

How Strategic Management Accounting Affects the Performance of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Indonesia

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ABSTRACT

This study examines the influence of Strategic Management Accounting (SMA) on the performance of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Indonesia, a developing nation with limited research on SMA implementation. Strategic Management Accounting (SMA) differs from conventional management accounting by focusing on an external perspective, long-term strategy, and the amalgamation of financial and non-financial factors in decision-making processes. The study employed a qualitative technique, conducting semi-structured interviews with 15 proprietors/managers of MSMEs across the manufacturing, service, and retail sectors. We used NVivo software to find patterns in the data. The results show three main themes: (1) MSMEs only use SMA for some things, like target costing, benchmarking, customer profitability analysis, and the balanced scorecard; (2) even partial use of SMA can lead to better financial results (cost efficiency, revenue growth) and non-financial results (innovation, customer satisfaction, retention); and (3) obstacles include not having enough resources, not knowing about SMA, and thinking it is too difficult to use. This study enhances Contingency Theory and the Resource-Based View by offering contextual insights from MSMEs in emerging economies.

Keywords: Strategic Management Accounting, MSMEs Performance, Contingency Theory, Resource-Based View, NVivo

INTRODUCTION

Individuals in developing nations such as Indonesia have always regarded micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) as the cornerstone of the economy. The Central Statistics Agency (BPS, 2023) reports that MSMEs constitute over 90% of all enterprises in Indonesia and employ more than 60% of the nation's workforce. There are a lot of challenges with this vital profession. Micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) still have a lot of big challenges, though.

MSMEs need to adapt quickly to the fast-changing business world. The COVID-19 pandemic made it very hard for businesses to keep going. Because of limits on community activities, broken supply chains, and lower consumer purchasing power, many MSMEs saw their sales drop significantly.

However, there is still very little research on how to use SMA in MSMEs, especially in developing countries like Indonesia. The setting for MSMEs is different from that of large companies. Micro, small, and medium enterprises often function with significantly limited resources, encompassing financial capital, human resources, and technology (Zakiah et al., 2024).

The imperative for this research is heightened by the present instability of the business landscape for MSMEs in Indonesia. The competition is escalating as free trade enables the influx of foreign goods. Shifts in consumer shopping behavior, particularly increased technological proficiency, necessitate that MSMEs rapidly devise innovative strategies. SMA could serve as an effective instrument for MSMEs to address these challenges.

Given this context, the study aims to investigate the effect of strategic management accounting on the performance of MSMEs in Indonesia. This research utilizes a qualitative methodology, specifically the analysis of semi-structured interviews with NVivo software. The goal of this study is to shed light on the context and characteristics of SMA practices in MSMEs, as well as the challenges and opportunities that these practices encounter.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Contingency theory is a well-known management theory that is used to explain how well management accounting systems work (Azmi et al., 2018). The main idea is that there isn't a single best method for all businesses. Instead, how well something works depends on how well management practices match up with the unique problems the business faces (Donaldson, 2001; Setiawan & Prabowo, 2022). When it comes to MSMEs, important contingency factors include the size of the company, how unpredictable the environment is, how competitive the market is, and how focused the business is on that market. According to the Resource-Based View (RBV), achieving a lasting competitive advantage requires mastering resources that are precious, scarce, inimitable, and non-substitutable (Barney, 2022). In this context, SMA is regarded as a strategic asset that can enhance the organization's value. Strategic management accounting tools, such as customer profitability analysis and target costing, are distinctive capabilities that assist MSMEs in optimizing constrained resources.

Institutional theory says that management styles are often formed by institutional forces, which can be coercive (like rules and regulations), normative (like professional standards), or mimetic (like copying good methods) (DiMaggio & Powell, 1983). Within the framework of SMA, many MSMEs start using strategic methods not only because they need to, but also because of pressures from outside the company, like government rules, reporting standards, or industry trends.

The Indonesian government's pressure to enhance MSME accountability via financial reporting may promote the implementation of SMA. Moreover, MSMEs that replicate the methodologies of major corporations, such as balanced scorecards or value chain analysis, exhibit mimetic pressure. Consequently, institutional theory elucidates the external determinants affecting the extent of SMA implementation in MSMEs.

