Reconstructing Collaborative Economy In Indonesia
By Implementing Takaful Ijtima’i Insurance System

Abstract — The Collaborative Economy has been understood to be in condition when products, services, and market relationships have changed as sharing startups impact business models. It is growing fast in various subjects including in financial needs where people called as crowdfunding. To avoid disruption, companies must adopt the Collaborative Economy Value Chain, which in sharia business can be taken from Islamic teachings. In the history of Islam at the early 7 th century, the Islamic state has found a "social security system" which they call as takaful ijtimā‘ī. The Social security in Islam (takaful ijtimā‘ī) is a social obligation (fardhu kifayah), which brings responsibility for Muslims, as far they are able, to help each other, and state, as public entity, has a duty to ensure that such responsibility is implemented properly in any aspect including in private business. Inside at-takaful institution contained the spirit to help each other as part of whole society. Then, the spirit to help each other was made become a basic principle in sharia insurance institution (at-takaful al-ijtimā‘ī). In its concept and practice, takaful ijtimā‘ī system, for Indonesia context, could potentially be developed further. How the takaful ijtimā‘ī can be as an alternative insurance system to reconstructing collaborative economy in Indonesia, is the problem that will be elaborated in this paper. This paper will focus on takaful ijtimā‘ī with wakaf and musyarakah model, and it will be seen and placed as alternative sharia insurance system in the future, especially in Indonesia context. With the protecting each other characteristic has been used as basic principles in institutions, can be seen that the system called sharia insurance or at-takaful al-ijtimā‘ī, or Takaful Ijtima’i can be used as an alternative insurance system to reconstructing collaborative economy in Indonesia.

Keywords—collaborative economy; takaful ijtimā‘ī; islamic insurance system, social justice

I. INTRODUCTION

By the growth of Islamic finance in Indonesia, the use of Sharia principles not only cope with the concept of finance in traditional economic business. Sharia system also covers other business including in collaboratiave economy or can be called as sharing economy. The collaborative economy is an economic model where ownership and access are shared between corporations, startups, and people. Indonesia has been the birth of home-grown sharing platforms in Islamic compliance, such as “Ojek Syar’i”, a startup that provides a platform for motorbike ride sharing, which provides an online booking service for Muslim female motorbike taxi drivers which was started since 2013. Estimated about 87% of Indonesians are likely to use products or services from others in a share community, compared to 66% of the global population, according to a survey conducted by Nielsen in 2014.

This condition can be accepted because of the sharing economy offers a number of advantages: lower prices, stronger communities, a greater number of players in the market, and greater access to services that were once regarded as a luxury. It allows consumers to fully utilise excess or idle resources, and to access resources without necessarily purchasing or owning them. Globally, the sharing economy has grown faster than Facebook, Google, and Yahoo combined, and is growing rapidly by 2016 the revenue of sharing economy was projected until $335 billion, equal to that of the traditional economy (World Economic Forum, 2016).

By the rapid development of sharing economy in Indonesia these days, this paper would like to introduce about the concept of Takaful Ijtima’i in the alternative system of sharia insurance which would be sufficient to reconstruct collaborative economy in the field of insurance that can be more suitable to Islamic principle. Hopefully, this concept could also profitable to maximize the realization of social justice principle in Indonesia’s Insurance system.

Social justice in Islam known as “takaful ijtimā‘ī.” The meaning of takaful ijtimā‘ī is giving a decent living standard for every citizen. Social justice is not just food, but also housing, education, health, and clothing (Rahman 2003). According to Harry Calvert, social justice is the main legitimate mechanism pertaining to the provision of security for sufficient individual income, if its implementation conducted by using other social services, to ensure someone meet the standard of minimum living that culturally acceptable (Rahman 2003). In terms of law classification, its existence is included in fardhu kifayah (Jaribah 2006), it means that every muslim has an obligation to help others as far as their ability, meanwhile the state plays the role in the implementation to make it functioning well. These roles reflect the state capacity as the
authority to force every individual under their power to implement Islamic law. Therefore, social justice is not merely the state duty, but also a duty for every Muslim to relieve the burden of a fellow human being.

