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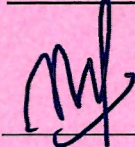
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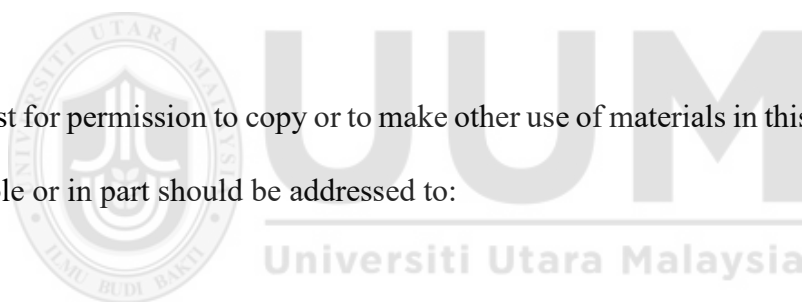
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ABSTRACT

The issue of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) is not new. It brings various adverse effects such as social and health problems. The aim of this study is to explore the understanding and challenges in the approach towards the LGBT community, which falls under the *Asnaf al-Riqab*. The function of the Zakat Institutions in understanding this issue is important to the extent that the institutions can play a vital role in helping the recovery of this community. The study used a qualitative research approach in which data were collected through an in-depth interview with Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (MAIWP) officer. Based on the findings, there are three main points to describe the issue of LGBT nowadays: the crisis of identity, psychology, and the change in human nature. It is also found that the assistance given for the recovery of LGBT is through Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) programs, MAIWP specific assistance scheme, and through support by the government. Zakat institutions and others may find these findings to be useful in terms of giving mental health support. However, the challenges include difficulty in understanding the community and identifying them because they come from a higher income group, as well as differences in opinion of the necessary law and human rights. This study also suggests some education and awareness efforts to protect them from exploitation and discrimination.

Keywords: Zakat Distribution, *Asnaf, Al-Riqab*, LGBT

ABSTRAK

Masalah lesbian, gay, biseksual dan transgender (LGBT) bukanlah isu baharu. Ia telah membawa pelbagai kesan buruk seperti masalah sosial dan kesihatan. Objektif kajian ini adalah untuk meneroka pemahaman dan cabaran dalam pendekatan terhadap komuniti LGBT, yang mana golongan ini dibantu melalui pengagihan dana zakat di bawah asnaf al-Riqab. Kepentingan institusi Zakat dalam memahami isu LGBT adalah untuk melihat sejauh mana mereka boleh memainkan peranan dalam membantu pemulihan golongan LGBT ini melalui agihan Zakat yang diperuntukkan. Kajian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif iaitu kaedah *in-depth interview* bersama pegawai Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan (MAIWP). Dapatan kajian menunjukkan terdapat tiga perkara utama yang menggambarkan isu LGBT pada masa kini iaitu: krisis identiti, psikologi, dan perubahan sikap. Wujud beberapa jenis bantuan untuk pemulihan golongan LGBT ini iaitu melalui aktiviti Badan Bukan Kerajaan (NGO), skim-skim bantuan khusus MAIWP dan bantuan untuk pemulihan mereka ini juga mendapat sokongan daripada pihak kerajaan. Institusi Zakat dan pelbagai pihak boleh mengambil manfaat dari kajian ini dengan memberi sokongan dari sudut kesihatan mental dalam pada itu, cabaran dihadapi bagi menyokong usaha pemulihan mereka adalah dalam memahami mereka dan kesukaran mengenal pasti siapa mereka kerana mereka datang daripada kumpulan berpendapatan tinggi, serta perbezaan pendapat tentang undang-undang dan hak asasi manusia. Kajian ini juga mencadangkan beberapa usaha pendidikan dan program kesedaran untuk melindungi komuniti LGBT ini daripada eksploitasi dan diskriminasi.

Kata kunci: Agihan Zakat, Asnaf, Al-Riqab, LGBT

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
JAKIM	Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender
MAIN	Majlis Agama Islam Negeri
MAIWP	Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PPZ-MAIWP	Pusat Pungutan Zakat - Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan
YDPA	Yang di-Pertuan Agung



CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) are one of the most significant social issues nowadays. These issues are becoming more worrying and expected to be getting worst creating social problems in Malaysian society are getting worse and more worrying. It causes societal problems in the community as this negative behaviour, locally debate as national problems either through social media as well as among the professional experts and public.

LGBT are individuals whose sexual orientation, gender identity or expression differs from that of the typical cisgender (those whose gender matches the sex assigned to them at birth) and societal norms for heterosexuals (those people who are attracted to opposite sex). LGBT is sensitive issues in Malaysia and arguments on LGBT community recently got attention not only among western societies but to Malaysian, which Islam is the religion and the moral standards should not be against our religion culture and morality.

