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Manuscript Number:	Ms_JEMT_118437
Title of the Manuscript:	Analysis of the Effectiveness of the Zakat Fund Distribution Program (ZIS) at BAZNAS West Kalimantan 2019 -2023: "Approach Using Secondary Data"
Type of the Article	Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>The manuscript is significant to science for various reasons. Zakat management is a crucial Islamic finance and social welfare issue, particularly in Muslim-majority areas for poverty reduction and social fairness. The study uses empirical data from BAZNAS West Kalimantan to analyze the effectiveness of distributing ZIS funds, including zakat, infaq, and alms. It highlights regional challenges and solutions, highlighting the potential of zakat distribution in improving welfare, education, and health access. Zakat's role in social justice and poverty reduction aligns with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>The title of the article, "Analysis of the Effectiveness of the Zakat Fund Distribution Program (ZIS) at BAZNAS West Kalimantan 2019 -2023: Approach Using Secondary Data," is generally suitable but could be refined for clarity and conciseness. Suggestion: "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Zakat Fund Distribution by BAZNAS West Kalimantan (2019-2023) Using Secondary Data"</p> <p>The abstract of the article is comprehensive but can be further improved for clarity, conciseness, and to ensure it captures all essential elements effectively. Here's a breakdown of its comprehensiveness and suggestions for improvement:</p> <p>Strengths: Objective and Scope: Clearly states the aim to analyze the effectiveness of ZIS fund distribution by BAZNAS West Kalimantan. Methodology: Mentions the use of secondary data, indicating the research approach. Findings: Highlights key findings, such as the increase in ZIS funds in 2020 and the positive impact on welfare. Recommendations: Provides specific recommendations for improving the effectiveness of ZIS fund distribution. Areas for Improvement: Clarity: Some sentences are complex and can be simplified for better understanding. Details on Methods: The abstract briefly mentions the methodology but could provide a bit more detail on the type of secondary data used. Results Specificity: More specific results could be highlighted to give a clearer picture of the findings.</p> <p>1.Literature Review Status: Appropriate Comments: The literature review covers relevant concepts and prior research, forming a solid foundation for the study. However, it could benefit from more recent references and empirical studies.</p> <p>2. Data and Methods Status: Appropriate but could be enhanced Comments: The section outlines the qualitative approach and the use of secondary data. More detail about the specific types of secondary data and the data analysis process would improve this section.</p> <p>3. Results and Discussion Status: Appropriate but could be enhanced Comments: This section is well-organized and presents the findings clearly. However, the discussion could delve deeper into the implications of the results and provide more examples or case studies to enrich the analysis.</p>	

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	<p>or awkward phrasing. Consider using a professional editing service for language polishing.</p> <p>Consistency: Maintain consistency in terms, acronyms, and citation styles throughout the manuscript. For instance, consistently use "Zakat, Infaq, and Sadaqah (ZIS)" after the first mention.</p> <p>Depth of Analysis</p> <p>Comparative Analysis: Include comparisons with other regions or countries that have implemented similar zakat programs. This can help highlight unique challenges and successes specific to West Kalimantan.</p> <p>Detailed Case Studies: Incorporate detailed case studies or examples of beneficiaries to provide a more in-depth understanding of the impact of the ZIS fund distribution.</p> <p>Methodology</p> <p>Data Validation: Provide more information on how the secondary data was validated and any potential biases or limitations associated with it.</p> <p>Methodological Robustness: If possible, complement the qualitative analysis with quantitative data to provide a more robust analysis. This could include statistical tests or more detailed financial analyses.</p> <p>Discussion and Implications</p> <p>Policy Implications: Expand on the policy implications of the findings. How can local governments and zakat institutions use this information to improve their practices?</p> <p>Future Research Directions: Clearly outline areas for future research. For instance, suggesting longitudinal studies to track the long-term impact of zakat distribution on community welfare.</p> <p>Practical Recommendations</p> <p>Actionable Recommendations: Provide more actionable recommendations for BAZNAS and other zakat institutions. These could include specific strategies for enhancing transparency, accountability, and community engagement.</p> <p>Technological Integration: Discuss the potential for technological solutions (like mobile apps or blockchain) to improve the efficiency and transparency of zakat distribution.</p> <p>Visual Aids and Appendices</p> <p>Charts and Tables: Incorporate more charts, graphs, and tables to visually represent data trends and findings. This can help readers quickly grasp key points.</p> <p>Appendices: Include appendices for detailed data tables, additional methodological details, or supplementary materials that support the main text but are too lengthy to include in the main sections.</p> <p>Ethical Considerations</p> <p>Ethical Approval: Mention any ethical considerations or approvals obtained, especially if primary data or sensitive information about beneficiaries is included.</p> <p>Confidentiality: Ensure that any case studies or examples used do not compromise the confidentiality and privacy of the individuals or communities involved.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>The manuscript is already on a solid foundation, addressing a significant topic with potential for meaningful impact. By incorporating these additional suggestions, the manuscript can be further strengthened, offering more detailed insights, clearer analysis, and practical recommendations for both academic and practical applications.</p>	
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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The language quality of the article is generally suitable for scholarly communication, but there may be areas that need refinement to ensure clarity, professionalism, and adherence to academic standards. Here are some specific aspects to consider:</p> <p>Strengths:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Technical Terms and Jargon: The manuscript correctly uses technical terms and jargon related to zakat management, which is appropriate for the intended scholarly audience.2. Structured Format: The manuscript follows a structured format typical of academic papers, which aids in readability and comprehension. <p>Areas for Improvement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Grammar and Syntax: There may be occasional grammatical errors or awkward phrasing that need correction. Ensuring subject-verb agreement, proper tense usage, and correct punctuation is crucial.2. Clarity and Conciseness: Some sentences may be overly complex or verbose. Simplifying these sentences can enhance readability without sacrificing meaning.3. Consistency: Maintaining consistency in terminology, abbreviations, and citation style throughout the manuscript is essential for clarity. <p>Examples and Specific Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Original: "This study aims to analyze the effectiveness of zakat fund distribution by BAZNAS West Kalimantan from 2019 to 2023, using secondary data."○ Improved: "This study analyzes the effectiveness of zakat fund distribution by BAZNAS West Kalimantan from 2019 to 2023, utilizing secondary data."• Methods:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Original: "The research uses qualitative approach with secondary data obtained from the official reports and relevant literature."○ Improved: "The research employs a qualitative approach using secondary data from official reports and relevant literature."• Results:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Original: "The findings reveal an increase in ZIS funds in 2020 due to government assistance, with a 100% allocation rate, particularly improving education and health access."○ Improved: "The findings indicate a significant increase in ZIS funds in 2020, attributed to government assistance. The funds were fully allocated, notably enhancing education and health access."	
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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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