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ABSTRAK. *The impact of corporate social responsibility (CSR) on financial performance across many nations is examined in this research. This study aims to examine the findings of studies conducted in different nations and sectors about the impact of CSR on CFP. This study's methodology, meta-analysis, makes use of secondary data from worldwide publications published in a number of nations, including southern Africa, Nigeria, Italy, Pakistan, and Jordan. The findings demonstrated that CSR does not always provide reliable outcomes. According to the study's findings, corporate social responsibility (CSR) may improve an organization's financial success, but how effective it is will vary greatly depending on the unique socioeconomic and regulatory circumstances of each nation and sector.*

Keyword : *Corporate Social Responcibility, Financial Performance*

INTRODUCTION

Global interest in the topic of corporate social responsibility, or CSR, has grown in recent years. Businesses across a range of industrial sectors are realizing how critical it is to match their operations with their social and environmental obligations. The public's increased knowledge of how business activities affect the environment and local communities is the driving force behind this.

In international economic and business literature, the impact of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) on financial performance has gained significant attention. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) pertains to company practices that proactively beyond legal and regulatory mandates to take into account the social and environmental consequences of their operations. Companies across borders are being put under more and more pressure to not just make a profit but also to consider the social and environmental effects of their activities in the present setting of economic globalization.

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Due to its important strategic implications, academics and business practitioners have focused their attention on the link between corporate social responsibility (CSR) and company financial performance. Theoretically, CSR can increase firm value through enhanced reputation, better access to resources, and support from stakeholders. The nature and strength of the correlation between corporate social responsibility (CSR) and financial success, particularly in cross-national situations, is still up for dispute.

Stakeholders must have a deeper understanding of the connection between a company's financial performance (Corporate Financial Performance, or CFP) and its CSR activities. The effects of CSR adoption on CFP have been the subject of several research, yet the findings continue to provide conflicting findings. While some research indicate no association at all or a negative relationship between CSR and CFP, others demonstrate a favorable relationship between the two.

Diverse opinions have been expressed in the discussion of the connection between corporate social responsibility (CSR) and financial success. Some studies suggest that investments in CSR can bring long-term benefits, such as improved corporate reputation, better risk management, and better access to capital and markets. On the other hand, others contend that the influence of corporate social responsibility (CSR) on financial performance might differ based on industry features, national corporate cultures, and regulatory frameworks.

This article aims to compare research findings on the influence of CSR on CFP in various countries and industries. It is anticipated that a more thorough knowledge of the dynamics of the link between CSR and a company's financial success would be obtained by evaluating these data. This may assist businesses in creating CSR plans that complement their financial objectives and provide regulators and other interested parties information on how CSR activities affect overall business success.

METHODS

In order to examine the findings of studies on the impact of corporate social responsibility (CSR) disclosure on company financial performance in different nations, this research combines a meta-analysis technique with a literature study methodology. The research papers on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and the financial performance of the organization are the primary source of secondary data used in this study. The scientific publications included in this research were published in international journals and were accessed via websites spread throughout Indonesia. This aims to find the diversity of previous

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research results and test the sensitivity of research data, whether there is bias or not in the data tested.

RESULT

The Impact of CSR on Financial Performance in South Africa

Regarding the relationship between corporate social responsibility (CSR) and corporate financial performance (CFP), research on businesses listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) Index in South Africa has produced a variety of results. The primary goals of this research are to ascertain whether there are any variations in the long-term financial performance of companies that are members and non-members of the JSE SRI Index, as well as the short-term effects of CSR announcements on the stock returns of companies included and not included in the index.

The study's conclusions include a variety of data about the connection between CFP and CSR. The event study research shows that, with the exception of 2004 and 2012, investors do not benefit when firms enter the index since there are no notable changes in their stock prices. The long-term study yields contradictory findings for CFP and CSR across a range of businesses. Significant positive, negative, and neutral changes in CFP between JSE SRI Index members and non-members may be seen in several businesses.

We may draw the conclusion that over time, the market will see the announcement of CSR events as both positive and negative news. It is unclear, nonetheless, whether adhering to the JSE SRI Index causes meaningful variations in financial performance. These results demonstrate the intricate nature of the link between CSR and CFP and point to the need for further study to fully understand its dynamics in many business and national settings.

