SOME STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR NATIONAL ZAKAT MANAGEMENT

[THE POTENTIAL OF ZAKAT OPERATIONS]

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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
  ➢ Continuous 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)
CONTINOUS 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.