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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Based on the 2020 population census, the total population of Indonesia is 270.20 million people. The population is dominated by generation Z (27.94%) and millennials (25.87%) (Central Statistics Agency, 2021a). According to Howe and Strauss (2000), millennials were born in 1982-2000 or aged 22-40 years in 2020. Millennials belong to the working age. The highest working age range in Indonesia is at the age of 20-44 years (Central Statistics Agency, 2021b). In East Nusa Tenggara, which has the city of Kupang, it is in the range of 20-34 years (Central Statistics Agency of East Nusa Tenggara, 2021).

The millennial generation in Kupang City generally still lives together with their parents so that daily needs are still borne by their parents because most of the daily expenses are still borne by their parents, resulting in the expenses of the millennial generation in Kupang City tend to be allocated for their wishes.

Based on data from the Financial Services Authority through the National Survey on Financial Literacy and Inclusion (SNLIK), it was found that East Nusa Tenggara province became the province with the lowest *level of financial literacy* at 27.82% in 2019 (Financial Services

Authority [OJK], 2020). This shows that *financial literacy* in East Nusa Tenggara is still relatively low.

Saving behavior is a person's behavior in setting aside the income earned to be stored and used in the future (Rahayu, 2020). Research conducted by Alvara Beyor Insight to the millennial generation in Indonesia, found that the largest expenditure of the millennial generation is allocated for daily needs, namely 57.3% while 8.85% is for saving (Ali & Purwandi, 2020). The percentage of savings allocated by the millennial generation in Indonesia is still relatively low because the minimum for someone to allocate their income is 20% per month for savings (Thompson, 1993).

Demographics also affect saving behavior. A study conducted by Mori (2019) said that age and education level affect saving behavior. Another study conducted by Ama 3 et al., (2020) in France showed that age, gender, income, and education level have an effect on saving behavior. In this study, four demographic variables will be used, namely income, education level, age, and gender.

As the income received increases, it will affect the nominal amount to be saved (Dynan et al., 2004). However, the income received by the millennial generation in Kupang City tends to be used for daily needs. In fact, it is not uncommon to find millennials in Kupang City who can spend all their income per month.

The level of education indicates the high level of education that a person has already taken (Azra, 1999). The higher the level of education a person achieves, the greater the opportunity to get a job and earn a high income (Aydemir, 2021).

Age is the length of life of a person whose calculation is calculated from birth (Ubaidibblah & Asandimitra, 2019). With age, the more responsible it is in terms of finances.

Gender is the difference between male and female biologically from birth (Hungu, 2017). Men tend to save for long-term needs compared to women.

Based on the background above, this research raised the topic "The Influence of *Financial Literacy* and Demographics on *the Saving Behavior* of Millennial Generation in Kupang City".

### 2. SUPPORTING THEORIES

### A. Theory of Planned Behavior

Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB) is a development of the theory of reasoned action (TRA). This theory looks at the behavior that occurs in a person. In the SDGs, it is explained that a person's behavior occurs due to intentions, these intentions are influenced by three factors, namely:

- Attitude toward the behavior is a person's attitude in responding to behavior both beneficial and detrimental to him.
- Subjective norm is the social pressure or expectation that others give someone to perform or reject a given behavior.
- Perceived behavior control is the belief in nature carrying out a behavior based on experiences both inhibiting and supportive.

### B. Saving Behavior

aside part of the income it has for future needs (Triardiyani & Dewi, 2014). Saving is done for certain purposes in the future such as emergency funds, pension funds, long-term needs, education funds, and so on according to one's needs (Dew & Jing Jian, 2013). For millennials, saving also has the benefit of being able to manage personal finances so that excessive spending does not occur (Chalimah et al., 2019). Based on research conducted by Thung et al., (2012), there are three indicators of *saving behavior*, namely:

- Saving action is the act of someone setting aside their income for savings.
- Saving decision / decision to save is the decision to save.
- Saving for future needs is the purpose of saving to meet future needs.

