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## **ABSTRACT**

This research investigated the quality of financial reporting and its impact on organizational performance at Airtel Uganda. The objectives were to analyze the impact of quality financial reporting on organizational performance, Identify the key factors affecting quality financial reporting and to examine the challenges faced in enhancing quality financial reporting. It examined how accurate financial reporting influenced decision-making, stakeholder confidence, and overall business success. The total population size was 100 employees; the recommended sample size was 80 employees. Data was collected through interviews and questionnaires involving respondents from various levels within the organization. The study Findings revealed that high-quality financial reporting significantly enhances organizational performance by improving decision-making processes and fostering stakeholder trust. Key factors affecting reporting quality include adequate training, modern accounting technology, and effective internal controls. However, the research revealed Challenges such as a lack of skilled personnel and poor inter-departmental communication which were identified as barriers to achieving optimal reporting standards. The study concludes that investing in training, embracing technology, and enhancing communication are essential for improving financial reporting quality and, consequently, organizational performance. The study Recommends for ongoing evaluation and adaptation of financial practices are also provided to ensure long-term success, the adoption of advanced technological solutions, strengthen internal controls and improve communication with in the organization

# CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.0 Introduction

This chapter presented the back ground of the study, statement of the problem, objectives, and research questions, scope of the study and the significance of the study

### 1.1 Background of the Study

In today's fast changing business world, the quality of financial reporting is very important for the success of organizations. Financial reporting quality refers to how accurate, reliable, and useful the financial information is for stakeholders such as investors, creditors, and management. High-quality financial reports are essential because they help these groups make informed decisions and build trust. When stakeholders have access to clear and accurate financial data, they can better assess the health and performance of a company, which plays a critical role in their investment and lending decisions (Khan et al., 2021). Therefore, ensuring that financial reporting is of high quality is not just a regulatory requirement but also a strategic necessity for any organization looking to thrive in a competitive market.

Research shows that there is a strong connection between high-quality financial reporting and organizational performance. Studies have found that companies that maintain strong financial reporting practices tend to see better profits and higher market valuations. For instance, Fadzil et al. (2023) found that firms with robust financial reporting usually experience improved profitability and increased market value. This positive outcome occurs because good financial reporting reduces the information gap between what management knows and what stakeholders need to know. When stakeholders have a clearer understanding of a company's financial situation, it leads to more transparent and accountable decision-making, which ultimately benefits the organization as a whole.

Moreover, adopting International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) can greatly enhance the quality of financial reports. Research conducted by Aljifri and Hussainey (2020) demonstrated that companies that transition to IFRS enjoy better transparency, which in turn attracts more investor

confidence. This increased trust from investors helps improve overall organizational performance. This highlights the importance of focusing on financial reporting quality as a core aspect of a company's strategy for success. By adhering to internationally recognized standards, businesses can not only improve their reporting quality but also strengthen their reputation in the marketplace.

In addition to enhancing financial reporting quality, companies that prioritize these practices can gain a competitive edge. Research by Abdallah et al. (2022) indicates that firms with strong financial reporting mechanisms are often in a better position to attract investments and lower their capital costs. This leads to improved financial stability and operational efficiency. When organizations invest in high-quality financial reporting practices, they create an environment conducive to long-term growth and success. The ability to present accurate and reliable financial information can help organizations stand out in a crowded market, making it easier to secure funding and maintain positive relationships with stakeholders.

Corporate governance is another crucial factor in ensuring high-quality financial reporting. Companies with strong governance structures are more likely to produce reliable financial information. According to Mohamad et al. (2021), effective governance practices are instrumental in fostering transparency and accountability, which are essential for maintaining stakeholder trust. When stakeholders feel confident in the integrity of a company's financial reports, they are more likely to support it, whether through investments or other forms of collaboration. This relationship between good governance and quality financial reporting underscores the importance of robust oversight mechanisms in enhancing organizational performance.

In summary, the quality of financial reporting is a significant determinant of how well organizations perform. As businesses face increasing scrutiny and competition, placing a strong emphasis on high-quality financial reporting will not only improve operational performance but also help build lasting trust with stakeholders. Companies that understand the importance of financial reporting quality will be better equipped to navigate the challenges of today's business environment and achieve sustainable success.

## **1.2 Statement of the Problem**

Organizations maintain a high standard of financial reporting characterized by accuracy, transparency, and timely dissemination of information. This robust financial reporting serves as a foundation for informed decision-making by management, boosting strong investor confidence, and ultimately contributes to enhanced organizational performance. Such a scenario is predicated on sound accounting practices, continuous training for financial staff, and a strategic understanding that high-quality financial information yields long-term benefits beyond short-term profit motives (Al Masud, 2022; Tantri Bararoh et al., 2017). Furthermore, effective corporate governance structures would minimize the risk of fraud and financial mismanagement, thereby safeguarding the integrity of financial reporting and overall organizational health (Asena Advisors, 2023).

Despite the critical importance of high-quality financial reporting, many organizations, including potentially Airtel Uganda, grapple with significant challenges in this domain. These challenges manifest as inaccuracies in financial statements, a lack of transparency in reporting, and delays in information dissemination. These issues often arise from inadequate accounting practices and insufficient training for financial staff (Tantri Bararoh et al., 2017). Moreover, a prevailing focus on short-term profits can overshadow the recognition of the long-term advantages of accurate financial information, potentially leading to decreased operational efficiency, lower profitability, and a damaged market reputation (Al Masud, 2022; Asena Advisors, 2023). The situation is further compounded by weak corporate governance structures, which escalate the risk of financial mismanagement and fraud (Asena Advisors, 2023). Given these prevalent issues in the broader organizational landscape, there's a crucial need to investigate the specific manifestation and impact of these challenges on the quality of financial reporting and, consequently, the organizational performance of Airtel Uganda. The current literature indicates a general problem, but there is a distinct evidentiary gap regarding the specific state of financial reporting and its effects within Airtel Uganda's context. This study aims to bridge that gap by examining these critical aspects within the organization.

### **1.3 Objectives of the study**

- i. To Analyze the Impact of Quality Financial Reporting on Organizational Performance
- ii. To Identify the Key Factors Affecting Quality Financial Reporting
- iii. To Examine the Challenges Faced in Enhancing Quality Financial Reporting

### **1.4 Research questions for the study**

- i. What is the impact of quality financial reporting on organizational performance?
- ii. What are the key factors affecting the quality financial reporting?
- iii. What challenges do organizations face in enhancing quality financial reporting?

### **1.5 Significance of the Study**

Findings of this study will provide valuable insights for organizations seeking to improve their financial reporting quality. By understanding the impact of financial reporting on organizational performance, businesses can make informed strategic decisions that enhance their operations and foster growth. This guidance will be especially beneficial for companies aiming to align their reporting practices with industry standards, ultimately leading to improved stakeholder confidence and market reputation.

