

Influence of Employees' Willingness to Comply with OSHA Regulations on organisational Performance at Twiga Cement Limited in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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Abstract: *The study found that examined of the influence "there is" employees' willingness to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations on organisational performance. The study utilised a positivist research philosophy, adopting a quantitative approach to objectively analyse the relationship between OSHA compliance and organisational performance. An explanatory research design was chosen, and a sample size of 167 employees was selected through random sampling. Primary data were collected using structured questionnaires. The study applied descriptive statistics analysis to solve the problem. The study found that employees' willingness to comply with OSHA regulations, their awareness of safety issues, and the effective execution of legislation significantly influence organisational performance at Twiga Cement. Employees who are more willing to follow safety protocols and are aware of the benefits of compliance contribute to a safer work environment, which in turn enhances organisational productivity. Additionally, the study highlighted that the nature of how OSHA regulations are implemented through clear communication and consistent enforcement plays a crucial role in ensuring compliance and improving performance. The study concludes that fostering employee willingness, enhancing safety awareness, and ensuring robust enforcement of safety regulations are critical for improving organisational performance and achieving workplace safety goals. The study recommends enhancing employees' safety awareness, improving the communication of OSHA regulations, strengthening compliance enforcement, and continuously evaluating the execution of safety legislation to boost organisational performance at Twiga Cement Limited.*

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1. Introduction

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is an important initiative in various countries or jurisdictions, serving as the regulatory body responsible for ensuring safe and healthy working conditions for employees in workplaces (Van Loo, 2018). OSHA's goal is to safeguard the health and safety of both male and female workers by setting standards and providing training, outreach, education, and assistance (Levine et al., 2022). OSHA operates within a framework of rules, regulations, laws, and procedures designed to ensure compliance by entities across different sectors (Pelley, 2018). These regulations apply to both public and private entities and establish rights and responsibilities for both employers and employees, aiming to promote workplace safety, health, and well-being (Barstow, 2023). Employers are responsible for providing a safe work environment at all times, tailored to the specific activities of their organisation. Legally, employers are required to ensure that employees are provided with working conditions that minimise risks, adhering to all safety and

health standards outlined in legal frameworks (Johnson, 2020). They are obligated to identify and rectify any situations or hazards that could endanger health and safety in the workplace. This means that employers must address safety and health shortcomings by making necessary changes rather than solely relying on protective equipment (Mitchell, 2020).

Employers are also responsible for informing workers about the risks associated with their jobs, including hazards related to chemicals, through labels, training, alarms, and other necessary means (Hill & Finster, 2019). Additionally, they must ensure the adequate provision of protective gear, maintain accurate records of workplace injuries and illnesses, clearly communicate employees' rights and safety laws, and take other necessary actions to ensure a safe environment (Levine et al., 2022). On the other hand, employees have the right to work in environments that expose them to minimal or no safety and health risks. Employees also have the right to file complaints with OSHA, prompting inspections to

ensure their safety and well-being. Practitioners have the right to receive training and information related to safety and health at workplaces, access copies of their medical records, file complaints with OSHA if they face discrimination or other unfair practices, participate in OSHA inspections, and speak privately with inspectors, among other rights (Maxwell, 2021). In this context, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) focuses on setting health and safety standards in workplaces across all sectors (Ibid). This approach applies in both developed and developing countries.

In the United States, the Department of Labor oversees OSHA, which is the regulatory agency with federal authority to inspect and examine workplaces, ensuring safety and health for both men and women in all sectors (Koop, 2020). Similarly, in Great Britain, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) serves as the national regulator for workplace health and safety (Ibid). The HSE aims to eliminate workplace injuries, illness, and fatalities, promoting the health and well-being of the workforce. In China, the State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS) is responsible for overseeing workplace safety and health in the country (Van Loo, 2018). In Bangladesh, the Labour Act regulates occupational safety and health (OSH), outlining the responsibilities of employers, employees, and labour inspectors in ensuring workplace safety (Hill & Finster, 2019). The National Occupational Safety and Health Policy of 2013 further details the duties of each group in this regard. In South Africa, the Occupational Safety and Health Act 85 of 1993 regulates workplace safety and health in all sectors, from offices to hazardous industrial sites and construction areas (Johnson, 2020). The regulations apply to entities across various sectors, including the cement industry, which is critical for workplace safety due to the manufacturing processes involved (Barnard, 2024). Many entities in the cement industry also engage in mining, as raw materials like limestone are extracted for production (Cao et al., 2020). Workers in this sector are exposed to hazardous substances, chemicals, and operations that present significant safety and health risks. As a result, some employees suffer serious injuries, health problems, and fatalities due to accidents, highlighting the need for effective occupational safety and health administration in these sectors (Rodgers, 2018).

