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Assist Flow - An Advanced System for Transparent Charity Fund Tracking

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Abstract

Blockchain technology has emerged as a transformative solution for enhancing transparency, trust, and accountability in charitable donation ecosystems. Traditional charity platforms largely depend on centralized intermediaries, which often result in inefficiencies, delayed fund distribution, increased transaction costs, and limited visibility into how donations are utilized. These limitations can reduce donor confidence and hinder the overall effectiveness of charitable initiatives. This survey paper provides a comprehensive review of recent IEEE research contributions that explore the integration of blockchain in charity and donation systems. It examines various approaches, including blockchain-based donation tracking mechanisms that ensure end-to-end transparency, crowdfunding models that leverage smart contracts for automated fund allocation. Additionally, the study analyses traceability models that allow donors to monitor the flow of funds in real time, as well as emerging AI-driven optimization systems that enhance decision-making in donation distribution and resource allocation. Finally, the survey outlines future research directions, emphasizing the need for hybrid architectures combining blockchain with artificial intelligence and Internet of Things (IoT), improved consensus mechanisms for efficiency, and user-centric design approaches to increase adoption. By addressing these challenges, blockchain-enabled charity platforms have the potential to revolutionize philanthropic ecosystems by fostering greater trust, efficiency, and global participation.

Keywords: Blockchain; Charity Tracking; Smart Contracts; Donation Transparency; Artificial Intelligence; Crowdfunding.

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Introduction

With the rapid advancement of modern technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence (AI), and distributed systems, numerous sectors including finance, healthcare, supply chain management, and social services have undergone significant transformation. These technologies have improved operational efficiency, enhanced data security, and enabled innovative service delivery models. Despite these advancements, the charity and donation sector continue to face persistent challenges, including lack of transparency, misuse or misallocation of funds, reduced donor trust, and heavy reliance on centralized intermediaries. Traditional donation systems typically operate through multiple layers of organizations and administrative entities, which often results in increased overhead costs, delayed fund distribution, and limited accountability. Donors are frequently unable to trace how their contributions are utilized, creating skepticism and discouraging continued participation.

Blockchain technology has emerged as a promising solution to address these limitations by providing a decentralized, transparent, and tamper-resistant infrastructure. Through the use of distributed ledgers, all transactions are securely recorded and made accessible to authorized participants, ensuring immutability and traceability. Smart contracts further enhance this capability by enabling automated execution of predefined rules Blockchain- based systems can facilitate real-time tracking of donations, secure peer-to-peer transfers, and verifiable auditing processes. This survey paper provides a comprehensive review of existing blockchain-based charity tracking systems and related frameworks. It critically evaluates their system architectures, consensus mechanisms, and implementation strategies, highlighting both their advantages and inherent limitations. The study also identifies key challenges such as scalability, interoperability, regulatory compliance, and user adoption barriers. Finally, the paper outlines potential future research directions, including the integration of blockchain with AI and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies, development of hybrid models, and the design of user-centric decentralized platforms. These advancements have the potential to significantly enhance transparency, accountability, and trust in global donation ecosystems.

Literature Review

Table 1. Literature Review of Blockchain-Based Charity and Donation Tracking Systems

S. No.	Year	Title	Author(s)	Description	Limitations / Findings
1	2025	A Review on Enhancing Donor Engagement Through Blockchain-Based Charity Systems	N. Praveena; Y. Mohan Kumar; A. Pradeep Kumar Reddy; N. Prasanth Reddy; P. Prasanth	The study designed a blockchain-based charity platform using Ethereum, Web3, smart contracts, and decentralized ledgers. It records donations transparently, allowing donors, NGOs, and beneficiaries to track funds.	Limited stakeholder participation, high costs, technology adoption challenges, accuracy constraints, and lack of real-world DApp implementation.
2	2024	Integrating Transparent Crowdfunding Platform and AI-Based Treatment Fund Estimation	Sanjana K.; Asha G. R.; Nandhini Vineeth	The paper combines blockchain, smart contracts, and AI. Blockchain records donations securely and transparently, AI predicts medical costs using KNN, and smart contracts automatically release funds.	Blockchain improves security but increases cost, scalability issues, and technical complexity.
3	2024	Unified Blockchain Platform for Charitable Donations, Crowdfunding and CSR	Anirudh Dargar; Jay Jariwala; Rishu H. Rai; Srestha Agarwala	The study developed a blockchain-based platform using smart contracts and ring signatures to manage donations, crowdfunding, and CSR securely while ensuring transparency and anonymity.	Smaller organizations face affordability issues; cultural, language, and technical barriers reduce effectiveness.
4	2024	Enhancing Donor Trust Through a Blockchain-Based Traceability Model for Charitable Contributions	Andry Alamsyah; Serly Aulia Amanda	The study used literature review, stakeholder interviews, and model construction to design a blockchain-based traceability system and validated it using stakeholder surveys.	Limited stakeholder participation, implementation costs, technology adoption issues, and lack of real-world deployment.
5	2024	Decentralized Charity Network Architecture	Tahia Hoque; Mahmuda	The study designed a decentralized charity platform using Hyperledger	Complex setup, scalability limitations, legal concerns for