Recent advancements indicate that SMA is commencing the incorporation of sustainability (ESG) metrics and employing digital technologies, such as cloud-based dashboards, for real-time performance monitoring (Chan & Zhang, 2023). These innovations are progressively pertinent in the digital age, particularly when MSMEs must enhance their transparency and adaptability.

While SMA approaches were primarily designed for large enterprises, literature indicates that MSMEs can also selectively implement them. Ahmad and Mohamed (2021) observed that MSMEs in Malaysia utilized straightforward methodologies such as benchmarking and target costing to enhance competitiveness. Nonetheless, the adoption rate remains low owing to resource limitations and insufficient managerial comprehension.

There is a striking similarity in the challenges encountered by MSMEs in Indonesia. Most micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) rely solely on financial data for tax purposes, rather than utilizing strategic information for planning purposes (Nugroho and Hadi, 2023). Other problems include not knowing enough about accounting, not having enough trained workers, and thinking that SMA is too hard to do (Khandekar & Sharma, 2022). The performance of MSME is multi-faceted. While key financial indicators such as profit, sales growth, and cost efficiency are important, they do not provide a complete picture of performance in the long run (Kamarudin et al., 2021). Environmental sustainability, staff retention, product innovation, and customer satisfaction are non-financial measures that are gaining more and more attention (Zhang & Tan, 2023).

Studies on SMA in large corporations inside industrialized nations indicate persistent performance advantages (Cadez & Guilding, 2022; Pavlatos, 2023). Nonetheless, research on MSMEs remains very scarce. Ahmad and Mohamed (2021) in Malaysia, Kim and Lee (2023) in Korea, and Al-Kahtani and Al-Hosaini (2022) in Gulf countries discovered that the adoption of SMA in MSMEs is often incomplete; however, it positively influences efficiency and competitiveness.

Empirical studies on SMA in Indonesia remain few. Nugroho and Hadi (2023) emphasize accounting advances in MSMEs, prioritizing information systems over SMA procedures. Setiawan and Prabowo (2024) demonstrate the importance of a contingency approach to elucidate discrepancies in SMA implementation within MSMEs; nevertheless, this research has not thoroughly examined the perspectives of MSME stakeholders.

Moreover, the research methodology remains predominantly quantitative. This indicates that cultural context, perceptions, and obstacles to implementation are insufficiently examined. Consequently, a context-based qualitative methodology, as employed in this study, is essential for enhancing the comprehension of SMA among Indonesian MSMEs.

METHODOLOGY

This research utilizes a qualitative methodology defined by an exploratory framework. This method was selected to comprehensively examine the experiences, perceptions, and practices related to the implementation of Strategic Management Accounting (SMA) in MSMEs. This study focuses on interpreting phenomena through thematic analysis instead of measuring statistical relationships among variables. The findings are expected to contribute to the SMA literature in developing countries, especially concerning Indonesian MSMEs, which have rarely been studied qualitatively (Ghosh, 2023). The participants in this study are proprietors or administrators of MSMEs across several industries, including manufacturing, services, and retail. A total of 15 participants were subjected to semi-structured interviews. Sector variety was selected to demonstrate discrepancies in SMA adoption across several business contexts. The primary data for this research was collected through semi-structured interviews. There were three primary topics covered in the interview questions: (a) SMA practices, including the methods employed, how widely used, and the adoption process; (b) SMA perceptions, including the perceived monetary and non-monetary benefits; and (c) implementation challenges, including the lack of resources, complexity of the tools, and outside influences. With the participants' consent, we recorded and transcribed each interview verbatim, which lasted thirty to forty-five minutes. To ensure validity, questions were open-ended to allow participants to freely express their views. In addition to interviews, supplementary data was obtained from secondary documents, such as simple financial reports, internal records, or business activity documentation.

The analysis yielded three primary themes:

1. Selective adoption of SMA
2. The influence of SMA on performance
3. Contextual impediments.

NVivo was employed to provide transparency and systematic organization of the analytical process, in addition to enhancing data visualization through mind maps and code trees.

This research employs an NVivo code tree encompassing three principal themes:

1. Strategic Management Accounting (Methods and Perspectives)
2. MSME Performance (Financial and Non-Financial Aspects)
3. Contextual Obstacles.

