



EFFECT OF CASH BUDGETING ON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES AT ELDORET TOWN IN UASIN GISHU COUNTY, KENYA

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Abstract

Micro and small enterprises (MSEs) are significant to the development of every country's economy especially the developing economies. This study evaluated the relationship between cash budgeting and financial performance of micro and small enterprises at Eldoret Town, Uasin Gishu County, Kenya. This study was founded on the hypothesis that there was no significant relationship between cash budgeting and financial performance of MSEs. Related theory of this study was risk based budgeting theory. The study utilized descriptive survey research design. Stratified random and simple random sampling techniques were employed whereby a sample of 381 MSEs was drawn from accessible population of 20,399 registered small enterprises in Eldoret Town, Uasin Gishu County. Primary data were collected through the use of questionnaires and secondary data were collected from municipal office, department of small enterprise development. Cronbach's alpha coefficient was used to test the reliability of research instrument while validity of the content of research instrument was tested through content validity test. Data was analyzed by use of both descriptive and inferential statistics. The study found out that Cash budgeting ($\beta_1=0.209$; $p < 0.05$) positively and significantly influence financial performance of MSEs. This study concluded that proper cash budgeting have

significant and positive effects to the financial performance of MSEs. The study is significant to the government in policy making on economic development, micro and small entrepreneurs understandings cash budgeting and its effects to financial performance. The study recommended that cash budgeting should be incorporated in cash management practices for MSEs.

Keywords: Budgeting, Cash Flow, Cash Management, Micro Enterprises, Small Enterprises

INTRODUCTION

Micro and small-scale enterprises (MSEs) are significant to the development of every country's economy especially the developing economy. Micro and small enterprise can be regarded as income generating business that employs 1-5 workers (Daniels, 2010). According to the Micro and Small Enterprise Authority (MSEA), (2012) micro enterprise is a business with a sales turnover of less than Kshs. 500,000 a year, or has 1-9 people working in the business. A small enterprise is a business that has sales of between Kshs. 1,000,000 and Kshs. 5,000,000 in a year, or has 10-50 people working the enterprise. Micro and small business face similar opportunities and challenges, especially when compared with bigger businesses. The SMEs range from those unregistered, known as Jua Kali enterprises, to those formally registered small-scale businesses, such as supermarkets, wholesale shops and transport companies (Warue & Wanjira, 2013). MSEs are also said to be responsible for driving innovation and competition in many economic sectors (Petrakis & Kostis, 2012).

MSEs are regulated under the micro and small enterprise Act No. 55 of 2012 laws of Kenya. Because of their small size, a simple management mistake is likely to lead to closure of a small enterprise, as there is no chance for management to learn from its past mistakes (Oluoch, 2016). Department of Micro and Small Industries (MSI) play significant role in promoting MSEs by promoting entrepreneurship culture, growth and graduating of MSEs, creation of conducive business environment for MSEs, value addition and utilization of local raw materials, productivity and competitiveness of MSEs, linkages of MSEs with sources of finance, technology and markets, providing business development services for MSEs and coordination of industrial field services (Micro & Small Enterprises Act,2012).

Cash management ensures that there is sufficient cash to sustain the entity's daily operations, finance continued growth and provide for unexpected payments while not unduly forfeiting profit owing to excess cash holdings (Akinyomi, 2014). However, the significant of cash management can be understood by focusing on risk and uncertainty involved in cash

flows. A business may be profitable and yet without cash to meet its obligation as they fall due will be forced to close down (Enow, 2015). Cash management practices are one of the factors contributing toward the success of MSEs. Lack of collateral, poor accounts preparation and poor cash management procedure are the challenges faced by MSEs (Naidu & Chand, 2011; Lobel, 2013; & Okatch, 2011).

The reason for the preparation of cash budget is to establish whether the business has enough cash balance to meet out its short-term cash requirements. According to Muthama, (2016) cash budgets assist in making cash flow projections and ensure budgetary control. Budgets provide a useful yardstick for evaluating employee performance and for rewarding good results to motivate employees (Kelly, 2015). According to Elmlad, (2018) envelope budgeting is a simple, systematic way of saving to pay bills while maintaining a personal budget. Envelope system of budgeting is where the name is labeled, with average costs per month and the respective bill on the front of an envelope. According to Sidoti, (2011) 50-30-20 rule involves working out how much income you have after-tax, and writing it at the top of the page, probably with a big black pen to keep you on-task. Significance of digital budgeting includes; cost effectiveness, data is driven and quickly adjustable, coverage is large and credibility is reached. Incremental budgeting is budgeting based on slight changes from the preceding period's budgeted results or actual results (Braggs, 2017). Advantages of incremental budget include simplicity, funding stability and operation stability.

