

Influence of Knowledge Management Practices on Organisational Performance in Libyan Public Industries

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| <p>This study explores the nexus between knowledge management practices and organisational performance within the public industries of Libya. Investigating factors such as knowledge sharing culture, leadership support, technology infrastructure, human resource development, organisational structure, external adaptation, cross-functional collaboration, performance measurement, continuous learning, and knowledge leadership, the research explores into their collective impact on organisational effectiveness. The findings underscore the important role of fostering a culture of knowledge sharing, bolstered by supportive leadership. Investments in robust technology infrastructure emerge as crucial enablers for effective knowledge management practices. Human resource development initiatives, coupled with optimized organisational structures and processes, are identified as essential contributors to organisational performance enhancement. Moreover, the study highlights the significance of organisational adaptability to the external environment and the promotion of cross-functional collaboration as drivers of success. Integral to achieving organisational objectives is the implementation of performance measurement mechanisms, facilitating the assessment and improvement of knowledge management. Furthermore, a culture of continuous learning and development is deemed indispensable for sustained organisational growth and competitiveness. Finally, the study underscores the imperative of cultivating knowledgeable leadership, capable of guiding and fostering a conducive environment for effective knowledge management practices. Considering these findings, the study offers a set of recommendations to enhance knowledge management effectiveness and drive organisational performance in Libyan public industries. These recommendations advocate for prioritizing the cultivation of a knowledge-sharing culture and reinforcing leadership support. Additionally, investments in technology infrastructure should be made to facilitate seamless knowledge dissemination and utilisation. Human resource development initiatives should be pursued to enhance employee competencies, while organisational structures and processes should be optimized for efficiency and effectiveness. Moreover, organisations are advised to remain adaptive to the external environment, fostering cross-functional collaboration to capitalize on diverse expertise and perspectives. Implementing robust performance measurement frameworks enables organisations to gauge the efficacy of knowledge management initiatives accurately. Embracing a culture of continuous learning and improvement fosters agility and innovation, ensuring organisational resilience amidst evolving challenges. Lastly, organisations should prioritize the development of knowledgeable leaders who champion</p> | <p>Keywords: Knowledge Management, Organisational Performance, Public Industries, Libya</p> |

knowledge management practices and drive organisational excellence. By adhering to these recommendations, Libyan public industries can fortify their knowledge management practices, thereby augmenting organisational performance and ensuring long-term sustainability in an increasingly competitive aspect.

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INTRODUCTION

Knowledge management encompasses a multifaceted array of elements, ranging from belief and understanding to information, experience, and power, underscoring its intricate nature. Within organisational contexts, knowledge management assumes an essential role by facilitating the integration of knowledge, thereby providing a competitive advantage while delivering value to customers in a cost-effective manner. Particularly in the public sector, knowledge management emerges as a critical tool for governments aiming to enhance citizens' quality of life. However, despite its acknowledged significance, government initiatives often falter due to ineffective policies that fail to cultivate a conducive culture of knowledge management.

Conversely, the public sector has demonstrated a proactive stance in embracing knowledge management, possibly driven by the inherent obstacles encountered in its implementation within governmental structures. Evidence suggests flourishing knowledge management practices in developing countries, indicating a nuanced understanding of its correlation with organisational performance. Notably, technology, especially information technology, assumes an increasingly central role in knowledge management, facilitating efficient knowledge exchange within organisational frameworks. The successful integration of technology invigorates knowledge management initiatives, thereby enhancing organisational efficiency and augmenting the likelihood of goal attainment.

Irrespective of sector or size, organisations must prioritize knowledge management practices to maintain a competitive edge. Here, management assumes a crucial role in raising awareness and fostering a culture that values knowledge sharing and utilisation. Effective leadership entails a comprehensive understanding of the significance of knowledge transmission, ensuring its dissemination throughout the organisational hierarchy. This fosters an environment where knowledge sharing is not only encouraged but also ingrained in organisational norms, thereby contributing to overall success.

In today's landscape, technological advancements are indispensable, and the effective utilisation of intellectual capital is paramount for organisational success. Leveraging intellectual assets such as brand names, patents, and customer relationships is essential for organisational growth and competitiveness. Moreover, the diverse perspectives on knowledge management, whether individualistic or communal, underscore the varied approaches adopted by organisations. While some emphasize individual contributions, others prioritize collaborative activities, viewing knowledge as a shared resource that enriches collective outcomes.

