

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BASED ON A GREEN ECONOMY THROUGH BANK SAMPAH BERKAH (BSB)

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Abstract :

Economic empowerment of people with disabilities is one of the efforts to address the limited opportunities and job fields for them. This study aims to analyze the economic empowerment of people with disabilities through waste management at Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB). Using a qualitative descriptive research method, the results show that economic empowerment of people with disabilities through BSB has a positive impact, such as opening up job opportunities, increasing income, and improving the family's economy. In addition, this empowerment also has an impact on the environment. The economic empowerment of people with disabilities through BSB is also in line with the principles of maqashid syariah, so that this activity can bring goodness to the world and the hereafter.

Keywords : *Economic empowerment, disabilities, green economy, maqashid syariah*

Abstrak :

Pemberdayaan ekonomi penyandang disabilitas merupakan salah satu upaya untuk mengatasi keterbatasan peluang dan lapangan pekerjaan bagi mereka. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis pemberdayaan ekonomi penyandang disabilitas melalui pengelolaan sampah di Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB). Dengan menggunakan metode penelitian kualitatif deskriptif, hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa pemberdayaan ekonomi penyandang disabilitas melalui BSB memberikan dampak positif bagi penyandang disabilitas, seperti terbukanya lapangan pekerjaan, adanya tambahan penghasilan, dan peningkatan ekonomi bagi keluarga. Selain itu, pemberdayaan ini juga memberikan dampak bagi lingkungan. Pemberdayaan ekonomi penyandang disabilitas melalui BSB juga sejalan dengan prinsip-prinsip maqashid syariah, sehingga kegiatan ini dapat membawa kebaikan dunia dan akhirat.

Kata Kunci: *Pemberdayaan ekonomi, disabilitas, green economy, maqashid syariah.*

INTRODUCTION

People with disabilities, formerly known as people with physical disabilities, often receive different treatment compared to others in general. Although people with disabilities require different treatment, the treatment given often makes people with disabilities feel marginalized. (Farisandy & Aditya, 2022) The Ministry of Social Affairs (Kemensos) of Rejang Lebong Regency in 2024 recorded 1,093

people with disabilities in Rejang Lebong Regency.(Media, 2024) Although the population is small, people with disabilities often do not get the same rights as the general public in terms of getting jobs. This is due to the public's assumption that people with disabilities are less intelligent, unable to communicate effectively, and unable to perform daily tasks like normal people.

Table 1: Number of People with Disabilities in Bengkulu Province

| Regency | Type of Disability | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------|------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | Mentally disabled | Physical Disable | Blind | Deaf | Speech Impaired | Deaf and Mute | Multiple Handicap |
| Bengkulu Selatan | 100 | 83 | 55 | 68 | 60 | 58 | 255 |
| Rejang Lebong | 95 | 91 | 68 | 76 | 62 | 56 | 241 |
| Bengkulu Utara | 127 | 135 | 76 | 78 | 77 | 70 | 326 |
| Kaur | 98 | 87 | 63 | 68 | 53 | 50 | 249 |
| Seluma | 101 | 87 | 96 | 104 | 80 | 81 | 288 |
| Muko Muko | 97 | 69 | 40 | 32 | 37 | 64 | 195 |
| Lebong | 72 | 56 | 39 | 51 | 33 | 35 | 145 |
| Kepahiang | 74 | 65 | 37 | 49 | 39 | 35 | 191 |
| Bengkulu Tengah | 57 | 75 | 44 | 53 | 40 | 36 | 192 |
| Kota Bengkulu | 38 | 26 | 27 | 16 | 19 | 16 | 94 |

Although people with disabilities often face obstacles, they actually have unique advantages and potential that others do not have, such as the ability to overcome challenges and adapt to the environment. Therefore, finding and developing this potential becomes a challenge that must be faced. One form of effort that can be made to overcome the disparities of people with disabilities is to empower them. Sumardjo defines empowerment as a process of building opportunities, will or motivation, and community capabilities to access existing resources, thereby increasing their capacity to determine their own future by participating in influencing and realizing the quality of life of themselves and their communities.(Puspitasari & Hanifuddin, 2024)