Tanzania, in particular, has a thriving cement sector with approximately thirteen manufacturing organisations involved in cement production (Wairagala, 2019). These entities vary in size, with Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited (TPCC) being the largest. Other significant entities in the sector include Dangote, Lake Cement, Tanga Cement, Mbeya Cement, Mtwara Cement, and Huaxin Cement. These manufacturing entities expose their workforce to working conditions that pose significant safety and health risks, underscoring the need for robust OSHA interventions to ensure safety and well-being in the sector (Calver, 2020). In Tanzania, the Occupational Safety and Health Authority (OSHA), located in Dar es Salaam, is tasked with overseeing workplace safety and health, guided by the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 2003 (Harper, 2020). The authority has two main sections: one focuses on health issues, while the other addresses safety concerns. OSHA's oversight extends to all workplaces, including the cement industry, to ensure compliance with safety and health standards (Edwin, 2019).

Despite OSHA's presence, controversies persist in the cement sector regarding safety and health concerns. Many workers experience injuries, health effects, and fatalities, with many incidents going unreported or inadequately covered by the organisations (Calver, 2020). Injured employees are often partially compensated, leaving them to suffer long-term consequences without adequate support. Many workers are not linked to compensation funds or other legal mechanisms that would provide lifelong coverage for their injuries (Skinner, 2020). Furthermore, the implementation of occupational health and safety legislation is weak, and the legal framework does not effectively protect workers. The reality is that occupational health and safety laws do not fully cover many employees in the cement industry and do not have access to the necessary services (Calver, 2020). This issue is compounded by employers' reluctance to comply with safety and health regulations to avoid costs and liability. Moreover, a lack of awareness among workers about their rights to health and safety protection enables employers to exploit the situation for their benefit (Edwin, 2019). This situation persists in Tanzania, particularly in the cement industry, highlighting the need for further intervention. Therefore, this study aims to address these concerns within the Tanzanian context.

2. Statement of the Problem

Compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) regulations in the cement industry in Tanzania is very low, leading to significant contradictions regarding the safety and well-being of employees in the sector (Calver, 2020). This situation is attributed to several factors, including the limited willingness of employers to comply, a lack of awareness among employees about their health and safety rights at the workplace, and weak implementation of the relevant legislation (Edwin, 2019).

Despite these challenges, the government of Tanzania has implemented measures to address the situation, including establishing a clear legal framework for occupational health and safety that mandates compliance from all entities, including those in the cement sector (Calver, 2020). Entities that fail to comply face legal consequences. However, compliance remains a challenge, and occupational health and safety concerns continue to persist in the sector (Ibid). Given this context, it remains unclear whether the underlying issues are primarily driven by the factors mentioned within the Tanzanian environment.

This highlights the need for further research in this area, as numerous studies have been conducted on various aspects of the cement industry in Tanzania, including its contribution to the economy (Mangesho, 2022) and sustainable development (Haule, 2022). However, both of these studies, among others, have recommended further inquiry into compliance with occupational health and safety regulations, as it remains a critical issue. Several key issues contribute to this problem: limited willingness among employees and employers to fully comply, insufficient awareness of OSH standards, and inadequate enforcement of legislation. The resulting safety gaps pose substantial risks in high-hazard industries like cement manufacturing, making it essential to investigate the underlying factors affecting OSH compliance and performance, providing insights that could inform targeted improvements in OSH enforcement and employee safety culture

within Tanzania's cement sector. This indicates a gap in existing research that needs to be addressed.

3. Institutional theory

This paper utilises institutional theory to understand the sociological and organisational theories that were developed by William Richard Scott in 1995. The theory suggests that entities, organisations and social settings are well established by the social structures that assure the existence, prosperity, and well-being as well as sustainability of the organisation and or social setting (Scott, 2004). The social structures comprise established rules, regulations, laws and procedures that assure the well-being, existence and continuity of the organisation. This is essential since it fosters the realisation of the activity(s), organisation, and all that needs to be realised pertaining to the social settings are positively facilitated by the established and existing social structures that tend to determine the outcome and well-being of the settings (Scott, 2008). This is the reality since sustainability, continuity and well-being of the organisation or social setting tend to be facilitated by the established and existing social structures, which are rules, regulations, laws and procedures (Marquis & Tilcsik, 2016).

The theory is essential for the study because it describes the usefulness of social structures in ensuring the realisation of the expected goals and objectives that need to be attained (Kraft & Furlong, 2007). This is attributed to the fact that the existing social structures tend to foster influence and compliance since they comprise the rule of human conduct in the organisation that assures the attainment of the submission and or order fulfilment, respectively, in the course of the conduct of the activities for that matter (Scott, 1995).

The theory has been criticised on the grounds that it focuses on the analysis of social phenomena based on social structures alone, such as rules, regulations, procedures, and laws (DiMaggio & Powell, 1991). This entails that the pattern of analysis regarding social settings and phenomena cannot be analysed outside the parameters of social structures that have failed to take into account and or consider other aspects pertaining to the analysis towards social settings like entities, organisations and others.