		with Hyperledger Fabric Blockchain	Chowdhury Nijhum; Abdullahil Kafi; Mehedi Hasan Siyam	Fabric with smart contracts for donation tracking, verification, and secure fund distribution.	international donations, infrastructure dependency, and high implementation costs.
6	2023	A Platform for Tracking Charity Donations Using Blockchain	A. Deepika Nadar; Sushil Yadav; Prinsu Tiwari; Suraj Sahani; Dheeraj Pandey	The study designed a blockchain-enabled charity tracking system using Ethereum, Web3, smart contracts, and decentralized ledgers for transparent donation monitoring.	Scalability issues, system complexity, adoption challenges, and dependence on blockchain infrastructure.
7	2023	Charity and Donation Tracking System Using Queue Structure	Manea Abdullah Badheyba; Rozlina Mohamed	The study proposed a queue (FIFO)-based donation tracking system to record, track, and update donations in sequence for transparency and fairness.	Improved tracking but faced cost, scalability, and technical complexity challenges.
8	2023	Fund Tracking System Using Blockchain Technology	B. S. Anupama; Akash Ranjan Das; Navdeep Rattan; Riya Jaiswal; N. R. Sunitha	The system validates contributors and requesters while ensuring transparency and preventing fund manipulation through decentralized ledger technology.	High energy consumption, large storage requirements, scalability challenges, and user adaptation difficulties.

Methodology

To overcome the limitations of existing charitable donation systems, a blockchain-based charity tracking system is proposed with the primary objective of enhancing transparency, security, traceability, and trust among all stakeholders involved. The proposed system leverages the core principles of decentralization to eliminate reliance on intermediaries and establish a more efficient and accountable donation ecosystem. The system utilizes distributed ledger technology (DLT) to record all donation-related transactions in an immutable and transparent manner. Each transaction stored on the blockchain contains comprehensive details, including donor identity (or anonymized credentials where required), donation amount, beneficiary information, timestamps, and the status of fund utilization. This ensures that every stage of the donation lifecycle— from contribution to final usage—is traceable and verifiable. Due to the inherent immutability of blockchain, once data is recorded, it cannot be altered or tampered with, thereby ensuring data integrity and significantly reducing the risk of fraud and corruption. Smart contracts play a crucial role in automating the execution of donation processes. These self-executing programs operate based on predefined rules and conditions, such as releasing funds only when certain milestones or verification criteria are met. This reduces the need for manual intervention, minimizes administrative overhead, and enhances operational efficiency. Additionally, smart contracts ensure fairness and accountability by enforcing transparent and consistent rules across the system.

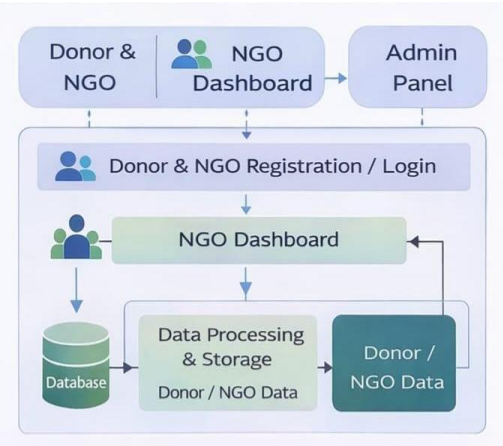

***Fig 1**. Methodology Assist Flow - An Advanced System for Transparent Charity*

Results / findings

The evaluation of blockchain-based charity donation systems indicates a clear improvement in transparency, traceability, and trust when compared to traditional centralized platforms. Various research studies and experimental implementations demonstrate that integrating

