, QS, 9:11); gratitude, especially on properties (QS. 93:11, QS. 14: 7), and reduction of greedy, materialistic, egoistic and selfish nature of self. Rasulullah Saw said that: "Envy can spend kindness as fire burns wood; shadaqah can eliminate sins as water extinguishes fire; the prayer is the light for those who believe, fasting is a shield from the torment of hell fire "(HR. Ibn Majah). In addition, zakah is able to cleanse, purify and create peacefulness of Muzakki (Surah 70: 19-25). Properties issued to zakah, infaq and shadaqah will develop and bring a blessing and luck to its owner. Zakah is one source of infrastructure development funds that must be possessed by Muslims as a means of education, health, economic institutions, and so on (Surah 9: 71). It is one of instruments of income distribution. Good management of zakah will boost economic growth (Qur'an 59: 7).

According to law number 23 of 2011 on the management of zakah, zakah consists of zakah mal and zakah fitrah. Zakah mal can be in the form of gold, silver, and other precious metals; money and other securities; commerce, agriculture, plantation, forestry, animal husbandry and fisheries, mining, industry, income and Rikaz service. The management of zakah at nationwide is run by Amil Zakah (BAZNAS) as those in charge of planning, executing, controlling the collection, distribution, and utilization of zakah as well as reporting and accountability of zakah management. The zakah membership at national, provincial and regency level consists of 8 community elements (scholars, professionals and community leaders) and 3 people from government. According to its membership structure, BAZNAS should be able to optimize the collection and distribution of zakah. However, the realization is still under expectation because BAZNAS has not been able to utilize relational capital effectively to improve zakah collection. The study by Heru et al (2013) shows that zakah socialization which is currently implemented through printed and electronic media; brochures, meetings, or through the offices carried out by the manager of BAZNAS, according to muzakki's perception, is still not optimal. There must be cooperation with other agencies in order to achieve the best results in the collection and distribution of zakah in accordance with the Islamic Sharia (Saad et al., 2014).

The Management of Zakah is important to facilitate the Muslims to perform the third pillar of Islam and establish its main function as a means to reduce poverty (Abdul Quddus, 2009). Ram Al Jaffri et al. (2010) carries out a study to determine the determinants of compliance behavior of zakah. He states that factors such as attitudes, subjective norms, and perceived behavioral control are important factors in shaping the enterprisers to pay zakah. According to Saad et al., (2014) accountability in the management of zakah funds which is managed by an Islamic foundation cannot be separated from Islam. From economic standpoint, zakah generally reduces poverty because it is the transfer of wealth from those with a lower marginal propensity to consume for those with a higher one (Ammani et al., 2014). The distribution of Zakah funds in accordance with the Qur'an instruction aims to ensure equity and transfer of wealth from the rich to the poor. The most significant impact of zakah can be seen in its ability to increase the money supply, which means an increase in demand for goods and services. Thereby, zakah management institutions need to raise trust from muzakki through transparency in the use and distribution of zakah funds. If the trust is developed well, it will facilitate zakah management institutions to raise funds optimally through a variety of approaches for both relational and external social capital.

#### **Relational Capital**

Nahapiet and Ghosal (1998) divides social capital of organization into three dimensions, namely: structural, relational and cognitive dimension. Structural dimension is a non-personal relationship among individuals or units within the organization, which shows the pattern of relationship and interaction among people in the organization to learn, share and exchange information, ideas and knowledge. The relational dimension is interpersonal relationships between individuals within organizations that focus on specific relationships such as respect and friendship that influence employee behavior and trust; to help others in need, to share problems and respect.