This study yielded three primary themes derived from thematic analysis conducted with NVivo software, utilizing semi-structured interviews with 15 proprietors and managers of MSMEs across the manufacturing, service, and retail sectors in Indonesia. These themes elucidate the implementation of Strategic Management Accounting (SMA), the opinions of MSME stakeholders concerning its impact on performance, and the problems encountered during its implementation.

RESULTS / FINDINGS

This study seeks to examine the impact of Strategic Management Accounting (SMA) on the performance of MSMEs in Indonesia. Utilizing semi-structured interviews with 15 proprietors/managers of MSMEs across the manufacturing, service, and retail sectors, and employing thematic analysis facilitated by NVivo software, three principal themes were identified: (1) selective implementation of SMA, (2) influence of SMA on performance, and (3) contextual impediments.

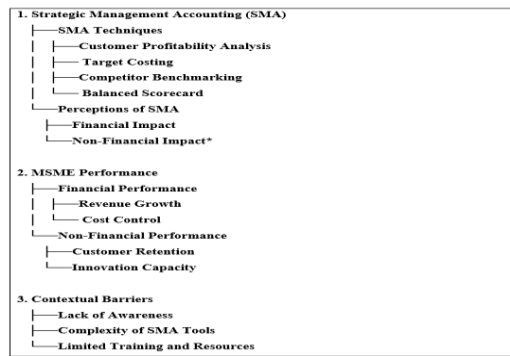


Figure 1. Mind Map

Table 1. Quotations per Theme Node

Main Node	Sub Node	Simulated Quotation
SMA Techniques	Target Costing	"We started calculating costs from the product design stage to avoid overbudget."
SMA Techniques	Competitor Benchmarking	"We compare our production costs with competitors for efficiency."
Perceptions of SMA	Non-Financial Impact	"After using the SMA dashboard, the team better understands the strategic direction."
MSME Performance	Revenue Growth	"Our revenue increased 30% since implementing the cost management system."
Contextual Barriers	Lack of Awareness	"Many MSME actors don't yet know how strategic management accounting works."
Contextual Barriers	Limited Resources	"We don't have dedicated staff who can operate complex systems."

Theme 1—Selective Adoption of Strategic Management Accounting

The findings indicate that most MSMEs have not fully embraced SMA. Instead, they choose particular strategies considered pertinent to their distinct business requirements. The predominant methodologies employed include customer profitability analysis, target costing, benchmarking against local competitors, and basic balanced scorecards. Culinary MSME stakeholders employ target costing during menu design to maintain competitive selling prices in the face of increasing raw material costs. Batik MSMEs in Solo utilize benchmarking to assess their production costs in comparison to those of their competitors, thereby facilitating the development of more cost-effective pricing strategies. Simultaneously, certain retail MSMEs have implemented fundamental balanced scorecards that prioritize metrics related to employee retention and consumer satisfaction.

Table 2. Below Presents Respondent Quotations Representing the Selective Adoption of Strategic Management Accounting

Main Node	Sub-Node	Simulated Quotation
SMA Techniques	Target Costing	"We started calculating costs from the product design stage to avoid overbudget."
SMA Techniques	Competitor Benchmarking	"We compare our production costs with competitors for efficiency."
SMA Techniques	Balanced Scorecard	"Now we don't just look at profit, but also at returning customers."

The results suggest that, despite insufficient awareness of SMA, MSME participants are starting to adopt certain practical practices.

Theme 2—Impact of SMA on Performance

Most respondents reported improvements in both financial and non-financial performance after using SMA, albeit limited to specific techniques. When MSMEs used target costing, their profit margins were more consistent. An entrepreneur in the food industry saw a 30% boost to their bottom line after implementing strategic cost reviews. One small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) in the retail sector said that customer profitability research helped them get rid of products that weren't making money.

The consequences that did not involve money were just as significant. The fact that SMA improved both client retention and inventive capacities was emphasized by many responders. By using the balanced scorecard, for example, MSMEs were able to put an emphasis on KPIs related to consumer satisfaction and use their feedback to develop new products. According to a participant from the service industry, the team was able to better understand the company's strategic direction after using a simple performance dashboard.