Companies in world market must be able to generate sufficient cash to be able to meet immediate obligations and therefore continue trading (Kasim, Mutula & Antwi, 2015). While losses and layoffs at large firms are making headlines, many micro, small and medium-sized enterprises are also severely affected by the global economic slump of 2008-2009 (World Bank Report, 2014). In Jordan SMEs comprise 98.5% from the total number of registered companies, and 60% of formal jobs, in addition to 50% of the GDP in 2013 and they are the engines of solving the unemployment. Based on the establishment of the fact that the financial performance of SMEs in Northern region had a low average, with majority of the SMEs describing their performance to be either deteriorating or failing. All the time there is optimal cash where there are strategies to be in place during minimal cash and surplus cash since either of the side will contribute to liquidity risks. Cash management is an essential aspect that the owners of the businesses have to ensure for better performance (Smirat, 2016).

According to Chelogoi (2013), small-scale enterprises provide 60-70 percent of the employment in the continent and account for over 20 percent of Africa's GDP. SMEs operating in South Africa, have limited access to cash given their lack of collateral required by banks as well as a success track record (Biljon, 2015). According to Enow & Kamala (2016) cash

management practices of MSEs in Cape Town, South Africa manage their cash effectively. However, only a minority of these entities invests their surplus cash gainfully, by employing computers for managing their cash, which is rather surprising given the proliferation of computers at a low cost in South Africa and SMEs did not understand what financial planning is (Mutanda, 2014).

Republic of Kenya Economic survey report (2012) indicates that in 2011, about 520,100 new employment opportunities were created by MSEs in the Kenyan economy. Out of these, 86% were in the informal sector and only 14% in the formal sector. In Kenya, the MSEs contributed over 50% of new jobs created in 2005 and contributed estimated 18 per cent of GDP, up from 3 per cent in 2010 (GoK, 2012). The banks in Kenya are currently offering microfinance to the SMEs without demanding for collateral securities (Kyendo, 2010). SMEs usually use proper and petty cashbooks in financial recording and that optimum cash balance is always maintained (Oluach, 2016). Decline in economic performance leads to unemployment in Kenya, which as a result leads to social injustices and crime (RoK, 2013). Population growth is increasing alarmingly in Kenya and this has negative impact to the economic growth in the country due to increase in urbanization resulting to unemployment and decline in salaries and wages to those who are already employed.

Statement of the Problem

Performance of MSEs is significant to the economic growth, creation of jobs and reduction of crimes in the country. MSEs facilitate the collection of taxes, helps in addressing the imbalance between imports and export and increase quality of life to the citizens. However, small business has failed for ignoring vital measurable variables and factors of performance (Akande & Olusola, 2011). Most MSEs Collapse immediately after the start of operation and others continued to perform poorly due to their inability to manage cash flow and generate enough sales and revenue (Ahmad & Abdul, 2013). MSEs Performance has been declining from 5.4% in 2011 to a 4.4% in 2013 (Kenya economic survey, 2013). Approximately 80%-90% of MSEs fail within 5-10 years of operation (Ahmad et al., 2011). Most of these entities do not prepare cash budgets or forecasts, do not conduct bank reconciliations and do not monitor their cash flows on a real-time basis (Bruwer, 2015). MSEs generally do not put in place cash control procedures even where such cash control and management procedures do exist, they are poorly implemented due to laxity and complacency within such firms (Attom, 2015). According to Oluoch, (2016) even though national government is increasing the efforts to support the success of MSEs more collapse of small business is experienced in the economy since it is not done alongside county governments. Lack of proper cash management practices lead to bankruptcy of most of the

MSEs. Problems in cash management practices occur when the management takes for granted the importance of managing cash (Gilbert, Nellson & Nicholas, 2013). In order to break the gap this research focused on MSEs and cash management practices at Eldoret Town narrowing down to cash budgeting, cash transfers and cash flow tracking and took into consideration the techniques of every variable.

Research objective

To determine the effect of cash budgeting on financial performance of micro and small enterprises at Eldoret Town in Uasin Gishu County.

