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DESIGN OF THE MANNUAL AND COMPUTERIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE JAMIK MOSQUE OF JEMBER

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research is to construct a transparent and accountable financial report of mosque and to design financial report of mosque which is manual and computerization. This research takes an object in Masjid Jamik in Jember District. The research method used is a survey approach that is collaborated with constructive exploratory ala Miles and Hubberman. The results showed that the financial report of Jamik mosque in Jember Regency has not been standardized and there is no standard guidance in preparing the mosque financial report. Besides, there is no skilled man capable of preparing the mosque financial statements. This research recommends to the Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards Board to immediately prepare financial reporting standards for mosque organizations. This is expected to encourage the achievement of accountable, uniform and comparable financial statements.

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INTRODUCTION

The Background of Study

Mosque is one of the public organizations that manages its own resources. The managing tasks are performed by takmir or the people who are voluntarily in charge of mosque management as trusted by the moslem community. The community requires takmir to arrange a more transparent and accountable financial statement. A good financial system will increase community trust on the mosque organization and the takmir. Transparency, accountability, honesty, truth, trust, and justice should be implemented in all institutional activities, both in public and private sectors. However, the religious life and the organizations of religious activities are somehow needed no direct transparency and accountability of its financial statements. According to the theory of sharia enterprise, in managing the mosque finances and activities, takmir is not only responsible to the public and mosque worshipers, but also to the God (Trivuwono, 2006). On the other hand, public also demands transparency of information as stated by the law of public information transparency that requires takmir to immediately arrange the appropriate and accountable financial statement in accordance with the Islamic rules. The fact is that current financial statements of most mosques in Indonesia are not in line with the accounting standard. Therefore, many

scientific studies and practices focus on providing accountingbased financial statements for the mosque.

The financial reporting or the accounting system of the nonprofit organizations is referring to the Financial Accounting Standards Statement (PSAK) number 45 that requires accrual accounting application for nonprofit organizations. Financial management of the mosque is in the form of financial reporting or fund accounting. The community acts as the financial donor of the mosque. This research mainly focuses on the management of the financial statements of the mosque. A transparent and accountable financial statement will provide accountable and trustworthy information to the stakeholders.

According to the preliminary survey, Jamik Mosque of Jember manages many activities, not only related to the islamic ritual worship, but also the activities in managing zakat institutions, business development, and islamic education. The financial statement of the mosque is announced every Friday before the Friday prayer. However, the financial weekly report does not describe the comprehensive data of the mosque's wealth and income from the business and non-business activities (donation). Therefore, this study aims to analyze the accountability and the usefulness of the mosque financial statements for its stakeholders, as well as to provide mannual and computerized financial statements to be applied by *takmir*.

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This research uses exploratory approach. The unit of analysis is Jamik Mosque of Jember.

Research Objectives

The objectives of this research are as follows:

- 1. To construct transparent and accountable financial statements of the Jamik Mosque of Jember.
- 2. To design manual and computerized financial statements of the Jamik Mosque of Jember.

Research Implications

The implications of the research are as follows:

- 1. Providing more insights for the universities in developing science related to sharia accounting and nonprofit organization accounting.
- 2. Providing the appropriate, manual and computerized accounting-based financial statements. *Takmir* will find no difficulty in finishing the financial statements.
- 3. Providing a standard of mosque financial statements that can be used by the Association of Indonesian Accountants (IAI) in preparing financial reporting standards for nonprofit organizations especially mosque. This is inspired by the succeed of the Zakat Organization Forum in arranging the financial statements for the committee/administrator of zakat institution as standardized by IAI and resulting in PSAK number 109.
- 4. Providing empirical information for the administrator, *takmir*, and worshipers of the Jamik Mosque that will be useful in preparing the transparent, accountable, and accounting-based financial statements to be accounted to the public in order to increase the public trust.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Sharia Enterprise Theory

Referring to sharia enterprise theory, the stakeholders consist of God, human beings, and nature (Triyuwono, 2006b). God is the ultimate goal as the only purpose of human life. The second stakeholder is human which is divided into two groups: direct stakeholders and indirect stakeholders. Sharia enterprise theory balances the egoistic value with altruistic value, material value with spiritual value, and individual value with jama'ah (congregation) value. It also has a wider range of accountability than the entity theory. Accountability in sharia enterprises theory is being accountable to God, human beings, and nature (Triyuwono, 2006a: 35).

