

Chapter 2

Exploring the Intersection of Halalan Tayyiban Principles and Food Security: A Systematic Review

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ABSTRACT

This systematic literature review reveals that food security traditionally emphasises the availability and accessibility of nutritious food to ensure consistent utilisation. The concept of Halalan Tayyiban mandates that food should be ethically sourced and produced following Shariah law and should be accessible to all. Furthermore, it highlights the importance of sharing food with those in need and considers its impact on religious and moral development. To uphold Halalan Tayyiban standards from farm to fork, active involvement from all stakeholders is essential, particularly producers, who must ensure that consumers receive lawful and high-quality food by adhering to government regulations on Halal certification. Future research should expand the study of Halalan Tayyiban principles to encompass a wider array of agricultural issues beyond food security, to further enhance understanding of this Islamic concept.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Strengthening the agriculture sector is important for maintaining food production, meeting increasing demand, and tackling nutrition challenges, which in turn reinforces the foundation of food security (Al-Amin, 2023; Jamaluddin & Ramli, 2022; Nordin et al., 2022; Uddin, 2021). This foundation is crucial for sustaining human populations and is directly linked to the achievement of all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In particular, it is pertinent to eradicating poverty (SDG 1) and achieving zero hunger (SDG 2), while also playing a significant supporting role in advancing the remaining goals (Fauzan & Syara, 2023; Idris et al., 2022; Rahim et al., 2021). The SDGs, also referred to as the Global Goals, were established by the United Nations (UN) in 2015 as a global initiative to ensure that by 2030, all individuals can experience peace and prosperity (UN, 2024).

Through the lens of Islam, the significance of food security is deeply emphasised in various verses of the Al-Quran and Hadith. This emphasis is illustrated in a study by Uddin (2021), which highlights several relevant Quranic verses and Hadiths, including:

“Eat and drink from the provision of Allah (SWT), and do not commit abuse on the earth, spreading corruption” [Surah Al-Baqarah, 2:60].

“A human being fills no worse vessel than his stomach. It is sufficient for a human being to eat a few mouthfuls to keep his spine straight. But if he must (fill it), then one third of food, one third for drink and one third for air” [Hadith: Sunan Tirmidhi, 2380 and Sunan Ibn Majah, 3349].

“A Muslim is not a believer whose stomach is filled while the neighbour to his side goes hungry” [Hadith: Sunan Al-Kubra Al-Bayhaqi, 19049].

In this context, food security encompasses more than just providing access to Halal food as it also involves adhering to Shariah-compliant distribution practices that promote fairness and equity (Ikomatussuniah & Maler, 2021; Rahim et al., 2021). In enhancing food security, it is necessary to increase the recognition of Halal products and broaden the range of certified items. This approach not only improves food quality and availability but also aligns with Islamic principles to effectively address food insecurity (Fauzan & Syara, 2023; Ruzulan et al., 2021; Sungit et al., 2020). As such, developing a robust Halal food supply chain is pivotal for achieving sustainable Halal food security (Idris et al., 2022).

Sustainable Halal food security certainly supports the growing demand for Halal food and beverages among Muslim consumers, which is firmly rooted in Islamic guidelines on food consumption (Arif & Sidek, 2015; Nordin et al., 2022; Shafiee et al., 2017; Yahaya & Ruzulan, 2020). Nonetheless, it is also interesting to note that the demand for Halal products has expanded beyond the Muslim community to include non-Muslim consumers (Dahlal & Ahmad, 2018). Echoing this observation, Jelani

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