

SOME STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR NATIONAL ZAKAT MANAGEMENT

[THE POTENTIAL OF ZAKAT OPERATIONS]

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OUTLINE

- Iftitah
- Progress and Development
- Some Facts
- Strategic Issues
- Ikhtitam

IFTITAH

- Poverty problem of the ummah seems to be / is the endless project (?)
- It has to be seen from two different perspectives: problems and opportunities
- It is a stereotype of human life in this world
- Allah has always prepared any thing in a pair
- Simply perceive it as the solvable problem addressed to us!

PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT

- We have witnessed the remarkable progress and development of programs and institutions pertaining the efforts to solve the poverty problem:
 - The legal aspects: several Acts and Rules have been created and legalised
 - Institutional aspect: establishment of some institutions: BAZ, LAZ, Awqaf
 - Society awareness / involvement
 - Government Support

THE PROBLEMS FACED

- Poverty level is still relatively high
- Gini Coefficient / Index indicator also shows the misfortune condition
- Poverty problem remains. It goes up and down
- Somehow, it looks like the unsolvable problem
- Is it true?

THE GAP

- It is hard to deny that the gap between expectation and reality is still huge
- So many factors could be identified:
 - Macro
 - Micro
 - Sophisticated and integrated factors of political, social, economical, environment, education and so forth
- Many of them are beyond our control

SOME STRATEGIC ISSUES / AGENDA

- Some main issues
 - The integrated map of poverty
 - Better coordination among BAZ and LAZ
 - The formation / establishment of Amil Professional Association
 - Continous promotion / socialization of zakat

THE INTEGRATED MAP OF POVERTY

- The map and mapping is one the vital tool in achieving the goals
- It is used both by military and business in running their operations
- Imagine if some one is “trapped” in the jungle / big city, and he has no map to guide. Surely, he cannot go out of the trap
- Have we had created the poverty map and keep it up dated?

BETTER COORDINATION AMONG BAZ AND LAZ

- Praise be to Allah, that we have established many Zakat Institutions:
 - BAZ, consist of BAZNAS and all BAZDAs
 - LAZ. Around 20 national LAZs have been licensed
- How do those troops work?
- At a glance, it seems that they compete each other → see for example during Ramadhan months.
- We badly need a much better cooperation [not competition] among BAZs and LAZs

THE FORMATION / ESTABLISHMENT OF AMIL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

- Amil Zakat is mentioned and admitted very clearly in the Holy Qur'an
- It is indeed very respected 'profession'
- Look at the real fact about the Amil:
 - Are they well educated?
 - Are they well acknowledged?
 - Are they well respected?
- We need to establish the so called: Amil Zakat Professional Association (AZPA)

CONTINUOUS PROMOTION / SOCIALIZATION OF ZAKAT

- All Muslims have heard about zakat as it is commonly memorized as a part of 5 Islamic Pillar (Arkanul Islam)
- How deep Muslims understand about zakat?
 - Some how, it can be shocking question!
 - The fact shows the poor condition
- The only answer to this issue is that to promote zakat continuously in a more effective way.