

**BAB 8**  
**ASNAF'S CONTRIBUTION THROUGH ASNAF**  
**ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME: TURNING OVER**  
**MODEL ISSUES**

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**INTRODUCTION**

Every Muslim is compulsory to commit to performing zakat, and zakat is one of the five main pillars of Islam. It has been stated by 30 times in the Qur'an (al-Qaradhawi, 2000). Further, its purpose is to redistribute the wealth of the society towards the poor by preparing a certain amount of specific wealth from the capable person for the advantage of those who are qualified to receive zakat. In Malaysia, the Centre for Zakat Management is responsible for collecting and distributing zakat funds. Zakat should be distributed to the needy, known as *asnaf*, as mention in al-Quran surah At-Taubah verse 60:

“*As-Sadaqat* (here it means Zakat) are only for the *Fuqara* (poor), and *Al- Masakin* (the poor) and those employed to collect (the funds); and to attract the hearts of those who have been inclined (towards Islam), and to free the captives; and for those in debt; and for Allah's Cause (i.e. for *Mujahidun* – those fighting in the holy wars) and for the wayfarer (a traveller who is cut off from everything), a duty imposed by Allah. And Allah is All-Knower, All-Wise.”