### C. Theory of Life Cycle Hypothesis

The Theory of Life Cycle Hypothesis (LCH) was developed by Modigliani (1961). This theory explains that a person makes savings at a time when his income is high. This theory also explains that in addition to income, there are age factors that can influence. There are three periods, namely:

- Unproductive period, that is, the period in the 0-20s years. The expenses in this period are still borne by the parents.
- Productive period, which is the period in the 20s to 60s. In this period a person has already got a job so that he already has his own income. Therefore, a person will set aside part of his income for savings.
- Unproductive period, that is, the period after the 60s.
   In this period a person already experiences such a physical decline that it is not possible to work.
   Therefore a person does not make such a savings as in the productive period.

### D. Financial Literacy

According to Chen & Volpe (1998), financial literacy is the knowledge that a person has in understanding the basic concepts of finance and being able to apply it. By understanding financial literacy, a person can allocate his finances not only for current needs but also to prepare for future needs so that financial literacy can improve one's standard of living (Lusardi & Olivia, 2014). According to Chen & Volpe (1998), there are four indicators to measure financial literacy, namely:

- General personal finance knowledge, namely basic knowledge related to finance, making budgets, and making good financial decisions (Lusardi & Olivia, 2014).
- Saving and borrowing, that is, a person's understanding of savings and loans. Savings is income set aside for future use. Meanwhile, a loan is

- made by someone if they experience a lack of funds to pay something.
- Insurance, which is a person's understanding of the purpose, benefits, risks in buying insurance products (Shaari et al., 2013).
- Investment, which is to place a certain amount of money used to buy financial instruments with the aim of making a profit (Shaari et al., 2013).

### E. Income

Income is the income that a person receives for the results of work during a certain time in Rupiah units (Sukirno, 2006). In this sty, four categories of income will be used, namely:

- 1. IDR 1,000,000 IDR 2,500,000
- 2. IDR 2,500,000 IDR 4,000,000
- 3. IDR 4,000,000 IDR 5,500,000
- 4. IDR 5,500,000 IDR 7,000,000

### F. Education Level

Education is a process and method of teaching and learning by imparting knowledge to others through procedures that last relatively long (Ekosusilo, 1990). Based on Law No. 20 of 2003 concerning the national education system (2003) there are three levels of education in Indonesia, namely:

- Formal Education, is a structured and tiered education starting from basic education, junior secondary education, upper secondary education, higher education (Diploma), and colleges such as Undergraduate.
- Non-Formal Education, including study groups, community learning activity centers, and course institutions.
- Informal education, is education that comes from environmental conditions and upbringing from the family and is carried out independently.

In this study, formal education was used including, elementary, junior high, high school, Diploma (S1/S2), Bachelor (S1/S2).

### G. Age

Age can be interpreted as the length of time a person has lived to the present (Hoetomo, 2005). According to (Central Statistics Agency of East Nusa Tenggara, 2021) there are several age groups, namely the age of 20-24 years, the age of 25-29 years, the age of 30-34 years, the age of 35-39 years, the age of 40-44 years, and so on. In this study, 22-34 years of age were used.

### H. Gender

Gender is the difference between male and female biologically from birth (Hungu, 2017). The existence of these differences causes differences in making decisions. Men are not afraid of possible risks but are different from women. Women have a low risk tolerance compared to men (Warshawsky-Livne et al., 2014).

### I. ationships Between Concepts

### 1. The Effect of Financial Literacy on Saving Behavior

Based on the SDGs, a person who understands *one's* financial literacy, the more someone makes savings. This is due to the background factor, namely information in the form of knowledge that will influence a person's behavioral intentions and form a behavior (Ajzen, 1991). This knowledge is in the form of financial literacy that a person has. When a person has positive intentions, he will stick to his

attitude which results in the emergence of behavior. A study conducted by Delafrooz & Paim (2011) showed that a person who only has a low level of financial literacy is likely to experience *financial-related* problems in the future. However, it is different from someone who has a high level of *financial literacy*.

### 2. The Effect of Income on Saving Behavior

Based on the *Theory of Life Cycle Hypothesis* that in the productive period a person will get a high income so that it will affect saving *behavior* (Modigliani, 1961). The income a person receives within a certain time with a certain nominal will affect the nominal amount to be saved (Dynan et al., 2004). Another study conducted by Delafrooz & Paim (2011), found a conclusion that a person who has a high income is likely to save.