In fiqih Umar, Jaribah wrote that this social justice caretaker consist of individual, society and the state. The state main duty is to manage this social justice system, but in the implementation, individual and society can take parts. This matter according to the Rasulullah S.A.W. Hadith, “Muslim is like a building that established each others” (Jaribah 2006; Rahman 2003).

II. PROBLEM

According to Syekh Abu Zahra, al-takaful al-ijtima’i meaning is every people in the society are guarantee under their society pledge (Zahrah s.a.). Therefore, it can be understood, that at-takaful refer to the characteristic of protecting each other in the society. Protecting each other characteristic has been used as basic principles in institutions called sharia insurance or at-takaful (al-ijtima’i). Since, Takaful ijtima’i concept is very dynamic, so in current practices, it could be modified and mixed with others economy and law instruments. This includes when it could be modified and mixed with current sharia insurance system to provide the best alternative of social justice program for people by reconstructing the collaborative economy system. How the takaful ijtima’i can be applied in Shariah insurance system as an alternative insurance in reconstructing collaborative economy in Indonesia is the problem of this paper.

III. METHOD

Based on the research objectives to be achieved in this writing, Then the method that is considered appropriate is the method of doctrinal research. The Doctrinal legal research is, “Research that works to find the correct answers by verifying the truth sought in or from legal prescriptions written in the books of the law or religious books and the doctrines and underlying doctrines.”

The Consideration of the use of the method because the starting point of this research is an analysis of existing sharia insurance concepts and run in Indonesia, including research on the principles and norms of sharia law in law that is universal and insurance law in positive law of Indonesia. The Particularly is against something specified in the insurance policy contract that is expected to give justice to the parties. Similarly, research on the accuracy of the use of insurance models and contracts used in Indonesia, as well as the correlation of its needs with the fatwas issued by DSN MUI.

In this doctrinal law research, the data used is secondary data, and the secondary data consists of 3 (three) kinds of legal materials, namely primary, secondary and tertiary law materials.

IV. TAKAFUL IJTIMA’I: CONCEPT AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

One of the Messenger’s mission is to maintain social justice in the world, and it is reflected in Al Qur’an, Surah Al-Hadid [57]: 25. Based on the mission, therefore Rasulullah introduced social security system in Islam, which then by His successor (Khilafah) known as takaful ijtima’i.

From history aspect helping pattern in this takaful ijtima’i already existed in Arab culture before Islam. This concept then also implemented by Khalafa ar-Rasyidin until Khilafah Umar bin Abdul Aziz. However, they just started to build takaful ijtima’i institutionally in the era of Khalifah Umar ibn Al-Khattab.

Takaful concept first used by Rasulullah when facing a murder case of two persons of Huzail tribe and imposed a law, al-aqilah. Al-aqilah as law means the law that imposes the killer to pay some money, called “blood money (diyat),” as compensation to victim’s family. (Haekal 1986; Nashor 2004; Aly 2005). At that time, Rasulullah considered that al-aqilah, which applied in jahiliyyah era, was a form of goodness and could be an example to everyone. Not just that, even Rasulullah adopted al-aqilah in Medina Charter (Maslehuddin 1999).

The social justice practiced at the Messenger era can be seen on economy policies that established in Baitul Mal, like zakat and ushr distributions to whom are entitled to received it accordance to Al-Qur’an, payment for the muslims that still a slave, payment for the people who accidently killed by muslim troops, and allowance payment for the poor.

After the death of the Messenger, Caliph Umar Bakar Ash-Shiddiq, Umar ibn Al-Khabt, Ustman Ibn Affan, and Ali Ibn Abi Thalib (Khulafa ar-Rasyidin) still practiced the social security system as Rasulullah had done. But, all of them had different styles when implemented it (Al-Qardhawi 1972; Ja’farian, 2004; Amalia 2010).

From the history of takaful ijtima’i existence, insurance in institution form just started to known around the 19th century, when there western colonizations towards Islam. But, it does not mean that the subject invalid and are not allowed in Islamic law. Because in muamalah matter, the principle is dispensation to determine the laws as long brings good advantage to human life.

