

The Decrease of Poverty by the Formula of Zakat with an Analytical Procedure

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ABSTRACT

There are five pillars of Islam and Zakat is the fourth pillar of the Islam. Zakat refers to the purification of soul and wealth in particular. Therefore, those Muslims who have wealth over a certain ratio are liable to pay Zakat on it and donate it to those who are less fortunate and don't have sufficient means to live their life in a standard way. Those who lives as luxurious life they perform their obligatory duty as Zakat they perform an obligatory duty of Islam which is on their shoulders by paying zakat by this on one side they purify their wealth from thefts and evils and other hand by this they help those human who are needy. but if a wealthy person who pay the zakat with a good way and a needy who uses it properly as a small business manner. It will be proved that in result that the percentage of poverty will be decreased day by day by using this formula of zakat.

Key Words: Zakat, Islam, Muslims.

Pertaining to the question of Zakat, the skeptic ones ask the question that why do they have to pay from their earned wealth to the others?

There is no denying the fact that Zakat is an obligation and fulfillment of it leads to a Muslim getting reward from Allah Almighty and to not to pay leads a

Muslim receiving towards punishment from Him, however there are other reasons which one can find pertaining to the importance of Zakat.

In this research paper it is analytical description will be given that how to perform this obligatory duty and how the needy person uses it. After this description it can briefly be observed that if a person receives sum of the zakat and uses it by the systematical way as a small business. After ten years he will be pay his zakat to others. Insha Allah description will be given in research paper.

Introduction of the topic

The only twenty percent of the world population is living as luxury and comfort life and while eighty percent of the world population lives in below line of the poverty. Ignorance, hunger and some of them less than a dollar a day and that gap is increasing day by day.

The explanation of this between luxuriant and poorer is for the policies of the distribution of the wealth and income. Such system of the distribution in all countries of the world that some people live with comfort life while others not. All are due to the lake of distribution of the income and wealth in the same country or the policies that would widen the gap of rich and poor.

Poverty and income are associated with each other with strong interactive relationship. Lake of the proper distribution of the income is the reason of poverty, while the poverty differs the living standard, lake of life, lake of the income how they earn such income, where from they bear the expenses of the daily, how they bear the expenses of education of their children, training and other expenses of the health. This gap is the result of the existing poverty. Because of this gap, the role of poverty remains high.

With varying levels of income among households in the same society varies the demand for health, education and training. therefore, members of the same society will vary in their capacity and skills gained, then chances for employment and obtaining appropriate wages will also vary and members of poor households would have access to jobs of lower wages, while members of rich families can find with handsome salaries jobs, and the poor remains poor and the rich remains rich.¹

All over the world it is observed that the ratio of poverty is increased day by day. The international community focused on the present holding the situation of the poverty. How to decrease the ratio of poverty in all over the world?

The poverty is one of most dangerous problem faced by this society and it is also speedy spreading big problem in the current situation of the humanity. More than thousands of people are living under the extreme line of the poverty, they are faced very worst condition on this planet. Though it is the responsibility of the researcher that they find the solution of the poverty that how to reduce the poverty rate all over the world and it is the basic need of humanity.

There are many methods which are applied by different hard worker scholars on this problem but could not succeeded in this field. From these formulas that many scholars suggested the microfinance method they provide small loan on low interest to the needy people for the purpose of the trade and commerce etc. for the reduction of the poverty.

“In 1960 the world organization has announced for the covering extremism of the poverty is to promote globalization, free trade, economic growth, social

¹ Abdel Baki H, the Egyptian Journal for commercial studies, No. 1, Egypt, 2003.

security, human development, microfinance, technological development and growth, etc. Traditionally, the poverty alleviation program has mainly been tackled by interest-based microfinance scheme which is a financing tool that sustainably provides very small loans to the poor and needy people”².

Different banks are also applying this method and provide the loans to needy and poor people to remove the poverty from this society but the poverty is rapidly problem has no solved yet.