Research hypothesis

There is no significant relationship between cash budgeting and financial performance of micro and small enterprises at Eldoret Town in Uasin Gishu County.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Risk Based Budgeting Theory

Risk based budgeting approach was developed by Maillard, Roncalli and Teiletche in 2010. The theory focus on the consideration of risk in the budgeting process. Risk Budgeting is the process of decomposing the combined risk of a portfolio investment process into its constituents on a quantitative basis. This risk-based investment strategy puts diversification of risk at the heart of the investment process. This risk based budgeting theory relates to the study as it suggest the inclusion of risk indecision of budgeting in order to maximize return contributed by budgeting approaches. Lack of skills inhibits the use of budget (Phenya, 2011). Proper and careful consideration of risks in the budgeting process increases uniformity in various aspects of budgets. Planning and projections done in budget processes has an effect on budgeting goals and objectives. According to Harvard Business Review (2011), it is assessed that organizations with a Chief Risk Officer have considerably more extensive risk planning than other companies. MSEs with portfolio investment should diversify risk in its budgeting processes taking in to consideration maximization of return. Warue and Wanjira, (2013) recommended the involvement of workers at all levels of budgeting and separation of ownership from management issues and continuous improvement of managers skills. Most of the MSEs do not decompose their business decisions with investments risks such as business, interest rates, inflation, taxation, liquidity, market, reinvestments and exchange rate. The budgeting process has been perceived to be too time consuming, too costly, too distorted by tactics employed and too focused on cost control (Abogun & Fagbemi, 2011). Budgets formulate the expected

performance standards and reflect managerial objectives. Most of the interest rates risks are based on loans and other financial services which MSEs do not qualify due to insufficient or lack of ability hence application of interest rates are minimal and rarely attracts application of risk based budgeting theory.

Cash Budgeting and Financial Performance of MSEs

A number of studies have been done in line with cash budgeting and financial performance. Maduekwe and kamala (2016) studied the use of budgets by SMEs in Cape Metropolis, South Africa. The study aimed to determine the types of budgets used, methods of budgeting employed, purpose for which budgets are used, perceived effectiveness of budgets used and factors that may inhibit SMEs from using budgets. Data were collected using a questionnaire and analyzed using both descriptive and inferential statistics. The findings of this study revealed that most of the SMEs sampled used budgets. The findings also revealed that budgets were mostly used for monitoring, measuring business performance, future planning and control purposes.

Akande, Olusola and Oluwaseun (2014) studied the influence of budgeting system on entrepreneurial business performance a perspective of small business owners in Lagos, Nigeria. Multi-stage probability sampling technique was used. A sample of 120 entrepreneurs were selected from a list of 4,585 registered SMEs in Lagos state as at the end of March, 2014 out of which 104 (86 %) usable questionnaires were analyzed, summarized, and interpreted accordingly with the aid of descriptive statistical technique using simple percentages. A non-parametric statistical test and Chi-square was used to test the formulated hypothesis. The finding of the study was that there is a significant relationship between budgeting practices and MSEs financial performance.

Mulani, Chi and Yang (2015) studied the impact of budgeting on the performance of SMEs in India. Impact of budgeting on firm performance in these firms was tested through detailed analysis. Questionnaires and other statistical tools were used for analysis of the problem statement. A sample of two 168 firms was selected from SME sector of India. The sample was selected from 3 districts of Mumbai, Pune and Solapur. The researcher found that the performance of SMEs of India is further affected by the characteristics of the budget goals and the higher performance can be achieved through more clear goals.

Warue and Wanjira (2013) studied factors affecting the budgeting processes among SMEs in the hospitality industry in Nairobi's CBD. Descriptive research design was used. Target population comprised 98,608 of all the registered small enterprises located within the CBD of Nairobi city. Stratified random sampling was employed in selecting the sample. The population

strata were based on the nature of the business conducted by the SME in the Hospitality industry. The sample of 104 was shared proportionately among the 526 SMEs in Hospitality industry in the CBD. The researcher found that budgeting, participation of workers, firm size, ownership, skills and manpower and computerized accounting contribute significantly to the budgeting process and in general performance of SMEs.

Hoque (2017) studied mental budgeting on the financial management of SMEs in India. Interviews using a structured questionnaire and the data analyzed using descriptive statistics. Principal component analysis and ordinal logistic regression survey of SME owners' were used. The samples of 201 SMEs were randomly selected from the city of Chittagong, Bangladesh. The results of the study show that own savings and loans from relatives are the major sources of the business capital with micro-credit coming in the second place. The earnings from existing business were mostly used to meet family expenditures. The results also show that Mental Budgeting (MB) and its determinants like other sources of income over existing business, never spending more than a fixed amount, having an overview of checking balances; long-term future orientation and financial product knowledge have significant influences on the financial management of SMEs.