Fundamentally, knowledge management entails the production, accumulation, acquisition, and utilisation of knowledge to bolster managerial capabilities and enhance organisational efficiency. It serves as a reservoir of valuable information crucial for informed decision-making and organisational success. The seamless integration of knowledge into organisational processes ensures alignment with strategic objectives, fostering synergy between organisational goals and intellectual assets. Particularly in developing nations, governments must acknowledge the important role of knowledge management in achieving public-oriented objectives, facilitated through the deployment of robust information technology systems.

Efficient knowledge sharing, regardless of organisational context, significantly influences effectiveness and the capacity to meet objectives. Effective knowledge management procedures must adeptly capture and disseminate knowledge, discerning between various types for streamlined handling. The introduction of knowledge-based systems in the public sector is imperative for effective knowledge execution, necessitating the seamless functioning of knowledge management protocols. Strengthening organisational culture fosters employee flexibility, thereby facilitating the successful implementation of knowledge management initiatives.

In the aspect of research, exploring the nexus between knowledge management practices and organisational performance, especially within the Libyan context, is paramount. Information technology assumes an essential role in disseminating and managing knowledge, rendering it indispensable for research inquiries. Understanding the potential challenges posed by the integration of information technology systems within the Libyan public sector is crucial for optimizing service delivery and advancing governmental

objectives. Insights into the role of technological systems as either barriers or facilitators in implementing knowledge management are vital for enhancing governance and promoting citizen welfare. Ultimately, knowledge management is indispensable for both organisations and governments, ensuring the seamless integration of knowledge to efficiently achieve objectives. The effective utilisation of technology and intellectual capital, coupled with a culture of knowledge sharing, forms the bedrock of organisational success and societal progress.

The Libyan public industry confronts significant challenges in knowledge management, primarily due to the absence of backward-integrated facilities and a critical shortage of requisite skills and competencies. Despite increasing awareness, many government organisations struggle to translate this awareness into effective performance, often relying heavily on global models that may not fully address local challenges. This underscores the imperative of adopting context-specific approaches to bridge the gap between awareness and effective knowledge utilisation. Furthermore, while the public sector in Libya exhibits more advanced progress in knowledge management compared to the public industry, there is a pressing need to comprehend the factors driving this disparity and explore avenues for cross-sectoral knowledge transfer. Addressing these challenges is important for enhancing organisational performance, fostering economic growth, and contributing to broader societal development.

The identified needs and gaps within the Libyan public sector encompass the lack of backward-integrated facilities for knowledge management, the dearth of knowledge management skills, the challenge of translating awareness into performance, the predominance of global models, and the divergence between sectors in knowledge management advancement. Successfully addressing these challenges harbors the potential to elevate organisational performance, spur economic growth, and catalyze broader societal development in Libya. However, the lack of comprehensive research within the context of the Libyan public industry poses a significant barrier. Investigating the relationship between knowledge management practices and organisational performance, alongside identifying specific influencing factors, is imperative for designing and implementing effective knowledge management practices tailored to Libya's unique organisational landscape. This research inquiry is indispensable for unlocking insights necessary for the sector's growth and development.

This study holds exceptional significance as it localizes and contextualizes knowledge management practices within Libya's public industries, shedding light on their correlation with organisational performance. Despite potential limitations stemming from a relatively small sample size confined to specific demographics, it contributes significantly to the literature by providing a unique perspective from the Middle Eastern region, which has been underrepresented in previous studies predominantly focused on Western and American sectors. By scrutinizing the relationship between knowledge management practices and organisational performance, this research addresses a substantial knowledge gap and offers insights instrumental for augmenting existing knowledge. Particularly, its findings may revolutionize governance models in the Libyan public industry, benefiting government entities responsible for public service and contributing to informed decision-making. Moreover, by partially filling a conspicuous gap in existing literature, this study serves as a catalyst for further research and has the potential to enrich the broader discourse on knowledge management and organisational performance, both within Libya and beyond.