This research will enhance the understanding of the critical factors that influence financial reporting quality. By investigating various internal and external elements, such as managerial practices, regulatory compliance, and staff training, organizations will gain a clearer picture of the dynamics at play in their financial reporting processes. This understanding will empower them to identify specific areas for improvement, thereby enhancing the overall reliability and accuracy of their financial statements.

The study will highlight the common challenges faced in enhancing financial reporting quality, such as inadequate resources, lack of training, and inefficient corporate governance structures. By revealing these obstacles, the research will equip organizations with the knowledge necessary to effectively address and overcome these issues. This proactive approach will help businesses not only improve their reporting quality but also strengthen their overall financial management practices.

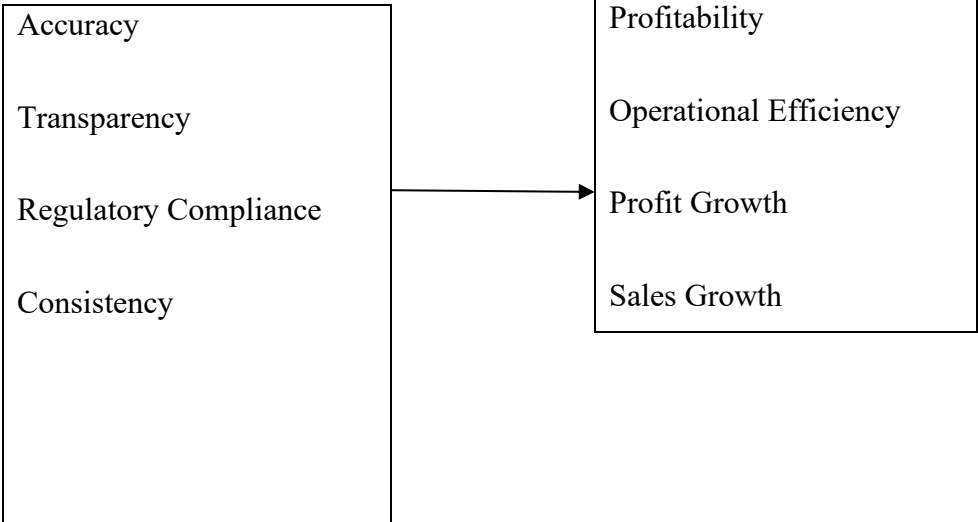
The findings may serve as a foundation for developing best practices in financial reporting, contributing to greater transparency and accountability in organizational financial management. By showcasing successful strategies and techniques, the study will encourage organizations to adopt innovative practices that enhance their reporting processes. This promotion of best practices will ultimately lead to improved financial performance and stakeholder trust, benefiting both the organizations and the wider business community.

**1.6 Conceptual Framework**

The conceptual framework illustrates the influence of the quality of financial reporting and organizational performance. Financial reporting is the independent variable conceptualized by the accuracy, Transparency, Regulatory compliance and consistency. Organizational performance is the dependent variable in this study is conceptualized by profitability, sales growth, operational efficiency.

**Independent Variable**

**Dependent Variable**



*Source: Adapted from previous studies and refined by the researcher.*

From the figure above, the conceptual framework illustrates that quality financial reporting is the independent variable hypothesized to influence organizational performance. The framework indicates that dimensions of quality financial reporting, such as Accuracy, Transparency, and Regulatory Compliance, have a direct impact on various aspects of organizational performance.

On the other hand, organizational performance, as the dependent variable, is measured using indicators such as Profitability, Operational Efficiency, and Market Valuation. Profitability represents the organization's ability to generate income relative to its expenses, while Operational Efficiency assesses how effectively resources are utilized to achieve business objectives. Market Valuation reflects the market's perception of the organization's financial health and growth potential.

## **1.7 Scope of the Study**

This study outlines the boundaries regarding content, methodology, geographical and theoretical coverage, and time. According to Onen (2008), it includes the geographical, time, and content scope.

### **1.7.1. Geographical Scope**

Airtel Uganda operates mainly in Uganda, with its headquarters in Kampala, the capital city. The company has a wide network of service points across the country.

### **1.7.2. Content Scope**

This study will examine the quality of financial reporting at Airtel Uganda and how it impacts the company's overall performance. It will focus on aspects such as the accuracy and transparency of financial statements, compliance with regulations, and the effectiveness of reporting practices. The research will also explore how financial reporting affects stakeholder trust and decision-making within the organization.

### **1.7.3. Time Scope**

In this proposed research on Quality of Financial Reporting and Organizational Performance, the researcher will analyze Airtel Uganda's financial reporting practices and their effects on the

company's performance over a three-month period. This timeframe is chosen for several reasons. First, it allows for a timely assessment of the company's reporting quality in light of recent regulatory changes and market trends. Second, three months provides enough time to observe both short-term and long-term impacts of financial reporting on stakeholder trust and overall business success. By focusing on the current situation, the study aims to offer insights into how Airtel Uganda can enhance its financial reporting to improve efficiency and maintain competitiveness in the rapidly changing telecommunications sector.

## CHAPTER TWO

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.0. Introduction

This chapter will discuss the literature on the quality of financial reporting and its effects on organizational performance, specifically in the context of Airtel Uganda. The review will focus on three main objectives: first, it will analyze how high-quality financial reporting impacts organizational performance by supporting decision-making and enhancing overall effectiveness. Second, the literature review will identify key factors that influence the quality of financial reporting, such as regulatory compliance and internal controls. Lastly, it will examine the challenges organizations face in improving financial reporting quality, including resource constraints and resistance to change. Through this discussion, the chapter aims to clarify the relationship between financial reporting quality and organizational performance within Uganda's telecommunications sector.

#### 2.1. Impact of Quality Financial Reporting on Organizational Performance

High-quality financial reporting is crucial as it provides stakeholders such as investors, creditors, and management with reliable and relevant information necessary for informed decision-making. According to Jones (2021), organizations that produce accurate financial reports are better positioned to attract investment, as investors favor businesses that demonstrate transparency and accountability. This influx of capital can lead to expanded operations and enhanced competitive advantage. Moreover, accurate reporting helps optimize resource allocation by revealing where resources are effectively utilized, ultimately reducing costs and improving profitability. It also enables management to identify trends over time, assess potential risks, and implement strategies to mitigate them. By facilitating informed strategic decisions regarding investments and operational improvements, quality financial reports significantly contribute to an organization's overall success and growth trajectory.

Numerous studies have established a direct correlation between the quality of financial reporting and financial performance metrics. For instance, Smith and Brown (2020) found that companies with transparent and accurate financial statements experience higher profitability and lower costs of capital. Their research indicates that investors are more likely to engage with firms that demonstrate a commitment to high-quality reporting, thereby enhancing their financial standing. This relationship highlights the importance of maintaining high standards in financial reporting as a means to attract investment and improve overall business performance.