Table 3. Below Summarizes Respondent Perceptions

Main Node	Sub-Node	Simulated Quotation
Perceptions of SMA	Financial Impact	"Our revenue increased 30% since implementing the cost management system."
Perceptions of SMA	Non-Financial Impact	"After using the SMA dashboard, the team better understands the strategic direction."
Perceptions of SMA	Customer Retention	"Customer satisfaction is now a primary focus; they are more loyal now."

The results correspond with global studies demonstrating that even partial execution of SMA can yield considerable advantages (Ahmad & Mohamed, 2021; Kim & Lee, 2023).

Theme 3—Contextual Barriers

Despite the benefits, most respondents recognized barriers to the implementation of SMA. The obstacles include:

1. (1) Insufficient awareness: Many MSME stakeholders lack familiarity with the term SMA. Numerous individuals utilize basic profit-loss statements to fulfill tax requirements
2. (2) Some SMA methods are challenging because they require too many tools
3. (3) Resource constraints: MSMEs often do not have access to specialized accounting personnel. Owners assuming multiple roles experience stress when tasked with implementing intricate SMA systems.

Quotations from respondents are provided as an illustration:

1. "We typically utilize conventional profit-and-loss statements; however, we have recently encountered the term SMA" (Respondent no. 2)
2. (b). SMA is too complicated. We still don't grasp many terms and computations (Respondent Number 8)
3. (c) "Pragmatic training is required in lieu of purely theoretical instruction." Customization should help small firms satisfy their demands. (Respondent Number 14).

These findings emphasize the need for MSMEs to have access to SMA tools and training.

DISCUSSION

A significant number of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in Indonesia have not implemented strategic management accounting (SMA). The results indicate that micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) are still receiving numerous benefits, both financial and non-financial, despite the fact that they have not yet completely adopted SMA. Insufficient funding, inadequate knowledge, and challenging SMA techniques are contextual issues. The findings in this section are analyzed by comparing them to other theories and studies.

The implementation of SMA by MSMEs is consistent with the principles of chance theory. According to this theory, the effectiveness of a management system is substantially determined by its compatibility with the organization's internal and external contexts (Donaldson, 2001). This study investigates the methodologies that MSMEs in Indonesia have chosen to implement in accordance with their capabilities and needs. These methodologies include benchmarking, target costing, and customer profitability analysis. This serves as an illustration of an adaptation strategy that is consistent with the dynamic nature of corporate environments and the scarcity of resources. Comparable research in Malaysia (Ahmad & Mohamed, 2021) and South Korea (Kim & Lee, 2023) has similarly shown that MSMEs typically implement SMA selectively rather than extensively. These international data affirm that resource limitations and the intricacy of SMA procedures are the primary determinants affecting adoption decisions. Consequently, our research reinforces the premise of contingency theory that no singular SMA model is universally applicable to all MSMEs.

The results of this study align with the Resource-Based View (RBV). Barney (2022) asserts that firms achieve lasting competitive advantage by utilizing resources that are precious, unique, inimitable, and non-substitutable. SMA approaches, while straightforward, can become strategic assets for MSMEs. Consistent application of target costing enables MSMEs to sustain profit margins despite volatility in raw material prices. Simultaneously, customer profitability analysis enables MSMEs to deploy resources more effectively by concentrating on the most lucrative client categories.

Yusuf and Karim (2023) assert that the amalgamation of strategic management accounting with internal organizational competencies correlates positively with innovation performance. In this research environment, MSMEs utilizing balanced scorecards indicated enhancements in customer retention and product

innovation. This signifies that SMA operates not merely as an accounting instrument but also as a strategy framework that enhances the adaptive capability of MSMEs in a swiftly evolving landscape.

The primary obstacles encountered by MSMEs in executing SMA include insufficient awareness, resource constraints, and complexity of tools. This phenomenon can be examined via the lens of institutional theory, which posits that the implementation of management methods is shaped by institutional pressures, including coercive, normative, or mimetic influences (DiMaggio & Powell, 1983).

In Indonesia, the imposition of coercive pressure arises from governmental initiatives aimed at fostering greater accountability among MSMEs through the digitalization of their financial records. However, this legislation has not been sufficiently backed by appropriate training support or resources. Normative pressure arises from business associations and educational institutions that are starting to adopt balanced scorecards or alternative strategic management accounting methodologies. At the same time, mimetic pressure arises when MSMEs adopt the strategies of large corporations or competitors perceived as successful.

