

THE DAILY INFAQ OF ONE THOUSAND RUPIAH AS COLLECTIVE PHILANTHROPY: A CASE STUDY OF THE UMRAH CHARITY PROGRAM FOR MOSQUE IMAMS IN KOPANDAKAN SATU VILLAGE

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ABSTRAK

Infak Seribu Sehari sebagai Wujud Filantropi Kolektif : Studi Pada Program Sedekah umroh Imam Masjid Di Desa Kopandakan Satu. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis praktik filantropi kolektif dalam program Sedekah Seribu Sehari (3S) sebagai wujud solidaritas sosial dan spiritual masyarakat di Desa Kopandakan Satu. Program ini dirancang untuk memberangkatkan imam masjid ke Tanah Suci melalui kontribusi infak harian sebesar Rp1.000 per orang. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif dengan metode deskriptif. Data diperoleh melalui wawancara, observasi, dan dokumentasi terhadap pengurus komunitas serta penerima manfaat. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa program 3S menerapkan sistem pengelolaan keuangan yang transparan, strategi penghimpunan dana yang fleksibel, serta distribusi manfaat yang berlandaskan prinsip keadilan dan tanggung jawab kolektif. Selain memberikan dampak ekonomi dan sosial, program ini juga memperkuat nilai spiritual masyarakat, khususnya dalam menumbuhkan rasa kebersamaan, keikhlasan, dan tanggung jawab sosial. Temuan ini menggambarkan bahwa praktik infak harian dapat menjadi model filantropi Islam berbasis komunitas yang berorientasi pada keberlanjutan dan pemberdayaan umat.

Kata Kunci: Filantropi Islam, Infak Harian, Sedekah Umroh, Manajemen Keuangan Syariah.

ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the practice of collective philanthropy through the Sedekah Seribu Sehari (3S) program as a form of social and spiritual solidarity among the community of Kopandakan Satu Village. The program is designed to send mosque imams to perform Umrah in the Holy Land through daily donations of Rp1,000 per person. This research employs a qualitative approach with a descriptive method. Data were collected through interviews, observations, and documentation involving community organizers and beneficiaries. The findings reveal that the 3S program implements transparent financial management, flexible fundraising strategies, and a benefit distribution system based on justice and collective responsibility. Beyond its economic and social impacts, the program also strengthens spiritual values by fostering solidarity, sincerity, and social responsibility within the community. These results indicate that the daily infaq model can serve as an effective form of Islamic philanthropy rooted in community participation and oriented toward sustainability and empowerment.

Keywords: Islamic Philanthropy, Daily Infaq, Umrah Charity, Islamic Financial Management.

A. INTRODUCTION

Philanthropy in Islam represents a manifestation of generosity grounded in faith, compassion, and the pursuit of social harmony. The Islamic worldview regards wealth as a trust (amanah) that carries moral responsibility, emphasizing that prosperity should be distributed fairly within society. Islam teaches that personal success finds its true meaning when it benefits others through acts of giving. Thus, zakat, infāq, ṣadaqah, and waqf are not merely voluntary deeds but structured systems designed to maintain economic balance and prevent social inequality. These mechanisms encourage Muslims to develop empathy and uphold justice in both spiritual and material dimensions of life.

In Indonesia, community-based philanthropic activities have become an inseparable part of social and religious life. The act of giving has evolved beyond traditional charity to become a means of collective empowerment and solidarity. Many local initiatives demonstrate how small but consistent contributions can create long-term community impact. Digital technology has also facilitated the emergence of new forms of social giving, such as online charity campaigns, crowdfunding platforms, and faith-driven digital donation systems. This development reflects the adaptive nature of Islamic philanthropy, which continues to evolve in response to societal changes and technological advancement.

The evolution of Islamic philanthropy in Indonesia demonstrates a significant transition from hierarchical, institution-centered models toward participatory, community-driven frameworks (Fadli, Muhammad, Azca, & Mada, 2023). This transformation indicates that philanthropy is no longer monopolized by formal religious institutions but has become a social movement rooted in collective consciousness. Communities now play an active role not only in fundraising but also in managing and monitoring the use of collected funds. As a result, Islamic philanthropy has transformed into a more transparent, inclusive, and accountable practice that integrates both spiritual values and modern management principles.

One prominent example of such collective philanthropic activity is the Sedekah Seribu Sehari (One Thousand Rupiah a Day) program in Kopandakan Satu Village. This initiative originated from the community's shared aspiration to honor mosque imams by enabling them to perform the umrah pilgrimage through small, daily donations. The program reflects a deep sense of solidarity, humility, and devotion, where every member of the community contributes within their means. Over time, this effort has strengthened social cohesion, fostered mutual respect, and created a culture of sustained giving that continues to inspire similar initiatives in other regions.