Economic empowerment functions to increase the financial capabilities of a group of people, communities, or individuals.(Ainiyah dkk., 2023) This capability aims to provide access and opportunities for the community to meet their needs and improve their welfare. Efforts to empower people with disabilities through mutual cooperation are encouraged in Islam as a form of mutual help. Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) which collaborates with the Environmental Service (DLH) in Talang Benih Village, Rejang Lebong Regency, seeks to empower people with disabilities economically through waste management programs so that they can generate income.

Empowerment of people with disabilities through waste banks is also one of the efforts to achieve a green economy. Green economy is a concept that supports human welfare, environmental sustainability, and ecosystems. (Masdukie dkk., 2021) With the increasing population, community waste also increases, so environmental and ecosystem sustainability become very important to consider. Good waste management supported by the presence of waste banks as managers of organic and inorganic waste becomes one of the breakthroughs in efforts to achieve a green economy.

The presence of Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) besides helping to maintain the environment through waste management can also become a means of economic empowerment for people with disabilities. Empowerment is done by utilizing people with disabilities to directly participate in waste grouping and separation activities according to type, quantity and or characteristics of waste at Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB).

This research aims to analyze the economic empowerment of people with disabilities based on green economy through Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB). Using qualitative research methods, this study is expected to contribute to the development of theory and practice of economic empowerment of people with disabilities. In addition, this study is also expected to provide recommendations for the government and social welfare organizations to improve the welfare of people with disabilities through economic empowerment based on green economy.

In a broader context, this research is also expected to contribute to the development of the concept of economic empowerment of people with disabilities based on green economy in Indonesia. Therefore, this research can help improve the welfare of people with disabilities and reduce negative environmental impacts, achieving sustainable development goals.

RESEARCH METHOD

This research employs a qualitative approach with field research to gain in-depth understanding of economic empowerment of people with disabilities through Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB). The research was conducted at Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) in Rejang Lebong Regency, Bengkulu, from December 2024 to May 2025. Primary data sources were obtained through interviews with the Director of BSB, people with disabilities, and their families, as well as secondary data from the BPS website and other literature. Data collection techniques included observation, interviews, and documentation, while data analysis used NVivo software.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The economic empowerment program for people with disabilities through waste banks implemented by Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) involves inviting people with disabilities to participate in operating waste bank activities, namely waste management. Empowerment for people with disabilities is carried out through stages such as determining the potential and jobs that can be done by people with disabilities at Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB), providing education and skills in waste management to people with disabilities, and providing incentives as additional income for people with disabilities.



Figure 1: Mind Map of the Blessing Waste Bank (BSB) Program

Through the process carried out by Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB), people with disabilities will have knowledge and skills that will be applied in waste bank operational activities. As an improvement in income through economic empowerment of people with disabilities, Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) provides additional income for people with disabilities as a result of operating waste bank activities.

Waste management carried out at waste banks can be an alternative job for people with disabilities. People with disabilities who experience obstacles in interacting with the environment due to physical, mental, and intellectual limitations are actually able to easily carry out operational activities at waste banks, ranging from sorting waste, weighing waste, to picking up waste at community homes.

