

# **The services provided by the central zakat committee in the governance of Ramallah / Albeireh against poverty**

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## **Abstract:**

The purpose of this study is to identify the services provided by the central zakat committee in the governance of Ramallah / Albeireh against poverty.

To achieve the study the searcher used the qualitative analytical method, and he collected, unload, and analyze the information directly from the records of the Zakat committee as it is in the period from 2011- 2016, further he made an interview with the people in charge there, beneficiary and review the former laws in relation.

The study results shows ; most of the services provided by the central zakat committee in the governance of Ramallah / Albeireh were relief services and that the empowerment programs in the committee still tiny and under the level forming the amount of ( 0.001% ) from the committee expenses . And that half of the Zakat incomes from the outside were conditioned to be given to a certain category, which gives no place in front of the committee to invest this incomes in development or empowerment projects, where the amount of the outside incomes during the study time totaled ( 12,086,643 ) Jordanian dinar. It also there are no a strategy to fight poverty, the committee depends on the local and outside incomes, and there are no self-development projects to increase the Zakat incomes.

The study shows that One of the most important obstacles facing the Zakat committee that there is no law that regulates the zakat committees work of where to oblige the companies to pay their Zakat money, or to discount the value of the Zakat from the income taxes, makes the companies refrains to pay their Zakat money, the competition from the Palestinian Zakat fund to the Zakat committees in collecting the Zakat money made a stagger in the lines of the Zakat givers, the lack of confidence in the Zakat committees formed by the government made that the majority of the capital funds owners distribute their Zakat money directly by themselves which will lead to no justice in distributing.

Based on the previous results the study came out with a several recommendations increase the religious consciousness among people so they will pay their Zakat money, increase the media and education rule to the capital fund owners and the companies that refrains to pay their Zakat money, and they prefer to distribute it by themselves because of

the lack of confidence in the Zakat committees, to work on to communicate with the capital fund owners and to involve them in the committee programs, so they can observe the work and the achievement of the committee, which will gain the confidence in the committee work, to pass a Zakat law, which will make the Zakat payment compulsory or to discount it from the income taxes of the companies to stimulate and encourage them to pay their Zakat money, customize a part from the Zakat incomes to establish a development and empowerment projects which will provide a job opportunities to the poor people who can work, to increase the support given to them, to increase and format the relation among the Zakat committee and the charity institutions to avoid the duplication of distributing so the Zakat money will cover the largest number of beneficiaries, to benefit from the Islamic world experiments in the field of Zakat, especially the Malaysian experiment, enhance planning and make strategy plans to make a significant change in the given services, to face any emergency conditions.