Quality financial reporting fosters confidence among stakeholders, including investors, employees, and customers. As highlighted by Taylor (2022), organizations that prioritize transparency in their financial disclosures tend to build stronger relationships with their stakeholders. This trust can lead to increased customer loyalty and improved employee morale, both of which contribute to better organizational performance. When stakeholders feel confident in the integrity of financial information, they are more likely to engage with the organization, resulting in long-term benefits such as enhanced reputation, sustained growth, and a competitive edge in the marketplace. Thus, maintaining high standards in financial reporting is essential for cultivating stakeholder trust and ensuring the overall success of the organization.

High-quality financial reporting significantly influences management's decision-making processes. Research by Green (2021) indicates that access to reliable financial data allows leaders to formulate effective strategies and respond promptly to market changes. This agility is crucial in today's fast-paced business environment, where informed decisions can differentiate successful organizations from their competitors. By leveraging accurate financial information, management can identify opportunities, assess risks, and allocate resources more efficiently, ultimately driving better outcomes. The ability to make data-driven decisions not only enhances operational effectiveness but also positions the organization for sustained growth and success in an ever-evolving market landscape. Thus, high-quality financial reporting is an indispensable tool for effective decision-making and strategic planning.

Quality financial reporting plays a crucial role in promoting long-term sustainability. According to White (2023), firms that invest in high-quality reporting practices are better equipped to navigate economic uncertainties and regulatory changes. This proactive approach not only enhances

immediate performance but also supports the organization's resilience and adaptability over time. By maintaining transparency and accuracy in financial disclosures, organizations can build trust with stakeholders, ensuring continued support during challenging periods. Furthermore, high-quality financial reporting enables firms to make informed strategic decisions that align with long-term goals, fostering sustainable growth and securing a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Ultimately, prioritizing quality financial reporting is essential for organizations aiming to thrive in an unpredictable economic landscape and achieve lasting success.

## **2.2 Identify the Key Factors Affecting Quality Financial Reporting**

The regulatory environment significantly influences the quality of financial reporting. Complying with accounting standards and regulations, such as IFRS or GAAP, ensures that financial reports are transparent, consistent, and reliable (Johnson, 2021). Adhering to these standards provides a structured approach to financial reporting that enhances stakeholder trust and facilitates comparability across organizations. This compliance not only protects investors but also strengthens the overall integrity of the financial system, promoting confidence in the market. By prioritizing adherence to regulatory requirements, organizations can mitigate risks associated with non-compliance and enhance their reputation in the eyes of stakeholders.

Strong internal controls are essential for maintaining the integrity of financial reporting. Effective internal controls help prevent errors and fraud, thereby enhancing the accuracy and reliability of financial statements (Miller, 2020). These controls create a robust framework that ensures financial data is processed and reported accurately, reducing the risk of misstatements and promoting accountability within the organization. By implementing comprehensive internal control systems, organizations can safeguard their assets, ensure compliance with regulations, and foster a culture of transparency and integrity. Ultimately, strong internal controls are vital for sustaining investor confidence and ensuring the long-term success of the organization.

### **Management Competence**

The skills and expertise of management play a critical role in financial reporting quality. Competent management is more likely to understand complex financial information and implement best practices for accurate reporting (Taylor, 2022). This understanding enables leaders

to interpret data effectively, make informed decisions, and ensure that financial reports meet established standards. When management is equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills, organizations can achieve a higher level of transparency and reliability in their financial disclosures, fostering trust among stakeholders and enhancing overall business performance.

### **Technological Advancements**

The adoption of advanced accounting software and information systems can significantly improve the efficiency and accuracy of financial reporting. Technology facilitates real-time data processing and enhances the ability to generate timely financial reports (Roberts, 2021). By leveraging modern tools, organizations can streamline their reporting processes, reduce the likelihood of errors, and ensure that financial information is readily accessible for decision-making. Embracing technological advancements not only enhances the quality of financial reporting but also positions organizations to adapt to the rapidly changing business landscape, ultimately driving competitive advantage.

### **Corporate Governance**

Effective corporate governance structures promote accountability and transparency in financial reporting. Boards of directors that prioritize ethical practices and oversight contribute to higher reporting quality (White, 2023). Strong governance frameworks ensure that financial reporting processes are subject to rigorous scrutiny, thereby enhancing the integrity of the information presented to stakeholders. By fostering a culture of accountability and ethical behavior, organizations can mitigate risks associated with financial mismanagement and build trust with investors, customers, and regulatory bodies, leading to improved organizational performance and sustainability.

### **External Audit Quality**

The involvement of reputable external auditors can enhance the credibility of financial reports. High-quality audits provide assurance to stakeholders regarding the accuracy and reliability of financial statements (Green, 2021). A thorough external audit process not only identifies potential discrepancies but also reinforces the organization's commitment to transparency and

accountability. By engaging trusted auditors, companies can demonstrate their dedication to maintaining high reporting standards, ultimately bolstering investor confidence and facilitating better access to capital. The role of external auditors is thus vital in ensuring that financial reports reflect the true financial position of the organization, fostering trust and stability in the financial markets.

A culture that values transparency and ethical behavior significantly impacts financial reporting quality. Organizations that encourage open communication and ethical practices are more likely to produce high-quality reports (Smith, 2020). When employees feel empowered to share information and raise concerns, it fosters an environment where accuracy and integrity in financial reporting are prioritized. A strong organizational culture not only enhances the commitment to ethical standards but also motivates individuals to take ownership of their reporting responsibilities. This commitment to transparency ultimately builds trust with stakeholders and enhances the overall credibility of the organization.

Continuous training and professional development for accounting staff are essential for maintaining high reporting standards. Ongoing education helps staff stay updated on accounting standards and best practices, thus improving report quality (Brown, 2020). By investing in the professional growth of accounting personnel, organizations ensure that their teams possess the latest knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the complexities of financial reporting. This commitment to training not only enhances the accuracy and reliability of financial statements but also boosts employee confidence and morale. Ultimately, a well-trained accounting team is crucial for upholding the integrity of financial reporting and ensuring that organizations meet both regulatory requirements and stakeholder expectations.

### **2.3 The Challenges Faced in Enhancing Quality Financial Reporting**

Many organizations, especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs), face financial constraints that restrict their ability to invest in quality financial reporting systems and processes. This can lead to the use of outdated practices and inadequate reporting tools (Johnson, 2022). Limited resources often result in organizations relying on manual processes and less sophisticated technology, which can compromise the accuracy and reliability of financial reports. As a

consequence, SMEs may struggle to meet regulatory requirements and stakeholder expectations, ultimately affecting their long-term viability and growth potential. Addressing these resource limitations is crucial for enhancing the quality of financial reporting and ensuring that organizations can compete effectively in the marketplace.