LITERATURE REVIEW

This section serves as a comprehensive repository of knowledge-related concepts, commencing with an in-depth exploration of diverse definitions of knowledge, knowledge types, and the important role of knowledge creation within organisational settings. Subsequently, it explores into an extensive literature review, meticulously scrutinizing the multifaceted dimensions of knowledge management (KM) practices. Drawing insights from the existing body of literature, this section meticulously elucidates the relationship between KM practices and organisational performance, furnishing a nuanced understanding of their intricate interplay. Notably, a specific emphasis is placed on knowledge management within the public sector, with a meticulous examination of the organisational culture prevailing within the Libyan public sector. Moreover, the section

encapsulates critical findings from meta-analyses conducted on knowledge practices, providing a succinct summary of this comprehensive body of research.

The concept of knowledge has been a perennial subject of profound contemplation and debate, manifesting its intricate and multifaceted nature. Across history, scholars and philosophers have proffered diverse definitions and interpretations of knowledge, contributing to a rich tapestry of perspectives. Notably, ancient Greek philosophers, epitomized by Plato (360 BC), laid the foundational framework for the study of knowledge, positing it as ‘justified true belief’ (Plato, 360 BC). This seminal concept continues to wield significant influence in Western philosophical discourse, albeit subject to continual debate and refinement. In contemporary times, Drucker (1993) introduced the concept of the ‘knowledge worker,’ heralding a paradigmatic shift in societal perceptions of knowledge as a fundamental economic driver. Additionally, Allee (1997), Leonard and Sensiper (2022), Bhagat et al. (2020), and Davenport and Prusak (2022) collectively underscore knowledge’s dynamic and interactive nature, accentuating its communicative and transmissive capacities. They accentuate knowledge’s role in enhancing productivity, problem-solving, and decision-making through information creation and restructuring. These diverse perspectives collectively offer a comprehensive panorama of knowledge’s multifaceted nature, underscoring its dynamic and evolving characteristics.

Contributions from Cavaleri and Reed (2020), along with Davenport and Prusak (2022), further enrich the discourse by framing knowledge as grounded in social activities and signs, encompassing beliefs, contextual information, and expert insights. They underscore knowledge’s embedding within organisational routines, processes, and practices, emphasizing its fluid and dynamic nature. Viewed through two distinct perspectives, knowledge serves as both a repository of accumulated insights and a dynamic process rooted in logical reasoning. It embodies both static and evolving attributes, epitomizing the duality inherent in its nature as a reservoir of wisdom and a catalyst for innovation and intellectual evolution. This holistic understanding of knowledge enriches our comprehension of its intricate nature and underscores its significance across various facets of human existence, ranging from individual cognition to organisational development and societal progress. In a rapidly evolving, knowledge-driven world, the significance of effective knowledge management becomes increasingly pronounced, rendering insights from this exploration not only timely but also indispensable for guiding organisational practices and augmenting performance.

The exploration of knowledge, a fundamental pillar of human understanding, has been a subject of profound contemplation and debate throughout history, reflecting its intricate and multifaceted nature. Scholars and philosophers have offered diverse definitions and interpretations of knowledge, contributing to a rich tapestry of perspectives. Newell et al. (2020) note the challenge in defining knowledge, highlighting its inherent ambiguity and equivocality. This absence of a singular, universally accepted definition has spurred various approaches and taxonomies, each aiming to encapsulate the essence of knowledge from distinct viewpoints.

The roots of this philosophical inquiry stretch back to ancient Greece, where the study of epistemology flourished, exploring knowledge’s nature, sources, limitations, and validity. In 360 BC, Plato ventured to define knowledge as ‘justified true belief’ in his work “Theaetetus” (Project Gutenberg, 2023), a concept that continues to influence Western philosophical thought today. Plato’s notion of knowledge as justified true belief laid the groundwork for centuries of philosophical discourse on the nature of knowledge. In more contemporary times, Peter Drucker (1993) introduced the term ‘knowledge worker,’ signaling a paradigm shift in society’s perception of knowledge. Drucker argued that in the emerging ‘knowledge society,’ knowledge had become the primary driver of economic value, surpassing traditional resources like capital and labor. This marked a significant departure from previous economic paradigms and underscored the growing importance of knowledge in the modern world.