V. SHARIA INSURANCE PRINCIPLES

The purpose of insurance is to protect the participants from any risk that might happen. Sharia insurance that is the adaptation of conventional insurance agencies having the ultimate principle, which are ta’awun ‘ala al bir, wa al-takwa (mutual cooperation in virtue and righteousness) and al-ta’min (provide security) (Djazuli 2007). These purposes make the participants as a part of a big family, which guaranteed and
taking risk to each other. With this goal the sharia insurance using takafuli (take each other risk) in its akad (transaction).

Besides the ta’awun (helping) principle there are some other principles: corporations, mutual responsible principle, mutual protection principle, justice principle, and also free from gharar, maysir and riba elements.

Gharar means uncertainty, risk, or danger. According to Ali Adnan Ibrahim, gharar is (Ibrahim 2008):

> “Excessive uncertainty or ambiguity generally includes lack of complete information, deceit, risk, and inherent uncertainty as to the subject matter of the contract. Uncertainty about future events and quality of goods may also be included, whether any particular incompleteness is unilateral, bilateral, multilateral, intentional, or otherwise.”

Islam forbids every transaction that inside it occurs imbalance between risk and profits. In other words, Islam prohibits every transaction produce benefits without the willingness of bear loss (Al-Kamil s.a.).

Gharar in insurance can be seen from the form of contract (akad) that provides the basis of closure policy. In conventional life insurance, use tabadduli (exchange) contract. In sharia, exchange contract must be clear on the amount of which have to be paid and the amount that received. This condition made it confuse (gharar).

Maysir or gambling element must be avoided too. Maysir is every muamalah (transaction) that involved people with possibility of loss or profit (Hosen 1987). Allah forbids every gambling action as mention in Surah Al-Baqarah [2]: 219 and Al-Maidah [5]: 90, in that verse Allah called maysir as the work of satan. Maysir emerged as effect of uncertainty. In insurance, there three possibilities maysir happens (Jatmika 2007):

a. If policy holder experience misfortune although had just pay limited amount, the company have to bear the difference between the amount that paid and the amount insured. In this matter, the client benefited.

b. If until the end of agreement something does not occur while the client has pay out, so company that benefited.

c. If the client resigning before certain time limit (reserving period), will receive refunds in very small quantities, even in some companies considered scorched.

Riba is also prohibited in Islam. According to Barbara L. Seniawski, riba means “excess, increase, augmentation, expansion or growth” (Seniawski 2001). In terminology, riba defined as profits without any contract of value that has required by one of the party who hold the contract in interchanging two types of the goods, which has same values (Schacht 2010).

Riba could emerge from the investment runs by insurance companies. Basically, insurance companies similar to banks, which is both collecting people funds. These funds will be invested, so will gain profits. But, the problem is the investment instruments that practiced by the conventional insurance do not paying attention to the halal or haram matter on the form of the investment. So it was causing a concern that it might drown to the investment that base on interest (riba).

VI. HYBRID CONTRACT IN SHARIA INSURANCE

According to these Fatwa DSN MUI on Sharia Insurance, namely Fatwa No. 21/DSN-MUI/X/2001 on Sharia Insurance Basic Guidance, Fatwa No. 51/DSN-MUI/III/2006 on Mudharabah Musytarakah Akad, Fatwa No. 52/DSN-MUI/III/2006 on Wakalah Bil Ujrah Akad, and Fatwa No. 53/DSN-MUI/III/2006 on Tabarru’ Akad, there are known four insurance contracts that produced four types of insurance.

Those contracts are:

1. Tabarru’;
2. Mudharabah;
3. Mudharabah musytarakah;
4. Wakalah bil ujrah.

The four sharia insurance contracts applied in the form of hybrid or double (al-uqud al-murakkabah), namely the merger of two types of akad that different due to the law, in this case the combination of between Tijari akad (tijari contract) and Tabarru’ akad (tabarru’ contract).

Tijari contract are represented by the akad mudharabah musytarakah, mudharabah or akad wakalah bil ujrah, while Tabarru’ akad represented by akad hibah. Between Tijari akad (mudharabah musytarakah, mudharabah or wakalah bil ujrah) with tabarru’ (hibah) have different characteristic and puposes.