The complexity and frequent changes in accounting regulations can pose significant challenges for organizations. Keeping up with these changes requires ongoing training and adaptation, which can be resource-intensive (Miller, 2021). Organizations must navigate a landscape of evolving standards, which can create confusion and increase the risk of non-compliance. This complexity can strain internal resources, diverting attention from core business activities and potentially leading to errors in financial reporting. To mitigate these challenges, companies must invest in robust compliance frameworks and continuous education for their staff, ensuring they are well-equipped to handle the intricacies of the regulatory environment.

A shortage of qualified accounting professionals can hinder the ability to produce high-quality financial reports. Organizations may struggle to find and retain talent with the necessary skills and expertise in financial reporting (Taylor, 2023). This talent gap can lead to increased workloads for existing staff, resulting in burnout and higher turnover rates. Moreover, the lack of skilled personnel may compromise the effectiveness of financial reporting processes, making it difficult for organizations to maintain accuracy and compliance. To overcome this challenge, organizations must prioritize talent development, implement competitive compensation packages, and create appealing work environments that attract and retain skilled accounting professionals. Addressing the shortage of qualified personnel is essential for enhancing the overall quality of financial reporting and ensuring organizational success.

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Cultural resistance within organizations can impede the adoption of new financial reporting practices or technologies. Employees may be reluctant to embrace changes that require them to alter established routines or learn new skills (Green, 2022). This resistance can stifle innovation and hinder the implementation of more efficient reporting processes. To overcome this challenge, organizations must cultivate a culture that values adaptability and continuous improvement. Providing adequate training, involving employees in the change process, and clearly communicating the benefits of new practices can help mitigate resistance and facilitate smoother transitions.

Weak internal control systems can lead to inaccuracies in financial reporting. Organizations may struggle to implement robust controls due to resource constraints or lack of management commitment (Roberts, 2020). Insufficient internal controls increase the risk of errors and fraud, undermining the reliability of financial statements. To strengthen reporting quality, organizations must prioritize the establishment of effective internal control frameworks that promote accountability and transparency. This involves investing in training, technology, and oversight mechanisms that ensure compliance with financial reporting standards.

While technology can enhance financial reporting, the integration of new accounting systems can present challenges. Organizations may face difficulties in transitioning from legacy systems, which can disrupt reporting processes (White, 2023). The complexity of integrating new technologies often requires significant time and resources, leading to temporary setbacks in reporting efficiency. To navigate these challenges, organizations should develop comprehensive implementation plans that include training, stakeholder engagement, and phased rollouts to minimize disruptions and enhance the overall quality of financial reporting.

Organizations often face pressure from stakeholders to meet short-term financial targets, which can lead to compromises in reporting quality. This focus on immediate results can encourage practices that undermine transparency (Smith, 2021). When management prioritizes short-term gains over long-term sustainability, it may result in the manipulation of financial data or neglect of thorough reporting practices. To counteract this pressure, organizations should foster a culture of ethical reporting and transparency, emphasizing the importance of integrity in financial disclosures. Open communication with stakeholders about long-term strategies and goals can help align expectations and reduce the emphasis on short-term performance metrics.

Fluctuations in the economic environment can complicate financial reporting. Organizations may struggle to provide accurate forecasts and assessments in volatile conditions, affecting the reliability of their financial statements (Brown, 2022). Economic uncertainty can lead to unpredictable market behaviors and changes in consumer demand, challenging organizations to adapt their reporting practices accordingly. To address these challenges, organizations should develop flexible reporting frameworks that allow for adjustments based on current economic

conditions. Incorporating scenario planning and risk assessment strategies can enhance the reliability and relevance of financial reports in times of uncertainty.

## CHAPTER THREE

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### 3.0 Introduction

This chapter presented the methodology that was used by the researcher while conducting this study. It contains the research design, study population, sample size and selection, sampling techniques and procedures, data sources, data collection methods and techniques, validity and reliability of instruments, the procedure of data collection, data analysis, measurement of variables, and ethical consideration.

#### 3.1 Research Design

A research design is the scheme, outline or plan that is used to generate answers to the research problems (Orodho (2000)). It constitutes the blueprint for collection, measurement and analysis of data (Kothari, 2003). The study will employ a cross sectional survey design. A cross-sectional design describes a group of subjects at one particular point in time (Campbell, Machin, & Walters, 2007). The study used a cross-sectional because it allows the researcher to observe different variables without influencing them. The study adopted a mixed research approach. This approach considers the triangulation of both quantitative and qualitative research approaches. Etyang(2018) states that it's the most effective approach, with quantitative data used specifically to quantify findings and qualitative data were used to describe subjective assessments, analyses and interpretation of attitudes, opinions, and behaviors of the respondents as expressed from interviews and therefore strengthening the figures resulting from quantitative data analysis.

#### Area of the study

The study aimed at evaluating the effect of **Quality of Financial Reporting and Organizational Performance**, a case of Airtel Uganda..

### 3.2 Population of the Study

The population is the “entire of units from which the sample is to be selected” (Bryman & Bell, 2007). A study population is a set of members that belong to a group within which research is carried out and possess similar observable characteristics Creswell (2014). It is from which samples were gathered for measurement and about which the researcher formed conclusions are referred to as the population (Enarson et al. 2014). . The population for this study is the employees of Airtel Uganda, a leading telecommunications company in the country. Since the research focuses specifically on this organization, the targeted population comprises all employees working at Airtel Uganda. To determine an appropriate sample size for the study, the Krejcie and Morgan table is utilized. Given that the total population size is 100 employees, the recommended sample size is 80 employees. This sample will be selected to ensure it represents the diversity of the organization, including various departments and levels of hierarchy within Airtel Uganda. This approach will help capture a comprehensive view of the relationship between the quality of financial reporting and organizational performance.

### 3.3 Sample size and selection

#### 3.3.1 Sample Size

A sample size is the total number of sub-elements or individuals randomly selected and assigned from a given population (Amin, 2005). The population of the study will be 80 respondents (Krejcie and Morgan’ sample size table 1970).

Table 3.2: **Sample size**

Categories of respondents	Population	Sample size	Sampling Technique
Managers and assistants	15	10	Purposive
Senior staff	80	67	Random
Financial officers	5	3	Purposive
Total	100	80	

## **Sampling Techniques and Procedure**

### **Simple random sampling**

According to Enon, (1995), simple random sampling is good as it reduces bias and prejudices in selecting respondents. The technique gives all respondents equal chances of being selected. Using the method, the respondents were selected using random numbers and their availability in the office. Using this method, every member in the study population were assigned a random number using the register available, from this the researcher picked a random number until the required number of respondents was acquired. This technique was used for top management.

