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# DETERMINANTS OF ZAKAT COMPLIANCE INTENTION AMONG BUSINESS OWNER IN HADRMOUT GOVERNORATE, YEMEN

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### Abstract

Zakah (the alm tax), as one of the five pillars of Islam, aims at poverty reduction and eradication among Muslim community. Similar to tax, understanding the issue of noncompliance is highly relevant to the context of Zakah as well. In Yemen, the proceeds from Zakah are considered low, probably due to compliance gap. Several studies have been conducted on the issues of Zakah compliance in some Islamic countries and most of the literature focused on employment income and saving, with less attention given to business Zakah. The main objective of this paper is to examine the influence of attitude, religiosity and perception towards law enforcement on compliance behaviour to pay income zakat among business owners in Yemen through using the theory of planned behaviour. The primary data, which were collected through questionnaire, were treated statistically using multiple regression analysis. The results reveal that the Theory of Planned Behaviour is capable of predicting zakat compliance intention in Yemen. In specific, the regression analysis concluded that attitude towards Zakat and religiosity are positively related to intention to pay Zakat, whereas the relationship between the perception towards law enforcement and intention to pay Zakat is statistically not significant. The findings of the present study can be used by the institution of zakat and policy makers to promote and educate the general public as to the importance of zakat. The implications of the findings and the limitations of the present study and conclusions are also highlighted.

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