Tabarru’ Akad produced hibah type, and have the characteristic and purpose to help among insurance members, therefore must always there in every transaction of sharia insurance. Tabarru’ Akad have a characteristic not to seek profits, so the Tabarru’ akad can always combine with another Tijari Akad, namely wakalah bil ujrah or mudharabah musytarakah. This Tijari akad has characteristic and purpose to seek profits (profit oriented).

The different characteristic and purpose of the two akad are implicated in financial management that have be doing by the insurance company, funds separations.

Tabarru’ means charity or doing a good without any requirements (Sumanto et al. 2009). Tabarru’ Akad is the main akad, and have to inherent in every sharia insurance, as written in Fatwa DSN MUI No. 53/DSN-MUI/III/2006, part two.

Tabarru’ Akad is a contract done between participants that contribute insurance that each participant must agree to help each other to take the risk if one of the participants have unfortunate event. The way of each participant giving contribution funds is that called tabarru’ funds. The concept of taking risk like this called risk sharing. This type of akad can eliminate qharar and maysir factors in the sharia insurance.

Tabarru’akad application can produce hibah (grants) model, but this hibah concept that use in sharia insurance is still
debate. The debate are around the issue of whether may or may not the funds that been grants readmitted, in a form of benefits or form of funds. This is as applied in sharia insurance, where the insurance participants still can get benefits from the grants in form of restitution when they get unfortunate event or repayment some of the grants when the unfortunate event did not happen.

The provision regarding the grants that contained in the Compilation of Islamic Law (Kompilasi Hukum Islam), Article 171 point g, is:

“Hibah is a provision of an object voluntarily and without reward of a person to others who are still alive to possess.” Article 212 KHI also regulates that, as stated too in Hadith, “Hibah can not retract, except hibah from parent to children.”

The concept is different from the hibah concept that is practiced in the sharia insurance in Indonesia. Thoroughly the concept, there are several types of hibah. One of them is hibah with returns, not hibah that only expect Allah pleasure and without expecting any return. This type of hibah are allowed in Islam even has a different “degree” with the hibah that merely for Allah. Nevertheless, it is still in the corridor of Islamic law and constitutes of ruksos (waivers) in implementation of Islamic law. This type of hibah at least because of two reasons: firstly, because of the competition with conventional insurance; and secondly, because people was not yet had a good understanding about sharia economy, so the measure is always economic benefit factor.

Akad tijari that has been practiced is still using akad mudharabah and akad wakalah (bil ujrah). These two akad have advantage and disadvantage in the implementation. The advantage is the two contracts (akad) that most suitable use in Limited Company form of business, which are been acting as sharia insurance operator, because the operator does not have any loss risk over funds they managed. However, that is also as a disadvantage of the sharia insurance in Indonesia, which associated by the profit oriented business entity. That profit oriented business entity only wants to share the profit to the insurance participants, but does not want to handle the loss.

VII. PROPOSING WAKAF AND MUSYARAKAH MODEL IN TAKAFUL ITJIMAI

From the above descriptions, it is understandable that sharia insurance institution that exist in Indonesia has not yet accomplish cooperation purpose or helping each other base on justice. To maximize the achievement of helping principle in sharia insurance, there are several things that can be done, among others, using these akad, which more reflects the togetherness and helping spirit, namely akad wakaf and akad musyarakah.

The choosing of akad wakaf is because the wakaf has similar purpose with insurance, namely to help each other and reach common prosperity. The similarity can be an open door to wakaf system in insurance instrument.

Wakaf is also included in akad tabarru’, and that akad is not for finding profits, but to help the people. Hibah and wakaf are included in akad tabarru’, which both of them have some similarities and differences.

Majelis Tarjih dan Tajidid Muhammadiyah outlines several similarities and differences between hibah and wakaf, among others (Tim Fatwa Majelis Tarjih dan Tajidid Pimpinan Pusat Muhammadiyah 2009):

1. In wakaf and hibah there are people who give some of their wealth (wakif and wahib), the people who receive it.

2. Wakaf goods are every goods, tangible or intangible that has duration that not only disposable and valued according to Islamic teaching, while hibah can be anything, disposable or durable. It is not allowed to wakaf or hibah the goods that forbidden to sell, like liabilities goods or haram things.