### **Purposive sampling**

Purposive sampling is a non-probability sampling method also known as selective or subjective sampling. This is a form of sampling where the researcher selects elements or informants that he/she believes are appropriate or connected to the study (Creswell, 2014). It is mainly used on respondents who are more knowledgeable on the topic of study. This technique was used in selecting finance and administration staff.

## **3.4 Data Sources**

### **3.4.1: Primary sources:**

According to Kothari (2004), primary data are those which are collected afresh and for the first time, and thus happen to be original in character. It is original in nature and directly related to the study problem and current data. Primary data are the data which the researcher collects through various methods like interviews, surveys, questionnaires.

### **3.4.2: Secondary sources:**

Kothari, (2004), on the other hand defines secondary data as those which have already been collected by someone else and which have already been passed through the statistical process. They are publications written by authors who were not direct observers or participants in the events described, but are merely reporting on the work that someone else did. Secondary data was collected through review of past reports from Uganda Investment authority such as progress reports. Other secondary data was collected from written researches, electronic journals, Newspapers. This information was very important because it helped the researcher to supplement

his data that was collected from respondents, hence helping him to increase sampling size and the reliability of the research findings (Tran et.al, 2013).

### **3.5 Data Collection Methods and Instruments**

Data collection refers to the systematic process of collecting research data on a given phenomenon (Amin, 2005). The researcher used both primary and secondary sources of data collection for the study.

#### **3.5.1 Questionnaire**

Kumar (2005) defines a questionnaire as a written list of questions, the answers to which are recorded by the respondents. The questionnaire has sets of questions, which will be answered by filling, after which they will be picked back for data analysis. Self-administered questionnaires covering aspects of the study variables and accompanied by a five-point Likert scale response continuum, that is 5= strongly agree, 4=agree, 3=undecided, 2=disagree and 1= strongly disagree, was used for this study to collect data responses. This method of data collection will be preferred because it gives a great degree of assurance to the anonymity and confidence of the research respondents.

### **3.6 Quality Control**

#### **3.6.1 Validity**

Collis and Hussey, (2013), holds that validity of an instrument is the ability of the instrument to collect justifiable and truthful data; that is, measuring what it is developed to measure. The construction of the questionnaire will be based on the objectives of the study. Data collection instruments will be presented to the supervisor who will attest to the content validity of the instrument that is; the ambiguity of question items and their relevancy. The questionnaire will be pretested on 10 respondents in order to compute the content validity index. In cases where the average percentage is found to be above 0.7 (70%), the content is considered valid. The formula below is used to check for the validity of the instrument:

$$CVI = \frac{R}{R + N + IR}$$

Where; R is Relevant, N is Neutral, and IR is irrelevant. The closer the value is to 1, the more valid the instrument (Amin, 2005).

### **3.6.2 Data quality control and management**

The validity of a questionnaire refers to the extent to which it measures what it claims to measure (Mugenda, 2020). In-testing validity, the study will adopt content related validity through consultations with the researcher's supervisor and peers. The researcher will prepare questionnaires and present them to the supervisor for scrutiny and suggestions on the relevance, clarity, and suitability of the information. The supervisor then will make suggestions which will be incorporated into the final draft. Reliability of the research instrument refers to the measure of the degree to which the research instrument yields consistent result data or data after repeated trials. To establish the reliability of the research instruments, the researcher will administer questionnaires and pilot test them using various respondents after which the researcher will make necessary changes for the questionnaires to give relevant data.

### **3.7 Ethical Issues.**

A copy of the introductory letter from the University by the Faculty of Business Administration will be presented to ensure that the information obtained from research is for academic purposes. The researcher will ensure that participation will be voluntary and therefore will not force them. The researcher will also debrief the recipients before the data is collected from them. The researcher will cite all the necessary documents used in this work to recognize their effort as far as secondary data is concerned.

### **3.8 Limitations of the Study**

Issues with sample and selection: Sampling errors may occur because a probability sampling method will be used to select a sample because the sample does not reflect the general population or appropriate population concerned.

Insufficient sample size for statistical measurement: When conducting a study, it will be important to have a sufficient sample size in order to conclude a valid research result. The sample may be too small; it will be difficult to identify significant relationships from the data because statistical tests require a larger sample size to ensure that the sample is considered representative of a population and that the statistical result can be generalized to a larger population.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS

#### 4.0 Introduction

This chapter presents the data collected and analyzed for the study on The Quality of Financial Reporting and Organizational Performance: A Case Study of Airtel Uganda. The findings are based on data gathered through questionnaires and interviews. A total of 80 respondents participated, with 70 completing the questionnaires and 10 being interviewed face-to-face. The presentation of the findings is aligned with the study's objectives, ensuring clarity and consistency.

The raw data from the questionnaires was edited and interpreted to maintain uniformity and legibility. The completed questionnaires were analyzed by tallying responses and tabulating them in frequency tables, which helped identify how often specific responses occurred. This analysis was subsequently evaluated and recorded in terms of percentages. The results from the interviews were also coded into frequency tables, which were calculated and presented as percentages in this chapter.

#### 4.1 Response Rate

Unlike expected, the study did not achieve a 100 percent response rate; however, the turnout was satisfactory, as indicated in Table 4.1 below.

**Table 4.1: Response Rate**

Category	Target Sample	Percent
Male	46	57.5
Female	34	42.5
Total	80	100

*Source: Primary data 2025*

According to the table above, the response rate was very good, as it attained a total of 100% of the targeted sample of 80 respondents.

## **4.2 Demographics of Respondents**

This section includes cross-cutting characteristics of all respondents involved in the study, such as age, marital status, and more.

### **4.2.1 Age of Respondents**

The study respondents were from varying age groups, as indicated in Table 4.2.1 below.

**Table 4.2: Age Group of Respondents**

Age Group	Frequency	Percent
Below 25	6	7.5
26-35	30	37.5
36-45	20	25.0
46-55	24	30.0
Total	80	100

*Source: Primary data 2025*

According to the findings in the table above, the majority of the respondents were in the age group of 26-35 years, comprising 37.5% of the total. This was followed by those in the age group of 46-55 years at 30%, while the minority was below 25 years, with only 7.5%.

### **4.2.2 Marital status of respondents**

In this study, participants were from varying marital categories, as indicated in Table 4.2.2 below.

**Table 4.2: Marital status of respondents**

Marital Status	Frequency	Percent
Single	10	12.5
Married	40	50.0
Divorced	12	15.0
Separated	18	22.5
Total	80	100

*Source: Primary data 2025*

According to the findings in Table 4.3 above, the majority of the respondents were married, representing 50% of the total. They were followed by those who were separated, accounting for 22.5%, while the minority was single, representing only 12.5%. This indicates a significant presence of marital separation in the study area, which may be influenced by various factors, including cultural practices in the region.