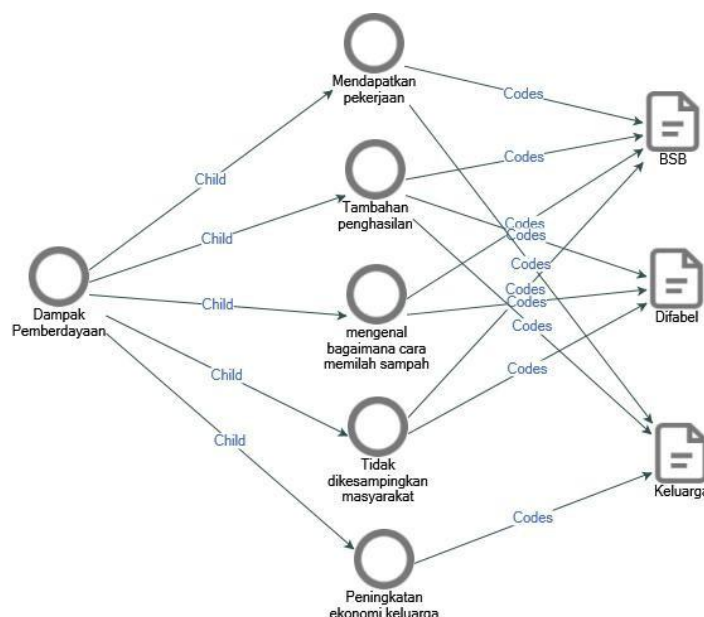


Figure 2: Project Map of Economic Empowerment Impact

Economic empowerment of people with disabilities by Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) is done by looking at the potential possessed by people with disabilities and matching it with the jobs available at the waste bank. This makes the absorption of people with disabilities for economic empowerment efforts not

optimal. To date, the type of people with disabilities working at Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) are only those with intellectual and physical disabilities. Exploring the potential of other types of people with disabilities and finding suitable jobs for them is a challenge faced by Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB). The process of economic empowerment by utilizing people with disabilities in operating waste bank activities will have an impact on improving the environment. Waste banks as facilities for managing waste with the 3R principle (Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle) help maintain community environmental cleanliness and achieve a green economy.(Nugraha dkk., 2024) Economic empowerment through waste banks applies the green economy concept, namely efforts to maintain, restore, and protect the natural environment, protect and maintain public health, increase social justice through a green economy, strengthen independent local businesses and institutions, and reduce poverty by creating good jobs.(Suparman, 2023)



Figure 3: Word Frequency Query: The Role of Waste Banks in the Environment

Based on the results of interviews and the views of Yusuf Al-Qardhawi (Fauzia & Riyadi, 2014) on the five basic aspects of human life, the relevance of maqashid syariah in the context of implementing economic empowerment for people with disabilities through Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) can be analyzed, which focuses on economic, social, and environmental benefits. In the context of economic empowerment for people with disabilities, Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) prioritizes the principle of mutual cooperation (ta'awun) among others. In its implementation, there is no discrimination against people with disabilities, equality is an aspect that is prioritized for people with disabilities behind their limitations.

Economic empowerment through the role of waste banks brings change for

people with disabilities. People with disabilities, despite having limitations, through Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) can actually meet their own and family needs. Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) starts the empowerment process by providing education related to waste management. This education will give birth to new skills for people with disabilities. Economic empowerment of people with disabilities through waste banks has a direct impact on the families of people with disabilities. This impact is related to the income earned by people with disabilities that can help meet family needs. Economic empowerment through the role of waste banks helps people with disabilities get additional income. This income can help them meet family needs and their own needs.

CONCLUSION

Based on the research results on "Economic Empowerment of People with Disabilities Based on Green Economy Through Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB)" which has been analyzed using NVivo software, the following conclusions can be drawn:

1. The economic empowerment program is implemented through a special program aimed at specific groups such as people with disabilities. The economic empowerment program for people with disabilities is carried out through stages such as determining potential, providing education and skills, and providing incentives as additional income for people with disabilities. Economic empowerment by involving people with disabilities in managing waste through waste banks also has an impact on the environment, which is also in line with the principles of green economy, namely running the economy without having to sacrifice the environment.
2. The obstacles faced by Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) in implementing economic empowerment for people with disabilities lie in finding and developing the potential of other types of people with disabilities and determining the jobs that can be done by them. This is because not all jobs at Bank Sampah Berkah can be done by people with disabilities.

The economic empowerment of people with disabilities through Bank Sampah Berkah (BSB) integrates the principles of maqashid syariah. By prioritizing the principle of mutual assistance (ta'awun) without discrimination, helping people with disabilities and their families to meet their needs, creating skills and abilities for people with disabilities, and striving to protect the environment.

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