3. Wakaf goods only can be given to a group of people that can be use for the benefit of people, while hibah can be given to individual or group for benefit of people or only for individual.

In sharia insurance, the object of goods that given for wakaf for tabarru’ is money, as mention in akad hibah, not things. The possibility of wakaf objects that in form of money regulated in Article 16 clause (3) Act No. 41 Year 2004 on Wakaf. Besides that, MUI also had issued a Fatwa about cash wakaf in 2002 that said among others: the law for cash wakaf is jawaz (allowed); cash wakaf only can be distributed and use for matters that allowed by syari’i; and basic value of the cash wakaf have to be guaranteed the sustainability, should not be sell, become the object of hibah and/or heritable.

Sharia insurance institution can be functioned as nadzir in cash money wakaf. Wakaf concept is the wakaf property should not decrease, should not perish, but productive and produce benefits, therefrom the main obligation of the sharia insurance institution is the same task as nazhir, which is to manage and develop wakaf property (Sula 2010).

Therefore then the wakaf funds should not be used for any other purpose, except have to be invested and managed first, and then the profit can be used. The use of investment funds are for claims funds and the fellowship operational which nisbah have already agreed. Also with the investment, should not be given to participant, but have to be distributed and used for they who have rights (maquf alaith) according to participant’s will.

Position of customer while they pay the premiums is as someone that gives a wakaf (muwakif). Wakaf depends on purpose, and in this insurance, wakaf is for welfare of ummah, or wakaf for ta’awun. Therefore the role of “direction” from the muwakif intention is very important. And the most “appropriate” is wakaf for ummah welfare (al-waqaf limaslahatil ummah) or wakaf for ta’awun (al-waqaf lit ta’awun). So that the wakaf funds can be located for investment in assets provision to accomplish ummah welfare, which start from claim payment, operational cost, build hospital, school, even buildings that rented.

The concept can be used for sharia insurance with social based or non profit oriented insurance, or even for collective...
benefits. However, there is disadvantage in this wakaf institution, especially in price competition. With the two accounts that will be used, tabarru’ account and saving account, automatically the participant will pay more amount than sharia insurance that using akad hibah. Nevertheless, this concept still can be implemented and very likely to be applied.

The advantages of sharia insurance concept based on akad wakaf as follows:

1. Assets will not decrease, even tended to increase, parrarel to the increase of customer and the passing of time.
2. The customer will get now and afterlife benefits in the time they pay the premiums, because when they pay the premiums they also doing wakaf for the welfare of ummah.
3. The result from the wakaf funds investation will add the reserve of tabarru’ funds, also some part can be used to add sharia insurance company operational cost (nadzir).
4. Wakaf funds that collected can be use for wakaf asset, like wakaf building that can be use for sharia insurance office, or even can invest in to rented properties, like office buildings, that the investment results are for the customer interest.

To apply this concept in Indonesia is indeed require several preparations, not only normative preparation, but also the readiness of the people to accept the consequences. One of the change is the operator is not in the form of a limited company, but instead a mutual business entity. Mutual business entity in the form of resembles to partnership or what is called syirkah. Syirkah or musyarakah means mix, which is the mix one and the other, making it difficult to distinguished (Al-Din Muḥammad s.a.).

In this matter syirkah is a form of collaboration between the owners of the capital to build a bigger business together, or cooperation between the capital owners who do not have skills to run a business with enterprenuer that do not have a capital or need additional capital. In the syirkah form of business like this, the akad that use is also syirkah or musyarakah. This syirkah is a part of tijari akad. This akad is also become a distinguishing factor between Limited Liability Company (Perseroan Terbatas) and Mutual Partnership (Persekutuan Perdata). This musyarakah arrangement has regulated in Fatwa DSN MUI No.8/DSN-MUI/IV/2000. This system can create the collaborative economy in islamic insurance system.

VIII. CONCLUSION

From the above discussions can be concluded that Takaful ijtima’i or social justice can be done by other parties besides the state. Insurance as a part of the takaful ijtima’i can be done by private parties with the purpose to help the state in manifesting social justice for the people in insurance activities. By this condition the collaborative economy could be applied by using Takaful Ijtima’i concept of Insurance that exercise Waqf and Musyarakah akad in running mutual sharia insurance business.

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