THE INFLUENCE OF FINANCIAL LITERACY AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT ON THE WELFARE OF WEAVING CRAFTSMEN IN BALI

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Abstract:

This study looks at how financial literacy and entrepreneurial spirit affect the well-being of ate weavers in Karangasem Regency, Bali, with an emphasis on local artists' economic development. A multiple regression technique was used to collect data from 95 ate weavers. The study finds that financial literacy considerably improves welfare, as indicated by a coefficient of 0.45 and a pvalue of less than 0.01, indicating a strong positive effect. Similarly, an entrepreneurial spirit was found to have a positive influence, with a coefficient of 0.35 and a p-value of less than 0.05, implying that a proactive, businessoriented mindset plays an important part in increasing the welfare of these craftspeople. The research model explains 62% of the variation in weavers' wellbeing, emphasizing the importance of financial knowledge and entrepreneurial mindset in their economic stability. This shows that improving financial literacy and nurturing entrepreneurial abilities might have a direct impact on weavers' income. As a result, providing training programs to increase financial literacy and cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset is strongly advised to support long-term economic growth and community welfare. Such programs could help weavers better manage their finances, develop in their crafts, and ultimately contribute more to the regional economy.

Keywords: Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurial Spirit, Crafts, Small and Medium Industries

INTRODUCTION

The economy in Karangasem Regency, like the economy of Bali Province, is supported by various sectors, one of which is Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to meet their livelihoods (Jayawarsa et al., 2021). Karangasem Regency has a creative advantage that has excellent potential to develop the craft industry optimally and directly provide welfare for the community (Anggreni et al., 2023; Yasrawan et al., 2023; Jayawarsa et al., 2022). MSMEs in Karangasem Regency consist of craft, building materials, food and beverage processing, textile, and other small industries. The craft industry comprises silver artisans, ate weaving, coconut shells, and wood.

The development of ate-woven crafts is currently increasing and is in demand and used by Balinese and non-Bali people, namely in the form of an ate-woven craft industry with products such as bowls, bags, baskets, and so on. This increase in development impacts the high welfare level of the woven craft industry business actors in Karangasem Regency. However, this welfare is not evenly distributed, mainly due to fluctuations in market demand for bamboo woven products, resulting in a decrease in woven craftsmen (Sara et al., 2021). These problems can be caused by various things, including errors in choosing a marketing strategy, lack of human resources and financial capital (Saputra et al., 2021).

MSMEs need to become more familiar with several financial products financial institutions offer. This then forces MSMEs to rely solely on manual and conventional banking financing. MSMEs need capital to start and develop their businesses. As a result, MSMEs tend to utilize limited personal







capital, which can affect MSME performance. More than manual banking and conventional financing relied on by MSMEs is needed to cover MSME production, which can affect MSME performance.

Various studies have been conducted by many parties in the field of MSME development in the province of Bali, and some of them highlight the welfare of artisans who are part of the MSME industry. Djawahir (2018) found that artisans need financial literacy to develop MSMEs, which can ultimately improve welfare. Sara et al. (2021) also found that financial literacy is critical for craftsmen to support the welfare and sustainability of MSME businesses. Sara et al.'s research (2023) found that financial literacy affects artisans' welfare. However, several other studies have found different results. Andarsari and Ningtyas (2019) stated that financial literacy is not the main thing that can improve the welfare of craftsmen in the MSME industry. Lusardi (2019) also argued that financial literacy is not the most critical issue in improving the welfare of MSME actors.

Moreover, Lopus et al. (2019) found that financial literacy does not affect the welfare of artisans or MSME actors. Other studies state that it takes encouragement from within entrepreneurs to advance and achieve their prosperity. The individual factor of MSME entrepreneurs is what needs to be improved as motivation to achieve prosperity, namely the entrepreneurial spirit.

The results of Cooke's (2020) study found that entrepreneurial spirit has a positive effect on increasing the motivation of MSME craftsmen to achieve prosperity. Olajide et al. (2019) also found that entrepreneurial spirit is the main factor influencing the welfare of craftsmen and MSME actors. However, in contrast to previous studies, Haddoud et al. (2021) found that entrepreneurial spirit alone will not improve the welfare of MSME actors, but other driving factors are needed. Escandon-Barbosa and Salas-Páramo (2023) also found that entrepreneurial spirit does not directly affect the welfare of craftsmen. Based on the differences in the results of previous studies show the ambiguity of the results, so it is necessary to re-explore the research context in the field of craft entrepreneurs that leads to their welfare. This study tests and analyzes the influence of financial literacy and entrepreneurial spirit on improving craftsmen's welfare, especially woven craftsmen in Karangasem Regency.