While Cognitive dimensions indicate the sources that provide interpretation and concepts shared among individuals within the same social network. This dimension shows how much employees have a clear understanding and perception of the values and goals of the organization and how much they receive and commit to organizational goals. According to Putnam (2000), social capital has two types, namely internal and external social capital. Internal social capital is an internalization process of activities within the organization that is built internally within the organization itself through a variety of resources owned by the company in the form of human resources, a growing organization in a corporate social complexity and social capacity. External social capital is built up through the company's ability to develop a variety of social networks and the environment; to build trust, adherence to norms, and social cohesion in the community. In the context of the zakah management, the ability of managers to build social networks with stakeholders of zakah, such as entrepreneurs, employees of companies, government officials, business associations and the community is very important. Up to now, the method of zakah collection is based solely on the information available on brochures, leaflets, WEB and socialization for civil servants, while the various associations, cooperation with religious organizations and the involvement of high education institution have not been done. The establishment of social network will also facilitate the zakah to create social cohesion, trust and awareness to pay zakah.

Relational capital is an association with customer, supplier, brand and trade name (value is only based on customer relationship), licenses and franchises. Youndt et al (2004) define the relational capital as a resource that is associated with the company's external relationships with customers, suppliers, government and industry associations. Nahapiet & Ghosal (1998); Subramaniam & Youndt (2005) state that social capital with customers, partners and suppliers are important part of the relational capital. The study conducted by Mucelli and Marinoni (2011) on the role of relational capital and innovation concludes that the company is fully success because they carry out relational capital that makes them innovate in systematic production process. Rodrigues (2011) exclaims that the company's automotive sector in Galicia Portugal can improve process and product innovation through knowledge derived from the network of collaboration (relational capital). Moreover, the study by Kamaluddin and Rahman (2010) in Malaysia concludes that there is significant interaction between relational capital and culture traits mission on the effectiveness of the organization. The study conducted by Ahmadi et.al (2011) about the correlation between intellectual capital (human capital, structural capital, relational capital) and the performance of the organization concludes that human, structural, and relational capital affect directly or indirectly on the performance of the organization. Human capital has a significant effect on organizational performance through structural and relational capital. Structural capital significantly influences organizational performance through relational capital.

#### RESEARCH METHODS

This study uses a descriptive analytical approach to explain the characteristics of variables studied. The variables studied include the collection and distribution of *zakah* through relational capital. The focus and locus of this study is an attempt to assess the optimization of *zakah*, *infaq* and sadaqah (ZIS) managed by Bazda in contributing to poverty alleviation and public welfare in

Semarang. The optimization program is started both from ZIS collection methods in achieving the ZIS potential which is still quite large; and methods of distribution and utilization of *zakah* (through productive ventures) in order to be able to change *mustahik* to be *muzakki* so as to reduce the level of poverty in Semarang and improve people's welfare. ZIS collection methods are associated with ZIS socialization, networking and perceptions of *muzakki* on Bazda. ZIS distribution through productive ventures either in the form of *community development* or *Baitul Qirad*, is expected to be able to make *mustahik* becomes *muzakki*.

The scope of the research involves BAZNAS in Central Java province by taking samples from BAZNAS Semarang, Semarang regency, and Jepara. The respondents consist of 57 *muzakki* and 6 BAZNAS managers. The sampling technique used is *purposive sampling* and the data are collected through primary and secondary data. The primary data are obtained through questionnaires distributed to the muzaki who are already paid *zakah* through BAZNAS, *mustahik* which has gained support from BAZNAS, especially those that have a productive business, and BAZNAS manager. The questionnaire is accompanied by interviews. Meanwhile, the secondary data are obtained through various sources such as BAZNAS and related institutions, including the number of *mustahik* and *muzakki*, the data distribution of *zakah*, as well as management reports of *Zakah*. To analyze the data, descriptive analysis by analyzing the answers of respondents is applied.

#### FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

#### **BAZNAS Profile**

The management of BAZNAS Semarang consists of bureaucracy, entrepreneur, academician and board member. While those who are in charge of ZIS submission consist of 7 personnel (50% bureaucracy), distribution section consists of 6 people (50% bureaucracy), utilization section consists of 6 people (50% bureaucracy) and development section consists of 6 personnel (30% bureaucracy). The system of *zakah* submission is conducted through *zakah* shuttle service, and bank transfer (Bank Jateng, Mandiri Islamic Bank, Niaga Islamic Bank, Bank Rakyat Indonesia and Bank Tabungan Negara Syariah). The method of ZIS distribution is conducted through empowering productive economy, educational support, health purpose, social support (disaster), and improving faith and God-fear. Some of the programs are empowering productive economy in Islamic boarding, fostering independent partners, centers of livestock, productive scholarships to students of the city of Semarang, scholarship for Islamic student and potential students in MA/SMA/SMK Islam in Semarang city, educational support for students of MI/SD, MTs/SMP, MA/SMA. Besides, it is also conducted social help distribution for *fakir*, poor people, *ibnu sabil*, *muallaf*, and training of HP service for orphaned children and *dhuafa*, and entrepreneurship training for children's orphanage.