The effectiveness of faith based community programs depends greatly on the integrity and accountability of their financial management (Jamali, Munir, & Meldona, 2024). When community organizations maintain transparent systems, encourage public participation, and uphold fairness in distribution, trust is reinforced and collective motivation increases. This principle applies strongly to programs like Sedekah Seribu Sehari, where public confidence and the spirit of togetherness determine the program's sustainability. The success of such initiatives highlights the importance of maintaining organizational discipline and ethical responsibility in social fund management.

From the perspective of Islamic finance, the management of charitable funds must comply with sharia principles, particularly the avoidance of *riba* (usury), *gharar* (uncertainty), and unethical financial ambiguity (Hasanah & Ilham, 2023). Upholding transparency and honesty in every transaction is not only a legal obligation but also a form of worship that strengthens communal trust. When financial management is conducted in accordance with sharia, it ensures that donations serve their intended purpose—empowering communities while nurturing spiritual awareness. Therefore, proper governance is essential in maintaining both the religious and social legitimacy of Islamic philanthropic programs.

Based on these considerations, this study aims to analyze the implementation mechanisms and financial management of the Sedekah Seribu Sehari program, and to examine its social and spiritual impacts within the community of Kopandakan Satu Village. Furthermore, this research seeks to identify how collective philanthropy can function as a model for sustainable community empowerment within the framework of Islamic finance. The findings are expected to provide academic insights and practical implications for enhancing transparency, efficiency, and faith-based motivation in community-managed Islamic philanthropic programs.

B. METHODOLOGY

This study employed a qualitative descriptive approach to gain an in-depth understanding of the financial management system and social impact of the Sedekah Seribu Sehari (One Thousand Rupiah a Day) program in Kopandakan Satu Village. The qualitative approach was selected because it enables a comprehensive exploration of social phenomena from the perspective of participants within their natural settings. The research focused on community participation, transparency principles in fund management, and the Islamic values that underpin collective philanthropy at the community level.

Data were collected through three main techniques: in-depth interviews, direct observation, and document analysis. Interviews were conducted with program administrators, donors, and beneficiaries to obtain detailed information about the program's implementation and financial management practices. Field observations were carried out to observe community interactions and social activities related to the program. Document analysis was limited to reviewing financial records as a means of verifying and cross-checking information obtained from interviews and observations. The use of multiple qualitative data collection techniques enhances the validity and reliability of research findings through methodological triangulation (Creswell & Poth, 2016).

The data were analyzed using an inductive approach that involved organizing the data, coding, and identifying emerging themes. The patterns and meanings derived from participants' narratives and financial documentation were interpreted to reveal the relationship between religious values, financial management practices, and community participation within the Sedekah Seribu Sehari program. The findings provided a comprehensive understanding of how Islamic philanthropy operates collectively and sustainably within a local community context.

C. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The results of this study indicate that the Sedekah Seribu Sehari (One Thousand Rupiah a Day) program in Kopandakan Satu Village has become an essential part of the community's social and spiritual life. The program not only serves as a means to assist mosque imams in performing the umrah pilgrimage but also establishes a deeply rooted culture of collective philanthropy. This initiative demonstrates how the community can manage charitable activities based on responsibility, mutual care, and sincere devotion.

The program is implemented in a simple yet effective manner. Every resident contributes one thousand rupiah per day, which is collected by the mosque administrators. The funds are managed transparently and reported regularly to the public. This mechanism reflects a model of social accountability grounded in honesty and trust. It also proves that community-based financial management can function efficiently even without a complex formal system.

Interviews with program administrators revealed that transparency is the main factor sustaining this initiative. Every financial transaction is recorded carefully in a cashbook and remains accessible to the community. Reports are presented openly during religious gatherings and routine meetings. As a result, public trust continues to strengthen, and community participation has steadily increased from year to year.

Alongside transparency, active participation plays a crucial role in the program's success. Nearly all residents are involved, either as donors or volunteers. Youth groups, religious leaders, and housewives contribute to educating others about the importance of giving. This collective participation reinforces social solidarity and fosters a strong sense of belonging among community members.

The success of community-based philanthropic programs depends heavily on accountable governance and public engagement (Jamali et al., 2024). When the community is

directly involved in managing activities, trust and sustainability increase significantly. This confirms that collective spirit and collaboration are the driving forces behind the sustainability of Islamic philanthropy at the grassroots level.

Field observations further show that community motivation is strongly influenced by religious values. Charity is perceived not merely as a social duty but as an act of worship that brings divine blessings to both giver and receiver. This perspective demonstrates that Islamic philanthropy in local contexts is deeply spiritual in nature, rooted in both faith and compassion.

