

## **ABSTARCT**

Micro Waqf Bank (BWM) is one of the cash waqf management institutions under the auspices of Islamic boarding schools that plays a role in providing financing as well as training and assistance to micro business actors in the vicinity. Micro Waqf Bank exists in order to overcome the difficulty of obtaining capital loans for micro business actors and the practice of moneylenders in the community in an effort to alleviate poverty.

This study aims to determine the role and impact before and after the existence of financial assistance from BWM in community empowerment. The method used is a mixed method which is a combination of quantitative methods and qualitative methods. The quantitative method in this study is used as the main method, namely by using simple regression analysis and analysis of the average difference test. Simple regression analysis is used to determine the effect of capital loans on income and profits of BWM customers. The average difference test is used to determine the difference in income, profits and loan shark customers before and after receiving financing assistance from BWM. While the qualitative method in this study was used as a complementary method by conducting interviews with the managers of BWM Assa Berkah Sejahtera and Islamic economics academic from IAIN Kudus. This study uses primary data by using purposive sampling technique in sampling.

The results of the study indicate that the financing assistance provided by BWM has a positive effect on customer income and profits. Apart from being a financial institution that provides capital financing to customers, the role of BWM Assa Berkah Sejahtera is also to provide training, religious development, and business development as a community empowerment program. In addition, there are differences in income, profits, and customer loan sharks before and after receiving financing assistance from BWM.

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