**“Social Assistance Performance on Local Economic Development:**

**Evidence from Island Regions in East Indonesia”**

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Dear Editor of Jurnal Ekonomi & Studi Pembangunan,

I wish to submit an original research article entitled “social assistance performance on local economic development” for consideration by Jurnal Ekonomi & Studi Pembangunan.

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In this paper, I present a brief description, analysis, and measurement of social assistance performance on local economic development in the island area of North Maluku Province. The study focuses on the role of social aid in increasing economic welfare and highlights the government policy as in answer to the subject of social assistance. This paper outlined the measurement of social aid performance by comparing the DEA and SFA methods. Some scholars have conducted studies about the success of social aid in reducing poverty, but these studies still need to be expanded to cover specific issues of the island's economic development. So, this article contributes to a better understanding of problems related to social assistance programs in communities living in island areas. By applying the DEA and SFA methods, the study can investigate the effectiveness of social assistance programs to overcome the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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