### 3. The Effect of Education Level on Saving Behavior

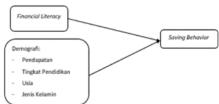
The higher the level of education a person takes, the better decision-making compared to someone who is poorly educated. A person who is highly educated has a more mature mindset or outlook because one of the sources of knowledge he derives from the education pursued Mahdzan & Tabiani, 2013). This research is supported by research conducted by Juaria et al., (2009) that there is a positive influence between the level of education and a person's saving behavior.

### 4. The Effect of Age on Saving Behavior

Based on the *Theory of Life Cycle Hypothesis* that the age of 22-34 years belongs to the productive period. At that age a person will start working so that he already earns income for the tube. In addition, as a person gets older, they are also more responsible for their finances. This is supported by research conducted by Rangarajan et al., (2016) that age has an influence on *saving behavior*.

### 5. The Effect of Gender on Saving Behavior

Gender can also affect *saving behavior*. The existence of sex differences results in different levels of risk tolerance. Perempuan is more risk-averse than men (Fisher, 2010). In addition, the expenses made by women are also greater than those of men.



Picture. 1. Thinking Framework

### 3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

In this study using quantitative research methods. The population used is the millennial generation in Kupang City who were born in 1982-2000. To determine the sample to be studied, *purposive sampling* is used with criteria, namely:

- 1. Born, grown, and live in Kupang City
- 2. Aged 22-34 years
- 3. Unmarried
- Already earning

The number of populations in this study is not known so Lemeshow's calculations were used to determine the number of samples.

$$n = \frac{Z^2 x P x (1 - P)}{d^2}$$
 (1)

Based on Lemeshow's calculations, the number of samples used was 100 respondents.

The type of data in this study is primary data by collecting data directly to respondents through *a google form*. In this study, the regression of dummy variables was used. Dummy variables use values 1 and 0 to describe variables. If a variable consists of several categories, the *formula* m-1 is used for dummy variables, where *m* is the number of k iterates of a variable (Yan & Su, 2009). This study used dummy variables for *financial literacy* and demographic variables.

The data analysis techniques that will be carried out are:

- 1. Compile a descriptive analysis of variables
- 2. Validity and reliability test
- 3. Constructing regression equations

Saving Behavior = 
$$\beta_0 + \beta_1 dF L_{1i}$$
  
+  $\beta_2 dF L_{2i} + \beta_3 dP N D_{1i}$   
+  $\beta_4 dP N D_{2i} + \beta_5 dP N D_{3i}$   
+  $\beta_6 T P_{1i} + \beta_7 dT P_{2i} + \beta_8 dT P_{3i}$   
+  $\beta_9 dT P_{4i} + \beta_{10} dU_{1i} + \beta_{11} U_{2i}$   
+  $\beta_{12} dJ K_i + \varepsilon_i$  (2)

- 4. Goodness of fit
- 5. Test the hypothesis

### 4. ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

### A. Descriptive Research Variables

### 1. Financial Literacy

Chen & Volpe (1998) divided *financial literacy* into 3, namely los (<60%0), medium (60-79%), and high (>=80%). Based on the results of respondents' answers to 10 financial literacy questions, the majority of respondents have low *financial literacy*, namely 68 respondents. Furthermore, 31 respondents with medium financial literacy and only 1 respondent had high *financial literacy*.

### 2. Demographics

This study used a sample of millennials in Kupang City as many as 100 respondents. A total of 51 respondents were male and 49 respondents were female. The age of respondents is dominated by the age of 25-29 years, namely 49 respondents, aged 22-24 years as many as 35 respondents and aged 30-34 years as many as 16 respondents. Based on the last level of education taken, the majority were Bachelor (S1 / S2), namely 61 respondents. Next is SMA as many as 24 respondents, as many as 14 respondents for Diploma (D1 / D2) and 1 respondent whose last level of education is elementary school. There were no respondents whose last education was junior high school. Based on monthly income, dominated by Rp. 1,000,000 - Rp. 2,500,000, namely 70 respondents. A total of 24 respondents with an income of Rp. 2,500,000 - Rp. 7,000,000 per month. A total of 14 respondents with an income of Rp. 4,000,000 - 70.5,500,000 per month. The remaining 11 respondents with income of Rp. 5,500,000 - Rp. 7,000,000.

3. Saving Behavior

Based on the results of respondents' answers to 7 saving behavior statements, the saving action (SB1) indicators for future need (SB7), and saving decision (SB4) have a high mean. Shows that respondents already have the awareness to save.

