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Management Accounting Systems and Organizational Performance of Commercial Banks in Nepal

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Abstract

This study investigates the profound influence of management accounting systems (MAS) on the organizational performance of commercial banks in Nepal. Drawing upon a quantitative research design with a sample of 385 employees from Kathmandu Valley's commercial banks, the research explores how key MAS components, namely, controlling and reporting, budgeting, decision-making, costing systems, and performance evaluation, collectively impact various dimensions of organizational success. The findings reveal a generally positive perception among employees regarding the effectiveness of these practices. Correlation analysis indicates moderate positive relationships between all management accounting practices and organizational performance, with budgeting demonstrating the strongest association. Regression analysis further confirms that controlling and reporting, budgeting, costing systems, and performance evaluation practices exert a significant positive impact on organizational performance. However, decision-making practices were found to have an insignificant impact within this model. This study presents crucial theoretical and practical implications, emphasizing the need for Nepalese commercial banks to strengthen their management accounting frameworks to improve operational efficiency, strategic decision-making, and competitive positioning in a dynamic financial context.

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1. Introduction

Management accounting practices are deemed essential for fostering organizational success within a highly competitive and dynamic business landscape. They confer a competitive advantage by shaping managerial actions, promoting desired behaviors, and upholding the values necessary for the attainment of strategic objectives. In stark contrast to traditional financial accounting, which primarily focuses on historical data pertinent to legal, financial, and regulatory obligations, such as ownership, taxation, and external reporting, management accounting serves the internal management needs of an organization. It places a strong emphasis on performance assessment and future projections, offering a degree of flexibility that effectively accommodates the varied and often unpredictable demands of management. The accounting system functions as a foundational element within corporate organizations, providing critical guidance for the efficient allocation of resources, thereby enabling success in the fiercely competitive modern business environment. Management accounting tools have proven invaluable across a wide spectrum of management activities, particularly in the vital areas of planning and decision-making.

Management accounting plays a critical role in providing essential information to management, thereby aiding in effective decision-making. Valuable management accounting information possesses three primary characteristics: Technical, which enhances understanding of measured activities and offers useful insights for strategic choices; Behavioral, which fosters actions aligned with an organization's strategic goals; and Cultural, which cultivates shared values, beliefs, and perspectives within the organization and the broader society. The progression of management accounting is intimately connected to both the evolving needs of management and the prevailing external environment. It demonstrates high responsiveness to organizational shifts influenced by significant factors such as technological advancements, globalization, and dynamic customer needs. To maintain competitiveness in the contemporary global economy, organizations must ceaselessly pursue improvement, and effective management accounting practices serve as key tools for driving ongoing organizational enhancement. Consequently, a diverse array of management accounting methods and tools is now employed globally.

In Nepal, commercial banks, being integral components of the country's financial system, face unique challenges and opportunities that profoundly shape their operations. This study endeavors to explore the application of management accounting practices within these banks and their resultant effects on performance. Effective management accounting practices within Nepal's banking sector are anticipated to play a vital role in enhancing decision-making, optimizing resource allocation, and improving operational efficiency. Such practices may encompass budgeting, cost analysis, performance tracking, and strategic planning, each meticulously tailored to the specific needs of the Nepalese context. By analyzing the management accounting approaches employed by commercial banks in Nepal, this study aims to illuminate their importance in influencing financial health, customer service quality, risk management, and other essential performance metrics. The study specifically focuses on examining the role of management accounting systems in shaping the organizational performance of commercial banks in Nepal. Given the unique challenges and competitive pressures inherent within Nepal's banking sector, understanding how management accounting systems contribute to enhanced decision-making, operational efficiency, and resource optimization is critical. The study will explore various management accounting practices, including budgeting, cost analysis, performance measurement, and strategic planning, and assess their impact on key performance indicators such as financial health, customer satisfaction, and risk management. Through this analysis, the study seeks to shed light on how effectively implemented management accounting systems can drive organizational performance and fortify banks' ability to navigate a dynamic financial landscape.