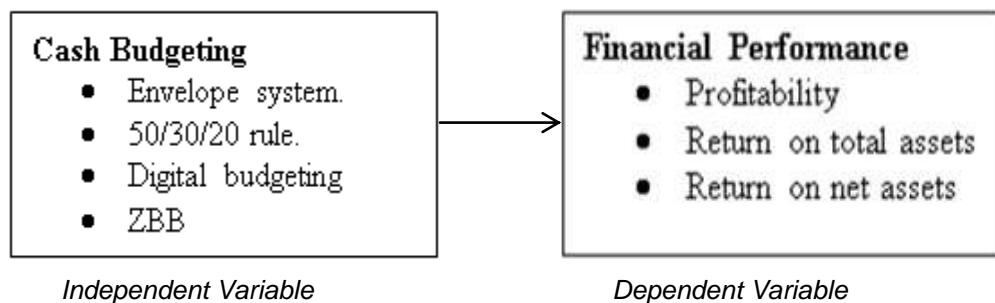


Figure 1: The Conceptual Framework

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The descriptive survey research design was used in this study. All the MSEs in Kenya were the target population of the study. Accessible population of the study constituted the 20,399 small traders registered by County government of Uasin Gishu Ministry of Trade and distributed in Eldoret Town and its estates as at August 2018.

Yamane's (1967) formula was used to determine the sample size. For a 95% confidence level and $e = 0.05$, size of the sample were determined by the formula below. Therefore 381 respondents were drawn from MSEs operating and registered by the County government of Uasin Gishu, Kenya, as at August 2018. Stratified sampling technique was used to divide the population into strata comprising of 118 wholesalers and 263 retailers obtained from the county

government of Uasin Gishu trade licensing department. Simple random sampling was used to select the respondents that participated in the study proportionately (Ogula, 2010). Both descriptive and inferential statistics were used for data analysis. Descriptive statistical tools included percentages, means and standard deviations. Inferential statistics included multiple regression analysis and Pearson Product Moment Correlation. The study adopted the following multiple regression model.

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \epsilon \dots\dots\dots / \dots\dots\dots \text{Equation 1}$$

Where; Where; Y represents financial performance of MSEs in Eldoret Town Uasin Gishu County, Kenya

β_0 represents the y-intercept

β_1 , represent coefficients cash budgeting

X_1 represents Cash budgeting

ϵ represents stochastic disturbance error term.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Relationship between Cash Budgeting and Financial Performance

The relationship between Cash budgeting and financial performance of MSEs was determined. Table 1 presents the results of correlation analysis.

Table 1: Correlation Analysis for Cash Budgeting

Variable	Financial Performance of MSEs	
Cash Budgeting	Pearson Correlation	.354*
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2- tailed).

In Table 1 the findings indicates that cash budgeting and performances of MSEs had a positive and statistically significant relationship ($r = 0.354$; $p < 0.05$). This was supported by a p -value of 0.000 that is less than the current p-value of 0.05. This meant that cash budgeting has significant influence to the performance. The efforts to maintain digital budgeting, envelope systems, 50/30/20 rule and ZBB have significantly enable MSEs to perform. The findings agree with the study of Mulani, Chi and Yang (2015) and Akande, Olusola and Oluwaseun (2014) indicated that cash budgeting have significant effect to the performance of small enterprises. The study noted that best budgeting process must be put in to consideration by MSEs in their daily operations.

Table 2: Normality Test Results

Independent variables	Kolmogorov-Smirnov Statistics	Sig
Cash Budgeting	1.757	0.072

The data is considered to come from a normal distribution if the significance value is greater than 0.05. Table 2 shows that all our sample values were above 0.05. This is an indication that our data is normally distributed.

Multicollinearity Assumption

The study tested multicollinearity assumption by use of tolerance and variance inflation factor (VIF). There is a potential problem if tolerance is below 0.2. Results of Analysis are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Collinearity Statistics

Model	Collinearity Statistics	
	Tolerance	VIF
Cash budgeting	0.927	1.338

Cash budgeting had the Highest correlation with other independent variables (Tolerance= 0.927; VIF=1.338). Tolerance level was close to 1 and VIF was also close to 1. This is far from the threshold of 0.1 and 10 for Tolerance and VIF respectively.