Allee (1997) contributed to the discourse by framing knowledge as a communicable experience, with an emphasis on its dynamic and interactive nature. Leonard and Sensiper (2022) echoed this view, highlighting the tacit dimension of knowledge deeply rooted in individuals’ experiences and behaviours. They emphasized that some forms of knowledge are difficult to articulate and are often embedded in individuals’ subconscious. Bhagat et al. (2020) and Beckman (1997) further elaborated on knowledge as arising from the creation and restructuring of information, aligning with Drucker’s assertion that knowledge enhances

productivity and decision-making. Bhagat et al. emphasized the role of knowledge in problem-solving and decision-making, highlighting its value in driving organisational success.

In essence, this section provides a comprehensive overview of knowledge's multifaceted nature, emphasizing the complexity of defining and understanding it. The diversity in conceptions of knowledge has significant implications for the study of knowledge management and its role in enhancing organisational performance. It lays the foundation for subsequent sections, which will explore deeper into knowledge management practices' impact on organisational performance. Cavaleri and Reed (2020) suggest that knowledge, fundamentally, arises from potential acts or social signs, denoting the capacity for effective action. Davenport and Prusak (2022) elaborate on knowledge as a dynamic mix of experience, values, and expert insight, often embedded not only in documents but also in organisational routines and practices. This perspective underscores the dynamic and evolving nature of knowledge, highlighting its role in shaping organisational culture and practices.

The duality of knowledge, viewed as both a repository of beliefs and a dynamic process driving innovation, underscores its significance in individual cognition, organisational development, and societal progress. Effectively managing knowledge within organisations is crucial for driving innovation, enhancing decision-making, and achieving strategic objectives (Newell et al., 2020). In parallel, the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), introduced by Davis (1989), offers a valuable framework for understanding technology adoption in organisations. TAM posits that users' attitudes towards a technology, shaped by their perceptions of its usefulness and ease of use, influence their intention to use it, ultimately driving their actual usage behaviour. This model's versatility and relevance are evident across various sectors, including online shopping and e-government services (Ahn et al., 2004; Tung, 2022). Studies such as those by Boyer and Olson (2020) on internet purchasing and Richey et al. (2022) on technology implementation in retail firms further support TAM's applicability and effectiveness.

Moreover, Autry et al. (2021) extend TAM's applicability by considering moderating factors like supply chain technological turbulence and breadth, demonstrating how these variables influence the relationship between users' perceptions and technology implementation intentions in firms. Overall, TAM provides valuable insights into the dynamics of technology adoption and its impact on organisational performance. The Theory of Constraints (TOC), pioneered by Goldratt and Cox (1992), identifies critical bottlenecks within systems that limit overall performance. By focusing on strengthening the weakest link in a process or system, TOC aims to enhance efficiency and throughput. Originally applied to production systems, TOC has found widespread use in various fields, including marketing, project management, and supply chain management (Polito et al., 2016). Through measures such as throughput, inventory, and operating expenses, TOC assesses system performance and guides improvement efforts.

Additionally, the Resource-Based View of the Firm (RBV) elucidates how firms establish sustainable competitive advantages by leveraging their unique resources and capabilities (Wernerfelt, 1984; Barney, 1991; Hoopes et al., 2018). RBV emphasizes firm competencies from a knowledge-based perspective, focusing on resources that are difficult to imitate and contribute to superior performance and sustained competitive advantage (Barney, 1991). Intangible resources like knowledge play a crucial role in creating strategic advantages by enhancing various aspects of production (Hitt et al., 2021). These resources encompass organisational values, culture, tacit knowledge, and brand image, which confer lasting competitive benefits (von Krogh and Roos, 1995; Collis and Montgomery, 1995).

In summary, the duality of knowledge underscores its importance in organisational performance and strategic advantage. Models like TAM, TOC, and RBV provide valuable frameworks for understanding technology adoption, optimizing operational efficiency, and leveraging organisational resources to achieve sustainable competitive advantages. These models offer insights and strategies essential for organisational success in today's dynamic and competitive business environment. Knowledge Management (KM) has become increasingly recognized as a critical organisational capability essential for driving performance improvements and fostering competitive advantage. Gold et al. (2021) provided a comprehensive model delineating KM capability dimension, which include knowledge management infrastructure capabilities (KMIC) and knowledge execution capabilities (KMPC). KMIC encompasses technology, structure, and culture, while

KMPC includes processes such as acquisition, conversion, application, and protection of knowledge resources. In governmental contexts, KM plays a vital role in driving process improvements and enhancing service delivery across organisational boundaries (Sinclair, 2016). Information technology plays a crucial role in facilitating knowledge preservation and diffusion, addressing challenges related to service enhancement and process optimisation.