#### **4.3: Impact of quality financial reporting on organizational performance**

The following table presents the respondents' agreement levels regarding the impact of quality financial reporting on organizational performance, with a total of 80 respondents.

Table: Impact of quality financial reporting on organizational performance

Statement	SA	%	A	%	NS	%	D	%	SD	%
Accurate financial reporting enhances decision-making at Airtel Uganda.	30	37.5	25	31.25	10	12.5	10	12.5	5	6.25
Quality financial reports improve the overall performance of the organization.	35	43.75	30	37.5	5	6.25	5	6.25	5	6.25
Timely financial reporting contributes to better strategic planning.	25	31.25	35	43.75	10	12.5	5	6.25	5	6.25

Statement	SA	%	A	%	NS	%	D	%	SD	%
Clear financial statements positively affect stakeholder confidence.	40	50.0	25	31.25	5	6.25	5	6.25	5	6.25
Quality financial reporting helps in identifying operational inefficiencies.	20	25.0	30	37.5	10	12.5	10	12.5	10	12.5

Source: primary data 2025

According to the data presented in the table, the study reveals several key insights regarding the impact of quality financial reporting on organizational performance:

#### **4.4.1 Accurate financial reporting:**

According to the findings, 37.5% of respondents strongly agreed that accurate financial reporting enhances decision-making at Airtel Uganda, with an additional 31.25% agreeing. This suggests a strong belief among respondents in the importance of precise financial data for informed decision-making. However, 12.5% remained neutral, and 12.5% disagreed, indicating some skepticism about the effectiveness of accurate reporting.

#### **4.4.2 Quality financial reports:**

The study found that 43.75% of respondents strongly agreed that quality financial reports improve the overall performance of the organization, while 37.5% also agreed. This indicates a consensus on the critical role that high-quality reporting plays in driving organizational success. Only a small percentage expressed disagreement, underscoring the positive perception of quality financial reports.

#### **4.4.3 Timely financial reporting:**

According to the results, 31.25% of respondents strongly agreed, and 43.75% agreed that timely financial reporting contributes to better strategic planning. This suggests that many respondents recognize the importance of receiving financial information promptly to enhance planning

processes. However, the presence of 12.5% who remained neutral and 6.25% who disagreed indicates that not everyone views timely reporting as essential.

#### **4.4.4 Clear financial statements:**

The findings show that 50% of respondents strongly agreed that clear financial statements positively affect stakeholder confidence, with 31.25% also agreeing. This reflects a strong belief in the value of transparency and clarity in financial reporting as essential for maintaining stakeholder trust. Again, a small percentage expressed disagreement, highlighting potential concerns about clarity.

#### **4.4.5 Identifying operational inefficiencies:**

According to the data, 25% of respondents strongly agreed and 37.5% agreed that quality financial reporting helps in identifying operational inefficiencies. While many respondents see value in this aspect, a notable 12.5% remained neutral, and 12.5% disagreed, indicating a divided opinion on the effectiveness of financial reporting in addressing inefficiencies.

### **4.5 Key factors affecting quality financial reporting**

Instructions: On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

Scale:

- 1 Strongly Disagree
- 2 Disagree
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Agree
- 5 - Strongly Agree

Statement	1	%	2	%	3	%	4	%	5	%
1. Adequate training of staff improves the quality of financial reporting.	5	6.25	10	12.5	15	18.75	30	37.5	20	25
2. Use of modern accounting software enhances financial reporting accuracy.	3	3.75	7	8.75	10	12.5	35	43.75	25	31.25
3. Regulatory compliance impacts the quality of financial reports.	4	5.0	6	7.5	10	12.5	30	37.5	30	37.5
4. Effective internal controls are crucial for maintaining reporting quality.	2	2.5	5	6.25	8	10	28	35	37	46.25
5. Management support is essential for ensuring quality financial reporting.	3	3.75	2	2.5	5	6.25	25	31.25	45	56.25

**Source: primary data 2025**

#### **4.5.1 Explanation of findings**

According to the data presented in the table, the study reveals several key insights regarding the factors that affect the quality of financial reporting:

#### **4.5.2 Adequate training of staff:**

37.5% of respondents agreed and 25% strongly agreed that adequate training improves the quality of financial reporting. This indicates a strong belief in the importance of training for enhancing reporting quality.

#### **4.5.3 Use of modern accounting software:**

A significant 43.75% agreed and 31.25% strongly agreed that modern accounting software enhances reporting accuracy. This suggests a consensus on the value of technology in improving financial reporting processes.

#### **4.5.4 Regulatory compliance:**

The findings show that 37.5% agreed and another 37.5% strongly agreed that regulatory compliance impacts the quality of financial reports. This highlights the importance of adhering to regulations for maintaining credible reporting.

#### **4.5.5 Effective internal controls:**

According to the results, 35% agreed and 46.25% strongly agreed that effective internal controls are crucial for maintaining reporting quality. This reflects a strong consensus on the need for robust controls to ensure accurate and reliable financial reporting.

#### **4.5.6 Management support:**

Finally, 31.25% agreed and 56.25% strongly agreed that management support is essential for ensuring quality financial reporting. This underscores the role of leadership in fostering a culture of quality and accountability in financial practices.

### **4.6: Challenges faced in enhancing quality financial reporting**

Instructions: On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

Scale:

1 - Strongly Disagree (SD)

2 - Disagree (D)

3 - Neutral (NS)

4 - Agree (A)

5 - Strongly Agree (SA)

Statement	SD	%	D	%	NS	%	A	%	SA	%
1. Lack of skilled personnel hinders quality financial reporting.	6	7.5	8	10	12	15	30	37.5	24	30
2. Inadequate technology limits effective financial reporting.	5	6.25	10	12.5	15	18.75	25	31.25	25	31.25
3. Poor communication between departments affects the accuracy of reports.	7	8.75	9	11.25	10	12.5	30	37.5	24	30
4. Time constraints negatively impact the quality of financial reports.	4	5.0	6	7.5	12	15	28	35	30	37.5
5. Resistance to change among staff affects the adoption of new practices.	3	3.75	7	8.75	15	18.75	25	31.25	30	37.5

Source: primary data 2025

According to the data presented in the table, the study identifies several challenges that affect the enhancement of quality financial reporting:

#### **4.6.1 Lack of skilled personnel:**

37.5% of respondents agreed (A) and 30% strongly agreed (SA) that a lack of skilled personnel hinders quality financial reporting. This indicates a strong belief that inadequate expertise significantly impacts reporting quality.

#### **4.6.2 Inadequate Technology:**

The findings reveal that 31.25% agreed (A) and 31.25% strongly agreed (SA) that inadequate technology limits effective financial reporting. This suggests that technological shortcomings are viewed as a major barrier to accurate financial reporting.

#### **4.6.3 Poor Communication between departments:**

According to the results, 37.5% agreed (A) and 30% strongly agreed (SA) that poor communication between departments affects the accuracy of reports. This highlights the importance of inter-departmental communication for ensuring reliable financial data.