### B. Validity Test and Reliabilities

This test is carried out for *financial literacy* variables that contain multiple choice questions. The purpose of this test is to measure the indicators used in the questions that are appropriate or *valid* and the consistency of the answers given or reliable.

Table 1. Reliability Validity Test Results

Question	Corrected item total correlation	r table	Cronbach alpha	Informatio n
FL1	0.500	0.195	0.61	Valid and reliable
FL2	0.664			
FL3	0.405			
FL4	0.485			
FL5	0.246			
FL6	0.282			
FL7	0.403			
FL8	0.421			
FL9	0.419			
FL10	0.400			

Table 1 shows the *corrected item total correlation* value on each FL question has a > value with the table's r value of 0.195. The r value of the table used for the number of data is 100 with a significance level of 5%. It can be concluded that the question for *financial literacy is valid*. Meanwhile, to test the reliability of the Cronbach alpha test, which is 0.61. The value is greater than 0.6 so it can be concluded that the question is reliable.

### C. Compiling Regression Model Equations

Table 2. Regression Test Results

Regression Test Results		
Туре	Sig.	
Constant	0.000	
dummy financial literacy 1	0.321	
dummy financial literacy 2	0.811	
dummy income 1	0.046	
dummy income 2	0.753	
dummy income 3	0.320	
Dummy Education Level 2	0.374	
dummy education level 3	0.219	
dummy education level 4	0.078	
dummy age 1	0.727	
dummy age 2	0.956	
dummy gender	0.142	

Saving Behavior = 
$$3.194 - 0.169FL_{1i}$$
  
+  $0.177FL_{2i} + 0.384PND_{1i}$   
+  $0.073PND_{2i} + 0.246PND_{3i}$   
+  $0.665TP_{2i} + 0.943TP_{3i}$   
+  $1.304TP_{4i} - 0.059U_{1i}$   
+  $0.012U_{2i} - 0.229JK_i + \varepsilon_i$  (3)

Based on the results of the regression above, it is known that:

- The constant value of 3,194 indicates that if the variables of *financial literacy*, income, education level, age, and gender are fixed, then the saving *behavior* value is 3,194.3
- Financial literacy has a coefficient value of 0.008.
   This value indicates that every 1% increase in financial literacy will lead to an increase in saving behavior of 0.133.
- 3. Revenue has a coefficient value of 0.703. This value indicates that every 1% increase in revenue will lead to an increase in saving behavior of 0.703.
- The level of education has a coefficient value of 2,912. This value indicates that every 1% increase in education level will lead to an increase in saving behavior of 3,912.
- Age has a coefficient value of -0.047. This value indicates that every 1% increase in age will lead to a decrease in saving behavior 3 -0.047.
- Gender has a coefficient of -0.229. This value indicates that every 1% increase in sex will lead to a decrease in saving behavior of -0.229.

### D. Goodness of Fit

Goodness of Fit is carried out by conducting a coefficient of determination test (Test  $R^2$ ). Based on the test results, it shows an *adjusted* value of  $R^2$  of 0.138. That independent variables used are able to explain saving behavior by 13.8% and the rest is influenced by other factors.

### E. Hypothesis Test

Based on table 2., it is concluded that:

- Financial literacy is insignificant. This means that it
   2ils to reject H<sub>0</sub>, indicating that financial literacy
   does not have a significant effect on the saving
   behavior of the millennial generation in Kupang
   City.
- Dummy revenues 2 and 3 are insignificant. This
   2 eans that it fails to reject H<sub>0</sub>, indicating that income does not have a significant effect on the saving behavior of the millennial generation in Kupang City. While dummy income 1 is significant
- The level of education is insignificant. This means that it fail 2 o reject H<sub>0</sub>, indicating that the level of education does not have a significant effect on the saving behavior of the millennial generation in Kupang City.
- Age is insignificant. This mean that it fails to reject
  H<sub>0</sub>, indicating that age has no significant effect on
  the saving behavior of the millennial generation in
  Kupang City.
- Gender is insignificant. This means that fails to reject H<sub>0</sub>, indicating that gender has no significant effect on the saving behavior of the millennial generation in Kupang City.

