

Research Title:

The Impact of Transformational Leadership on Employee Performance in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

Research Questions:

1. What is the nature of transformational leadership and how is it applied in SMEs?
2. How does transformational leadership influence employee motivation and job satisfaction?
3. What is the relationship between transformational leadership and overall employee performance?
4. What are the challenges faced by SMEs in implementing transformational leadership practices?

Research Objectives:

1. To define and understand the concept of transformational leadership within the context of SMEs.
2. To examine the impact of transformational leadership on employee motivation and performance.
3. To analyze the correlation between transformational leadership styles and employee job satisfaction.
4. To identify the obstacles SMEs face in adopting transformational leadership strategies.

Research Hypotheses:

H1: There is a positive relationship between transformational leadership and employee performance in SMEs.

H2: Transformational leadership significantly improves employee motivation and job satisfaction.

H3: SMEs that apply transformational leadership practices have higher overall productivity.

Proposed Research Model:

Transformational Leadership → Employee Motivation → Job Satisfaction → Employee Performance

This model illustrates the indirect impact of leadership on performance, showing that motivation and satisfaction mediate the relationship.

Research Methodology:

Approach: Quantitative descriptive method

Population: Employees and managers working in SMEs in the Saudi Arabian service sector

Sampling Technique: Stratified random sampling

Sample Size: 100–150 respondents

Data Collection Tool: A structured questionnaire (based on the MLQ - Multifactor Leadership Questionnaire)

Data Analysis: Descriptive statistics, correlation, and regression analysis using SPSS software

Proposed Research Structure (Outline):

1. Introduction

2. Literature Review

3. Research Methodology

4. Data Analysis and Results

5. Discussion

6. Conclusion and Recommendation

7. References

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