#### **4.6.4 Time constraints:**

The study shows that 35% agreed (A) and 37.5% strongly agreed (SA) that time constraints negatively impact the quality of financial reports. This reflects a consensus that tight deadlines can compromise reporting standards.

#### **4.6.5 Resistance to change:**

Finally, 31.25% agreed (A) and 37.5% strongly agreed (SA) that resistance to change among staff affects the adoption of new practices. This indicates that cultural factors within the organization can hinder improvements in financial reporting processes.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### DISCUSSIONS OF FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 5.0 Introductions

This chapter provided the conclusion and recommendations of the study. Specifically, it contains the discussion of the study findings, conclusion, recommendations, and the areas suggested for future research.

#### 5.1 Discussions of findings

##### 5.1.1 Impact of quality financial reporting on organizational performance

The study indicates that 68.75% of respondents believe that accurate financial reporting enhances decision-making, with 30 respondents strongly agreeing and 25 agreeing. However, 12.5% chose neutral and another 12.5% selected disagree, suggesting that some individuals may have reservations about the accuracy or relevance of the financial reports provided. Addressing these concerns could involve increasing transparency in reporting processes and enhancing training for staff on interpreting financial data effectively.

The study shows a consensus regarding the positive influence of quality financial reports on overall organizational performance, with 65 respondents affirming this view: 35 strongly agreed and 30 agreed. This strong support indicates that high-quality financial reporting is perceived as a critical driver of organizational success. The minimal dissent reinforces the general appreciation for the role that thorough financial documentation plays in strategic planning and performance evaluation. To leverage this perception, the organization might focus on continuous improvement of reporting standards and practices.

Furthermore, the study reveals that timeliness is recognized as a vital factor, with 25 respondents strongly agreeing and 35 agreeing that timely financial reporting contributes to better strategic planning. This finding shows that many respondents understand the need for prompt access to financial information. However, 10 respondents selected neutral and 5 chose disagree, indicating that not everyone prioritizes timeliness, possibly due to varying experiences with reporting delays.

Addressing this issue could enhance strategic initiatives and overall responsiveness within the organization.

The study shows that 65 respondents believe that clear financial statements positively affect stakeholder confidence, with 40 strongly agreeing and 25 agreeing. This strong sentiment reinforces the importance of transparency and clarity in financial reporting, which plays a crucial role in building trust with stakeholders. However, the differing opinions suggest that some stakeholders may still have concerns about the clarity of reports, indicating a need for ongoing efforts to improve communication and presentation of financial information.

Lastly, the study reveals that while 50 respondents see quality financial reporting as beneficial for identifying operational inefficiencies, with 20 strongly agreeing and 30 agreeing, the divided opinions with 10 selecting neutral and 10 choosing disagree signal that there are differing perceptions of the effectiveness of financial reports in this regard. This discrepancy highlights the necessity for organizations to focus on the actionable insights derived from financial data, ensuring that reports not only inform but also drive operational improvements.

### **5.1.2 Key factors affecting quality financial reporting**

The data shows that 37.5% of respondents agreed and 25% strongly agreed that adequate training improves the quality of financial reporting. This indicates a strong belief in the importance of training programs for enhancing reporting quality. Investing in staff development is crucial, as well-trained employees are better equipped to understand complex financial concepts and reporting requirements. By providing comprehensive training, organizations can ensure that their staff possesses the necessary skills and knowledge to produce accurate and reliable financial reports. This not only improves the quality of reporting but also fosters a culture of continuous learning and professional growth within the organization.

A significant 43.75% of respondents agreed and 31.25% strongly agreed that the use of modern accounting software enhances financial reporting accuracy. This suggests a consensus on the value of technology in improving financial reporting processes. Modern accounting software can automate many tasks, reduce human error, and facilitate real-time data analysis. By leveraging advanced tools, organizations can streamline their reporting processes, ensuring that financial data

is both accurate and timely. This technological integration not only enhances the quality of financial reports but also allows for more efficient decision-making and strategic planning.

The findings indicate that 37.5% of respondents agreed and another 37.5% strongly agreed that regulatory compliance impacts the quality of financial reports. This highlights the critical importance of adhering to established regulations and standards for maintaining credible and reliable reporting. Compliance with financial regulations ensures that organizations operate within the legal framework, reducing the risk of penalties and enhancing their reputation. Furthermore, regulatory compliance reinforces stakeholder trust, as it demonstrates a commitment to transparency and ethical financial practices. Organizations that prioritize compliance are more likely to produce high-quality financial reports that stakeholders can rely on.

According to the results, 35% of respondents agreed and 46.25% strongly agreed that effective internal controls are crucial for maintaining reporting quality. This reflects a strong consensus on the necessity of robust controls to ensure accurate and reliable financial reporting. Effective internal controls help prevent errors, fraud, and misstatements in financial reports. By establishing a system of checks and balances, organizations can enhance the integrity of their financial information. This not only protects the organization's assets but also ensures that financial reports accurately reflect the organization's performance and position, fostering trust among stakeholders.

Finally, the study shows that 31.25% agreed and 56.25% strongly agreed that management support is essential for ensuring quality financial reporting. This underscores the vital role of leadership in fostering a culture of quality and accountability in financial practices. When management actively supports and prioritizes quality reporting, it sets a tone that encourages all employees to uphold high standards in their financial reporting efforts. Leadership commitment to quality not only motivates staff but also drives the implementation of best practices in financial reporting. A supportive management team can facilitate resources, training, and systems that enhance the overall quality of financial reports, contributing to the organization's success.

### **5.1.3 Challenges faced in enhancing quality financial reporting**

The study identifies several challenges that affect the enhancement of quality financial reporting at Airtel Uganda.

A significant 37.5% of respondents agreed and 30% strongly agreed that a lack of skilled personnel hinders quality financial reporting. This indicates a strong belief that inadequate expertise significantly impacts reporting quality. The absence of trained professionals can lead to errors, misinterpretations, and a general lack of confidence in the financial reports produced. Addressing this challenge may involve investing in recruitment, training programs, and ongoing professional development to ensure that staff possess the necessary skills and knowledge to deliver high-quality financial reporting.

The findings reveal that 31.25% of respondents agreed and another 31.25% strongly agreed that inadequate technology limits effective financial reporting. This suggests that technological shortcomings are viewed as a major barrier to accurate financial reporting. Without access to modern accounting software and tools, organizations may struggle with data accuracy, efficiency, and the timely generation of reports. To overcome this challenge, Airtel Uganda could consider investing in updated technology solutions that streamline reporting processes and enhance overall data management.