In assessing managerial performance, profitability remains a key focus, with management accounting techniques playing a vital role in this evaluation. Challenges prevalent within the banking sector include insufficient access to pertinent information, additional cost burdens, and a limited understanding of the manifold benefits offered by management accounting. Factors such as a lack of specialized expertise, complex decision-making requirements, a limited skilled workforce, inadequate infrastructure, and increased implementation costs collectively contribute to the restricted adoption of innovative management accounting tools. Consequently, Nepalese commercial banks are still in the early stages of fully implementing these advanced techniques. The study's research questions are meticulously designed to explore these aspects comprehensively: i. What is the current status of management accounting practices and organizational performance in commercial banks in Nepal? ii. Is there a relationship between management accounting practices and organizational performance in commercial banks in Nepal? iii. What is the impact of management accounting practices on the organizational performance of commercial banks in Nepal?

The implementation and subsequent integration of these modern management accounting techniques exhibit considerable variation across diverse organizational settings. Research provides valuable insights into the differing adoption patterns observed in various organizations and countries. For instance, Chan and Quazi (2002) identified inefficiencies in the utilization of costing tools among certain companies in Singapore, while coal companies within the same region showed reluctance to adopt more advanced techniques such as Total Quality Management (TQM) and Activity-Based Costing (ABC). Similar trends were reported by Rahman, Tew, and Omar (2002), who observed comparable patterns among Japanese-affiliated companies operating across Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand. These studies collectively underscore the imperative for companies to tailor their management accounting approaches based on their unique operational conditions and specific organizational contexts.

Razak et al. (2024) conducted a study focused on developing and implementing effective management accounting systems (MAS) specifically tailored for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to enhance their performance. Their research, utilizing a conceptual framework, identified key components of MAS, including cost accounting, budgeting, performance evaluation, and strategic planning, highlighting how modern technologies significantly improved MAS usability and accessibility for SMEs, enhancing data accuracy and real-time decision-making. This aligns with the general positive effect of MAS on performance, although their focus was on SMEs rather than large commercial banks.

Gonu et al. (2024) investigated the effects of customer relationship management (CRM) practices on organizational performance in Ghanaian commercial banks, finding that CRM positively impacted performance, with customer satisfaction and loyalty serving as significant mediators. This supports the notion that effective practices lead to improved performance, consistent with the current study's broader findings. Conversely, Mensah et al. (2024) found that creative accounting negatively affected profitability in Ghanaian banks, which contrasts with the perceived positive impact of sound management accounting practices observed in this study. Abbas (2024) highlighted the role of cloud computing in improving financial accounting systems in commercial banks by enhancing operational efficiency and financial performance through scalable and adaptable infrastructure. This introduces a technological dimension not explicitly covered in the current study's focus on management accounting practices.

Mwachuo and Kimaku (2024) evaluated the relevance of the strategic management process on the performance of commercial banks in the Nairobi Metropolitan Region, concluding that strategy planning and implementation positively impacted bank performance. Rashid et al. (2024) explored management accounting change in Bangladesh, identifying mimetic and coercive pressures, alongside economic factors like technological advancement and increased competition, as drivers of change. This introduces external pressures not explicitly highlighted in the current study regarding Nepalese commercial banks. Aboh et al. (2024) examined operational risk control strategies in Cameroonian commercial banks, finding that risk retention and risk avoidance significantly influenced employee performance, while risk transfer and reduction had no significant effect. This provides a different perspective on performance drivers, focusing on risk management.

Lugt (2024) explored the role of management accounting in human capital management in the services sector, noting that while management accountants acted as business partners, human capital information was not fully integrated, and collaboration between HR and finance analytics teams was loose. Zhen and Rahman (2024) investigated environmental management accounting (EMA) and green financing's impact on ESG performance in manufacturing firms from emerging economies, indicating superior ESG performance in sensitive industries integrating EMA and green financing. This study's focus on environmental and social metrics contrasts with the financial performance emphasis of the current research. Yadav (2024) found that strategic planning positively impacted organizational performance and survival of Nepalese commercial banks, reinforcing the idea that systematic practices enhance performance. Adeniyi and Fayigbe (2024) reported that CRM tools significantly influenced organizational performance in Nigerian banks, suggesting that specific tools or systems can influence outcomes, aligning with the current study's findings on performance evaluation practices.