For corporations, KM is indispensable for fostering a competitive edge and enhancing adaptability (Handzic, 2022). Proper management of knowledge resources enables organisations to leverage their intellectual capital effectively, driving growth and performance improvements. Managers must recognize knowledge as a primary organisational resource and integrate knowledge management into organisational processes to realize its full potential for driving performance and innovation. KM entails the systematic process of creating, capturing, acquiring, and utilizing knowledge to enhance organisational performance (Kinney, 2022). Whether categorized as collective or individual, the matrix of knowledge underscores its significance as a driver of organisational development and competitiveness. The success of organisations in the contemporary knowledge-driven era hinges on their ability to leverage intellectual capital encompassing brands, patents, copyrights, and organisational culture. Moreover, the correlation between knowledge sharing and bottom-line performance underscores the strategic importance of effective KM initiatives.

The diverse typologies of knowledge, including tacit, explicit, and implicit knowledge, necessitate tailored management approaches to effectively harness organisational knowledge assets. Enabling organisational culture and structure are imperative for fostering a conducive environment for knowledge exploration and sharing. Incorporating knowledge-based systems into public industries for knowledge capture and sharing is paramount for enhancing operational efficiencies and fostering innovation. The evolving focus on knowledge management has propelled advancements in the discipline, reflecting its growing strategic significance across industries (Abdullah & Date, 2023). Effective communication and trust are foundational elements underpinning successful KM initiatives (Smith & Rupp, 2020). Communication fosters human interaction, facilitating knowledge exchange and collaboration. Trust within organisational contexts reflects the climate of mutual confidence and belief in corporate objectives and leadership, essential for fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing (Ribie're, 2021). Moreover, a reward-oriented organisational culture that incentivizes knowledge sharing and collaboration is essential for driving KM success. Reward orientation emphasizes performance-based reward allocations, incentivizing knowledge sharing and teamwork over individual achievements (Van de Post & DeConing, 1997).

Knowledge sharing (KS) encompasses the dissemination of various knowledge types, including explicit and tacit knowledge, throughout the organisation (Al-Shammari, 2021; Ling et al., 2023). KS facilitates the communication of information, know-how, and skills, contributing to organisational learning and innovation. In conclusion, effective KM practices are indispensable for organisations seeking to leverage knowledge as a strategic asset for driving performance improvements and fostering competitive advantage. By integrating technology, culture, and processes, organisations can develop robust KM capabilities essential for navigating the complexities of the knowledge-driven economy and achieving sustained success.

RESULTS

The comprehension of knowledge, a fundamental aspect of human cognition, has undergone meticulous examination and classification by scholars over centuries. Among these scholars, Michael Polanyi (1966) stands out for delineating knowledge into two primary categories: tacit and explicit. These classifications serve as foundational pillars in understanding the multifaceted nature of knowledge and have significantly shaped scholarly discourse across various fields.

Tacit knowledge, as articulated by Polanyi, represents a form of knowledge deeply embedded in an individual's subconscious, often challenging to articulate or codify explicitly. Rooted in personal experiences, intuition, and insights, tacit knowledge manifests in skills, expertise, and "know-how" that

individuals possess. It is highly context-specific and may include intuitive judgments, problem-solving approaches, or even bodily movements. For example, the innate ability of a seasoned chef to adjust seasoning intuitively or a master craftsperson's skill in creating intricate designs exemplifies tacit knowledge. Due to its implicit nature, tacit knowledge is difficult to transfer directly to others and is primarily shared through personal interactions, observation, and hands-on experience. In contrast, explicit knowledge refers to knowledge that can be easily articulated, codified, and communicated in a formal, structured manner. It encompasses tangible forms of knowledge, such as facts, data, written documents, manuals, and guidelines, which can be readily shared and disseminated. Scientific theories, procedural guidelines, and mathematical equations are examples of explicit knowledge that can be easily communicated and understood by others.