According to the results, 37.5% of respondents agreed and 30% strongly agreed that poor communication between departments affects the accuracy of reports. This highlights the importance of inter-departmental communication for ensuring reliable financial data. When departments fail to communicate effectively, important information may be overlooked or misrepresented, leading to inaccuracies in financial reporting. Improving communication channels and fostering collaboration between departments can help ensure that all relevant data is accurately captured and reported.

The study shows that 35% of respondents agreed and 37.5% strongly agreed that time constraints negatively impact the quality of financial reports. This reflects a consensus that tight deadlines can compromise reporting standards. When employees are under pressure to produce reports quickly, there is a greater likelihood of errors and oversights. To address this issue, organizations might consider revising reporting timelines, allowing for adequate review periods, and ensuring that staff has sufficient resources to meet reporting demands without sacrificing quality.

Finally, 31.25% of respondents agreed and 37.5% strongly agreed that resistance to change among staff affects the adoption of new practices. This indicates that cultural factors within the organization can hinder improvements in financial reporting processes. Employees may be hesitant to adopt new technologies or methodologies due to comfort with existing practices or fear of the unknown. To overcome this resistance, management should foster a culture that embraces change, providing support and training to help staff transition to new systems and practices effectively.

## **5.2 CONCLUSIONS**

### **5.2.1 Importance of Training and Expertise:**

A significant number of respondents emphasized that adequate training and skilled personnel are crucial for enhancing the quality of financial reporting. Investing in staff development is essential for ensuring accurate and reliable financial data.

### **5.2.2 Role of Technology:**

The findings indicate that modern accounting software and technology play a vital role in improving reporting accuracy. Organizations must adopt and integrate advanced technological solutions to overcome limitations in financial reporting processes.

### **5.2.3 Inter-departmental Communication:**

Effective communication between departments is critical for ensuring the accuracy of financial reports. Enhancing collaboration and information sharing can mitigate errors and improve the overall reliability of financial data.

### **5.2.4 Management and Cultural Support:**

Strong management support is vital for fostering a culture of quality in financial reporting. Leadership commitment to continuous improvement and openness to change can drive better practices and encourage staff to adopt new methodologies.

### **5.2.5 Addressing Time Constraints:**

Time pressures can negatively impact the quality of financial reports. Organizations must find ways to balance deadlines with the need for thorough review and quality assurance in financial reporting.

### **5.2.6 Resistance to Change:**

Cultural resistance to new practices can hinder improvements in financial reporting. Encouraging a proactive attitude towards change and providing adequate support can facilitate smoother transitions and better reporting outcomes.

## **5.3 Recommendations**

To enhance the quality of financial reporting and improve organizational performance at Airtel Uganda, a comprehensive and systematic approach is required.

First, it is imperative to invest in training and development initiatives for finance personnel. Ongoing professional development programs should be established to ensure that staff remain proficient in current accounting standards and best practices. Encouragement of professional certifications and continuing education will further enhance the competencies of financial team members, enabling them to navigate the complexities of modern financial environments effectively.

Second, the adoption of advanced technological solutions is critical. Implementing state-of-the-art accounting software and financial management systems can significantly streamline financial reporting processes, thereby increasing both accuracy and efficiency. Furthermore, the integration of data analytics tools will facilitate a more in-depth analysis of financial data, empowering management to make informed, strategic decisions that align with organizational objectives.

Strengthening internal controls is another vital recommendation. Establishing robust internal control frameworks will ensure the integrity and reliability of financial reporting. Regular audits and assessments should be conducted to identify and rectify weaknesses in financial processes, thereby enhancing the overall reliability of financial information.

In addition, enhancing communication and collaboration between the finance department and other organizational units is essential. Fostering a culture of transparency will promote open dialogue, ensuring that financial data accurately reflects operational realities. Encouraging cross-departmental collaboration will further improve the integration of financial information into organizational decision-making processes.

Moreover, a strong emphasis on compliance and ethical standards is necessary to maintain organizational integrity. Ensuring strict adherence to regulatory requirements and accounting standards will not only preserve credibility but also mitigate potential legal risks. Promoting ethical practices in financial reporting will enhance stakeholder trust and strengthen the organization's overall reputation.

Lastly, establishing mechanisms for regular monitoring and evaluation is crucial for fostering continuous improvement. Specific metrics should be developed to assess the quality of financial reporting and its impact on organizational performance. Implementing a structured feedback mechanism will facilitate ongoing enhancements based on stakeholder input and performance outcomes.

By adopting these comprehensive recommendations, Airtel Uganda can significantly improve the quality of its financial reporting, thereby enhancing organizational performance and fostering greater confidence among stakeholders.

## APPENDICES

### RESEARCH QUESTIONNAIRE

TOPIC: THE QUALITY OF FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE: A CASE STUDY OF AIRTEL UGANDA

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am Bua Jerum Enyang, a student at Uganda Christian University, pursuing a Degree in Business Administration. I am currently conducting a study on the quality of financial reporting and its impact on organizational performance at Airtel Uganda. This study is purely for academic purposes, and all information provided will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. I kindly request you to take a few moments to answer the following questions.

#### **SECTION A: Background Information**

Instructions: Please tick or write answers in full where applicable.

1 Gender:

a) Male

b) Female

2 Age Bracket (years):

a) Below 25

b) 26-35

c) 36-45

d) 46-55

3. Marital status

(a) Single

(b) Married

(c) Divorced

(d) Separated

Others specify.....

**SECTION B: Impact of Quality Financial Reporting on Organizational Performance**

Instructions: On a scale of 1-5, please tick the appropriate box to indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

Scale:

1 - Strongly Disagree

2 - Disagree

3 - Neutral

4 - Agree

5 - Strongly Agree

Statement	1	2	3	4	5
1. Accurate financial reporting enhances decision-making at Airtel Uganda.					
2. Quality financial reports improve the overall performance of the organization.					
3. Timely financial reporting contributes to better strategic planning.					
4. Clear financial statements positively affect stakeholder confidence.					
5. Quality financial reporting helps in identifying operational inefficiencies.					

### SECTION C: Key Factors Affecting Quality Financial Reporting

Instructions: On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

Statement	1	2	3	4	5
1. Adequate training of staff improves the quality of financial reporting.					
2. Use of modern accounting software enhances financial reporting accuracy.					
3. Regulatory compliance impacts the quality of financial reports.					
4. Effective internal controls are crucial for maintaining reporting quality.					
5. Management support is essential for ensuring quality financial reporting.					

### SECTION D: Challenges Faced in Enhancing Quality Financial Reporting

Instructions: On a scale of 1-5, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

Statement	1	2	3	4	5
1. Lack of skilled personnel hinders quality financial reporting.					
2. Inadequate technology limits effective financial reporting.					
3. Poor communication between departments affects the accuracy of reports.					
4. Time constraints negatively impact the quality of financial reports.					
5. Resistance to change among staff affects the adoption of new practices.					

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