The program's success is also linked to the effective role of mosque administrators. They manage both administrative and spiritual responsibilities with integrity, ensuring that funds are used properly and in accordance with the program's objectives. Their trustworthy and communicative leadership plays an essential role in maintaining consistency and credibility. Additionally, small innovations, such as introducing digital collection methods, help keep the program relevant in modern times.

The management of Islamic philanthropic funds must adhere to sharia principles such as honesty, transparency, and fairness (Hasanah & Ilham, 2023). When organizations uphold these values, public trust is maintained and blessings are believed to accompany financial activities. This principle has been well implemented in the Sedekah Seribu Sehari program, where every transaction is handled with ethical responsibility.

Beyond spiritual and social values, the program also creates indirect economic effects within the community. The continuous daily contributions generate a small but consistent financial flow at the local level. Many participants report feeling a sense of satisfaction and inner peace from being able to contribute, even in modest amounts. This finding illustrates that the success of a philanthropic initiative is not determined solely by the size of funds collected but also by the social and psychological benefits produced.

Charitable practices in Indonesia represent not only a continuation of religious traditions but also a process of modernizing Islamic values in social life (Fauzia, 2017). Philanthropy functions as a tool for empowerment, strengthening social structures and expanding access to welfare. This interpretation corresponds to the reality in Kopandakan Satu Village, where charity serves as both a spiritual and social empowerment mechanism.

The study also found that social trust between administrators and donors is exceptionally high. This trust is built through open communication and consistent financial reporting. The relationship has created a sense of security among donors, reducing doubts and motivating them to contribute continuously. Such trust serves as the foundation of participatory philanthropy, ensuring the long-term sustainability of the program.

The Sedekah Seribu Sehari program has also contributed to shaping the social character of the community. The daily habit of giving instills discipline, empathy, and a strong sense of responsibility toward others. Over time, these values evolve into a shared social culture that strengthens communal ties and collective responsibility for public welfare.

Islamic philanthropy in Indonesia has shifted from hierarchical institutional models to participatory, community-based frameworks (Fadli et al., 2023). This transformation enables local communities not only to donate but also to manage and supervise charitable activities. The Sedekah Seribu Sehari program clearly embodies this participatory approach through its transparent, collaborative, and inclusive management.

Overall, the financial management practices within the program have met the basic principles of transparency and accountability, even though they remain relatively simple. All transactions are recorded manually and periodically reviewed by other committee members. Although digital systems are not yet fully adopted, the community believes that traditional mechanisms are sufficient to maintain honesty and trust.

Nevertheless, this study found that leadership regeneration and technological adaptation represent the program's main challenges. Most administrators are senior community leaders, highlighting the need for younger members to be trained to sustain the initiative. Introducing digital systems could also improve efficiency and broaden participation, particularly among the younger generation.

In conclusion, the Sedekah Seribu Sehari program exemplifies not only the implementation of Islamic philanthropic values but also the realization of social solidarity and community independence. The initiative demonstrates that with sincere intentions and transparent management, local communities can create sustainable social movements deeply rooted in faith and collective cooperation.

D. CONCLUSIONS

This study concludes that the Sedekah Seribu Sehari (One Thousand Rupiah a Day) program in Kopandakan Satu Village represents a tangible form of community-based Islamic philanthropy rooted in sincerity, solidarity, and social responsibility. The program successfully builds collective awareness within the community that consistent giving, even in small amounts, can produce significant social and spiritual impact. It also serves as a medium for strengthening brotherhood and mutual care among residents while reinforcing the mosque's role as a center for both social and religious activities.

The implementation of the program demonstrates that transparency and active community participation are the key factors in maintaining public trust. Every member of the community has the opportunity to contribute and directly monitor how the funds are used, fostering a strong sense of shared accountability. The trustworthy leadership of the program administrators has been crucial in ensuring the program's sustainability. Moreover, the long-standing culture of cooperation within the community has further reinforced the spirit of mutual support and social awareness.

This program also contributes to shaping the social character of the community. The daily act of giving cultivates discipline, empathy, and spiritual awareness in everyday life. These values gradually develop into a social culture that strengthens relationships among community members and fosters collective independence. Thus, the Sedekah Seribu Sehari program not only provides material benefits but also nurtures a community mindset grounded in faith, compassion, and social responsibility.

Based on the findings, it is recommended that the program administrators continue to uphold transparency, improve administrative systems, and implement leadership regeneration to ensure the program's continuity. Adapting to technological advancements is also necessary to expand participation and enhance financial record management. The village government and religious institutions are encouraged to provide support through training and mentorship in philanthropic management. Through strong collaboration among community members, administrators, and supporting institutions, the program has the potential to become a sustainable model of Islamic philanthropy that can be replicated in other communities.

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