Expanding upon Polanyi's framework, Dorothy Leonard-Barton (1995) introduced another dimension to the classification of knowledge, distinguishing between individual and organisational knowledge. Individual knowledge pertains to the knowledge possessed by individual members within an organisation, encompassing their personal experiences, skills, expertise, and insights. This type of knowledge is often tacit in nature, residing in the minds of individuals and shaped by their unique backgrounds and perspectives. While individual knowledge can be harnessed and shared, it remains closely tied to the unique attributes of each person, making it inherently personal and subjective. Organisational knowledge, on the other hand, refers to the collective knowledge within an organisation, encompassing both explicit and tacit knowledge shared among its members. It includes documented procedures, manuals, databases, and other explicit forms of knowledge, as well as shared practices, norms, and values embedded in the organisation's culture. Organisational knowledge represents the cumulative intelligence, capabilities, and experiences of the entire organisation, transcending individual boundaries and contributing to its overall effectiveness and resilience.

These classifications offer a nuanced understanding of the diverse forms and dimensions of knowledge, highlighting the intricate interplay between tacit and explicit knowledge at both individual and organisational levels. Recognizing these distinctions is crucial for effective knowledge management practices, as it informs strategies for capturing, sharing, and leveraging knowledge within organisations. By leveraging both individual and organisational knowledge effectively, organisations can enhance their innovation, decision-making processes, and overall performance in an increasingly complex and dynamic environment.

The findings of the study on factors influencing knowledge management practice and organisational performance among public industries in Libya offer valuable insights into the dynamics shaping this context. Organisational culture emerged as an essential factor influencing knowledge management practices and subsequent organisational performance. The study underscored the significance of organisational culture in shaping attitudes toward knowledge sharing, collaboration, and learning within the organisation. A positive organisational culture that values and promotes knowledge sharing creates an environment conducive to effective knowledge management practices. Conversely, a negative or hierarchical culture may impede knowledge sharing and hinder organisational performance.

Leadership also emerged as a critical determinant of knowledge management practices and organisational performance. Effective leadership is essential in setting the tone for knowledge management initiatives, providing direction, and fostering a supportive environment for knowledge sharing and innovation. Leaders who prioritize knowledge management, allocate resources, and actively participate in knowledge sharing activities can significantly impact organisational performance positively.

Moreover, the study highlighted the importance of technology availability and utilisation in influencing knowledge management practices and organisational performance. In today's digital age, technology plays a vital role in facilitating knowledge sharing, collaboration, and access to information within organisations. Investments in technology infrastructure, such as knowledge management systems, collaboration platforms, and data analytics tools, can enhance knowledge management practices and contribute to improved organisational performance.

The study's findings underscore the interconnectedness of organisational culture, leadership, and technology in shaping knowledge management practices and organisational performance. A positive organisational culture, supported by effective leadership and enabled by technology, creates an environment where knowledge sharing flourishes, innovation thrives, and organisational goals are achieved. Based on these insights, several recommendations can be proposed to enhance knowledge management practices and organisational performance in public industries in Libya. Firstly, organisations should prioritize fostering a positive organisational culture that values and promotes knowledge sharing. This can be achieved through initiatives such as leadership training, cultural change programs, and recognition systems that incentivize knowledge sharing behaviours. Secondly, organisations should invest in developing leadership capabilities that prioritize knowledge management and create an enabling environment for knowledge sharing and innovation. Leadership development programs, mentoring initiatives, and regular communication channels can help cultivate a culture of knowledge sharing and collaboration among leaders and employees. Thirdly, organisations should leverage technology to facilitate knowledge sharing, collaboration, and access to information. Investments in technology infrastructure should be aligned with organisational goals and tailored to meet the specific needs of employees. Training programs and user-friendly interfaces can help maximize technology adoption and usage among employees.