Mosque Organization

Mosque is a public institution. All of its assets is the public assets organized by the mosque management or commonly called *takmir*. *Takmir* is responsible in maintaining and managing the mosque's assets. Mosque is also a nonprofit organization aims to purely serve the people. According to Shihab (1998: 462), the functions of a mosque during the prophetic era were the followings:

1. As the worship place, mosque's main function was as the sacred place to conduct worship activities or mahdoh.

- 2. As the studying place, mosque was a place to learn and to teach especially about religious islamic knowledge. Learning about islam is an individual obligation or *fardhu ain* for all moslems. Currently, mosque is also conducted formal and non-formal education activities performed by its internal institutions in the form of Qur'an course, Qur'an education park, kindergarten, elementary school, and library.
- 3. As the place to nurture and educate its worshiper. Mosque existence was significant in educating its worshipers as more and more people come to the mosque not only to conduct religious activities, but also to gain religious islamic values.
- 4. As the center of islamic culture and missionary endeavor. Mosque was the heart of the moslems life, the place to share kindness to the people.
- 5. As the center of the moslems regeneration. Mosque was a place for the younger moslems generation to learn and to develop islamic teachings professionally. Therefore, the cadre coaching should be prepared and centered in the mosque since the very young age.
- 6. As the social and economic service center of the people. Mosque was a place to improve the quality of people's life with the establishment of a zakat institution that accommodates and distributes zakat, alms or *infaq* from the donors or *agniyah* to the poor people.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This is a survey research with constructive qualitative-exploratory approach. It is also an action research implemented in the Jamik Mosque of Jember. The primary and secondary data are analyzed using exploratory descriptive method combined with the data triangulation method. This research is conducted in two stages. The first stage is a survey or field observation to find out the accountability problems and the usefulness of the mosque's financial statements for its stakeholders as well as to prepare financial statements manually. The second stage is designing a software for the computerized financial statements and a website for the online communication media.

The primary data are in the form of perceptions or opinions of respondents/takmir/ administrators/donors/experts of fqih (islamic jurisprudence) and sharia finance regarding the accountability, transparency, and the usefulness of mosque financial statements. Secondary data are in the form of document and the bulletin of mosque financial statements. Data collection methods are as follows:

Documentation

This method is used to explore secondary data in the form of financial data, mosque activities data, financial statement data, bulletins, magazines, and other relevant documents.

Interview

Interview is the method of collecting data by asking questions directly (one-to-one) to the respondents. The interviewees are *takmir*, worshipers of the mosque, *donors*, and the *fiqh* and sharia finance experts.

Focus Group Discussion (FGD)

FGD is a method of collecting data as well as solving the research problems referring to the existing facts by conducting a group discussion with the stakeholders and the experts.

Observation

Direct observation is needed to complete data analysis, especially regarding to the accountability and transparency of the sources and the use of funds and financial statements of the mosque.

The collected data were analyzed descriptively using qualitative exploratory approach. A qualitative descriptive-exploratory approach was used to describe and explain the accountability and usefulness of the mosque's financial statements. The second analysis applied an FGD approach that was actively participated by the stakeholders, *takmir*, and the experts of *fiqh* and sharia finance. The collected data then being tested for its validity and reliability, including credibility test, transferability test, dependability test, and confirmatory. Data were processed by using Miles and Huberman approach that consists of: (1) data collection, (2) data reduction, (3) data display, and (d) conclusion/verification phase. The methods and steps of the research can be described briefly in Figure 1 below:

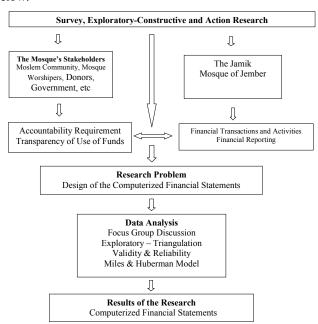


Figure 1 Research Scheme

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Jamik Al Baitul Amin Mosque is a new mosque in Jember located on the north side of the old Jamik mosque, across the main road in the central park of Jember. The construction of the mosque was pioneered by K.H. Ahmad Siddiq as the representative of the moslem scholars (ulama), and Mulyadi, the head of the Public Works Department of Jember as the representative of local government. The financial statement made by *takmir* was simply in the form of cash inflow and outflow report. The financial statement did not consist of financial position statement or the balance sheet, activity report, cash flow statement, funds change statement, and notes of financial statement as required by the financial accounting

standard. It was also made by the person with the limited knowledge about accounting. The financial statement was presented in a very simple report of cash receipts and disbursements recorded in a book and the bulletin boards of the mosque. Every Friday, *takmir* will report the financial statement to the mosque worshipers before the Friday prayer. Figure 2 proposes the scheme of the computerized financial statements for Jamik Al Baitul Amin Mosque of Jember.

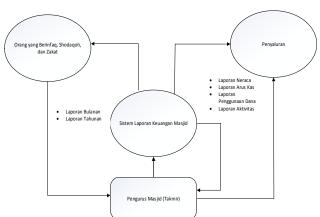
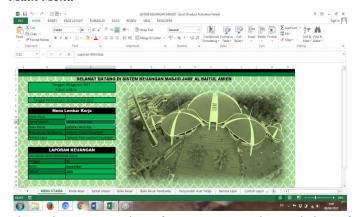


Figure 2 Scheme of the Computerized Financial Statement of the Mosque

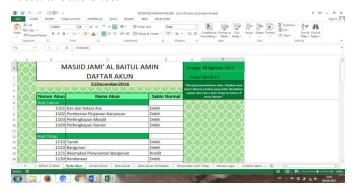
The followings are the explanation and the operational system of the mosque's excel based financial statements:

Main Menu



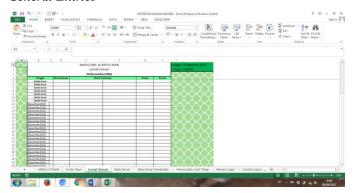
The main menu consists of mosque name, date and time of opening the system, account code, general entries, ledger, subsidiary ledger, working sheet, activity report, cash flow report, financial position report, and notes of financial statements.

Account Code Sheet



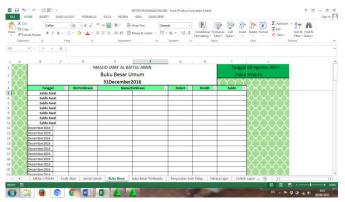
Account code sheet consists of account number, account name, and normal balance.

General Entries



The general entries consist of the name of the mosque, date, the approximate number, debit, and credit. This sheet is used to posting all transactions related to the operations of the mosque, inleuding daily and weekly transaction, and the adjusments of the transaction for the final accounting period.

General Ledger



The general ledger function is to post and classify transactions from the general entries in order to facilitate the treasurer to compile the actual balance sheet.

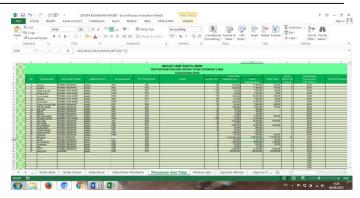
Subsidiary Ledger



The subsidiary ledger function is to record the details of specific account from the general ledger. Subsidiary ledger consists of cash and cash equivalents, employee loans record, mosque equipments, office supplies, and debt from the bank and other financial institutions.

Fixed Assets Depreciation

Fixed assets have a useful life of more than one year (one accounting period). As time goes by, all types of fixed assets, except land, will depreciate and can no longer be used for the operational activities.



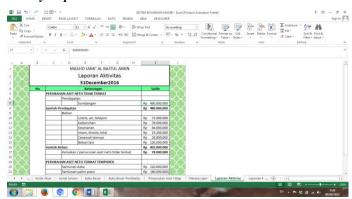
The depreciation of the fixed assets is due to the usage, the imbalance of demand and available capacity, and the technological lags (the invention of new technology). Depreciation method used in the proposed excel program of this research is the straight line method.

