

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND INDEPENDENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS DETERMINANT IN THE CONTINUITY OF CSR DISCLOSURE IN SYARIAH AND CONVENTIONAL BANKS IN INDONESIA

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ABSTRACT

The objective of this research are to analyze financial performance and independence of directors are relevant for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) disclosure of Islamic banks and conventional banks in Indonesia and to find significant differences exists between determinants of CSR (financial performance and independence of directors) between Islamic and conventional banks in Indonesia. The population of this research covers Islamic and conventional banks in Indonesia. Sample will taken using purposive sampling and the criteria as banking institutions which publish their annual financial report during a period of January 2007 to December 2011. Based on the criteria above, the number of banks in the sample is seven Islamic banks and ten conventional banks. Multinomial logistic regression is used to test empirically whether the CSR is highly influenced by the factors identified earlier. The results of this study resulted in two models of logistic regression, namely the category of Islamic banks not disclosing CSR and the category of Islamic Bank disclosing CSR with conventional bank category which reports CSR as reference group. For the category of Islamic Banks not disclosing CSR, company size has significant impact on the probability that Islamic bank would not disclose CSR but the probability is lower compared to its impact with conventional banks disclosing CSR and independent board of directors is found to have significant probability on Islamic banks not disclosing CSR and this would be higher than the impact of conventional banks disclosing CSR.

For the category of Islamic Banks disclosing CSR, company size has a significant impact on the probability of Islamic bank disclosing CSR but it is lower in its impact than conventional banks disclosing CSR and independent board of directors has significant impact on the probability that Islamic bank would disclose CSR and the impact is lower compared to the impact on conventional banks disclosing CSR. This is consistent with the

Indonesia, non-financial reporting has been generally accommodated by PSAK No. 1 paragraph 09, where it is implicitly recommended that responsibility over environment and social affairs should be disclosed. The quality of accounting information is determined the breadth of the disclosure (Healy & Palepu, 2001). Disclosure can be mandatory or voluntary, including the disclosure concerning social responsibility of the company. The disclosure of corporate social responsibility in Indonesia is mostly voluntary.

Several of the previous studies, among others Sembiring (2005), Gao et. al. (2005), Naser et. al. (2006), Lynes & Andrachuck (2008), Joseph & Taplin (2011), Rustiarini (2011), and Febrina & Suaryana (2011) have explained the factors of company size, leverage, growth, the number of directors, ownership structure and industry as factors influencing the disclosure of social responsibility. Masruki et. al. (2009) have found that CSR disclosure is related only to bank size for syariah banks in Malaysia. CSR disclosure is predicted to be able to improve the relevance of accounting information value, due to the fact that CSR disclosure can increase the amount of information required by investors in assessing the company.

This research aims to determining the factors contributing to CSR disclosure in syariah and conventional banks in Indonesia. Based on the background and problems stated above, the objective of this research is to verify the factors which determine CSR disclosure in syariah and conventional banks in Indonesia. This study extends previous studies on CSR in Indonesia (Siregar and Bachtiar, 2010; Hassan & Harahap, 2010; Masruki. et al, 2009; Maali et al., 2003) but looks specifically at one particular company in the banking sector. The empirical findings from the first study done by Fitriyah & Ulfi (2012) has found that the factors of bank size, the number of SSB (Shariah Supervisory Board), ownership structure as factors determinan the disclosure of social responsibility.

The formulation of the problems is as follows: (1) Whether financial performance and independence of directors are relevant for CSR disclosure in syariah and conventional banks in Indonesia? (2) Whether significant differences exists between determinants of CSR (financial performance and independence of directors) between syariah and conventional banks in Indonesia?

2. Research Context

2.1. Overview of Previous Studies

Several of previous studies have tried to identify several variables explaining the variation in CSR disclosure such as Robert (1992), Haniffa et. al. (2005), Sembiring (2005), Gao et. al. (2005), Naser et. al. (2006), Sayekti & Wondabio (2007), Lynes & Andrachuk (2008), Curuk (2009), Anwar et. al. (2009), Handayani (2010), Joseph &

Reksodiputro states that the concept of CSR overlaps with the concept of corporate governance and business ethics (Reksodiputro, 2004), while Schermerhorn (1993) defines CSR as a concern from a business organization to act with their own way in serving the needs of the organization and external public interest (Schermerhorn, 1993).