The theory is connected to the study on the ground that compliance towards Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) by entities in the cement industry towards performance in Tanzania has been and still is very poor. This is the case because the regulatory framework governing the occupational, safety, and health authority in Tanzania constitutes shortcomings that automatically affect the willingness to comply with the employees and their awareness level. This fosters the need to envisage further in the area with the aim of determining the outcome pertaining to the situation at hand.

4. Methodology

The paper is based on the study conducted at Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited (TPCC) in Dar es Salaam. The company is popularly known for its brand name, Twiga Cement. This site was selected due to its status as the largest cement producer in Tanzania, making it a key player in the industry. As such, TPCC provides a comprehensive setting for gathering adequate and reliable data. The company's large scale and

operational significance within the Tanzanian cement sector make it an ideal context for investigating issues related to occupational health and safety (OSHA) compliance, as well as organisational performance. The study targeted employees, including both contracted and part-time practitioners, working at Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited (TPCC). The focus was on individuals actively involved in various roles across different sections, units, and departments of the organisation. The employee population, as of the latest statistics in 2023, consisted of 285 individuals. From this group, the sample size was determined to ensure the collection of data that would contribute to filling the identified knowledge gap.

The rationale behind selecting this population stems from the fact that TPCC employs a significant number of individuals, including part-time workers. Since part-time employees make up a substantial portion of the workforce, their inclusion was critical for ensuring that the study captured a comprehensive and representative sample. The sample size was carefully drawn from the actual employees of the company, particularly those engaged in essential duties across various departments. This approach was deemed necessary to obtain reliable and valid data, as it ensured that the study's findings would be based on insights from individuals directly involved in the company's operations. By selecting this workforce, the study aimed to generate data that would provide meaningful and applicable results for understanding occupational health and safety practices at TPCC.

A research approach encompasses the framework chosen by the researcher to ensure the process of knowledge creation aligns with the study's goals (Kumar, 2019). The study adopted a quantitative research approach, which involved the use of structured instruments like questionnaires to collect numerical data. This approach was selected to allow for the examination of the extent of the problem and to quantify the relationships between variables. By applying a quantitative method, the study was able to collect objective data that could be analysed statistically to assess patterns and correlations, providing clear, measurable insights into the research questions. The choice of a quantitative approach was crucial due to the need for precision and generalizability. With this approach, the researcher was able to collect data from a large sample, which supported the aim of assessing the breadth of the issue at hand. The use of questionnaires allowed for consistency in data collection, ensuring that each respondent answered the same set of questions, thus enhancing the reliability and validity of the findings. This approach also allowed the researcher to test hypotheses and make data-driven conclusions based on statistical analysis, which is consistent with the goals of the study to generate factual and generalisable insights.

The quantitative approach was deemed necessary for its ability to provide a comprehensive overview of the problem by measuring its prevalence and impact across the target population. By focusing on numerical data, the study ensured that the findings were based on objective evidence, making the results more robust and less susceptible to bias. The study employed an explanatory research design, as it aimed to gather information to address the identified research gap (Creswell, 2014). Explanatory research design is particularly suitable when the objective is to understand causal relationships between variables, which aligns with the study's focus on testing the relationships between different factors. This design

enables the researcher to explore how changes in one variable might lead to changes in another, thus providing insights into the cause-and-effect dynamics at play.

The study's need to establish clear connections between the independent and dependent variables drove the decision to use an explanatory design. The study could directly test hypotheses and provide a deeper understanding of the underlying mechanisms that drive the observed outcomes by employing a causal approach. Explanatory research design is valuable because it allows the researcher to go beyond merely identifying relationships and explain why and how these relationships exist (Saunders et al., 2019).

Through this design, the study aims to provide concrete evidence of causality, which is essential for developing practical recommendations and solutions to the research problem. This approach also ensures that the study's findings are grounded in systematic analysis and empirical evidence, making them reliable and applicable to real-world scenarios.

Sample size refers to the subset of the population selected for data collection, representing the individuals whose responses are relevant to addressing the research problem (Creswell & Creswell, 2017). For this study, a sample size of 167 respondents was chosen. This sample size was determined using Yamane's formula, which helps calculate an appropriate sample size for a population, ensuring that the data collected is both reliable and representative of the larger population. This method of sample size determination is widely used in research to ensure statistical validity and the generalizability of the results to the broader population.

The study sample size was selected using a random sampling technique, given the large number of respondents spread across various units and sections within the selected organisation. This method is appropriate as it ensures that each member of the population has an equal chance of being selected, thereby providing a diverse and representative sample. Random sampling is particularly useful in situations where the population is large, as it helps eliminate bias and ensures the reliability of the data collected, which is critical for filling the identified knowledge gap in the study (Creswell & Creswell, 2017; Saunders et al., 2019). By using this technique, the study aimed to gather accurate and unbiased information from a wide range of employees, enhancing the generalizability of the findings to the broader population.

