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**Abstract:** This study aims to determine the development of the role of the mosque, especially the development of mosque fund management and offers revitalization of mosque fund management in the modern era. This research uses qualitative approach with literature study method. The results of the research analysis show that the potential ability of the Moslem community to restore the function of the mosque as in the time of the Prophet who not only used the mosque to facilitate his affairs in worship (mahdhah), but also as the center of Moslem activities in various fields (ghairu mahdhah) the provision of facilities and utilize mosque funds for the empowerment of people with modern mosque fund management system, so that the mosque becomes independent which can also create various programs that attract the public and the community to play an active role.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Mosque has an important role in the development of Muslims in the early period, where the mosque is a place that has a primary function as prayer prostrate to worship Allah SWT. Indonesia is a country that has a variety of culture, race, ethnicity and religion. The Central Bureau of Statistics of 2016 mentions that 87.18% of the total Indonesian population is predominantly Muslim. Increasingly Muslim population is followed by increasing mosque as a means of worshipping Muslims, where Information Systems Mosque in 2016 states that mosques in Indonesia amounted to 206,024 buildings. Of the 206,024 existing buildings, there are 30 mosques, 3,856 Great Mosques, 752 historic mosques, 359 large mosques, 173,222 mosques, and mosques in public places totalling 28800. The number of mosques that follow the growth of Muslim population spread throughout Indonesia shows the potential ability of the Muslim community to restore the function of the mosque as in the time of the Prophet for community empowerment.

The success of mosque management certainly cannot be separated from the successful management of the company as well. Therefore, the function and role of the mosque needs to be revitalized to fit the demands of religious teachings. However, often the role of the mosque is not going

well because the management is less precise. Adnan (129: 2013) revealed that there are unemployed mosque funds in the Province of Yogyakarta Special Region estimated amounted to US \$ 30 million or around 300 billion when the research was conducted.

The phenomenon of change and shifting of the function and role of the mosque is caused by the lack of understanding from the managers of human resources (ta'mir) mosque in managing mosque mosque fund in modern era based on the era of early Islam that is the time of Prophet and friends. Some mosques only perform the role of worship, education and mosque economy, although the implementation of the function and role of the mosque has not run optimally. In fact, if the allocation of mosque funds is arranged properly and efficiently, then the amount of funds that is very large can be felt for the benefit of the people if the mosque funds exist throughout Indonesia. (Jannah, 22: 2016).

## 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

The word mosque comes from the Arabic means place of prostration or worship of Allah SWT. Bakar (9: 2007) explains that the mosque is a place where Muslims motivate and awaken the spiritual's power

and one's faith. At the time of Rasulullah SAW, the Nabawi mosque was built in a spacious field. The mosque of Nabawi became the heart of the Madinah city, where the existence of the mosque is not only a place for Muslims to worship, but also used as a place to determine military strategy, urban planning, political activities, meeting places and as temporary shelters around the mosque by the poor. After Rasulullah SAW died, the mosque managed by the companion's relative did not change from the side of the role and its function.

## 2.1 Mosque Economic Development Model

Rasulullah SAW exemplifies how the model of economic development is by using the mosque as a central muamalah activities. When correlated with the role of mosque and the development of Islamic economy, the mosque is used as an amplifier of Islamic foundation and learning muamalah theory. The mosque has a vital function in the formation of rabbani economic character so that the Islamic economic system can be applied perfectly. In this modern era, economic development, especially the management of mosque funds requires revitalization. By reviving something previously less powerless, it makes life again a powerless mosque.

## 2.2 Economic Empowerment of Mosque

The management of mosque funds is very important in this case does not mean only collect the funds obtained, including funds infaq, shadaqah, waqaf and also the collection of zakat when the time comes. The management of targeted and efficient mosque funds can be channeled properly, for example, the remaining funds are not necessarily kept back as a saving but manage them better through programs, so that the management of funds can be wider and able to prosper the surrounding community by inviting the community to participate in it.

According to Huda (2008: 5) the value of justice is very important in Islamic teachings, especially in the life of social, political and economic law. The distribution mechanism according to Sholahuddin (2007: 207), is:



Figure 1: The Economic Mechanism

## 2.3 Utilization of Mosque for People's Welfare

Central Bureau of Statistics 2016 the number of poor people reached 28.01 million people or 10.86% of the total population of Indonesia (BPS, 2016). A very large number, given the poverty in Islam is considered as something to fight for, so that the poor can be free from poverty to a prosperous society. Social welfare is a prosperous state of society (Depdiknas: Indonesian dictionary, 2008: 1067) According to al-Ghazali in Karim (2011: 62) welfare is a state of achievement for the purpose of maintaining the goal of syara '(Maqasid al-Shari'ah). The mosque has the potential to empower the community because of mosque funds that have excess every month. To be able to prosper the environment, first the board or jama'ah and the community must take care of the mosque with two things, namely hissiyyah and maknawiyah. The things that can be done in the welfare of the mosque are by making good management. In managing finance definitely requires good management. The scope of financial management according to Mufraini (2006: 134) one of them is to create a guide that includes the collection, distribution, and balance of funds. In the fund raising should be clear the type of funds and how the funds are received.