The challenges highlighted in this analysis emphasize the need for institutional action. In the absence of external support such as practical training, tool simplification, and access to technology, MSMEs will face significant challenges in effectively optimizing the use of SMA.

The results of this study demonstrate that the decision to adopt SMA is heavily influenced by the owner or senior manager of the MSME. A number of respondents indicated that entrepreneurial orientation and openness to innovation affect the extent of SMA implementation. This is consistent with the upper echelons theory, which suggests that the characteristics of leaders, such as age, experience, education, and values, influence the strategic direction of the organization (Hambrick & Mason, 1984). Suharto and Sari (2024) emphasize that the entrepreneurial mindset of MSME owners in Indonesia is closely connected to the successful implementation of innovative accounting practices. To get more MSME owners to use SMA, the focus should not just be on giving them technology, but also on helping them learn how to be good managers. There is a link between this study and the idea of dynamic powers as well as contingency theory and the resource-based view (RBV). When small and medium-sized businesses use strategic market research, they are better able to adapt to changes in the market. For instance, people who used SMA displays were better able to react to new trends. This means that SMA makes it easier for MSMEs to take in new ideas, come up with new ways to do things, and rearrange their resources in response to changes in the environment (Teece, 2018). The study by Kim and Lee (2023) backs up this observation by showing that MSMEs that mix SMA with an innovation focus are better at dealing with unpredictable environments. Therefore, SMA is a way to make it easier for MSMEs to adapt to new situations.

CONCLUSIONS

This study sought to examine the impact of Strategic Management Accounting (SMA) on the performance of MSMEs in Indonesia through a qualitative methodology facilitated by NVivo. Three main conclusions can be drawn from the theme analysis: (1) SMA is only used by a small number of MSMEs, (2) it has a good effect on both financial and non-financial performance, and (3) there are some problems in the environment, such as a lack of resources, a lack of understanding, and the opinion that SMA is too hard.

Stakeholders of micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) are advised to use simple SMA techniques that are in line with the requirements of their own businesses. In order to increase understanding of the benefits and execution strategies of strategic management accounting, it is necessary to participate in training and self-development activities in this field. In order to improve the quality of Strategic Management Accounting (SMA), Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have the option of utilizing digital instruments, such as simple dashboards or applications that are hosted on the cloud. The provision of relevant training modules on spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) that are tailored to the characteristics of micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) is of the utmost importance. In training, an emphasis should be placed on simple methods, such as target costing, customer profitability analysis, and balanced scorecards, that can be put into practice without much difficulty. When it involves how to implement shared mobility arrangements (SMAs), business alliances have the potential to facilitate the exchange of knowledge between micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) with regard to best practices. The government must promote the digitalization of MSMEs by facilitating access to cost-effective and intuitive technologies. Policies promoting the training and development of MSMEs, particularly in management and accounting, require enhancement. Incentives may be granted to MSMEs that have adopted effective accounting and strategic management practices.

This research confirms that the installation of SMA need not be exhaustive. MSMEs may implement approaches tailored to their needs, such as target costing for cost management, benchmarking for establishing competitive pricing, or a basic balanced scorecard for assessing non-financial performance. Through a selective adoption strategy, MSMEs can still derive advantages from SMA despite constrained resources.

Another thing that actual training on SMA should stress is making things easier to understand. Instead of going over all of the strategies at once, training can focus on just two or three main ones that are important for certain MSME businesses. This will lessen reluctance and the feeling that SMA is too hard to understand. The findings of this research hold significant ramifications for the government and associated entities. Initially, MSME support policies must prioritize not just access to funding but also the enhancement of managerial capabilities and strategic accounting. Secondly, it is essential to create straightforward and cost-effective digital SMA solutions for MSMEs, such as cloud-based accounting apps featuring basic SMA modules. Third, business associations and educational institutions might facilitate mentoring programs focused on practical application rather than solely theoretical knowledge.

This study broadens the utilization of management theories (continuity, resource-based view, dynamic capabilities, institutional theory, and upper echelons) within the framework of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The research findings indicate that theories typically employed to elucidate the behavior of large corporations are also applicable to MSMEs, contingent upon modifications for resource constraints. This research emphasizes the value of a qualitative technique for examining contextual nuances, hence enhancing the generalizable findings of quantitative research.

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