Stakeholder Theory

Stakeholder theory states that a company is not an entity which operates entirely for its own interest but must provide benefit for its stakeholder. In this way, the existence of a company is influenced by the support given by the stakeholders to the company (Ghozali & Chairi, 2007).

Stakeholder theory predicts that management would pay attention to the expectations of powerful stakeholders, that is the ones powerful enough to control the resources required by the company (Deegan, 2000). This theory can be used for explaining company social responsibility which should be beyond maximizing profit for stakeholder interest and should be higher, that is serving the interest of all parties related or having claim over the company (Untung, 2008 in Waryanti, 2009).

Company would try to satisfy stakeholders by giving required information. The disclosure of corporate social responsibility is a form of company responsibility to the stakeholder. CSR disclosure shows that accounting information is a signal of company's concern with its stakeholder.

Agency Theory

Agency theory states that there is a relation between the principal (company owner or the party giving mandate) and the agent (company manager or the party receiving mandate), which is based on the separation of ownership and control of the company, or the separation between the functions of risk bearing, decision making and control (Jensen & Meckling, 1976). Several studies have used the agency theory as the basis for evaluating CSR. Agency theory is more focused on the relation between manager and stakeholder, whereby agency theory can explain the incentive problem caused by the separation between manager and owner of resources. This theory believes that the separation between ownership and management would result in agency cost due to conflict of interest (Hossain, Perera & Rahman, 1995). Agency theory is also related to the agency cost resulting from the conflict between principal and agent (Jensen & Meckling, 1976). The research of Brown et. al. (2006) indicates that agency cost plays a role in explaining the magnitude of company donation, which is part of CSR.

In order to test for the relevance of profitability for CSR disclosure, the following hypothesis is proposed:

H2: Banks with high profit play greater role in social activities rather than those with low profit. There is positive relation between the level of profitability and banks' role in social activities.

Previous studies have found that the level of leverage also correlates with the level of information in CSR disclosure, despite mixed findings. Roberts (1992) found positive correlation while Sembiring (2003) and Sayekti (2006) found negative correlation. Haniffa et. al. (2005) and Sembiring (2005) did not find correlation with leverage level and CSR disclosure. On the other hand, Naser et. al. (2006) found a positive relation between leverage and social and environmental disclosure. Based on the description above, it is proposed in relation to the relevance of leverage for CSR disclosure that:

H3: Banks with low leverage tends to play significant role in CSR activities compared to banks with high level of leverage. Social role of banks are related negatively with bank's leverage.

According to Suciya (2010), there is an inseparable relation between corporate social responsibility and good corporate governance since corporate social responsibility is one of the practice of corporate governance. Khan (2010) has tried to explain the impact of elements of corporate governance on the breadth of CSR disclosure in private banks in Bangladesh. The result is that corporate governance as a whole has positive impact on the breadth of CSR disclosure.

The mechanism for corporate government is relevant to the disclosure of information (Bughsan, 2005). The mechanism of corporate governance as determined by companies include among others the establishment of independent board of directors (Siallagan & Machfoedz, 2006; Carningsih, 2009). The independent board of directors is expected to be able to improve the quality of effective control, where this effective control activity can improve the quality of disclosure from the company, both the mandatory and voluntary ones (Haniffa & Cooke, 2002). Sembiring (2005) states that the size of independent board of directors has positive impact on the disclosure of company social responsibility. Based on the above reasoning, the following is proposed:

H4: Banks with independent board of directors will play greater role in CSR disclosure compared to those without such a board of directors. Therefore, there is a positive relation between the existence of independent board of directors and CSR disclosure.

1. X1: size. This is the size of the company as measured as the log of company assets.

$$\text{Size} = \ln(\text{Total Assets})$$

According to Adams & Hardwick (1998) and Brammer & Millington (2006), in order to minimize and reduce the impact of extreme values, the variable for company size is expressed in natural log (ln) of total assets.

2. X2: return on assets (ROA). This is the ratio to measure the ability of the company in producing net profit based on certain level of assets (Brigham, 2010)

Return On Total Assets (ROA) = net profit after tax / total current assets

3. X3: leverage. This is the ratio which describes the relation between company debt to total current assets (Westerfield, 2009).

$$\text{Debt To Total Asset Ratio} = \text{total debt} / \text{total current asset}$$

4. X4: independent board of directors (dewan komisaris independen / DKI). This is a dichotomous variable where a company either has or does not have independent board of directors, which is coded as follows:

0 = number of independent board of directors two members

1 = number of independent board of directors more than two members

3.3. Analytical Methods

The data analysis method of this research is chosen for its ease in interpretation and sense-making, that is:

- a. **Descriptive analysis.** Descriptive analysis is used to obtain general picture of the data obtained. This general picture or overview can serve as reference in seeing the characteristics of the data obtain in the research. In this research, descriptive analysis is carried out to determine whether syariah and conventional banks which disclose CSR activities and which do not can be distinguished from one another based on the involvement of independent board of directors and its financial characteristics (size, leverage and ROA).
- b. **Logistic Regression Model.** The data analysis method for this research is logistic regression since the data for dependent variables is dichotomous (dummy variable) while the independent variables are quantitative, that is intervals, ratios and categorical data (Priyatno, 2009). Unlike ordinary linear regression, logistic regression cannot assume a relation between independent and dependent variables in a linear manner. Logistic regression is a non-linear one.

This research also applies multinomial logistic regression. This multiple regression is applied to predict the impact of two independent variables or more on one

logistic regression since the dependent variables consist of ordinal or nominal types with more than 2, so that binary model is not applicable. The result of multinomial logistic regression as calculated by SPSS 17 in this research is as follows:

Table 2. Result of Multinomial Logistic Regression

Model Fitting Information

Model	-2 Log Likelihood	Chi-Square	df	Sig.
Intercept Only	145,517			
Final	25,217	120,300	8	,000

Pseudo R-Square

Cox and Snell	.799
Nagelkerke	.933
McFadden	.827

Likelihood Ratio Tests

Effect	-2 Log Likelihood of Reduced Model	Chi-Square	df	Sig.
Intercept	25,217 ^a	,000	0	.
LNSIZE	98,088	72,870	2	,000
ROA	29,124	3,907	2	,042
LEV	30,212	4,995	2	,082
DKI	44,190	18,973	2	,000

The chi-square statistic is the difference in -2 log-likelihoods between the final model and a reduced model. The reduced model is formed by omitting an effect from the final model. The null hypothesis is that all parameters of that effect are 0.

- a. This reduced model is equivalent to the final model because omitting the effect does not increase the degrees of freedom.

CSR ^a		B	Std. Error	Wald	df	Sig.	Exp(B)	95% Confidence Interval for Exp(B)	
								Lower Bound	Upper Bound
syariah bank does not disclose CSR activities	Intercept	481,334	259,403	3,443	1	,064			
	LNSIZE	-16,086	8,476	3,601	1	,058	1,033E-07	6,293E-15	1,695
	ROA	195,867	122,325	2,564	1	,109	1,16E+85	8,730E-20	1,5376+189
	LEV	44,164	27,596	2,561	1	,110	1,5E+19	4,902E-05	4,6790E+42
	[DKI=0]	2,182	7,902	,076	1	,082	8,866	1,666E-06	47182071,66
	[DKI=1]	0 ^b	.	.	0
syariah bank disclose CSR activities	Intercept	434,144	258,429	2,822	1	,093			
	LNSIZE	-14,183	8,434	2,828	1	,093	6,921E-07	4,584E-14	10,451
	ROA	183,662	121,484	2,286	1	,131	5,80E+79	2,270E-24	1,4827+183
	LEV	38,377	27,355	1,968	1	,161	4,6E+16	2,409E-07	8,952E+39
	[DKI=0]	-5,629	7,164	,617	1	,032	,004	2,867E-09	4503,168
	[DKI=1]	0 ^b	.	.	0

b. This parameter is set to zero because it is redundant.

Pseudo R-Square(Cox and Snell, Nagelkerke) have the same analogy with R-Square in linear regression. This show that 93.3% of the variance is explained by the model, while the rest is outside the model. Likelihood ratio test in the table shows the contribution of each independent variable on the model. All variables contribute to the model in significance level $p < .1$.

For the Category of Syariah Banks Not Disclosing CSR

Company size has significant impact on the probability that syariah bank would not disclose CSR but the probability is lower compared to its impact with conventional banks disclosing CSR, with a coefficient of -16.086 and significant on $p < .10$ with the Odd Ratio (expB) of 1.033E-07 (ratio between syariah banks not disclosing CSR and conventional banks disclosing CSR under the value of 1). This is consistent with the

previous studies from Brammer et. al. (2004), Brown et. al. (2006), and Febrina (2011). For the case in Malaysia (Masruki et. al., 2009), there is a tendency that banks with large assets have strong drive to practice CSR. In general, bank size is a determinant of CSR disclosure in Malaysia.