Theory of Welfare. Welfare is a measuring point for a society that is in a prosperous condition. This welfare can be measured by people's health, economic condition, happiness and quality of life. A multidimensional formula must define welfare (Dewi et al., 2020; Lusardi et al., 2021). These dimensions include material living standards (income, consumption and wealth), health, education, individual activities including work, political voice and governance, social relations and kinship, the environment (present and future conditions) and discomfort, both of an economic and physical nature. All of these dimensions indicate the quality of life of society, and to measure them, objective and subjective data are needed (Hasan et al., 2021; Swiecka et al., 2020). Economic theories often link a high level of welfare with a higher quality of life. The higher the income, the higher the welfare seen from the amount of their consumption. Through this understanding, the welfare theory only focuses on fulfilling food consumption needs (Arsyadi & Arif, 2022; Fitriyani & Priyono, 2023).

Financial Literacy. Financial literacy occurs when an individual has skills and abilities that enable the person to utilize existing resources to achieve goals. Lusardi (2019) stated that financial knowledge is an inseparable dimension of financial literacy, but it cannot yet describe financial literacy. Morgan and Long (2020) stated that the four most common things in financial literacy are budgeting, savings, loans, and investments. Financial management is intended to manage financial functions effectively and efficiently (Junus et al., 2023). Ouachani et al. (2021) stated that financial management is divided into three phases, namely financial planning (budgeting or financial planning), implementation (implementation), and evaluation (evaluation).





Entrepreneurial Spirit. Entrepreneurship is creativity and innovation used as a basis, as well as as tips and resources to find opportunities for success (Andarsari & Ningtyas, 2019). Klapper and Lusardi (2020) stated that entrepreneurship sees opportunities and creates business activities. The ability to create shows continuous creativity to find something different from what already exists (Kadoya & Khan, 2020). Entrepreneurship has become a job that is widely chosen and done by urban communities. Many people also choose to become entrepreneurs rather than office workers. Entrepreneurs can see and assess business opportunities, gather the resources needed to take advantage and take appropriate action to ensure success (Rai et al., 2019).

Based on the research objectives, a research model framework is formulated to obtain the influence of financial literacy variables and entrepreneurial spirit on the welfare of MSME actors, as in Figure 1.

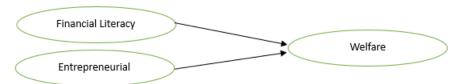


Figure 1. Research Concept Framework

Based on the conceptual framework that has been built in this study, the research hypothesis can be formulated as follows:

H1: Financial literacy affects the welfare of IKM anyaman ate actors

H2: Entrepreneurial spirit affects the welfare of IKM anyaman ate actors

METHODS

This study was conducted on ate-weaving craftsmen in Karangasem Regency, Bali; this was done because ate-weaving is one of the superior products of Karangasem Regency. So, it is essential to see the welfare of weaving craftsmen there. The contribution of ate weaving crafts to the GRDP of Karangasem Regency is quite large (Central Statistics Agency of Bali Province, 2023). The population in this study were all weaving craftsmen in Karangasem Regency, totaling 300. To determine the number of samples in this study, the researcher used the Slovin Formula, which can be explained below.

$$n = \frac{N}{1 + N\left(e\right)^2}$$

Description:

n = Number of research samples

N = Number of research populations

E = Percentage of accuracy allowance due to sampling error (5% - 10%).

The population is 300 people, with the error tolerance limit used in this formula being 7% (e = 7.0%). According to Hair et al. (2010) the use of a tolerance limit of 5% - 10% is used for social sciences, which can be interpreted that there is only an error of 0.07 or 7% because it happened by chance and it can be believed that 93% of the research results are correct. The following is a sample calculation according to the Slovin formula:

$$n = \frac{300}{1 + 300(0,7)^2}$$







$$n = \frac{300}{3,1707}$$

n = 94,61. The number of samples in this study was 95 respondents (rounded).

To test the hypothesis carried out in this study, a multiple regression analysis model was used with the following equation formula:

$$Y = \alpha + \beta_1 X1 + \beta_2 X2 + e$$

Description:

Y = Welfare

X1 = Financial literacy

X2 = Entrepreneurial spirit

 α = Constant

 β 1 β 2 = Independent variable coefficient

e = Error

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This study involved 95 ate weavers in Karangasem Regency. Of the respondents, 60% were female and 40% were male. Most respondents were between 30 and 45 years old (70%), with 20% aged 46 to 60 and 10% under 30. The respondents' last education varied, with 50% having primary education, 30% having secondary education, and 20% having a college education.