Zakat is one of the pillars of Islam. Throughout Muslim history, Zakat has been a significant part of their existence. In this country, Zakat institutions have developed into a recognized Islamic organization that upholds social stability in Muslim communities (Ali et al., 2015). Islam permits *al-Riqab* as one of the *asnaf* for Zakat where an assistance or LGBT community is one of the categories under the gazetted fatwa in selected state including Wilayah Persekutuan, the federal territory or MAIWP.

This chapter covers background of the research, problem statements, research questions, research objectives, and research scope. Additionally, limitations and

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APPENDICES

Appendix A: Zakat Assistance Schemes

Jenis Skim Bantuan Zakat

Pembangunan Asnaf

- 1) Bantuan Kewangan Bulanan
- 2) Bantuan Aidilfitri
- 3) Bantuan Takaful Asnaf
- 4) Bantuan Perubatan
- 5) Bantuan Menyelesaikan Hutang (Al-Gharimin)
- 6) Bantuan Perkahwinan
- 7) Bantuan Ibnu Sabil
- 8) Bantuan Kecemasan
- 9) Bantuan Guaman Syarie
- 10) Bantuan Musibah

Tempat Tinggal

- 11) Bantuan Deposit Sewa Rumah dan Sewa Rumah Bulanan
- 12) Bantuan Membina / Membaiki Rumah
- 13) Bantuan Deposit Beli Rumah Kos Rendah

Pendidikan

- 14) Bantuan Am Persekolahan
- 15) Bantuan Am Pelajaran IPT
- 16) Bantuan Peralatan dan Kecemasan Persekolahan
- 17) Bantuan Biasiswa / Insentif Khas Pelajar Cemerlang Dalam dan Luar Negara
- 18) Bantuan Persediaan IPT
- 19) Bantuan Tuisyen

20) Bantuan Pelajar Kolej Antarabangsa Sains Perubatan PUSRAWI (PICOMS)

21) Bantuan Pelajar Institut Profesional Baitulmal

22) Bantuan Galakan Hafaz Al-Quran

Berdikari

23) Bantuan Perniagaan

24) Bantuan Deposit Sewa Beli Teksi

25) Bantuan Deposit Van/ Bas Sekolah

26) Bantuan Pertanian

27) Bantuan Membeli Motorsikal Orang Kurang Upaya (OKU)

Pembangunan Ummah

28) Bantuan Kepada Agensi-Agensi Kebajikan (NGO) & Institusi Pendidikan

29) Bantuan Ar-Riqab

30) Bantuan Latihan Kemahiran Industri

Appendix B: Letter for Expert Review 1



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Pensyarah Kanan,
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Yhrs. Dr.,

PELANTIKAN SEBAGAI PAKAR PENILAI INSTRUMEN KAJIAN

Dengan segala hormatnya perkara diatas adalah diujuk.

2. Adalah dimaklumkan bahawa pelajar seperti butiran dibawah merupakan pelajar Program Pengajian Siswazah bagi Sarjana Kewangan dan Perbankan Islam di Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM):

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3. Sehubungan dengan itu, saya ingin memohon khidmat kepakaran Yhrs. Dr. dalam membantu penyelidikan beliau supaya ia lebih signifikan dan relevan. Bersama-sama ini disertakan dokumen berkaitan untuk tindakan dan perhatian tuan selanjutnya. Sebarang pertanyaan atau kesulitan boleh menghubungi penyelidik di talian 019-444 0798 atau emel kepada zulfadzli@zakat.com.my.

4. Kesudian dan Kerjasama Yhrs. Dr. berhubung perkara ini amatlah dihargai dan didahului dengan ucapan ribuan terima kasih.

Terima Kasih.

"MALAYSIA MADANI"
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Saya yang menjalankan amanah,

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Appendix C: Letter for Expert Review 2



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Appendix D: Letter for Collection of Data



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COLLECTION OF DATA FOR RESEARCH PAPER

We are pleased to inform you that the following student is from UUM Kuala Lumpur and is presently pursuing his Master in (Islamic Finance and Banking). He are required to collect data from your organization as a requirement for the BPMZ69912 Research Paper course this semester.

No.	Name	Matric No.	I/D No.
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Please be informed that the data collected is purely for academic purposes and we assure you that all information will be kept strictly confidential.

We really appreciate your kindness and cooperation in the above matter.

Thank you.

"MALAYSIA MADANI"
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Sincerely yours,

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Appendix E: Interview Questions

RO1	To identify the understanding of knowledges of MAIWP Officer about LGBT issues and its relationship with Zakat function.	Apakah yang Tuan/Puan faham tentang golongan LGBT?
RO2	To investigate the type of practices Zakat distribution in MAIWP especially for LGBT community.	Bagaimana Zakat khususnya MAIWP boleh membantu golongan LGBT ini?
RO3	To explore the challenges face by MAIWP in helping LGBT community.	Apakah Cabaran yang dihadapi oleh MAIWP dalam membantu golongan LGBT?