Independence of Residuals Assumption

The study used Durbin- Watson statistic to test for autocorrelation.

Table 4: Durbin Watson statistics

R	R Square	Adjusted R square	Std Error of Estimates	Durbin Watson
.66	.44	.43	0.591	1.942

The value of Durbin – Watson coefficient was 1.942. The value of Durbin-Watson coefficient gets close to 0 when autocorrelation is positive of error terms and is above 2 when autocorrelation is negative. The recommended threshold of Durbin-Watson value is 1.5-2.5.

Therefore, the Durbin-Watson Coefficient of 1.942 indicates that observations are within the threshold. This implies that the observations or individual data points to be are uncorrelated.

Test of Significance

The results of Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) are shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Results of ANOVA

Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig
Regression	40.90	4	10.22	20.33	.000a
Residual	65.88	131	.50		
Total	106.78	135			

a. Predictors: (Constant), Cash budgeting

b. Dependent Variable: Financial performance

The findings of the study indicate that the relationship between the independent variables and the dependent variable was statistically significant ($F=23.33$; $p < 0.05$). This implies that the multiple regression model was good fit for the data. Hence cash management techniques; cash budgeting, should be put into consideration.

Regression Coefficients

The study also conducted t-test of statistical significance of each individual regression coefficient.

Table 6: Significant Test Results for Overall Model

Independent Variables	Unstandardized		Standardized	t	Sig.
	Coefficients		Coefficients		
	B	Std. Error	Beta		
(Constant)	-1.232	.322		-5.564	.000
Cash budgeting	.209	.179	-.325	-1.708	.022

a. Dependent Variable: financial performances of MSEs

From the findings indicated in Table 6 above shows a constant of -1.232, cash budgeting has a significance of .022 and has an effect on financial performance by .209. The findings indicates that cash budgeting is a predictor of financial performance of MSEs ($t=-1.708$ $p < 0.05$).

Hypotheses Testing

Hypothesis tested at a predictable significant level of 0.05. The acceptable/ rejection criteria were determined by p-value were compared with significant level of 0.05. The objective of the study was to determine the effect of cash budgeting on financial performance of micro and small enterprises at Eldoret Town in Uasin Gishu County.

H_{01} stated that there is no significant relationship between cash budgeting and financial performance of micro and small enterprises at Eldoret Town in Uasin Gishu County.

The research findings indicated that cash budgeting is significant predictor of financial performance ($p=0.022<0.05$). The study rejected the null hypothesis that there is no significant relationship between cash budgeting and financial performance of micro and small enterprises at Eldoret Town in Uasin Gishu County at a significant level of 5% ($t=-1.708$). The research concluded there is significant relation between cash budgeting and financial performance of micro and small enterprises at Eldoret Town in Uasin Gishu County.

CONCLUSIONS

A number of conclusions were made in respect of the study findings. The conclusions are in line with the study objectives. From the findings of the study, it was concluded that cash management practices has an effect to the financial performance of MSEs. Cash budgeting in consideration to the argument of risk based budgeting theory the significance of maximizing returns that is attributed to budgeting approach indicated the significance to the financial performance. All the techniques of cash budgeting have significant effect on financial performance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The study recommends that MSEs should have cash budgeting in their cash management practice. Cash budgeting will minimize risk of overspending and promote focus one spending. It also reduces unnecessary spending and promotes efficiency. Cash budgeting reduces wastages of unnecessary spending and focus intended money for the correct use. The study recommends that MSEs should budget their funds in relation to the expected returns. It is significant that MSEs should consider growth in their businesses by considering best cash management practices are operational in their firms

On risk based budgeting theory applied in cash budgeting which decompose risk in budgeting in order to enhance maximization of returns and financial performance. It also recommends that government as a regulator should put in place policies and regulations that will compel MSEs to emphasize on proper cash management techniques. The government

should come up with sensitization programs on how to acquire funding to support MSEs alongside county governments. To the owners of MSEs to take risk for high return in their business operations and seeking for financial supports that are of low cost. To financial consultants the study emphasizes on cash budgeting as significant to the financial performance of MSEs and other enterprise of the same categories.

SCOPE FOR FURTHER STUDIES

The study recommends further research on the effect of mobile transfers on financial performance and cash reserves and cash projections on performance of small businesses. The study also recommends the study on mobile loans and sustainability of small enterprises in local towns. Effects of investment strategies to financial performance of micro enterprises are of significant for further study

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