## 3 RESEARCH METHOD

This research uses descriptive qualitative approach with literature study method. The literature study seeks references to theories relevant to the case or problem found. Library research is done by reviewing the ideas of experts in books, journals,

1 and research report articles. This study uses the Qur'an and hadith as the main source and some external literature such as books and previous research journals.

#### 4 RESULT AND DISCUSSION

At the time of the Prophet Muhammad Islam developed in Madinah, which is the center of the form of Moslem activities such as discussion, delivery of revelation and a place to study aqidah. Let's it be a place used elsewhere.

In the economic field, mosques in the early development of Islam are used as "Baitul Maal" which distributes the wealth of zakat, alms, and spoils of war to the poor and the interests of Islam. The weak group at that time was greatly helped by the baitul mal. The prosperous mosque of Rasulullah SAW is very diverse in function and role.

Sochimim (97-98: 2015) states that in carrying out the function of the mosque as an educational, social and economic center, it cannot be denied that the factor of financial management is very important in the effort to prosper the mosque.

In the financial management of the mosque must be recorded cash inflows and outflows must be reported periodically, including procedures for income and expenditure must be arranged and implemented properly, pay attention to the financial management of mosques such as budgeting, payment services, financial statements, funds and banks. Recording is also done during the distribution of funds so that the report can be detailed clearly used for what and to whom the distribution of funds, whether the distribution of funds made used for consumptive or productive activities.

In this study, one of realization of mosque fund management that has implemented the function of economic empowerment and doing revitalization for the welfare of society in Indonesia is Al-Musabbihin mosque in Medan. Al-Musabbihin mosque has a library room, opened schools such as kindergarten, elementary school and junior high school. Outside the formal education al-Musabbihin mosque provides a study of interpretation for the community. in the field of economic and social, al-Musabbihin mosque opened aqua gallon and LPG business opened for the needs of the community and can help the mosque finances. Economic factors are the most important part in prospering the mosque (Jannah, 99: 2016). The social activities of the Mosque of Al-Musabbihin not only collect Zakat, Infaq, and Shadaqah from community and distribute

it to the rightful to receive it, but open the door of the secretariat office for all people who want to know questions about the mosque. The success of al-Musabbihin mosque is one of the evidence of the implementation and structuring of a good management system, where in the management there are auditors that make the mosque's budget transparent so that public confidence in Masjid al-Musabbihin can be maintained.

Another realization of a mosque fund management that has implemented the function economic empowerment for the welfare of the community is the mosque of Jogokariyan Mosque in Yogyakarta. With its programs, Jogokariyan Mosque won the first winner of the Great Mosque Pilot Special Region Yogyakarta (DIY) in 2016 held by the Ministry of Religious DIY. Jogokariyan Mosque optimize fund from community for others which each year use fund as much as possible until no one is restrained in account of mosque. This is evidenced by the accountable and accountable financial statements of the mosque (Jogokariyan Mosque, 2016). In addition to fund optimization, the Jogokariyan mosque also has its own Baitul Maal, which is able to reduce the gap and improve the welfare of the community in the Jogokariyan mosque.

In addition to economic side, Jogokariyan mosque also participate in social field by conducting dawn movement, held activity of Ramadhan afternoon market aimed at society as medium of entrepreneurship and spur the society independence. Mosque Jogokariyan also has a hotel on the third floor of the mosque building and also the Hall of Islamic Center Jogokariyan Mosque as a space for various events that are leased to the public. Two of these facilities can certainly be utilized from the economic side, with the benefits of hotel and hall space rental can be used to increase the cash funds of the mosque which of course will be used priority for the welfare of the people.

Both examples of mosques mentioned are mosques that can optimize and provide refreshment for the mosque environment that not only as a means of worship, but the presence of the mosque provides a great impact for the community, especially the economic empowerment of people around the mosque to be more prosperous.

#### 5 CONCLUSION

Talking about the revitalization of the mosque's function should the mosque function at the time

Rasullullah SAW is actually possible to do in the modern era as it is today. With the technological advances that exist today, it should be possible to revitalize the mosque. Various innovations can be created from a good mosque climate.

The role of the government of course cannot be separated from this. Like the title of the Great Mosque Pilot Competition conducted by the Ministry of Religion Special Region of Yogyakarta already properly imitated and practiced throughout the territory of Indonesia. Various innovations conducted Jogokariyan Mosque is certainly able to spur other mosques in the archipelago to participate in the development economy. Because the essence of the mosque itself as a place of worship as well as unifying the ummah of course can also be functioned to prosper the community with its economic function.

Some early efforts that can be done in the purpose of revitalizing this mosque include:

1. Each village / district makes an interesting mosque activity and creates a good climate so as to attract the main interest of young people. Where young people will contribute ideas and innovations that are fresh and in tandem with the development of the times.
2. The government should play an active role in the revitalization program of this mosque. Because Muslims as a majority can improve the economy through various activities carried out from the mosque.
3. Providing a container for mosques to innovate. Jogokariyan Mosque itself for example, in addition to having a good program also began to develop a website that is very informative and so worthy.

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