Overall, the findings of the study highlight the importance of organisational culture, leadership, and technology in driving effective knowledge management practices and improving organisational performance. By addressing these factors and implementing the recommended strategies, public industries in Libya can enhance their ability to leverage knowledge as a strategic asset and achieve sustainable competitive advantage in today's dynamic business environment. In addition to organisational culture, leadership, and technology, the study emphasized the critical role of human resources in driving knowledge management practices and organisational performance. Skilled and motivated employees who are encouraged to share their knowledge, expertise, and best practices contribute significantly to organisational learning and innovation. Training and development programs that equip employees with the necessary skills and capabilities for knowledge management further enhance organisational performance. By investing in the continuous development of human capital, organisations can create a workforce that is not only proficient in their roles but also actively engaged in knowledge sharing and collaborative problem-solving.

Furthermore, organisational structure and processes were identified as influential factors in shaping knowledge management practices and organisational performance. A flexible and adaptive organisational structure that facilitates communication, collaboration, and knowledge sharing across departments and hierarchical levels can enhance knowledge management effectiveness. Streamlined processes for capturing, storing, and disseminating knowledge contribute to improved organisational performance by ensuring that valuable insights are readily accessible to those who need them. By optimizing organisational structures and processes to support knowledge management initiatives, organisations can create an environment that fosters innovation and continuous improvement.

Additionally, the study highlighted the impact of external factors such as regulatory environment, industry competition, and market dynamics on knowledge management practices and organisational performance. Organisations operating in highly regulated industries or facing intense competition may need to adapt their knowledge management strategies accordingly to remain competitive and achieve superior performance. By staying abreast of changes in the external environment and proactively adjusting their knowledge management practices, organisations can position themselves for success in dynamic market conditions.

Overall, the findings suggest that a holistic approach that considers multiple factors is essential for effective knowledge management practices and improved organisational performance among public industries in Libya. By addressing organisational culture, leadership, technology, human resources, organisational structure, processes, and external environment comprehensively, organisations can create a conducive environment for knowledge sharing, innovation, and continuous improvement. By leveraging their knowledge assets effectively, organisations can enhance their performance and achieve sustainable competitive advantage in today's rapidly evolving business landscape.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the study on factors affecting knowledge management practice on organisational performance among public industries in Libya provides valuable insights into the complex interplay between various factors and their impact on organisational effectiveness. Through a comprehensive analysis of organisational culture, leadership, technology, human resources, organisational structure, processes, and external environment, several key insights have emerged.

Firstly, organisational culture emerged as a significant determinant of knowledge management practices and organisational performance. A positive organisational culture that values and promotes knowledge sharing fosters an environment conducive to innovation, learning, and collaboration. Conversely, a negative or hierarchical culture may impede knowledge sharing efforts and hinder organisational performance. Secondly, effective leadership plays a crucial role in setting the tone for knowledge management initiatives and fostering a supportive environment for knowledge sharing and innovation. Leaders who prioritize knowledge management, allocate resources, and actively participate in knowledge sharing activities can significantly influence organisational performance positively.

Furthermore, the availability and utilisation of technology have been recognized as essential enablers of knowledge management practices and organisational performance. Investments in technology infrastructure, such as knowledge management systems and collaboration platforms, facilitate knowledge sharing, access to information, and decision-making, contributing to improved organisational effectiveness. Additionally, human resources have emerged as key drivers of knowledge management practices and organisational performance. Skilled and motivated employees who are encouraged to share their knowledge, expertise, and best practices contribute significantly to organisational learning and innovation. Training and development programs further enhance the capabilities of employees, supporting knowledge management initiatives.

Moreover, organisational structure and processes have been found to influence knowledge management effectiveness and organisational performance. A flexible and adaptive organisational structure that promotes communication, collaboration, and knowledge sharing across departments and hierarchical levels enhances organisational agility and responsiveness. Streamlined processes for capturing, storing, and disseminating knowledge contribute to improved organisational performance. Lastly, external factors such as regulatory environment, industry competition, and market dynamics have been identified as important considerations for knowledge management practices and organisational performance. Organisations operating in highly regulated industries or facing intense competition may need to adapt their knowledge management strategies accordingly to remain competitive and achieve superior performance.

In conclusion, a holistic approach that considers multiple factors, including organisational culture, leadership, technology, human resources, organisational structure, processes, and external environment, is essential for effective knowledge management practices and improved organisational performance among public industries in Libya. By addressing these factors comprehensively, organisations can create a conducive environment for knowledge sharing, innovation, and continuous improvement, ultimately leading to enhanced performance and sustainable competitive advantage

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