Shiku et al. (2024) assessed the impact of risk management on the profitability of commercial banks in Lusaka district, concluding that top management support, employee training, appropriate risk management practices, and effective technology positively influenced profitability. Xie et al. (2023) conducted a meta-analysis, confirming that coopetition positively influences overall organizational performance, including financial, market, and innovation performance. This offers a broader strategic context for performance but differs from the direct management accounting focus. Gyamera et al. (2023) analyzed the effect of management accounting services on the financial performance of SMEs in Ghana, revealing significant relationships between SME performance and the adoption of various management accounting methods. This shows a similar positive relationship but in a different sector. Adhikara et al. (2022) found that management control systems and budgetary slack mediated the relationship between environmental uncertainty and hospital performance in Indonesia, with budgetary slack sometimes hindering goal alignment. This highlights potential negative impacts, contrasting with the consistent positive relationships observed in the current study.

Asiaei et al. (2022) investigated the connection between green intellectual capital and environmental management accounting, and their joint influence on environmental performance, finding a positive link and a mediating role for environmental management accounting. Al-Dalaien et al. (2022), Niroula, (2024) evaluated the impact of management accounting techniques on organizational performance in selected Jordanian companies, with mixed results across different firms. Abu-Afifa and Saleh (2022) examined the relationship between the effectiveness of management accounting systems (MASE) and company performance in Jordan, finding that timeliness and integration impacted financial performance, but perceived environmental uncertainty did not moderate this relationship. Alvarez et al. (2021) explored the prevalence and impact of management accounting practices (MAP) on the performance of hotel SMEs in Buenos Aires province, demonstrating positive relationships between MAP usage and overall performance. Costa and Lucena (2021) explored the link between Global Management Accounting Principles (GMAP) and the performance of Brazilian companies, showing a positive relationship between adopting management practices and market performance, as well as future growth expectations.

Gyamfi and Chipwere (2020) assessed the impact of management accounting practices on the performance of manufacturing firms in Ghana, identifying costing systems, budgeting systems, performance evaluation systems, strategic management, and decision-making information as key practices with a positive correlation to performance outcomes. Khaltar and Moon (2020) investigated the effects of ethics and performance management on organizational performance in the public sector, finding that informal ethics management and transformational leadership improved performance. Osim et al. (2020) examined the impact of Management Accounting Practices (MAPs) on the performance of SMEs in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria, finding a strong positive correlation between firm performance and various MAPs, including Costing System, Budgeting System, Performance Evaluation System, Decision Support System, and Strategic Management Accounting System.

Alabdullah (2019) examined the effect of Strategic Management Accounting (SMA) on the performance of service companies in Jordan, revealing a significant positive effect of SMA on performance. Pradhan et al. (2018) explored the effect of management accounting techniques on supply chain and firm performance in Indian manufacturing firms, highlighting the potential for improving firm performance through the adoption of these techniques in supply chain activities. Gnawali (2018) explored the influence of management accounting systems on the performance of Nepalese commercial banks, finding a noticeable effect on bank performance. Ahmad (2017) investigated the implementation of Management Accounting Practices (MAPs) in Malaysian SMEs, finding differences in adoption, with costing systems and performance measurement systems being most common, and larger enterprises adopting more advanced MAPs, showing significant relationships between MAPs and performance. Fuzi et al. (2016) examined the connection between environmental management accounting practices and environmental performance within the Malaysian manufacturing industry. Mc-Lellan and Sherine (2013) examined the alignment between strategy and management accounting practices and its effect on organizational performance, finding a positive and significant relationship. Alleyne and Weekes-Marshall (2011) explored management accounting practices in manufacturing companies in Barbados, identifying budgeting as an important control tool and noting that most practices were commonly adopted, contributing significantly to success. Walker et al. (2011) examined the relationship between management innovation and organizational performance, with performance management mediating the impact.