BAZNAS of Jepara Regency makes a policy that to give *zakah* is not something that must be forced but through appreciation and awareness, therefore socialization and appreciation should be done continuously. Another policy is by optimizing PNS (civil servant), BUMN (state-owned enterprise), BUMD (regional-owned enterprise) in order to become sponsor and volunteer in conducting *zakah*. BAZNAS as an institution which gives help for people prosperity must be leading, trustworthy, and have professional management. BAZNAS of Jepara regency annually has arranged work plan, either related to *zakah* socialization, submission, or distribution program. Socialization activity has been conducted through various methods such as publishing 7000 sheets of leaflet to publish to the people, providing the website of BAZ (www.bazjepara.com), socializing through R-Lisa radio and newspaper. Beside utilizing media, the socialization is also conducted in 16 sub-districts throughout Jepara, at all of local government unit in Jepara regency, government institution, Regional enterprises (BUMD) and *muzakkis* (those who pay for *zakah*) in 9 sub-districts. The operational activity of BAZNAS Jepara regency is supported by the existence of *zakah* 

management unit (UPZ) of sub-district which actively conducts socialization, submission and distribution of *zakah*. All gathered *zakah* by UPZ of sub-district will be distributed in each sub-district (either *zakah mal* or *zakah fitrah*) by providing report of use to BAZNAS of Jepara regency. Seeing the composition of *zakah* acquisition, *zakah* is mostly dominated by institution rather than individual. While from the side of the institution who has distributed *zakah* in general, it is still dominated by civil servants (PNS) and BUMD.

Table 1
General Information of ZIS

Remark	Total	Percentage	_
Information	The Internet = 27	67.5	
media for ZIS payment	Newspapaer / Magazine = 2	5.0	
	Brochure/billboard = 8	20.0 7.5	
	Learning forum = 3	7.5	
Total of ZIS in a	<100 Millions = 12	30.0	•
year	100  Millions - < 300  Millions = 8	20.0	
	500 Millions - <800 Millions = 1	2.5	
	800 Millions - <1 Billions = 6	15.0 32.5	
	More than 1 Billions = 13	32.3	
Zakah Payment		75.0	
System	Pay to BAZDA office = 30	7.5	
·	Give directly to $mustahik = 3$	17.5	
D.	Office Salary Deduction = 7	0.0	
Reasons not paying ZIS	Not Practical = 2	8.0 40.0	
paying ZiS	More effective to give directly to poor people = $10$	8.0	
	Less transparent of <i>zakah</i> allocation= 2	4.0	
	Management is not yet trusworthy and well-grounded= 1		
ZIS Socialization	Through electronic and printed media= 40	50.0	
	ZIS presentation in offices $= 40$	50.0	
Most Muzzaki	PNS Employees= 40	100	
Most Mustahik	Fakir = 31	77.5	
	Poor = 8	20.0 2.5	
	Amil of $zakah = 1$		_
Most ZIS	Traditionally consumed = 21	52.5	-
Distribution	Creatively consumed= 11	27.5	
	Conventional productive = 1	2.5 17.5	
	Creative productive= 7	17.5	

