Quality of life: Review on an approach integrating Maqasid al-Shariah

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Abstract

Quality of life is one of the indicators to measure a nation's development status. Economic growth and political stability. Previous studies suggested that modernisation and globalisation have influenced the development of various techniques or parameters to measure the quality of life of the people. The social, economic, quantity, qualitative or subjective well-being indicators have been developed to define and measure the quality of life, including the people's reactions to their lives and societies. However, there is also a holistic approach to measure quality of life that can be done from religious perspectives. A more holistic and inclusive concept to represent the new quality of life model that integrates the physical, material, intellectual and spiritual dimensions of human beings might be formulated or studied in order to make the study on quality of life more comprehensive. This paper attempts to review the literature of quality of life in relation to the Islamic principle. The study on Maqasid al-Shariah in relation to conventional theory of quality of life is essential to Malaysia in particular as majority of the population (80% of the population) is Muslim. Finding from the study is hoped to be beneficial to the stakeholders and policy maker in developing policies and strategies that are able to enhance the quality of life of Malaysians. © 2017 American Scientific Publishers. All rights reserved.

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