2. Methods

This study has strategically utilized both descriptive and causal-comparative research designs. Descriptive statistics have been meticulously employed to assess the current status of management accounting practices and organizational performance within commercial banks in

Nepal. Concurrently, a causal-comparative approach has been adopted to rigorously evaluate the impact that management accounting practices exert on the organizational performance of these banks.

Target population for this study consisted of all employees working in commercial banks located within the Kathmandu Valley. Given that this population is considered large and unknown, a sample size of 385 employees was meticulously selected to represent this population. To ensure a diverse and representative selection of participants, convenience sampling was employed, allowing for the inclusion of individuals based on their accessibility and availability. This sampling design facilitated the gathering of insights from a broad cross-section of employees across different commercial banks, thereby ensuring that the findings accurately reflected the experiences and perspectives within the Kathmandu Valley's banking sector.

The determination of the sample size for this study, targeting a large and indeterminate population of commercial bank employees within Kathmandu Valley, was based on the formula proposed by Cochran (1963):

$$n = \frac{z^2 pq}{e^2}$$

Where n represents Sample size, z^2 is the abscissa of the normal curve, p is the proportion of success, q is the proportion of failure (q =1-p), and e^2 is the margin of error, which is taken as 5%. The Cochran formula yielded a sample size of 384.16. Hence, this study used a total of 385 samples.

The data was processed and presented using statistical software, specifically Microsoft Excel and SPSS. The collected data were then rigorously analyzed using various statistical tools, including descriptive statistics (with the aid of mean and standard deviation), correlation analysis, and multivariate regression models, to identify significant relationships and discernible patterns that directly addressed the research objectives. These analytical methods collectively enabled the researcher to provide a comprehensive analysis of the data and draw meaningful conclusions from the findings.

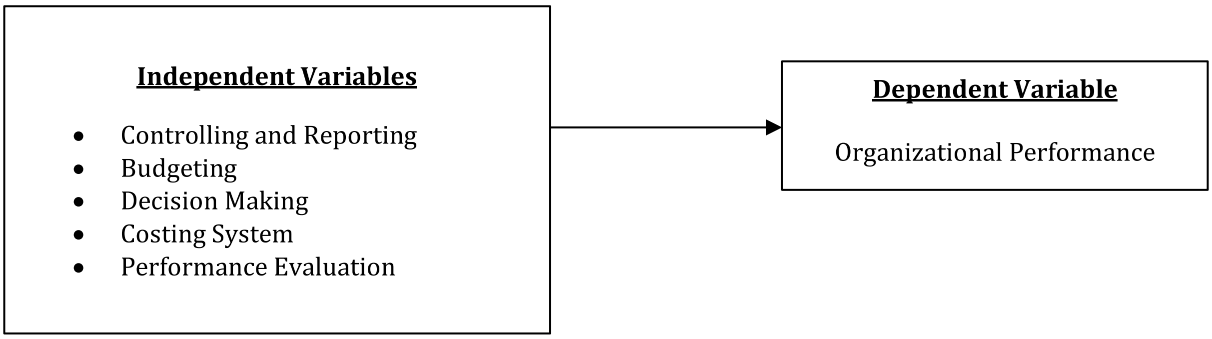

Figure 1. Research framework of study
Source: Development by Reseacher (2024)

a. Budgeting

Budgeting plays a crucial role in organizational planning and control by supporting efficient resource allocation to meet an organization's objectives. Activity-based budgeting (ABB) allocates resources to specific activities, aligning them with strategic goals. Activity-based costing (ABC) improves cost systems by identifying costs related to activities, helping to uncover costs linked to products and services within organizational activities. Thus, budgeting, through tools like ABB and ABC, directs effective resource use and contributes to organizational success.