The analysis results show that financial literacy has a positive and significant effect on the welfare of craftsmen, with a coefficient value of β_1 of 0.45 and a p-value <0.01. This indicates that an increase in financial literacy by one unit will contribute to an increase in welfare by 0.45 units. Entrepreneurial spirit also shows a positive and significant effect on the welfare of craftsmen, with a coefficient value of β_2 of 0.35 and a p-value <0.05. This means that an increase in entrepreneurial spirit by one unit can increase the welfare of craftsmen by 0.35 units.

This study aims to analyze the influence of financial literacy and entrepreneurial spirit's influence on ate weavers' welfare in Karangasem Regency. The data obtained were analyzed using multiple regression. The following are the results of the statistical analysis:

Table 1. Results of Multiple Regression Analysis

Independent Variables	Coefficient (β)	t-count	p-value
Financial Literacy (X1)	0.45	3.21	0.002
Entrepreneurial Spirit (X2)	0.35	2.87	0.005
Constants (a)	1.20	-	-

Table 2. Model Summary

Statistics	Mark
R ² (Coefficient of Determination)	0.62
F-count	24.56
p-value (F-test)	0.0001

From the table above, it can be seen that:

1. Financial Literacy: A coefficient of 0.45 indicates that every one-unit increase in financial literacy will increase the welfare of craftsmen by 0.45 units. The p-value (0.002), smaller than 0.05, indicates that financial literacy significantly affects welfare.





- 2. Entrepreneurial Spirit: A coefficient of 0.35 indicates that every one-unit increase in entrepreneurial spirit will increase the welfare of craftsmen by 0.35 units. The p-value (0.005) also shows a significant effect.
- 3. Regression Model: The R² value of 0.62 indicates that 62% of the variation in the welfare of craftsmen can be explained by financial literacy and entrepreneurial spirit. The high F-count (24.56) and significant p-value (0.0001) indicate that the regression model follows the data.

Thus, financial literacy and entrepreneurial spirit contribute significantly to improving the welfare of ate weavers in Karangasem Regency. This study supports the hypothesis that both variables influence each other in improving welfare.

The financial literacy coefficient of 0.45 indicates that increasing financial literacy contributes positively to the welfare of craftsmen. This aligns with the financial literacy theory, which states that a good understanding of financial management, investment, and financial planning can improve an individual's ability to manage their financial resources. Welfare can be measured by economic, health, and quality of life. With increasing financial literacy, craftsmen can make better investment and cost management decisions, which ultimately positively impacts their economic welfare (Amerta et al., 2024). Craftsmen who have good financial knowledge tend to be able to access more beneficial sources of financing rather than relying on conventional financing. This can be seen from the results of previous studies, which show that understanding financial products can affect business success.

The entrepreneurial spirit coefficient of 0.35 indicates that entrepreneurial spirit positively influences welfare. Entrepreneurship theory emphasizes the importance of creativity, innovation, and the ability to take risks as critical factors in achieving business success. This study aligns with the results found by Rai et al. (2019), which emphasize that entrepreneurship is not just about starting a business but also about identifying opportunities and acting to exploit those opportunities. A high entrepreneurial spirit encourages individuals to innovate in products and marketing strategies, which can increase their competitiveness in the market. Successful entrepreneurship increases income and improves the quality of life, which is one dimension of welfare (Hasan et al., 2021). Craftsmen with a robust entrepreneurial spirit tend to be more proactive in seeking new opportunities to improve their welfare.

The R² value of 0.62 indicates that financial literacy and entrepreneurial spirit can explain 62% of the variation in welfare. This indicates that although these two variables significantly influence other factors, they also contribute to welfare that needs further research. In addition to financial literacy and entrepreneurial spirit, other factors such as access to markets, government support, and infrastructure can also affect the welfare of craftsmen. Previous research states that external support is essential for the sustainability of MSMEs (Anggreni et al., 2023).

CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis results, it can be concluded that financial literacy and entrepreneurial spirit play an essential role in improving the welfare of the weavers in Karangasem Regency. Therefore, financial literacy training programs and entrepreneurial spirit development are highly recommended to improve the welfare of the artisans. The results of this study support the hypothesis that financial literacy and entrepreneurial spirit positively affect the welfare of ate weavers in Karangasem Regency. By improving financial literacy and entrepreneurial spirit, it is hoped that the welfare of the craftsmen can increase, which in turn will contribute to local economic growth. This study provides important insights for policymakers and related institutions in







designing programs supporting financial literacy and entrepreneurship development among MSMEs.

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