

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY CONCLUSION

5.1 Summary

Analyzing the influence of poverty characteristics at the micro household level can provide a more comprehensive figure of the poverty profile. There are differences in the influence of determining factors on three poverty groups, namely, The first is not poor, the second is poor and the third is very poor. Based on the discussion of research results that have been described in Chapter 4 previously, then research on how the influence of household characteristics on the poverty status of households in West Sumatra. The following is a brief description of the findings of this study:

- a. Partially the independent variables, namely individual and household characteristics, namely gender, education, marital status, and age of household head have a significant effect on the poverty rate in West Sumatra. The independent variable consisting of household characteristics such as the occupation of the head of the household has no significant effect on the poverty rate in West Sumatra.
- b. Gender variable compares women as heads of households and women as heads of households and men as heads of households. Based on the results obtained, it shows that there are differences between women as heads of households related to poverty and have a significant effect on poverty in West Sumatra.
- c. Variable level of education of household heads describes the education that has been completed by household heads divided into 2 groups, namely low education (*Paket A-SMA/ sederajat*), and higher education (D1-S3). The results obtained indicate that the level of education has an effect on poverty in

West Sumatra. This means that the last level of education achieved by household heads has an effect on poverty.

- d. Variable of the marital status of the head of the household describes the marital status of the head of the household in West Sumatra. The results of this study found that there was an effect of the marital status of the head of the household on the poverty status of households in West Sumatra.
- e. Variable age of the head of the household, describes the age of the head of the household in West Sumatra, in this study the most age range for being the head of the household is 25-64 years. The results of this study indicate that the age of the head of the household has a significant effect on household poverty in West Sumatera.

5.2 Implications

Poverty policy interventions must be tailored to the characteristics and status of poverty. Therefore, a "one-size-fits-all policy" does not apply. The practical implications are as follows:

- 1) To strengthen the development of human resources as the main driver of development, it is necessary to invest in education, expand access, and improve the quality of education services. In addition, it is necessary to prepare a workforce that is ready to face developments in information technology, and improve infrastructure management that is of high quality and easy to use by the whole community, especially the poor, especially in the education sector. This is in line with research findings which show that education has a significant effect on poverty rates in Indonesia (UNESCO, 2008; Kaya, 2015). In addition, it is also necessary to pay attention to the gender gap in the poverty rate, where women are more vulnerable to living in poor households (UN Women, 2021; World Bank, 2017; Smeru, 2013). Therefore, the government needs to be committed to addressing gender and education disparities, as well as strengthening access to and quality of education services to reduce poverty rates in West Sumatra.