### F. Biscussion

1. The Effect of Financial Literacy on Saving Behavior

Based on the test results, it shows that dummy financial literacy 0, which is low with a percentage of financial literacy below 60%, does not have a significant effect on the saving behavior of the millennial generation in Kupang City. This

4 due to the lack of information or knowledge received by the millennial generation in Kupang City. The millennial generation in Kupang City cannot correctly answer questions about tabs and loans, general financing of personal finance, and investment. Although the majority of millennials in Kupang City have low financial literacy where they only manage to answer questions below five correctly, millennials in Kupang City realize the importance of saving for future needs. The awareness of the millennial generation in Kupang City about the importance of saving can be seen from the answer to the statement of saving behavior which is quite high. However, awareness in saving is not supported by knowledge of good finances. Based on the SDGs, the higher the financial literacy, the better the saving behavior. However, based on the test results, the majority of millennials in Kupang City have low financial literacy. According to Hassan & Anood (2009) that a person with a low level of financial literacy will tend to borrow money instead of saving. This may happen due to lack of knowledge about finasces so that borrowing money without knowing the risks. 2. The Effect of Income on Saving Behavior

Based on the results of the regression test, it shows that the dummy 2 ncome of 0, namely Rp. 1,000,000 - Rp. 2,500,000, does not have a significant effect on the saving behavior of the millennial generation in Kupang City. The income received is low enough that the income is only us 71 to meet daily living expenses. Therefore, with an income of Rp. 1,000,000 - Rp. 2,500,000 per 10 onth, the millennial generation in Kupang City cannot set aside part of their income for savings. In addition dummy income 1, namely Rp. 2,500,000 – Rp. 4,000,000, has a significant effect on the saving behavior of the millennial generation in Kupang City because it has a significant value of < 5%. Although the income received is still relately low, the millennial generation in Kupang City can set aside part of their income for savings even thoughthe percentage is not large. Based on the regression test, it shows that dummy income 2, namely Rp. 4,000,000 - Rp. 5,500,000 and dummy income 3, which is Rp. 5,500,000 - Rp. 7,000,000, does not have a significant effect on the saving behavior of the millennial generation in Kupang City. Both income ranges are quite high for millennials in Kupang City. However, not all millennials in Kupang City have high incomes. Based on the Theory of Life Cycle Hypothesis that a person at the age of 22-34 years will make savings by allocating part of his income. However, this theory is not in line with the millennial generation in Kupang City because it is adjusted to the economic conditions of the region, not all regions have high in 4 mes so they cannot save. 3. The Effect of Education Level on Saving Behavior

Based on the test results, it shows that *dummy* education has no significant effect on the *saving behavior* of the millennial generation in Kupang City. This can happen if during formal education, millennials in Kupang City are not taught about *saving behavior*. A total of 61 respondents were Bachelor graduates (S1/S2). Although the number of respondents at this level of education is large, the knowledge obtained by respondents is different because it is not known the respondent's major when taking a Bachelor (S1/S2). The results of this study are not in line with research conducted by Mori (2019) that the level of education affects *saving bell 5 jor*.

4. The Effect of Age on Saving Behavior
Based on the test results, it shows that dummy age does not have a significant effect on the saving behavior of the

millennial generation in Kupang City. This is because the millennial generation in Kupang City is more concerned with fulfilling their wishes than preparing for future needs. According to the *Theory of Life Cycle Hypothesis* that the age of 22-34 years is a productive period during which a person will allocate his income for savings. However, the millennial generation in Kupang City still attades importance to their wishes compared to future needs. The results of this study are not in line with the research conducted by Amari et al., (2020) that age has a significant effect on saving helpaying.

5. The Effect of Gender on Saving Behavior

Based on the test results, it shows that gender does not have a significant effect on the *saving behavior* of the millennial generation in Kupang City. This is because the number of respondents by gender is almost balanced where men are 51 respondents and women are 49 resandents. There is a balance in the number of respondents so that there is no gender influence on the *savage behavior* of the millennial generation in Kupang City. These results are not in line with research conducted by Amari et al., (2020) which say that sex has a significant effect on *saving behavior*.

### 5. CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Based on the results of the study, it was found that *financial literacy*, income, education level, age, and other types of income did not have a significant effect on the *saving behavior* of the millennial generation in Kupang City. Advice for millennials in Kupang City to be able to prepare for future needs by saving and for researchers to then add other variables to increase the adjusted value of  $R^2$ .

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