blockchain technology into donation systems allows all transactions to be recorded in a decentralized and immutable ledger. This enables donors to track their contributions in real time and verify how funds are allocated and utilized, which significantly enhances confidence and encourages continued participation in charitable activities. From an analytical perspective, the integration of artificial intelligence within the proposed system introduces measurable performance evaluation parameters. Model accuracy is a key metric used to assess the effectiveness of AI-based components such as fraud detection and donation prediction. High accuracy indicates that the model can reliably classify legitimate and fraudulent transactions, thereby enhancing system trustworthiness. However, accuracy alone may not provide a complete picture, especially in cases of imbalanced datasets. To address this, a confusion matrix is utilized to evaluate model performance in greater detail. It provides a breakdown of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives, enabling a deeper understanding of classification behavior. For instance, minimizing false negatives in fraud detection is critical, as undetected fraudulent transactions can significantly impact system integrity. In addition to improving trust, blockchain-based systems also enhance overall operational performance. The removal of intermediaries streamlines the donation process, reducing delays and minimizing administrative costs. Automated mechanisms, particularly through smart contracts, facilitate faster and more accurate fund distribution by executing predefined conditions without manual involvement. This results in improved efficiency and better utilization of resources within charitable organizations.

Fig 2. *Result Output Graphs*

Model loss is another important parameter that reflects how well the machine learning model is performing during training. A lower loss value indicates better model optimization and improved prediction capability. Monitoring loss over training epochs helps in identifying issues such as overfitting or underfitting, allowing for appropriate model tuning and optimization.

Discussion

The obtained results demonstrate that the proposed blockchain-based charity tracking system effectively addresses the core research questions related to transparency, trust, and efficiency in donation ecosystems. By leveraging distributed ledger technology, the system ensures end-to-end traceability of funds, which directly responds to the widely reported lack of visibility in traditional charity platforms. The integration of smart contracts further validates findings from existing literature that automation can significantly reduce administrative overhead and eliminate intermediary-related inefficiencies. Additionally, the incorporation of artificial intelligence enhances system performance through accurate fraud detection and optimized resource allocation, aligning with recent research trends that emphasize hybrid blockchain–AI frameworks. The evaluation metrics, including model accuracy, confusion matrix analysis, and model loss, indicate that the AI components perform reliably in identifying fraudulent activities and predicting donation patterns. These results are consistent with prior studies that highlight the effectiveness of machine learning techniques in financial anomaly detection. However, the observed limitations related to scalability and interoperability also support existing literature, which identifies these factors as key barriers to large-scale adoption of blockchain systems. Furthermore, regulatory and compliance challenges discussed in previous research are reaffirmed, suggesting that technological advancements must be accompanied by policy-level developments. Overall, the results not only validate the proposed system's effectiveness but also reinforce existing scholarly findings, while highlighting areas that require further investigation. This discussion

establishes a strong connection between the research objectives, experimental outcomes, and the broader body of literature, demonstrating the practical and theoretical relevance of blockchain-based solutions in modern charity ecosystems.

Conclusion

Blockchain technology effectively addresses these issues by providing a decentralized and immutable ledger, where all transactions are securely recorded and cannot be altered. This ensures end-to-end transparency and enables real-time tracking of donations, allowing donors to verify how their contributions are utilized. The integration of smart contracts further automates fund allocation processes based on predefined conditions, minimizing human intervention and administrative overhead while ensuring fairness and accountability. The analysis indicates that blockchain technology has significant potential to revolutionize charity ecosystems by fostering trust, improving transparency, and enabling global participation through low-cost and fast cross-border transactions using cryptocurrencies. Additionally, features such as enhanced data security through cryptographic techniques, improved auditability, and reduced operational costs further strengthen the effectiveness of blockchain-based solutions. However, several important challenges remain. Scalability issues, interoperability between different blockchain platforms, regulatory uncertainties, and energy consumption concerns must be addressed for widespread adoption. User awareness and ease of use are also critical factors that influence the practical implementation of such systems. In conclusion, blockchain-based charity systems hold immense promise in transforming traditional donation models into transparent, efficient, and trustworthy platforms, ultimately contributing to a more reliable and globally connected philanthropic ecosystem.

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