The study employed primary data to fill the identified knowledge gap and examine causal relationships between the variables. Structured questionnaires were used as the primary data collection instrument because the study required measurable and quantifiable data. This approach was deemed appropriate, as structured questionnaires were designed with specific sets of measurements for the study's variables. These questionnaires enabled the collection of standardised data, facilitating easier analysis and the drawing of conclusions (Creswell & Creswell, 2017).

The questionnaires incorporated Likert scale measurements, which ranged from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree" on a five-point scale. This measurement approach was selected to assess attitudes, perceptions, and opinions related to the study's key variables, a method commonly used in social science research (Saunders et al., 2019). Data were gathered from employees of Tanzania Portland

Cement Company Limited (TPCC), as they were directly involved in practices relevant to the study's focus.

The structured questionnaires were distributed to the selected sample using a random sampling technique, ensuring the data collected were representative of the larger workforce. This approach facilitated systematic data collection, allowing for clear comparisons and statistical analysis of responses. The Likert scale measurements enabled the researcher to quantify respondents' opinions and attitudes, providing a solid foundation for addressing the research problem and testing hypotheses. The data collected from the field were quantitatively organised and analysed using IBM SPSS Statistics 25.0. This software allowed for the application of significant statistical tests to generate the necessary measurements for addressing the knowledge gap identified in the study. Descriptive statistics were used to summarise the characteristics of the respondents, providing an overview of the sample population's demographics and other relevant attributes.

Additionally, correlation and multiple regression analyses were conducted to test the causal relationships between the study's variables. These analyses enabled the researcher to assess the strength and direction of relationships between independent and dependent variables, providing a deeper understanding of how the identified factors interact. The results of these analyses were crucial in ensuring that the knowledge gap was effectively filled by offering insights into the impact of specific variables on the study's outcomes (Hair et al., 2019; Field, 2018). Through these methods, the study was able to provide statistically valid conclusions that contributed to addressing the research problem.

Validity was a crucial aspect of the study, ensuring that the research accurately measured the intended variables and reflected the underlying concepts. According to Sürücü and Maslakci (2020), validity refers to the extent to which an investigation accurately represents the concept being measured. In the context of this study, validity was essential to ensure that the conclusions drawn from the data collection process were both accurate and relevant.

Several measures were implemented throughout the study to ensure validity. First, a rigorous methodology was followed in data collection and analysis, adhering to established standards and best practices in research design. The structured questionnaires used as the primary data collection instrument were validated through a pilot study, which helped refine the questions and ensure they accurately captured the information needed to address the research problem (Creswell & Creswell, 2017). The use of established and reliable instruments, such as the Likert scale within the questionnaires, further contributed to enhancing the validity of the data.

Moreover, efforts were made to ensure the representativeness and diversity of the sample population. Given the large workforce at Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited, the sample was selected to reflect a broad cross-section of employees across various departments and roles. This approach helped ensure that the findings were not biased by a particular subgroup within the company, thus increasing the generalizability of the study's results.

To further enhance validity, the study employed triangulation. By combining quantitative data from the surveys with statistical analysis and corroborating these findings with qualitative insights

from employee interviews, the researcher was able to cross-check the results. This triangulation of data sources and methods strengthened the credibility and reliability of the findings, making the study’s conclusions more robust and well-supported by multiple forms of evidence (Flick, 2018; Saunders et al., 2019).

Reliability was an essential aspect of the study, ensuring that the measurement instruments consistently produced stable and dependable results over time, even when the underlying concept remained unchanged. According to Rezapour (2020), reliability refers to the dependability of the measures used in the study. In this research, steps were taken to ensure that the data collection process was consistent and that the results could be replicated across different participants and settings.

To achieve this, standardised procedures were implemented throughout the data collection process. Clear instructions were provided to the respondents, ensuring they understood the purpose of the survey and the importance of providing accurate responses. Additionally, uniform data collection tools, such as structured questionnaires, were used across all participants, minimising variability in how questions were asked and ensuring consistency in the data gathered (Creswell & Creswell, 2017). The data collectors were trained rigorously to ensure they administered the instruments uniformly, further reducing potential sources of error.

To enhance the reliability of the findings, established measurement scales were employed in the study, particularly the Likert scale, which is widely recognised for its ability to produce reliable and consistent data (Saris & Gallhofer, 2014). The instruments used in the study were validated during the pilot phase, which helped ensure that they consistently measured the intended constructs. This step was crucial in maintaining the dependability of the data.

The data analysis was conducted meticulously using appropriate statistical techniques, such as correlation and regression analysis, following established procedures for analysing quantitative data. This ensured that the results were accurate and consistent, minimising errors in interpretation and enhancing the reliability of the study’s conclusions (Field, 2018).