The Impact of CSR on Banks in Nigeria

Research examining the impact of corporate social responsibility (CSR) on the financial outcomes of Nigerian banks that are publicly traded offers compelling perspectives. Aspects of financial performance that are the subject of this study include dividends per share (DPS), earnings per share (EPS), and return on capital employed (ROCE).

The study's conclusions demonstrate a strong positive correlation between ROCE and the banks' CSR initiatives. This suggests that the capital efficiency of the banks is positively impacted by CSR initiatives. Conversely, there was no discernible correlation between CSR and profits per share or dividends per share. These findings suggest that CSR practices do not directly affect the banks' earnings per share or the amount of dividends paid.

These findings have interesting implications for banks in Nigeria. The study concludes that banks in Nigeria must be more active in implementing CSR, as it has been proven to have a positive impact on their capital efficiency. Additionally, the government is also advised to provide tax incentives to encourage banks to be more involved in CSR activities.

The significance of CSR initiatives for Nigerian banks' financial success is emphasized by this study. While a clear correlation between profits per share and dividends per share was not seen, the research indicates that corporate social responsibility (CSR) positively impacts banks' capital efficiency. These findings can serve as a foundation for banks and the Nigerian government to promote more intensive CSR implementation in the banking sector.

The Role of CSR in Sustainable Financial Performance in Italy

An intriguing investigation of the relationship between corporate social responsibility (CSR) and the long-term financial success of Italian businesses has been carried out. The present research focuses on the function of company reputation as a mediator between corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives and sustainable financial performance. The key findings of this study demonstrate that a company's reputation is positively impacted by good CSR policies, which include accountability to consumers, communities, workers, and the environment. This good corporate reputation then contributes to improved sustainable financial performance. In other words, corporate reputation functions as a bridge that connects CSR practices with the achievement of sustainable financial performance.

These findings provide important insights for companies in Italy about the importance of managing CSR practices and corporate reputation well to support sustainable financial performance. Through effective efforts in the field of CSR, companies can build a good reputation in the eyes of stakeholders. This positive reputation, in turn, will drive an increase in sustainable financial performance in the long term. The implication of this research for companies in Italy is the need to place CSR as one of their strategic priorities. By understanding how CSR can influence reputation and subsequently impact sustainable financial performance, companies can design and implement more effective CSR programs. This effort will not only provide social and environmental benefits, but also contribute to the long-term sustainability of the company's financial performance.

Relationship between CSR and Financial Performance and Market Value in Pakistan

An intriguing investigation has been carried out to examine the correlation between financial success and the market value of Pakistani firms and corporate social responsibility, or CSR. The research analyses information from 156 businesses registered on the Karachi Stock Exchange in 2010 and 2011 and focuses on four main industries: textile, chemical, cement, and tobacco. The study's conclusions demonstrate that CSR initiatives have little to no impact on a company's bottom line. Moreover, the stock market value of the company is adversely affected by CSR. This suggests that there is information asymmetry, meaning that investors do not have the same access to information as the management of the organisation.

Furthermore, the study also discusses the debt signaling hypothesis. This hypothesis suggests that an increase in debt in the capital structure should positively influence investor behavior. However, due to the information asymmetry, the results obtained were negative. Investors were unable to interpret the signals sent by the companies through their capital structure. These findings provide room to test the model of the impact of CSR on market returns in designing efficient portfolios. For companies in Pakistan, especially in the textile, chemical, cement, and tobacco sectors, the results of this study indicate the need to improve information transparency and more effective communication with investors.

By understanding the information asymmetry and the negative impact of CSR on market value, companies can design CSR strategies that are more aligned with investor expectations and perceptions. This effort is expected to help companies build trust and increase their stock market value in the long term.