b. Decision Making

Management accounting is widely recognized for its contribution to decision-making, both for short-term and long-term strategies, providing valuable insights to support financial decisions. Techniques include payback period evaluation, accounting rate of return, and discounted cash flow analysis. For short-term decisions, tools like Cost-Volume-Profit (CVP) analysis and customer profitability analysis are be, with CVP being particularly useful in manufacturing contexts for determining break-even points and analyzing cost behaviors.

c. **Costing System**
A costing system is a fundamental management accounting technique that enables organizations to calculate the costs associated with producing goods or services. It involves allocating expenses across various production components, providing a clear understanding of resource use, overhead costs, and direct expenses. Costing systems can range from traditional methods like job costing and process costing to modern approaches such as activity-based costing (ABC). These systems allow businesses to gain insights into their cost structures, aiding in pricing decisions, cost control, and resource allocation to improve efficiency and profitability.

d. **Performance Evaluation**
Performance evaluation is a significant challenge for organizations, particularly in the manufacturing sector, as they struggle to select appropriate measures for assessing business unit performance. Management accounting provides comprehensive information, including both financial and non-financial aspects, to evaluate business unit performance. While traditional systems focus solely on financial factors, newer measures like Economic Value Added (EVA) integrate the cost of capital into financial assessments to enhance the accuracy and fairness of performance evaluations.

e. **Organizational Performance**
Organizational performance refers to the degree of success an organization achieves over a specified period, usually a year. It evaluates how effectively an organization has accomplished its operational goals. Organizational performance encompasses various dimensions, with this study focusing primarily on financial and operational performance, in line with previous research.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Results

Reliability Analysis

Table 1 presents the reliability analysis for the data collected in this study, utilizing Cronbach's Alpha to assess the internal consistency of the survey items. The Cronbach's Alpha values for each variable consistently exceed the 0.70 threshold, unequivocally indicating that the collected data is reliable. Specifically, controlling and reporting (CR) recorded a value of 0.737, budgeting (BD) showed 0.790, decision making (DM) had 0.808, costing system (CS) reported 0.850, performance evaluation (PE) stood at 0.813, and organizational performance (OP) registered 0.836. The overall reliability for the entire instrument, based on all 42 items, was a robust 0.933, which further reinforces the reliability and dependability of the data for subsequent analysis. Therefore, since all variables demonstrate Cronbach's Alpha values well above the acceptable 0.70 threshold, the data is deemed reliable.

Table 1. Reliability Analysis

Code	Variables	Cronbach's Alpha	N of Items
CR	Controlling and Reporting	0.737	7
BD	Budgeting	0.790	7
DM	Decision Making	0.808	7
CS	Costing System	0.850	7
PE	Performance Evaluation	0.813	7
OP	Organizational Performance	0.836	7
	Overall Reliability	0.933	42

Source: Data Processed (2024)

Correlation Analysis

The correlation between decision making (DM) and organizational performance (OP) is 0.526, representing a moderate positive relationship. This correlation is significant at the 5% level (p = 0.000), suggesting that sound decision-making practices are positively linked to improved organizational performance, though the correlation remains moderate. The correlation between the costing system (CS) and organizational performance (OP) is 0.502, indicating a moderate positive relationship. This correlation is statistically significant at the 5% level (p = 0.000), suggesting that effective costing systems are beneficial for enhancing organizational performance, with a moderate strength of relationship. The correlation between performance evaluation (PE) and organizational performance (OP) is 0.467, showing a moderate positive relationship. This correlation is significant at the 5% level (p = 0.000), implying that performance evaluation practices positively affect organizational performance, though the strength of the relationship is moderate.

Overall, all independent variables demonstrate a statistically significant positive correlation with organizational performance. Budgeting (BD) exhibits the strongest positive correlation, while performance evaluation (PE) shows the weakest, although all correlations are moderate in strength.