Definition of the Zakat

The meaning of the zakat is consisted of two types firstly the meaning of the word “zakat” is “Purification” while the second meaning is “To Increase”

According to the Quran the meaning of the Zakat is briefly explained as:

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا وَ قَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّاهَا³
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ⁴
الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَ مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ⁵
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ⁶
وَ أَنْفِقُوا مِنْ مَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِّن قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَّ أَحَدَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ⁷
وَ يُطْعَمُونَ الطَّعَامَ عَلَىٰ حُبِّهِ مِسْكِينًا وَ يَتِيمًا وَ أَسِيرًا⁸

Literary meaning of zakat “to Increase” it is technically expressed that to purify one’s possession of wealth by outstanding a prescribed amount which has to be given to the poor and needy as fundamental prayer.

² International Journal of Economic Development Research and Investment ,3/1, April 2012 2.

³ Soorat ul Shams, 91/9,10

⁴ Soorat ul Baqra ,. 2/254

⁵ Soorat ul Baqra ,2/2

⁶ Soorat ul Baqra ,2/267

⁷ Soorat ul Munafiqoon,63/10

⁸ Soorat ul Dahar, 76/8

The first meaning of the zakat is “to Purify”. It is explained that by the payment of zakat purifies your wealth, and clean your wealth from all kinds of dangerous. On the one hand this generosity cleans and purifies your wealth while on the other hand it looks after your character in the welfare of the society and beneficent also benefited from this generosity.

According to this verse it is observed that the for the success of this world and on judgment day is spent wealth in the way of Allah for the sake of Allah with purification of the wealth. According to this formula your wealth will be purify from all dangerous and troubles.

The second meaning of the zakat is to “Increase”. It means that increase in wealth, Increase in property and other modes of the Properties. In this mode of Zakat, it is increased in wealth by the spending money in the way of Allah for the glory of Allah. However, spending money will decrease but spending it in the glory of Allah SWT will increase with the mercy of Allah.

The example of the wealth as water if it is continuously gathered on one place such a water which is useful for the human life but gathering in place it will be more harmful for human life such as the wealth if it continuously gathered at one place it will be harmful for human life but if it transferred from one human to other such transformation makes it more beneficent for humanity such as Zakat it will transferred in a year to other and that transformation makes purify to all the wealth and property.

such pollution which be outed from the property and wealth by zakat. It will be paid to those human being which deserve it. It is the obligatory right of the Human Being on those who are Property holder and the master of status.

Zakat is the sum of out hand amount from which save the millions of lives in all over the world if it is paying and receiving effectively. According to my thought that zakat is not a sum of handout amount which paying to poorer, but it can be use it as a tool for the development of this society and reduction but end of the poverty at all over the world.

With the best usage of zakat by formula as it is described in analytical session according to data the payer and befieceries of the distributed zakat fund effectively and use it effectively by a small business manner it will be the result at end of the poverty.

But if a zakat benefienceries knows that the certain amount from zakat funds received in their account every year and it is security assurance them that they will receive it every year and they use it as the self-expense because he is assured that he will receive amount from zakat fund. According my research, it is not good method but by this formula there will be no result in reduction of the poverty but I think the poverty will be increased day by day as now on at this stage at all over the world.

But if the Zakat beefieceries received sum of amount from zakat fund and use it as a small business manner and He started his struggle and uses their talent and efficiency with honesty with their jobs the same will be resulted as he self-pay the zakat on next year. This will be proved as the reduction of unemployment and reduction in poverty.

Statistical Division of Zakat

It is observed that the Zakat is the obligatory right of the deserve human being. How to pay the zakat?

Zakat is the 2.5/ amount of the property which paid to the deserve human being as narrated in the books of the Fiqa.

Usage of the Zakat

There are two methods of the usage of that fund. The analytical description is given as both methods of twenty-year formula.

The first method of usage of this fund

For example, a teacher paid zakat amount in a year about ten thousand and he supported a poor family annually for the glory of Allah SWT. The mind is set from both side on annually basis. The teacher will have to pay and the poor family will receive it, this is formulated that when they receive such amount they try to complete the entire need of the home as clothes of the children, expenses of the home, medicine, etc. the teacher paid zakat this same family about twenty years continuously, after twenty years if we calculate the result it will be zero. By this calculation the after twenty years the poverty will be increased unfortunately at this time this calculation will be applied at all over the Muslim world the result of poverty in front of all that twenty percent human being live their live as luxurious and eighty percent are in blow the line of poverty.

