

ABSTRACT

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Islamic cooperatives are one of the institutions that have a role in economic empowerment. The presence of the BMT As-Sunnah Sharia Cooperative aims to prosper the economy of members. Initial observations made at the BMT As-Sunnah Sharia Cooperative, it turned out that there were still members who experienced a weak and unstable economy even though they were already members. Based on these problems, the purpose of this study is to determine the role of the BMT As-Sunnah Islamic Cooperative in the economic empowerment of its members.

This type of research uses a qualitative approach descriptive method using primary and secondary data. Data collection techniques were carried out by observation, interviews and documentation. In conducting credibility tests using researchers using data source triangulation. While the data analysis technique uses the Miles and Hubberman method which has 3 stages, namely; data reduction, data presentation, conclusion drawing and verification.

The results showed that there are seven stages to make the member economic empowerment program successful. Of these seven stages, only five stages are carried out by BMT As-Sunnah, including the preparation, assessment, program implementation, evaluation, and termination stages. While there are two stages that are not carried out, namely at the stage of planning alternative programs and formalizing action plans, due to limited capital from BMT As-Sunnah. Therefore, the researcher's analysis is the cause of some program recipient members not being able to change in terms of their economy. So that BMT As-Sunnah in the future can implement the seven stages of economic empowerment so that this Islamic cooperative has a very important role for the economy of its members.

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