# THE IMPACT OF EMPOWERMENT OF WELFARE IN STREET VENDORS ENTREPREUNERSHIP: EVIDENCE FROM URBAN INFORMAL SECTOR IN EAST FLOOD CANAL (BKT) JAKARTA

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consumption, living conditions, and education, health, while the subjective aspects include psychological, social and spiritual well-being. Subjective aspects are generally related to one's ability to have a balanced lifestyle, to have interpersonal relationships, social networks and community support, as well as to have a relationship with God and good worship.

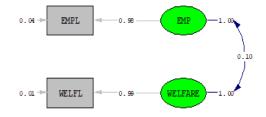
### III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study was conducted for one month from mid-July to mid-August 2019 in the BKT Jakarta area by taking primary data using a questionnaire instrument from 300 respondents. When taking primary data, researchers also conducted with respondents randomly. The results of the field data were processed with Lisrel software. This processed carried out through 3 (three) stages, namely: (1) Test the measurement model that includes the Goodness of Fit test, validity and reliability test. For the fit test can be seen in the Goodness Of Fit Index (GOFI) table where there are 9 indicators to show a good match (RMSEA, NFI, NNFI, CFI, IFI, RFI, Standardized RMR, GFI and AGFI). For the match above, both (Perfect Fit) contains degree of freedom = 0, minimum fit function chisquare = 0. For the validity test can be seen from the Standardized Loading Factor (SLF) value > 0.50, and the reliability test is said to be good if the Construct Reliability value (CR) > 0.70, and Variance Extract (VE) > 0.50. For further, (2) Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) Test, which tests all latent variables processed and simplified by calculating Latent Variable Score (LVS) and the last one is (3) Structural model test (hypothesis test), test the research hypothesis, if the absolute t value score  $\geq 1.96$ , then the hypothesis is accepted, whereas if it is not rejected. For the standard coefficient value on the structural model test, it shows the strength of influence between two latent variables (Wijanto, 2008).

### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The observed variable was valid and represented the perception of respondents namely EMP2 with the statement every business has a risk of failure and will not give up before success. The statistic result has perfect fit (contains degree of freedom = 0, minimum fit function chi-square = 0), good validity and reliability (CR = 0.96, VE = 0.96). In this case, the street vendors have realized that in running a business there are challenges and obstacles. Although they are passionate about trying as an entrepreneur, in general they have difficulty in limited access to capital market information and skills training in product diversification. As long as the empowerment process is not optimal, street vendors cannot feel the impact on improving their welfare. The migrant traders in BKT based on the results of interviews stated that they gained knowledge about how to start and run a trading business in a group that is still related by family, or one of their hometown colleagues. The kinship factor makes them feel more comfortable and believes that the skills assistance, capital assistance will be smooth because they have known each other long before. This continues to be done from generation to generation to form a trade group in BKT. This is in line with research by Utami (2010), (Shami et all, 2018), (Um, 2012), (Boerry, 2016), Morais et all (2016), (Kwok and Leung, 2015) and (Sabri 2015)

The observed variable were valid and represented the perception of respondents for latent welfare variables (WELF) namely: (1) welfare is primarily to have a place to live that is protected from heat and rain (WELF6), (2) has time to worship and explore religious knowledge (WELF4) and (3) is able to consume healthy foods perfectly or healthy and nutritious food (WELF2). The statistic result has perfect fit (contains degree of freedom = 0, minimum fit function chi-square = 0), good validity and reliability (CR = 0.73, VE = 0.50). Meeting nutrition is felt to be far more important than having to go to a doctor or hospital. These three things are considered more priority compared to the time of friendship with family / relatives, as well as time to improve trading skills. This finding is in line with research conducted by Schueller and Seligman (2016), (Alatartseva and Barysheva, 2015), where welfare is measured by income marked by decent living conditions, and nutrition fulfillment. In theory, there is objective welfare (material) and subjective well-being (non-material).



Chi-Square=0.00, df=0, P-value=1.00000, RMSEA=0.000

Figure 4.1 Path Diagram of Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) Test (Standardized Solution)



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Figure 4.2 Path Diagram Of Measurement Model Test (T-Value)

Based on the results of the structural model test below, it is proven the research question that there is no significant relationship / correlation between Empowerment (EMP) and Welfare (WELF) of workers / migrants in urban areas, namely Jakarta. Statistically indicated by the T-Value of 1.70 which is less than 1.96. This shows that empowerment is not optimal at street vendors in BKT not only financially, but also increased trade skills and market access, where this is in accordance with research (Karki ad Mirela, 2018), (Santareli and Hien, 2013), (Catherine et all, 2012), (Chaudary and Barman, 2014) and (Schueller and Seligman, 2010).

### V. CONCLUSION AND CONTRIBUTION

Based on the survey results and the explanation above, there are advice and input to local government including: (1) Strengthening business capacity or developing entrepreneurship among traders through training or capacity building by utilizing the local government SKPD; (2) Capital access needs to be given through a group and ethnic/cultural approach; (3) Need to be given access to communication with local authorities by utilizing social media and infrastructure as well as technological facilities that can be reached and utilized by street vendors as entrepreneur; (4) Street vendors need to be a joint forum to able to compete with modern markets in the form of institutions, can be work together with companies and academics in providing assistance as a form of community service, and (5) Need assistance in overcoming business obstacles by utilizing social capital in this case the empowerment that exists among street vendors.

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