

ABSTRACT

This research is motivated by the increasing poverty in Kebumen Regency, despite an increase in the distribution of zakat, infaq, and sadaqah (ZIS). The aim of this study is to analyze the impact of empowering zakat on business growth, business income, and the welfare of recipients in Kebumen Regency.

The research focuses on the population of productive zakat recipients in Kebumen Regency from 2021 to 2022. A sample of 60 individuals was selected using the Slovin technique for sampling. Data collection involved distributing questionnaires directly to the respondents. The analysis technique utilized in this research is Path Analysis and processed using IBM SPSS version 27 software.

The findings of this study indicate that, partially, the empowerment of productive zakat significantly influences business growth, business income, and the welfare of recipients in Kebumen Regency. Simultaneously, the empowerment of zakat impacts business growth positively and significantly influences business income and the welfare of recipients..

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