The variable of independent board of directors is found to have significant probability on syariah banks not disclosing CSR and this would be higher than the impact of conventional banks disclosing CSR with a coefficient of 2.182, significant at $p < .10$ and Odd Ratio 8.866 (ratio between syariah bank not disclosing CSR and conventional bank disclosing CSR above 1). This is consistent with the research by Suciyanti (2010), Hanifa & Cooke (2002) and Sembiring (2005), which found that board of directors has positive impact on company CSR disclosure. Greater the number of independent board of directors it could easily to control the CEO and monitoring can be done effectively.

For The Category Of Syariah Banks Disclosing CSR

$$\ln [p/1-p] = 434.144 - 14.183 \ln \text{SIZE} + 183.662 \text{ROA} + 38.377 - 5.629 \text{DKI} (0)$$

Company size has a significant impact on the probability of syariah bank disclosing CSR but it is lower in its impact than conventional banks disclosing CSR with a coefficient of -14.183 and significant at $p < .10$ with an Odd Ratio of $6.921E-14$ (ratio between syariah bank disclosing CSR and conventional bank disclosing CSR under 1). This result is consistent with previous research by Brammer et. al. (2004), Brown et. al. (2006), which found that the size of syariah banks reflects the capability of the bank to attract customer to obtain financing from syariah banks. In order to maintain their customer, syariah banks should show that they practice their social responsibility to the public besides gaining profit from their shareholders. Siregar (2010) found firm size has a positive effect on CSR. This suggests that larger firm have more resources to devote to social activities and a larger asset base over which to spread the costs of social responsibility.

For the variable of independent board of directors, it is found that this variable has significant impact on the probability that syariah bank would disclose CSR and the impact is lower compared to the impact on conventional banks disclosing CSR with a coefficient of -5.629 and significant at $p < .10$ with an Odd Ratio of .004 (ratio between syariah banks not disclosing CSR and conventional banks disclosing CSR under the value of 1). This is consistent with the studies by Suciyanti (2010), Hanifa & Cooke (2002) and Sembiring (2005), where board of directors has positive impact on company CSR disclosure. For the case in Bangladesh (Khan, 2010), corporate governance as a whole has made positive impact on CSR coverage. In this research, corporate governance is proxied by independent board of directors.

From calculation it is found that the regression coefficient for leverage is positive with the significance of 44.164 and 38.377, where both is above $\alpha = 10\%$. This means that between CSR and leverage, there is an impact but statistically not significant. This is contrary to the third hypothesis in this research, which states that banks with low leverage would have greater participation in social activities rather than banks with high leverage. The social role of banks has negative relation with bank leverage. However in this research, the increase in debt has an impact on the increase in CSR disclosure but not significant. This may be due to the fact that CSR disclosure would improve business reputation of syariah banks. When they have high level of debt, they are in better position to conduct their daily operation, especially in financing their customer. Also, banks with high level of debt would show that the customers trust them and would deposit their fund in the bank since the bank is considered to be able to give reasonable return for their investment (Masruki et. al., 2009). The results of this study support the research Nasser (2006) leverage ratio is positively related to the disclosure of corporate social responsibility because company with a high-risk attempt to reassure investors and creditors with a detailed disclosure.

The awareness of syariah and conventional banks in disclosing CSR is quite high, that is 86.6%, while the remaining 13.4% have not. This shows that the awareness of banks in disclosing CSR is growing. While the determinant variable for CSR disclosure in this research is observed from the number of independent board of directors and financial characteristics of the company, specifically company size, return on assets and leverage. About 85.3% of syariah and conventional banks have more than

two members for their board of directors, and this is consistent with the regulation from Bank Indonesia.

The logit model constructed in this research has fulfilled the assumption of model fitting information, which shows that the final model has a chi-square of 120.300 and df 8, and a p-value of .000. It is evident that the model as a whole is significant. Pseudo R-square in Nagelkerke shows a value of .933, which means that company size, return on assets (ROA), leverage and number of independent board of directors can explain CSR disclosure in syariah and conventional banks as much as 93.3% through logistic regression model, while the rest is outside of the model.

Company size and independent board of directors are the determinants of CSR disclosure and larger company size would result in greater CSR disclosure. This is supported by studies from Brammer et. al. (2004), Brown et. al. (2006), Masruki et. al. (2009) and Febrina (2011). ROA and leverage have some impact on CSR but insignificant statistically. Higher ROA and leverage do not improve the policy for disclosing company social responsibility.

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