

### *Abstract*

In an effort to improve the standard of living and welfare of the people in a country, one of the efforts that must be made by the government is to increase economic growth. Economic development is a tool to achieve this goal, because economic development contains essential elements that can change human destiny from the trap of poverty and underdevelopment. One of the efforts made by the government to achieve this goal is a community empowerment program through the provision of productive zakat funds for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

This study aims to find out the effect of the productive zakat fund assistance provided by BAZNAS Central Java on the development of the mustahik zakat recipient's micro business. This research uses descriptive analysis method and Wilcoxon Signed Rank Difference Test where the number of samples used is 50 respondents. The descriptive method aims to determine the management and empowerment of zakat in Baznas Central Java and the Wilcoxon Signed Rank Difference Test aims to analyze the effect of productive zakat on business capital, business income, business profit, and household expenses.

The result of the study showed that the Baznas Microfinance program launched by Baznas Central Java in providing productive zakat funds showed an influence on the development of micro mustahik businesses in terms of business capital, business income, business profits, and household expenses.

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