

ABSTRACT

Financial distress is a condition where a company is experiencing financial pressure or difficulties. Poor financial conditions will cause difficulties for the company, because investors and creditors will be careful to invest or provide loans to the company so that it will increase the risk of bankruptcy in the company.

This study aims to determine what factors influence the occurrence of financial distress. The independent variables used in this study are Operating Cash Flow, Leverage, Firm growth and financial distress as the dependent variable. This study intends to analyze the effect of the independent variables on the dependent variable partially or simultaneously.

The population in this study are agricultural sektor companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange for the period 2015-2018. The sampling technique in this study used purposive sampling technique. In this study, the samples used were 18 companies in a period of 4 years so that 72 sample data were obtained. The analytical method used is panel regression analysis which is processed using Eviews 10. The random effect model was selected through 3 panel data regression test models.

The results showed that simultaneous operating cash flow, leverage and firm growth influence the occurrence of financial distress. Then partially, Operating Cash Flow has a significant positive effect on financial distress. Leverage has a significant negative effect on financial distress. While firm growth variable does not significantly influence financial distress.

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