**Source: Analyzed Primary Data** 

Based on the table 1 above, the method of *zakah* collection is more utilizing the internet and printed media, while the approach of social capital and relational capital through various activities of socialization and meeting forums is still relatively low. Indeed, it is recognized that the use of the

internet, printed and electronic media is easier to reach the *zakah* mandatory, can provide complete information and can be accessed more easily and quickly. However, the weakness is that there is no interaction with the *zakah* management when it is needed complete explanation about the *zakah*. Besides, the effort to ensure for *zakah* obligatory (*muzakki*) will be more effective when they meet and interact directly to the *zakah* management. This is in correlation with *zakah* obligatory as an obligation for every Muslim and as a command in the Al Qur'an for those who have reached *nishab* (calculation with specific criterion). Through various explanation of *zakah* in solving poverty problem, religious speech, sustainable socialization, and the effectiveness of *zakah* payment through *zakah* management institution rather than directly to the *mustahik*, so *muzakki* will be more interested to give the *zakah* fund the *zakah* management. Spiritual touch and religiousness is very needed by *muzakki*. This finding shows that the majority of *muzakki* still give the *zakah* fund through the *zakah* management institution (BAZNAS), especially the *zakah* fund which is submitted through government institution (government employees). While people in genereal tend to give directly to the *mustahik*. According to *muzakki*'s point of view, giving *zakah* directly to the *mustahik* is more effective, soon-conveyed, and can be used directly.

Seeing from its contribution, it still focuses on the poor people. They use it for traditional and creative consumption more than productive activity that empower *mustahiq* in order to change them to be *muzakki*. Regional BAZNAS has limited personnel and estimation to do the duty. That is why the roles of social and relational capital are urgent.

#### The Roles of Social and Relational Capital

Social capital is actual and potential resources that make employment network that appreciates and trusts each other; obligates to social rules and norms; and has spirit for growing together by developing useful information. External social capital is developed through company capacity on developing various social and environment network, employment network outside organization, developing trust, obligation on norms, and social cohesion with society. One of the urgent dimensions for social capital is relational dimension (relational capital). Relational capital is indicated by trustworthy, integrity, appreciation, and sharing useful things. This condition is implemented on the relationship between *muzakki*, *mustahiq*, regional government, institution/private enterprise, entrepreneurs/association, social organization of religion, and universities.

The relation with regional government is carried out by developing intensive communication with executive 1 or legislative leaders concerning on the estimate of *zakah* management (APBD Budget), continuous socialization to moslem employees in order to be aware of paying *zakah*. Nowadays, the sources of *zakah* are still from state employees through *zakah* collectors (UPZ) in each committee compared to individual and entrepreneurs. *Amil* with regional government consider making map and data collection of *muzakki* or *mustahiq* in order to be focused on its submission and distribution. With the data, *amil* can conduct routine meeting and socialization with *muzakki* about relational capital.

The relation with private institution or company conducted by make an agreement to build *zakah* collector unit (UPZ) in each company. Up to now, so rarely does *amil* collect *zakah* in each private company whereas it has big potential. Besides, it is needed to conduct continuous routine meeting forum of the enterprises with spiritual touches.

The relation with religious organization is done by doing continuous socialization about *zakah*. This method allows the organization members to pay *zakah* to amil. Besides that, it can have corporation with religious organization on *zakah* distribution including productive business guidance.

The relation with universities is done by doing various activities of socialization for building awareness to pay *zakah* and universities' involvement on distribution and allocation which

are oriented to productive business empowerment, management, and entrepreneurship. Zakah distribution to *mustahiq* is done through Islamic law. It emphasizes on priority scale and even distribution, justice, and areas. The use of *zakah* is suitable with article 27 of law no. 23 year 2011, it can be used for productive business to handle poverty and to improve people quality if basic needs of *mustahiq* have been fulfilled.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The effectiveness of *zakah* submission and distribution which is conducted by *amil* can be successful not only by using various printing and electronic media but also the implementation of social capital which contains relational capital toward the whole stakeholders of *zakah*. Many factors can affect low amount of *zakah* collected by *amil* but social and relational capital with trust worthy and support to decrease poverty level will increase *zakah* submission. Good relation with all stake holders will develop various *zakah* usage for *mustahiq* so that work quality of *amil* will have improvement. The more *zakah* collected, the more budget distributed to the poor whereas consumptive needs or productive business for decreasing poverty numbers.

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