Analytically Description of twenty years' formula

No. Years	Amount	Usage	Rate of poverty	RESULT
01	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
02	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
03	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
04	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
05	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero

07	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
08	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
09	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
10	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
11	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
12	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
13	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
14	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
15	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
16	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
17	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
18	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
19	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero
20	10,000/	Need	Increase	Zero

The second method of usage of this fund

The same teacher will pay the amount of zakat and describe them about the story of lady and officer which is mentioned in below passage and if they started the business on same automatically the rate of poverty will be decreased on yearly basis.

If a teacher paid to zakat to a family and according to description the receiver of zakat will start a small level business on first year, when next year the teacher paid to zakat to same family they will automatically replied that I'm not able to receive the zakat. As next year he paid to zakat to other family and they started the business on above methods. After ten years ten families will be with job,

they started their struggle and use their efficiency and serve the humanity with their quality. it means the rate unemployment will be decrease. After ten years it is automatically the person who received the amount of zakat in first year he will be able to pay zakat to others. It is analytically observed that the rate of unemployment and poverty is decreased in ten years.

In this analytical description it is observed that every year rate of poverty is decreased and annually one jobless family is engaged in job they serve the humanity with their fields they pay the important role with their services of the nation and country automatically after few years they will not only provide services but they will be support to others. It means for this formula after ten years ten families are able to provide their service to this nation, society, and country as well as they will be able to pay zakat. They will be included in not rich families but they will also have added in those families who provide services to other. By this result will be in front of this nation that after passed twenty years all ten families support to other ten families as well as when time will be passed about fifty years fifty families will support other forty families and then this chain will be resulted as to decrease the poverty all over this society.

Analytically Description of twenty years' formula

No. Years	Amount	Usage	Rate of poverty	RESULT
01	10,000/	Small Business	Decrease	+1
02	10,000/	Small Business	Decrease	+1
03	10,000/	Small Business	Decrease	+1
04	10,000/	Small Business	Decrease	+1

05	10,000/	Small Business	Decrease	+1
07	10,000/	Small Business	Decrease	+1
08	10,000/	Small Business	Decrease	+1
09	10,000/	Small Business	Decrease	+1
10	10,000/	Small Business	Decrease	+1
11	20,000/	Small Business	Decrease	1+1
12	30,000/	Small Business	Decrease	1+2
13	40,000/	Small Business	Decrease	1+3
14	50,000/	Small Business	Decrease	1+4
15	60,000/	Small Business	Decrease	1+5
16	70,000/	Small Business	Decrease	1+6
17	80,000/	Small Business	Decrease	1+7
18	90,000/	Small Business	Decrease	1+8
19	100,000/	Small Business	Decrease	1+9
20	110,000/	Small Business	Decrease	1+10

This analytical description mentioned twenty years briefing, in seventy-six families are able to do their own business and they all are able to provide services to others and service the nation and humanity by this formula.

In my observation by this formula if the payer of zakat will pay the zakat in actual form and the receiver will receive the zakat and use it in above mentioned method it is hundred percent surety that the poverty automatically will be finished from this society.

Importance of the topic

First of all, I have impressed from an Interview of an officer listened it on YouTube. He stated that one day a lady came in his office and asked him to give her ten thousand rupees but requested that she has not begging him but as loan purpose. The officer said that I gave her ten thousand for the sake of Allah SWT and forget it. after the six-month same lady came in my office and present me an amount in envelope and said this is the loan which you have gave me before six months and then stated that sir! this amount is very big amount! Officer said these are only ten thousand how it is big amount she said sir! this amount is very big amount as my husband had died and I am widow with some children my daughters are near to the age of marry so we had no amount for these all arrangements. I came to you and you have given me ten thousand I purchased a swing machine started as tailoring business on small level and I have trained my daughters as this way. Now in these days I'm able to pay the loan to you from my small business, main and important point is that my jobless daughters are now in good job, they are earning good amount from their jobs. Now dear sir it is the message of mine to you that do not keep this amount in your pocket but transfer it to others officer said that the lady has gone but she gave me an aim for my life I have met with other friends and told all the story and started the collection of the ten thousand from all friend and go to the villagers told same story to the villagers we gave them ten thousand for the starting of small business and they started now about eleven hundred homes of the villagers are with job by this formula. ⁹