Working Sheet



The working sheet is a sheet or a list used to record, adjust, and classify all accounts in the balance list that were created when the company prepared the financial statements. The columns of the working sheet consist of list of balances, adjustments, postadjustment balances, profit-loss, and statement of financial position (balance sheet).

Activity Report



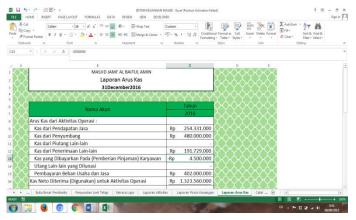
The function of activity report is to provide information about the effect of transactions and other activities that change the amount and the condition of the net assets, the relationships between transactions and other activities, and the use of resources in the implementation of various programs or services.

Financial Position Report

The financial position report aims to provide information about assets, liabilities, and net assets as well as information about the relationship between those elements at a certain time.



Cash Flow Statement



Cash flow statement is a report that describes the cash inflows and outflows in a certain period. The purpose is to provide information about the receipt and disbursement of an organization's cash in a certain period. The cash flow in the financial statements of the Jamik Al Baitul Mosque is grouped based on three activities: cash flow from the operational activities, cash flow from the investment activities, and cash flow from the funding activities.

Notes of Financial Statement



The records of the financial statements in the nonprofit organizations provide information that does not available in the financial position report, activity report, and cash flow statement.

The *takmir* of Jamik Mosque of Jember can arrange financial statements that consist of financial position statement (balance sheet), activity report, cash flow statement, funds change statement, and notes of financial statement as proposed in this study. The financial statement of Jamik Mosque of Jember requires a financial accounting standard to create an appropriate financial statement. In addition, the financial statement should also be made by the person with good knowledge and capability in making accounting-based financial statements. This study has designed both manual and computerized financial statements in the form of reports of financial position (balance sheet), activity reports, cash flow statements, funds change statement, and notes of financial statement that can be used either by the *takmir* of Jamik

Mosque of Jember or by other *takmir* from other mosques. The IAI should develop financial accounting standards for the mosque institutions so that the *takmir* would have a national standardized guidance in preparing the mosque's financial statement. The mosque's accounting-based financial statements in the form of reports of financial position (balance sheet), activity reports, cash flow statements, funds change statement, and notes of financial statements designed in this study can also be used by the IAI.

CONCLUSION

The takmir of Jamik Mosque of Jember only made the financial statements based on the cash inflows and outflows. The financial statements did not consist of financial position statement (balance sheet), activity report, cash flow statement, funds change statement, and notes of financial statements. It is suggested that takmir prepare financial statements that consist of the statement of financial position (balance sheet), activity report, cash flow statement, funds change statement, and notes of financial statement as designed in this study. The financial statement of Jamik Mosque of Jember was not made according to the financial accounting standard. It was also made by the people with limited knowledge about the accounting reporting. Therefore, it is an urge to prepare the financial statements referring to the accounting standard. In addition, the financial statements should also be prepared by the people with good knowledge and capability of accounting.

IAI is required to develop specific and nationally applicable financial accounting standards for the mosque. The *takmir* could refer to those standards in preparing the financial statements of the mosque. The financial statements of the mosque in the form of reports on financial position (balance sheet), activity report, cash flow statement, funds change statement, and notes of financial statements designed in this study can be used by IAI to create financial accounting standards for the mosque institutions.

The financial accountability report of Jamik Mosque of Jember is unfortunately simply in the form of cash inflow and outflow report recorded manually in a book and bulletin boards of the mosque. Every Friday, *takmir* will announce the results of weekly transactions as recorded in the financial statements right before the Friday prayer begins. The computerized financial statements that consist of financial position report or balance sheet, activity report, cash flow statements, reports of changes in funds, and notes on financial statements as designed in this study can now be used by the *takmir* of Jamik Mosque of Jember and also by the other *takmir* from the other mosques.

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