Finally, the entire research process was thoroughly documented, providing a detailed description of the procedures, data collection methods, and analytical techniques employed. This documentation enhanced the transparency of the research and facilitated the potential replication of the study's findings, a key aspect of reliability (Saunders et al., 2019). By adhering to these rigorous principles, the study ensured that the results were reliable and could be trusted to reflect the true relationships between the variables under investigation.

Ethical considerations were a key focus throughout the study, ensuring the protection and rights of all participants. Informed consent was obtained from every participant, ensuring they were fully aware of the study's purpose, their role, and any potential risks or benefits involved (Kumar, 2019). Participants were clearly informed of their right to withdraw from the study at any time without facing any negative consequences, safeguarding their autonomy.

Confidentiality and anonymity were strictly upheld, with all personal data anonymised and securely stored to protect the privacy of participants. These measures were in line with ethical

guidelines to ensure that participants' identities were not disclosed without their consent (Creswell, 2014).

The study adhered to all ethical guidelines set by the relevant institutional review boards or ethics committees, ensuring compliance with established standards and safeguarding the welfare of participants. Furthermore, any potential conflicts of interest or biases were disclosed transparently, and steps were taken to manage these effectively, maintaining the integrity of the research process (Saunders et al., 2019).

5. Results and Discussion

Table 1: Respondents Demographic characteristics

| Demographic Characteristic | Category | Frequency (n) | Percentage |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| Sex | Male | 105 | 62.9 |
| | Female | 62 | 37.1 |
| Highest Level of Education | Primary School | 15 | 9.0 |
| | Secondary School | 22 | 13.2 |
| | Diploma Holder | 72 | 43.1 |
| | Bachelor’s Degree | 58 | 34.7 |
| | Master’s Degree | 15 | 9.0 |
| | Other | - | - |
| Age Group | 18-30 years | 54 | 32.3 |
| | 31-45 years | 78 | 46.7 |
| | 45-60 years | 35 | 21.0 |
| | > 60 years | - | - |
| Length of Service | < 3 years | 30 | 18.0 |
| | 3 – 9 years | 80 | 47.9 |
| | 10 – 20 years | 50 | 29.9 |
| | > 20 years | 7 | 4.2 |

Source: Field Data (2024)

5.1 Demographic Features

5.1.1 Age

Table 1 above presents results on the age distribution of respondents, showing that the majority of the workforce falls

within the 31-45 years age group (46.7%), which is typically considered the prime working age. This is followed by the 18-30 years group (32.3%), indicating a young and dynamic workforce. Notably, there are no respondents older than 60 years, which might reflect retirement patterns or the company's hiring practices for senior employees.

5.1.2 Sex

Table 1 above presents results in terms of sex distribution among the respondents. From the table, it shows that the majority of respondents are male, representing 62.9% of the sample, while females account for 37.1%. This indicates that TPCC’s workforce is predominantly male, which may reflect broader industry trends or the specific nature of the roles surveyed.

5.1.3 Experience

In terms of length of service, Table 1 presents results showing that most respondents have been with TPCC for 3 to 9 years (47.9%), suggesting a moderately stable workforce with significant experience within the company. Another 29.9% have between 10 to 20 years of service, reflecting a group of experienced employees. A smaller percentage of respondents (18.0%) have been employed for less than 3 years, which could indicate recent hires or turnover. Only 4.2% of respondents have worked at TPCC for over 20 years, which may point to a lower retention rate among senior employees.

5.1.4 Level of education

From Table 1 above, the distribution of respondents per their level of education is considered an important angle to understand the dynamics of the research findings. The educational background of respondents reveals a diverse range of qualifications. Most of the respondents hold a diploma (43.1%) or a bachelor’s degree (34.7%), demonstrating a relatively well-educated workforce. However, there is still a portion of employees with lower educational levels, with 9.0% having completed only primary school and 13.2% having secondary school education. This suggests that the workforce at TPCC includes individuals with both higher education and those in roles that may not require advanced qualifications.

Overall, these demographic characteristics suggest a workforce that is predominantly male, well-educated, and relatively experienced, with a significant number of younger employees and moderate turnover over the years. These factors provide an important context for understanding the broader organisational dynamics and safety practices at TPCC.

5.2 Influence of employees' willingness to comply with OSHA

The first objective was to examine the influence of employees' willingness to comply with OSHA regulations on organisational performance at Twiga Cement Limited in Dar es Salaam. This was done using descriptive statistics and inferential statistics comprising of correlation and regression analysis with the findings as shown hereunder, and the rating scale used in the descriptive statistics is as illustrated below.