A Study of CSR and Financial Performance in Jordanian Banking

An intriguing investigation of the correlation between financial performance (CFP) and corporate social responsibility (CSR) in Jordan's banking industry has been carried out. The study's emphasis is on banks that are listed on the Amman Stock Exchange. It looks at a number of factors, such as advertising intensity, bank size, risk level, CSR, and ROA (Return on Assets), which is a proxy for CFP. The findings indicate that, among Jordanian banking businesses, CSR, bank size, bank risk level, and advertising intensity with CFP have a substantial positive association. This research highlights how crucial it is for banks to implement CSR practices in order to boost their financial performance as well as have a good social and economic effect.

Based on the analysis, the study provides several key recommendations. First, banks should consider the positive effects of CSR on CFP and seek shareholder support to implement

CSR practices, given their significant impact on the community. Second, banks need to consider not only technological changes or customer needs, but also changes in social, governance, and environmental aspects in their business strategies.

Additionally, the study emphasises how important it is to do additional research in the area of CSR. It is recommended that researchers look at the benefits of CSR in CFP and investigate whether organisational or consumer activities should be the source of CSR. Deeper understanding of the connection between CSR and financial performance particularly in the context of Jordan's banking industry would result from this. All things considered, this research offers banks in Jordan insightful information that they can use to incorporate CSR into their business plans. Banks may enhance their financial performance and positively benefit the society by putting into practice CSR principles.

DISCCUSSION

It's fascinating to compare the studies on this association between CSR and financial success in the Jordanian banking industry with related results from other nations. According to previous research, there is a good correlation between CFP and CSR practices in the banking industry, which is in line with the conclusions drawn from the case study of Jordan. The nature and intensity of this interaction, however, vary depending on the national environment.

The dynamics of the CSR-CFP connection seem to be influenced by a variety of factors in each nation, including industry, economic situations, and government rules and policies. For instance, compared to developing nations, research conducted in wealthy nations have indicated a greater correlation between CSR and CFP. This may be due to differences in public awareness, government incentives, and the resources available to companies to implement effective CSR practices.

The industry also appears to be an important factor. The banking sector, which has significant social and environmental impacts, tends to have a closer relationship between CSR and CFP compared to other industries. These results have worldwide implications, not the least of which is the significance of the banking sector's adoption of successful CSR policies, particularly in developing nations. Banks may enhance their financial performance and contribute positively to the environment and society by adopting corporate social responsibility (CSR). Additionally, this research emphasizes the need for support from regulators and policymakers to encourage the adoption of CSR in the banking sector. Incentives, regulations, and clear guidance can help banks develop and implement sustainable CSR strategies.

A comparative analysis of study results across national boundaries reveals a complicated link impacted by a range of contextual variables between CSR and financial success in the banking industry. Nonetheless, the recurrent results highlight how crucial corporate social responsibility (CSR) is to generating value for businesses and benefiting the larger society.

CONCLUSION

The influence of corporate social responsibility (CSR) on the financial performance of businesses across several nations and industrial sectors is complicated and diverse, as this article demonstrates. From the results of research in South Africa, Nigeria, Italy, Pakistan and Jordan, it appears that CSR does not always provide consistent results. In South Africa, the impact of CSR on stock returns and long-term financial performance varies depending on industry and time. Meanwhile, in Nigeria, CSR has been proven to increase the efficiency of capital use without affecting earnings per share and dividends. In Italy, corporate reputation plays an important role in bridging CSR and sustainable financial performance, indicating that positive CSR impacts can be achieved through good reputation management.

Research in Pakistan shows that CSR does not have a significant effect on company financial performance, and even has a negative effect on stock market value. This highlights the importance of transparency and reducing information asymmetry between management and investors. In Jordan, CSR adoption in the banking sector was found to be positively related to financial performance, showing the importance of CSR in increasing return on assets (ROA) and indicating that CSR can be a profitable strategy if implemented well.

This article concludes that CSR has the potential to improve corporate financial performance, but its impact is highly dependent on the specific context of each country and industry. Companies need to consider various factors such as reputation, efficient use of capital, and transparency in CSR reporting to maximize the benefits. To learn more about the processes by which corporate social responsibility (CSR) affects financial performance and how businesses might implement best practices in this space, further study is required. Through a comprehensive knowledge and management of corporate social responsibility, businesses may profit financially as well as positively impact society and the environment.

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