Table 2. Correlation Matrix

Variables	CR	BD	DM	CS	PE	OP
CR	Pearson Correlation	1				
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.000	0.000		
PE	Pearson Correlation	.289**	.436**	.507**	.518**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
OP	Pearson Correlation	.432	.558	.526	.502	.467
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

Note: *. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).
Source: Data Processed (2024)

Regression Analysis

Table 3 presents the results of the regression analysis, providing insights into the relationship between the independent variables (controlling and reporting (CR), budgeting (BD), decision making (DM), costing system (CS), performance evaluation (PE)) and the dependent variable (organizational performance (OP)). The R-squared value of 0.418 indicates that approximately 41.8% of the variation in organizational performance can be explained by the independent variables included in the model. This suggests a moderate explanatory power of the model. The adjusted R-squared value of 0.411 accounts for the number of predictors, providing a more accurate measure of the model's explanatory power and confirming its moderate fit. The F-statistic of 54.545 is significant with a p-value of 0.00, indicating that the overall regression model is statistically significant, meaning the independent variables collectively have a significant effect on organizational performance.

The beta coefficient for controlling and reporting (CR) is 0.164, which is statistically significant (p = 0.002). This suggests that a one-unit increase in CR is associated with a 0.164 increase in organizational performance, holding other factors constant. The beta coefficient for budgeting (BD) is 0.255, with a p-value of 0.000, indicating a strong and significant positive relationship between budgeting practices and organizational performance. The beta coefficient for decision making (DM) is 0.111, with a p-value of 0.010, which is statistically significant at the 5% level. This implies that decision-making practices have a significant impact on organizational performance in this model. The beta coefficient for the costing system (CS) is 0.166, with a p-value of 0.003, indicating a significant positive effect of costing systems on organizational performance. The beta coefficient for performance evaluation (PE) is 0.195, with a p-value of 0.000, suggesting that performance evaluation practices significantly enhance organizational performance.

Overall, the regression analysis demonstrates that controlling and reporting, budgeting, costing systems, and performance evaluation practices have a significant positive impact on organizational performance. However, decision-making practices were found to have a statistically significant impact on organizational performance (p = 0.010) in this model, but the discussion states it was "insignificant". Given that the p-value of 0.010 is less than 0.05, it should be considered significant. The model's overall fit is moderate, as indicated by the R-squared and adjusted R-squared values.

Table 3. Regression Analysis

Variables	Coefficients	t-Stat	p-value
(Constant)	0.473	2.203	0.028
CR	0.164	3.182	0.002
BD	0.255	3.714	0.000
DM	0.111	1.625	0.105
CS	0.166	2.952	0.003
PE	0.195	3.853	0.000
R^2 = 0.418,	F. Stat. = 54.545, Sig. = 0.00,	Adj. R^2 = 0.411	

Source: Data Processed (2024)

Table 4. Results of Hypothesis Testing

Stat ements	P-value	Remarks
There is a significant positive impact of controlling and reporting on organizational performance in commercial banks in Nepal.	0.002	Accepted
There is a significant positive impact of budgeting on organizational performance in commercial banks in Nepal.	0.000	Accepted
There is a significant positive impact of decision-making on organizational performance in commercial banks in Nepal.	0.010	Accepted
There is a significant positive impact of the costing system on organizational performance in commercial banks in Nepal.	0.003	Accepted
There is a significant positive impact of performance evaluation on organizational performance in commercial banks in Nepal.	0.000	Accepted

Source: Data Processed (2024)

3.2. Discussion

The effect of management accounting practices on performance is consistent. Similarly, Gonu et al. (2024) discovered that customer relationship management practices positively impacted performance in commercial banks in Ghana, reinforcing the idea that effective practices lead to improved outcomes. A contrasting finding emerges from Mensah et al. (2024), who found that creative accounting negatively affected profitability in Ghanaian banks. This contrasts with the generally positive impact perceived in this study regarding standard management accounting practices. Abbas (2024) highlighted the role of cloud computing in enhancing accounting systems, an area not explicitly covered in this study, which did not discuss technological factors as primary drivers of performance enhancement. Furthermore, Rashid et al. (2024) identified institutional pressures as drivers of management accounting changes in Bangladesh, which contrasts with this study's findings, where such external pressures were not highlighted as influential factors in Nepalese commercial banks.