⁹ Youtube an Interview

In the light of above statement, I can describe now the usage of zakat. All Muslims are paying zakat as obligatory right of poor person for the helping purpose, but the usage of zakat is not actually formulated.

Literature Review

The income and poverty are related for the development of humanity. Islam has completely eliminated the problems of poverty how to minimize or reduce the rate of poverty. Islam also encourage humanity to help the others in different methods. The Islam has taught us those who are rich help those who are unfortunat in the line of poverty according to Quran:

مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَٰلِكَ مَجَّ كَتَبْنَا عَلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ أَنَّهُ مَن قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِعَمْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا ۗ وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا ۗ وَلَقَدْ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ۗ ثُمَّ إِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ بَعْدَ ذَٰلِكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ لَمُسْرِفُونَ. ¹⁰

Translation: “We decreed upon the offspring of Israel (Yaqoob that whoever kills a soul unless for the soul of for a soul or for a corruption in the earth. It is as if he had slain whole mankind. And whoever save one it is as if he had saved whole mankind. And our messengers have had certainly come to them with clear proofs. Indeed, many of them after that throughout the land were transgressors”. According to hadith and other source that the zakat is third pillar of Islam.

عن عبد الله بن عمر : قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم بني الاسلام على خمسة شهادة ان لا اله الا الله و ان محمد رسول الله و اقام الصلاة و ايتاء الزكاة و صوم رمضان و حج البيت من استطاع اليه سبيلا ¹¹.

¹⁰ Soorat ul Maaedah, 5/32

¹¹ Ibne Assakar, Maujam al Shyookh, 1/23; and abne Hajar Askalaani, lisan ul Meezan, 2/21

according to this hadith it is explained that after the Tauheed and Risalat it is obligatory to help the others by the zakat and it is the pillar of the islam from the all five pillars. Help to other it is basic fundamental of Islam.

In above mentioned verses and Ahadith it is eliminated that Islam has completely focus on the help of others and the followers of Islam are also believing on it but entire need of to whom it will be given and how to use it. leakage is here that how the recipient of that fund use it. zakat is the most important tool to alleviating the poverty from this society. This researchable study suggested that the zakat is most important effective way to helping the poor and recover the poverty so disbursement of this fund must be formulated as the entire need of the humanity be completed and minimize and reduce the rate of unemployment and poverty.

Research Methodology

This study explained the formula of the distribution of the zakat fund includes methods which are directly effect on the poverty. First method indicates the zero result in reduction of poverty while other methods expressed that how to reduce the rate of poverty as well as solution to decrease the poverty in this society also analytically briefing should be given in this research article.

It is also explained from the verses of the holy Quran about the zakat. How to distribute the income, what are the methodologies, whom pay the that amount, how they use it, techniques of the usage of zakat fund and formula system by analytically is discussed with example.

While preparing this research paper using different reports, research article, internet, and primary and secondary sources are also uses.

Findings and Results

This study indicates to those who pay the zakat firstly they set the mind of that family as on small level business and then recipient also try for the best with honestly started that their field where he is expert , according to above research in upcoming year if he work hard in his field then he will be not able to receive the zakat because his small level business will be developed in one year and after ten year he be able to pay the zakat and he self is also out from the poverty while help others also.

While it is deeply studied that other method of the disbursement of zakat is that the mind of the recipient of this fund is set that he receives sum amount yearly, while the payer of that fund are also should be on same decision and the beneficent received that sum of amount and complete the entire need of home, medicine. Children, etc. in this it is analytically described that the poverty will be increased day by day as nowadays in this society.

In this way the different verses of the Quran and Ahadith are also de discussed and result should be mentioned.