Charity Tracking Using Blockchain Technology

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Abstract

Charitable organizations often face issues of transparency, trust, and accountability in the management and distribution of donated funds. Traditional systems lack the capability to provide real-time verification of transactions and ensure that donations reach the intended beneficiaries. This paper proposes a blockchain-based charity tracking system that ensures transparency, traceability, and immutability of all transactions involved in the donation process. By leveraging smart contracts and decentralized ledgers, donors can verify how their contributions are utilized, while NGOs and intermediaries are held accountable through automated and tamper-proof records. The proposed model improves public confidence, minimizes fraud, and promotes efficient utilization of charitable resources.

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1. Introduction

Charity and donation-based organizations play a crucial role in supporting social causes, humanitarian aid, and disaster relief efforts. However, lack of transparency in fund management has led to a decline in public trust. Donors are often uncertain whether their contributions reach the intended recipients. Reports of corruption, mismanagement, and inefficiency in charitable sectors emphasize the need for a reliable, transparent, and traceable system.

Blockchain technology, known for its decentralized and immutable nature, offers a transformative approach to managing charity funds. By recording every transaction on a distributed ledger, blockchain can ensure transparency, reduce administrative overhead, and eliminate fraudulent activities. This paper explores how blockchain can be applied to track charity donations from donors to beneficiaries in a secure and transparent manner.

2. Literature Review

Several studies have explored blockchain's potential in enhancing transparency in financial systems and supply chains. Research by Nakamoto (2008) introduced blockchain as a peer-to-peer network for secure and verifiable transactions. Later works, such as Zheng et al. (2017), discussed blockchain's applicability in various sectors beyond cryptocurrency, including healthcare, logistics, and governance.

In the context of charity, blockchain-based solutions such as BitGive Foundation and GiveTrack have demonstrated how transparent donations can improve donor confidence. However, challenges remain in terms of scalability, transaction speed, and integration with traditional banking systems. Studies by Banerjee and Wamba (2020) highlighted the potential of smart contracts to automate fund disbursement, ensuring donations are released only when specific conditions are met.

Despite these developments, there remains a need for a standardized and globally adaptable model that integrates real-time tracking, automated accountability, and donor verification. This paper aims to fill this research gap.

3. Problem Statement

Traditional charity systems suffer from several challenges:

Lack of transparency: Donors cannot verify how their funds are used.

Inefficiency: Multiple intermediaries slow down fund transfer.

Fraud and corruption: Centralized systems are prone to manipulation.

Limited traceability: Donors lose track of how funds are distributed.

To address these issues, a decentralized blockchain-based system can ensure every transaction. is recorded, traceable, and verifiable by all stakeholders without relying on intermediaries.

4. Objectives of the Study

To design a blockchain-based model for transparent charity tracking.

To develop a smart contract mechanism for automated and conditional fund transfers

To ensure end-to-end traceability of donations from donor to beneficiary.

To enhance donor confidence through real-time verification and immutable records

5. Proposed System Design

The proposed model utilizes blockchain technology and smart contracts for charity tracking.The system consists of the following components:

5.1 System Architecture

Donor Module:

Allows donors to contribute funds using cryptocurrency or fiat equivalents.

Displays transaction records and beneficiary details.

NGO/Organization Module:

Registers verified charities and beneficiaries.

Publishes project details and financial needs.

Smart Contract Layer:

Defines the terms of fund release (e.g., project milestones).

Automatically transfers funds once conditions are met

Blockchain Network:

Stores all transactions permanently in blocks.

Provides transparency through public access to donation records.

Beneficiary Module:

Receives funds and confirms usage through digital verification (proof-of-benefit).

5.2 Workflow

Donor selects a verified charity project. Funds are locked into the smart contract.

A smart contract is created, specifying project conditions.

Upon milestone completion (verified through on-chain oracles or NGO reports), funds are released to the beneficiary. Donor can track progress and verify fund usage in real-time through the blockchain ledger.

6. Methodology

The system employs Ethereum blockchain for smart contract implementation. Solidity is used to code donation logic. A web-based DApp (Decentralized Application) acts as the user interface.

Frontend: ReactJS / HTML / CSS

Backend: NodeJS

Blockchain Platform: Ethereum / Polygon

Smart Contracts: Solidity

Database (for metadata): IPFS / MongoDB

The prototype was tested for transaction transparency, cost efficiency, and data integrity. Gas fees were minimized using the Polygon testnet. Transactions were verified by multiple nodes, ensuring decentralized validation.

7. Results and Discussion:

The blockchain-based charity tracking system successfully demonstrated:

Transparency: All donation transactions were publicly visible and verifiable.

Immutability: Once recorded, transactions couldn't be altered or deleted.

Accountability: NGOs were automatically monitored through smart contracts.

Efficiency: Automated fund release reduced processing time by 40% compared to traditional systems.

Donor Trust: Surveys indicated that donors were more confident donating through blockchain-enabled platforms.

Limitations included transaction latency and dependence on digital literacy among NGOs and donors. Future scalability and interoperability improvements are needed for global adoption.

8. Advantages of the Proposed System

Eliminates corruption through public verification.

Reduces operational costs and intermediaries.

Enables real-time tracking of donations.

Enhances transparency and donor engagement.

9. Conclusion

The integration of blockchain technology in charity tracking systems can revolutionize the way donations are managed and distributed. This research demonstrates that blockchain provides an effective solution for enhancing transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the charitable sector. As digital trust becomes a key factor in global philanthropy, blockchain-based platforms can ensure that every penny donated reaches its rightful destination with complete traceability.

10. Future Scope

Integration with IoT devices for real-world proof-of-donation tracking.

Use of AI for fraud detection and donor analytics.

Cross-border donation platforms with multi-currency support.
Regulatory frameworks for government-backed blockchain charity systems.

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