The results of this study specifically revealed that all examined management accounting practices budgeting, controlling and reporting, decision-making, costing systems, and performance evaluation, exhibited a moderate positive relationship with organizational performance in commercial banks in Nepal. Among these, budgeting demonstrated the strongest positive correlation with performance. These findings are broadly consistent with several previous studies. Shiku et al. (2024) found that risk management practices positively impacted profitability in commercial banks, aligning with the positive influence of management practices observed in this study. Similarly, Xie et al. (of budgetary slack, which contrasts with the consistently positive relationships observed in this study. Furthermore, Alvarez et al. (2021) demonstrated that the adoption of management accounting tools led to improved performance in hotel SMEs, supporting the findings of this study regarding the positive effects of accounting practices but in a different industry context. Lastly, Costa and Lucena (2021) also confirmed that management accounting practices enhance company performance, aligning with the current study's results.

This study found that effective management accounting practices, particularly controlling and reporting, budgeting, costing systems, and performance evaluation, positively impact the organizational performance of commercial banks in Nepal. Budgeting practices had the strongest positive influence, while decision-making practices, though statistically significant at p=0.010, showed a comparatively lower impact compared to other variables in the regression model. Comparing these findings with previous studies, Zhen and Rahman (2024) emphasized the importance of environmental management accounting (EMA) and green financing in improving ESG performance in manufacturing firms, which contrasts with this study's focus on financial performance metrics in the banking sector. Yadav (2024) found that strategic planning positively impacted organizational performance in Nepalese commercial banks, aligning with this study's finding that systematic practices enhance performance. Similarly, Adeniyi and Fayigbe (2024) reported that CRM tools significantly affected organizational performance in Nigerian banks, suggesting that specific tools or systems can influence outcomes, in line with this study's findings about performance evaluation practices. On the other hand, Shiku et al. (2024) focused on risk management's impact on profitability in Lusaka, showing that risk management is also crucial for performance, offering a different perspective compared to the more general focus on management accounting here. Lastly, Xie et al. (2023) found that coopetition positively influenced organizational performance, yet this differs from the direct financial focus in the present study.

Practical Implications

This study clearly emphasizes the imperative for commercial banks in Nepal to strengthen their management accounting practices, given their demonstrated positive influence on organizational performance. Specifically, the study underscores the critical importance of budgeting, performance evaluation, and costing systems in driving operational efficiency, strategic decision-making, and improved financial outcomes. By refining these practices, banks can significantly enhance their competitive positioning and adapt more effectively to dynamic market changes. The study also recommends that managers and decision-makers in Nepalese banks should strategically invest in the training and development of their teams to ensure the effective implementation and continuous improvement of management accounting systems.

4. Conclusion

This study comprehensively summarizes the impact of management accounting practices on organizational performance in Nepalese commercial banks, with the main objectives being to assess their current status and performance, analyze their relationship, and evaluate their impact. The research employed both descriptive and causal-comparative designs, with a sample of 385 employees from commercial banks in Kathmandu Valley selected using convenience sampling. The study found that all independent variables, controlling and reporting, budgeting, decision-making, costing systems, and performance evaluation, have a positive relationship with organizational performance. Budgeting practices consistently demonstrated the strongest positive correlation and impact. Controlling and reporting, costing systems, and performance evaluation also showed a significant positive impact, while decision-making practices had a statistically significant positive impact, albeit with a lower coefficient. Overall, the findings confirm that management accounting practices are important determinants and key drivers of organizational performance in the Nepalese banking sector.

The study carries significant practical and theoretical implications. Practically, it underscores the importance of strengthening management accounting practices, particularly budgeting, performance evaluation, and costing systems, for enhancing efficiency and decision-making capabilities in commercial banks. Theoretically, the research contributes to the understanding of how management accounting systems influence organizational outcomes, especially within the Nepalese banking context. It reinforces existing theories linking robust management accounting systems with improved operational efficiency and provides empirical evidence to extend these theories. The study also suggests new avenues for future research, particularly in exploring the nuances of decision-making practices and how various management accounting components interact.

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