Table 2: Rating scale

| Mean Score | Response |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 4.5-5.0 | Highest level of willingness |
| 3.5-4.4 | High level of willingness |
| 2.5-3.4 | Moderate level |
| 1.5-2.4 | Low level |
| 1.0-1.4 | Very low level |

Source: Researcher (2024)

Table 2 shows that the mean score ranges were assigned corresponding ratings, with scores from 1.00 to 1.1.4 classified as "very low level," 1.5 to 2.4 as "low level," 2.5 to 3.4 as "moderate level," 3.5 to 4.4 as "High level of willingness," and 4.5 to 5.00 as "Highest level of willingness." This structured rating scale enabled an efficient interpretation of respondent feedback based on average ratings.

Additionally, the standard deviation was employed in this study to assess the variability of responses across the data. A standard deviation greater than 2 signified a wide range of opinions among respondents, indicating less consensus on certain questions. Conversely, a standard deviation below 2 pointed to a higher level of consistency, suggesting that respondents had more aligned views. This measure of variability helped identify areas where opinions diverged and where responses were relatively uniform. Descriptive statistics summarising these findings are presented in Table 3, providing a detailed breakdown of response trends across the different factors analysed.

Furthermore, the respondents were asked to state their perceptions with regards to the influence of employees' willingness to comply with OSHA regulations on organizational performance at Twiga Cement Limited in Dar es Salaam which gave rise to the below descriptive statistics.

Table 3: Descriptive Statistics for Employees' Willingness to Comply with OSHA

| Statement | Mean | Std. Deviation |
|--|------|----------------|
| 1. I understand the importance of OSHA regulations in maintaining workplace safety and productivity. | 4.30 | 0.75 |
| 2. I am motivated to comply with OSHA regulations to improve the performance of our organization. | 4.10 | 0.85 |
| 3. Following OSHA guidelines has a positive impact on our team's overall efficiency. | 4.25 | 0.70 |
| 4. I believe that complying with OSHA standards can reduce workplace accidents and downtime. | 4.40 | 0.65 |

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|---|------|------|
| 5. My compliance with OSHA regulations helps to improve productivity and quality of work. | 4.15 | 0.80 |
| 6. Management's support for OSHA compliance encourages me to follow these regulations consistently. | 4.20 | 0.78 |
| 7. I am willing to participate in OSHA programs and training because it leads to better organisational performance. | 4.35 | 0.72 |
| 8. Regular training on OSHA regulations motivates me to apply safety practices in my daily tasks. | 4.18 | 0.81 |

The descriptive statistics in Table 3 illustrate respondents' perceptions of how employees' willingness to comply with OSHA regulations influences organisational performance at Twiga Cement Limited in Dar es Salaam. This table provides insights into employee attitudes toward OSHA compliance, highlighting key factors such as motivation, management support, and the perceived impact of safety standards on productivity and workplace safety.

5.2.1 Understanding the Importance of OSHA regulations in maintaining workplace safety and productivity

Table 3 presents the results of the importance of OSHA regulations. The high mean score of 4.30 indicates that employees understand about the importance of maintaining OSHA regulations relevant to their specific roles at Twiga Cement. This suggests that the company has implemented effective communication channels and resources to ensure employees understand safety standards and their responsibilities. The low standard deviation of 0.75 reflects minimal variation in responses, demonstrating that this understanding is uniformly distributed among employees. This strong foundational knowledge likely enables employees to adhere to safety protocols effectively, reducing the risk of accidents and enhancing overall organisational performance. By understanding the importance of OSHA regulations, the employees are inclined to be more willing to engage in the safety measures set by Twiga Cement to enhance productivity.

5.2.2 Motivated to comply with OSHA regulations to improve the performance of the organisation

Table 3 presents the results of motivation in complying with OSHA regulations. The mean score of 4.10 shows that employees perceive the motivation for compliance to improve performance is slightly high. Motivation is essential for compliance because it shows the individual acceptance that they are part of the organisation and that their individual performance affects the entire operation. The individual motivation towards compliance towards OSHA for the performance of the organization indicates that the individual efforts are recognised and that the employees benefit from being compliant in the form of recognition. However, the standard deviation of 0.85, slightly higher than in other responses, suggests that not all employees feel equally motivated by the

compliance of OSHA. This could point to inconsistencies in the recognition or relevance of compliance to different job roles. To address this, Twiga Cement might consider customising rewards and recognising the employees who put more effort into OSHA compliance.

5.2.3 Adherence to OSHA guidelines has a positive impact on our team's overall efficiency

Table 3 presents the results of the extent of adherence to OSHA guidelines. A mean score of 4.25 highlights that employees recognise the positive impact of OSHA compliance on their teamwork performance. The OSHA regulations help employees perform their duties more safely and efficiently, fostering a culture of accountability and professionalism. The low standard deviation of 0.70 indicates a consistent agreement among respondents, showing that this impact is widely acknowledged across the organisation. This suggests that as an individual or team, the OSHA Guidelines and initiatives are not only enhancing safety but also contributing to operational excellence, which directly supports organisational goals.

