

Empowering Food Security Through Waqf

ABSTRACT

Food scarcity is not an alien subject to people nowadays. Various plans and efforts have been made around the world to ensure adequate food supply including the waqf approach. This study is dedicated to developing and proposing the waqf model for food security. Waqf legislation and previous waqf models for livestock and agriculture were reviewed and studied before the Food Security Waqf Model (FSWM) was developed. The qualitative interview with an expert in the field of Islamic finance and Syariah has been employed to verify the validity of the proposed model. The experts support the suitability of FSWM in empowering food security through waqf. All expert panels also agreed that FSWM is practicable, compliant with waqf legislation, and feasible in general. They are also enthusiastic about the implementation of FSWM. The originality of this article lies in the proposed model, which is newly introduced in this study and has gone through the validity evaluation process by appointed expert panels. The model proposed in this study is expected to give an alternative pathway to the government in the effort of the national food security plan. By not undervaluing previous research models, this research model should give a new perspective to the academic literature on empowering food security through waqf.