

***THE IMPACT OF EDUCATION LEVEL, ECONOMIC GROWTH,
OPEN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND FOREIGN DIRECT
INVESTMENT ON POVERTY IN THE REBANA
METROPOLITAN AREA OF WEST JAVA PROVINCE***

ABSTRACT

This study aims to determine the effect of education level as measured by Mean Years of Schooling (MYS), economic growth, open unemployment rate, and foreign direct investment (FDI) on the poverty rate in the Rebana Metropolitan Area of West Java Province during the period 2015–2024. This research employs descriptive and verification methods with a quantitative approach. Secondary data were analyzed using panel data regression with the Random Effect Model (REM). The results show that, partially, Mean Years of Schooling (MYS) has a negative direction and a significant effect on the poverty rate, economic growth has a negative direction but no significant effect on the poverty rate, the open unemployment rate has a positive direction but no significant effect on the poverty rate, and foreign direct investment (FDI) has a negative direction and a significant effect on the poverty rate. Simultaneously, Mean Years of Schooling (MYS), economic growth, open unemployment rate, and foreign direct investment (FDI) have a significant effect on the poverty rate in the Rebana Metropolitan Area of West Java Province. These findings indicate that improving educational quality and increasing foreign investment can serve as important instruments in reducing poverty in the Rebana Metropolitan Area.

Keywords: Poverty Rate, Mean Years of Schooling, Economic Growth, Open Unemployment Rate, Foreign Direct Investment.