5.2.4 Compliance with OSHA standards reduce workplace accidents and downtime

Table 3 presents the results of compliance with OSHA standards. The mean score of 4.40, the highest in this section, indicates that employees perceive compliance with the set OSHA policies and safety procedures to reduce the risk of accidents and mistakes at work. The low standard deviation of 0.65 suggests uniformity in this perception, indicating that employees across all levels and departments benefit from compliance with OSHA standards. This strong consensus indicates that employees see a clear link between OSHA compliance and the reduction of workplace incidents, suggesting that safety practices are valued for their potential to enhance operational continuity.

5.2.5 Compliance with OSHA regulations helps to improve productivity and quality of work

Table 3 presents the results of compliance with OSHA regulations. The mean score of 4.15 reflects a good understanding among employees regarding the relationship between OSHA standards compliance and Quality of work. This understanding is likely a result of effective training and communication from the company. The standard deviation of 0.80, while slightly higher than for other questions, suggests that some employees may not fully grasp the implications of non-compliance in the quality of work and productivity, potentially due to differences in training or exposure to compliance scenarios. Enhancing this understanding through real-life case studies or practical examples could help reinforce the importance of compliance across all levels.

5.2.6 Management's support for OSHA compliance with regulations

Table 3 presents the results of the level of management support for OSHA compliance. A mean score of 4.20 shows that employees recognise the significant role of management and leadership in

consistently encouraging compliance with OSHA regulations. This indicates that employees are under management and are actively involved in applying their understanding of regulations to identify risks, follow protocols, and promote safety at the workplace. The standard deviation of 0.78 suggests that while the majority of employees feel that management support plays a significant role in encouraging compliance, there is room for more to be done by the leadership and management. Additional inclusivity of management in OSHA programs could further strengthen employees' willingness to consistently comply with workplace safety.

5.2.7 Willingness to participate in OSHA programs and training to improve organisational performance

Table 3 presents the results of willingness to participate in OSHA programs. The mean score of 4.35 reflects that employees are willing to participate in different trainings and OSHA programs so as to improve their efficiency at work, which will lead to an improvement in organisational performance. This indicates that the organisation has given priority to this safe culture, allowing the employees to find the importance of compliance towards OSHA as vital in personal performance improvement as well as the organisation. The relatively low standard deviation of 0.72 shows that this perception is widely shared across the organisation, suggesting that the safety training and awareness programs are uniformly effective. Encouraging employees to share their hazard mitigation experiences could further strengthen peer learning and safety practices.

5.2.8 Effectiveness of training on OSHA regulations and safety practices

Table 3 presents the results of the effectiveness of training on OSHA regulations. The mean score of 4.18 indicates that most employees believe that through training, they are more motivated to apply safety practices in daily tasks, showcasing the importance of regular training in enhancing efficiency in OSHA compliance. The regular training might include implementing training in emergency safety procedures, ensuring regular drills, and visibly engaging in safety initiatives. However, the standard deviation of 0.81, which is one of the highest in this section, suggests variability in responses. This could imply differences in the perceived level of importance of regular training across departments or roles. To address this, management could increase visibility and consistency in their efforts to promote safety compliance across all units.

Overall, the descriptive statistics reveal a generally positive perception of OSHA-related practices at Twiga Cement. High mean scores across all questions reflect the organisation's effective strategies in promoting employee personal willingness, training, and compliance. However, slightly higher standard deviations in certain areas, such as training effectiveness and management support, highlight opportunities for improvement. Twiga Cement could focus on addressing these disparities through targeted initiatives, ensuring that all employees feel equally equipped and supported to contribute to a safe and compliant workplace. This would not only enhance safety but also strengthen organisational performance and employee satisfaction.

5.3 Discussion of Results

This study aimed to examine the influence of employees' willingness to comply with OSHA regulations on organisational performance at Twiga Cement Limited in Dar es Salaam. The findings from the correlation and regression analyses underscore the significant role that employees' willingness plays in improving OSHA performance and organisational outcomes. A strong positive correlation (0.68) between employees' willingness and OSHA performance suggests that as employees' commitment to safety regulations increases, there is a noticeable improvement in organisational performance. This finding is consistent with the study by Kim et al. (2020), which found that safety compliance in South Korean manufacturing industries significantly boosted organisational performance by reducing accidents and increasing productivity. According to their research, employees' perceptions of their organisation's commitment to safety play a crucial role in fostering a positive work environment, which, in turn, enhances compliance and improves performance. This aligns with the findings of the current study, which suggest that Twiga Cement employees see a direct link between their adherence to OSHA guidelines and improvements in safety, productivity, and operational efficiency. Furthermore, the regression analysis indicated that employees' willingness accounts for a substantial portion (69%) of the variance in OSHA performance, highlighting its significant contribution to safety outcomes within the company. This is supported by Karakitapoğlu-Aygün et al. (2021), who emphasised the importance of organisational justice in encouraging safety adherence in Turkey's industrial sector. Their research revealed that employees are more likely to comply with safety regulations if they perceive fairness in their enforcement, which results in positive organisational outcomes, including enhanced performance and reduced turnover.

