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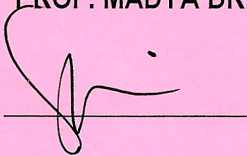
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Abstract

The development of waqf land in Malaysia provides many benefits and positive impacts to the community. The waqf land available in each state can be developed in various sectors such as the religious, education, health, agricultural, and economic sectors to empower *ummah* and the national economy. The agricultural sector is one of the sectors that have the potential to be developed using waqf land because it has the potential to help the community especially the *asnaf* group from an economic point of view such as providing jobs, increasing income, and guaranteeing food security. However, even though there is a lot of waqf land, there are still 16 lots of waqf land in Perlis that have not yet been developed because sometimes this waqf land cannot be developed due to several issues and challenges that prevent the development of waqf land. Among the problems that arise that cause waqf land not to be developed are the location of waqf land that is not strategic for development, lack of funds, lack of expertise among the staff of the Islamic Religious Council, lack of community understanding about waqf and also the issue of waqf land that is not registered under the Perlis Council of Islamic Religion and Malay Customs (MAIPs). Thus, this study aims to investigate the status of waqf land in Perlis, identify issues and challenges in developing waqf land in Perlis, and study the potential development of waqf land for the agricultural sector in Perlis. This study uses qualitative methods for data collection to achieve its goals. This study uses document content analysis methods and in-depth interviews conducted with officials at MAIPs, officials at the Perlis State Department of Agriculture, and people with expertise in waqf. Findings show that there are still waqf lands in Perlis that have not been developed because there are various issues and challenges to develop them. The issues and challenges that arise are due to the location of waqf land unsuitable for development projects, lack of funds, and the problem of waqf land not being registered under MAIPs. In addition, the study found that the undeveloped waqf land in Perlis has the potential to be developed for the agricultural sector because it is seen as having the potential to empower and help the community in addition to being able to guarantee food security. The implications of the findings suggest that the MAIPs need to collaborate with the Perlis State Department of Agriculture to succeed in the waqf land development project as an agricultural sector so before this project is carried out it is necessary to choose suitable crops to be planted on the waqf land to produce good crops that can be marketed. There are several ways to market agricultural products, including selling directly to consumers, selling to wholesalers, or marketing to supermarkets. In addition, can get marketing assistance from the Malaysian Federal Marketing Authority (FAMA).

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List of Abbreviations

CPI	Consumer Price Index
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
DPN3	Third National Agricultural Policy's
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HTF	Hospital Tuanku Fauziah
JAWHAR	Jabatan Wakaf, Zakat dan Haji
SIRC	State Islamic Religious Council
MAIPs	Majlis Agama Islam dan Adat Istiadat Melayu Perlis
MUIB	Majlis Ugama Islam Brunei



CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Introduction

Waqf is one of the instruments that can help the community with a variety of issues such as health, education, agriculture, and farming. The waqf instrument is not a new concept in Malaysia, but it has been used for a long time, such as endowing land to build mosques, '*surau*', or religious schools. Waqf is one of the most important charitable practices in Islam. This practice, like other acts of charity, has been promised a high recompense by Allah SWT to its benefactors. This compensation is paid to the endower even after death, as long as the endowment property is used by the public. With the advancement of technology, the usage of waqf land has grown to include the health, education, agricultural, and animal husbandry sectors. The benefits of this waqf are available not just to Muslims, but also to non-Muslims. As a result, those who have the opportunity to endow the property they own might use this practice to aid those who are less fortunate. This is because, in Islam, we are urged to support one another and to help one another with money and property. As a result, donating land to enhance the agricultural sector can also bring numerous benefits to others for the community's development. Waqf is one of the various activities of Islamic economics. If waqf is managed well, it can play a role in improving the lives of the community, especially in the economic sector.

1.1 Background of Study

The Fuqaha (jurists and scholars) stated waqf is one of the most highly valued charitable actions in Islam, and Allah SWT has promised a large recompense for its waqf. Furthermore, as long as the endowment property is used by the public, the

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Appendix B - Interview Questions

Interview Questions for MAIPs

1. How long have you worked at the Council of Islamic Religion and Malay Customs Perlis?
2. What experience have you gained while serving in the waqf department of MAIPs?
3. How many hectares of waqf land are there in Perlis?
4. How many hectares of waqf land in Perlis are still undeveloped?
5. What waqf projects are MAIPs currently developing?
6. What are the issues and challenges that MAIPs often face when want to develop waqf land in Perlis?
7. How did the MAIPs overcome the challenges when implementing the waqf project in Perlis?
8. How can the development of waqf land have a positive impact on the community in Perlis?
9. Is it necessary to develop waqf land as an agricultural sector to help asnaf in Perlis by providing job opportunities for them? Why?
10. How do MAIPs carry out their mission to work together to help ensure food security through the agricultural sector developed using waqf land?

Interview Questions for Perlis State Agriculture Department

1. How long have you been working at the Perlis State Department of Agriculture?
2. What experience have you gained while serving in the Perlis State Department of Agriculture?
3. What agricultural projects have been successfully implemented by the Department of Agriculture in the state of Perlis?

4. What are the challenges that will be faced if we want to develop waqf land in Perlis as agricultural land?
5. How to overcome the challenges of developing waqf land as an agricultural sector?
6. Is it necessary to develop waqf land as an agricultural sector to help asnaf in Perlis by providing job opportunities for them? Why?
7. How does the Perlis Department of Agriculture play a role in addressing food security issues?

Interview questions for those who specialize in waqf

1. What is Dr's view on the potential to develop waqf land as an agricultural sector?
2. Is it suitable for waqf land to be developed as an agricultural sector in a remote area?
3. What crops are suitable to cultivate using waqf land?
4. What is the proposed mechanism or appropriate method to enable asnaf/farmers to cultivate waqf land for agriculture?