Similarly, the findings of this study suggest that employees at Twiga Cement are motivated to comply with OSHA regulations not only by their understanding of its importance but also by management's consistent support for compliance. The descriptive statistics also revealed strong employee perceptions of the benefits of OSHA compliance, with a mean score of 4.40 for the statement, "I believe that complying with OSHA standards can reduce workplace accidents and downtime." This resonates with the findings of Koop (2020), who found that organisations that prioritise compliance with health and safety regulations see tangible benefits in terms of reducing incidents and ensuring smoother operational continuity. The current study similarly highlights that Twiga Cement employees view safety as essential for reducing workplace disruptions and maintaining productivity, reinforcing the idea that employees' willingness to comply with safety regulations directly contributes to improved organisational performance. Moreover, the findings from the study show that management support and regular training significantly influence employees' willingness to comply with OSHA standards. With a mean score of 4.20 for the statement, "Management's support for OSHA compliance encourages me to follow these regulations consistently," employees indicated that leadership plays a crucial role in reinforcing safety practices. This finding aligns with the results of Hermanto and Srimulyani (2022), who highlighted the role of organisational citizenship behaviour, including adherence to safety regulations, in influencing employee performance in

Indonesia. Their study underscored that employees who receive strong support from management are more inclined to comply with safety standards, which ultimately leads to a safer and more efficient workplace.

In summary, the findings from this study are consistent with existing literature, particularly the studies by Kim et al. (2020), Karakitapoğlu-Aygün et al. (2021), and Hermanto and Srimulyani (2022). All these studies affirm the critical role of employees' willingness to comply with safety regulations in enhancing organisational performance. At Twiga Cement, fostering greater employee willingness through clear communication, management support, and regular training is key to ensuring high OSHA compliance and improving both safety performance and overall productivity.

5.4 Theoretical Linkage of Results

The application of Institutional Theory in this paper provided a framework for understanding how external pressures (such as laws, regulations, and organisational norms) and internal organisational practices influence compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards at Twiga Cement Limited. The theory emphasises how organisations conform to regulatory expectations, societal norms, and institutionalised behaviours, often in response to coercive, normative, and mimetic pressures. In relation to the findings of this study, the theory has been significantly useful in explaining the results obtained, especially with regard to employees' willingness, awareness, and the execution of OSHA legislation. Institutional Theory suggests that organisational behaviour is shaped by the need to comply with external rules and regulations, even when there may be no direct economic benefit. This is particularly relevant to the employees' willingness to comply with OSHA regulations. The study found that employees at Twiga Cement were highly willing to comply with OSHA standards, which is in line with Institutional Theory's assertion that compliance can be driven by external pressures such as legal requirements and the desire to align with societal expectations of safety and well-being. The high ratings for employees' willingness to adhere to OSHA standards (mean score of 4.30) support the view that institutionalised behaviours, particularly those influenced by legal and regulatory frameworks, are a driving force in employee actions. In addition, the study suggests that this willingness is not just about following rules but is also tied to the broader institutional context in which Twiga Cement operates. The company, influenced by both regulatory and industry norms, has embedded safety compliance within its organisational culture. The institution's commitment to safety is reflected in employees' willingness to comply with OSHA guidelines, which further strengthens the alignment between the company's safety standards and institutional expectations.

5.5 Conclusion and Recommendations

The findings provide valuable insights into the role of employees' willingness to comply with OSHA regulations, their awareness of safety practices, and the nature of legislation execution in shaping organisational performance. The paper focused on examining the influence of employees' willingness to comply with OSHA regulations on organisational performance. The findings indicate a employees' willingness to comply with safety regulations and enhanced organisational performance. Employees who are more willing to adhere to OSHA guidelines contribute significantly to

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creating a safer work environment, reducing incidents, and improving overall productivity. The regression analysis revealed that employee compliance directly influences safety outcomes and organisational success, underscoring the importance of fostering a culture of compliance within the workforce. Therefore, Twiga Cement's investment in cultivating employees' willingness to comply with safety regulations is critical for improving overall organisational performance.

For Twiga Cement, the findings point to several key areas for improvement in management practices. It is recommended that management place a stronger emphasis on training and educating employees on the importance of OSHA regulations and their direct impact on workplace safety and organisational performance. Regular workshops, seminars, and safety drills should be organised to improve awareness and instil a sense of responsibility for adhering to safety standards. Moreover, management should continue to foster an organisational culture where safety is prioritised at all levels, ensuring that employees feel empowered to comply with safety regulations. Additionally, leadership should monitor and evaluate compliance regularly, using feedback from employees to improve safety protocols and legislation enforcement.

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