

# Accountability Practices on the Performance of National Police Service in Kenya

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**Abstract:** *This study investigates the relationships between transparency, responsibility, compliance, and organizational performance, with the aim of identifying key drivers that contribute to improved outcomes. Using correlation analysis, the study examined how these constructs interact and their collective impact on performance. The findings revealed that transparency, responsibility, and compliance were positively correlated with performance, with compliance showing the strongest relationship ( $R = 0.77$ ). Transparency ( $R = 0.62$ ) and responsibility ( $R = 0.65$ ) also demonstrated moderate positive relationships, highlighting their significance in fostering better performance outcomes. The analysis further revealed an R-squared value of 0.74, indicating that the three variables collectively explained 74% of the variance in performance. This strong explanatory power underscores the critical role of transparency, responsibility, and compliance in shaping organizational success. The p-value of 0.000 confirmed the statistical significance of these relationships, assuring the reliability and robustness of the findings. The study concludes that improvements in transparency, responsibility, and compliance are essential for achieving enhanced performance. Transparency facilitates open communication and trust, responsibility fosters accountability and efficiency, while compliance ensures alignment with regulatory and operational standards. These attributes collectively contribute to creating an environment conducive to superior organizational outcomes. Based on these insights, the study recommends that organizations prioritize initiatives aimed at strengthening transparency, promoting responsibility, and ensuring compliance. Strategies such as establishing clear accountability structures, fostering transparent decision-making, and providing regular compliance training can significantly enhance performance. Continuous monitoring and integration of these constructs into organizational culture are critical for sustaining long-term success. By highlighting the importance of transparency, responsibility, and compliance, this study provides actionable insights for organizations seeking to improve performance. The findings serve as a foundation for policy recommendations and strategic decision-making, offering a pathway to sustainable growth and competitive advantage.*

**Keywords:** Transparency, Responsibility, Compliance, Performance

## 1. Introduction

Performance is a critical metric for evaluating the success of organizations, especially in sectors driven by compliance, responsibility, and transparency. Over the years, researchers have extensively explored how various factors influence organizational performance, with a particular focus on governance aspects. Transparency, responsibility, and compliance are widely regarded as fundamental elements that impact the effectiveness and efficiency of organizations. Transparency in organizational operations is associated with increased trust, improved decision-making, and accountability, all of which contribute to enhanced performance outcomes [1]. In the context of corporate governance, these factors are essential for fostering environments where stakeholders' interests are prioritized, and organizational goals are achieved.

Responsibility, often intertwined with accountability, plays a central role in shaping performance outcomes. Organizations that emphasize responsibility among their leaders and employees tend to experience better operational results due to improved decision-making and higher levels of employee engagement [2]. Moreover, when responsibility is aligned with ethical standards and organizational values, it helps create a culture of integrity, which directly influences performance [3]. The relationship between responsibility and performance has been investigated across various industries, with evidence

suggesting that responsible practices lead to better overall outcomes, including financial performance, employee satisfaction, and corporate reputation.

Similarly, compliance, which involves adhering to legal and regulatory frameworks, is another critical determinant of performance. Organizations that comply with industry standards and regulations minimize risks, avoid legal penalties, and enhance their credibility in the market, which collectively drive performance improvement [4]. Research has consistently demonstrated that strong compliance practices not only mitigate operational risks but also create a more structured environment for achieving strategic goals [5]. Non-compliance, on the other hand, can lead to severe consequences, such as financial losses, reputational damage, and legal ramifications, all of which can significantly undermine performance.

Understanding how transparency, responsibility, and compliance interrelate and affect organizational performance remains a key research question in management studies. The present study seeks to assess the impact of these three factors on performance, with a focus on their individual and combined effects. Previous research has established the importance of these factors individually, but a comprehensive analysis of their combined influence is still limited. By exploring this relationship, this study aims to provide valuable insights for organizations seeking to improve their performance by fostering better governance practices.

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## 1.1 Problem Statement

In recent years, there has been growing recognition of the importance of transparency, responsibility, and compliance as critical drivers of organizational performance. However, despite the established link between these factors and improved performance outcomes, empirical studies that comprehensively examine the combined impact of transparency, responsibility, and compliance remain limited. Many existing studies focus on these factors in isolation or explore their effects in specific industries, leaving a gap in understanding how these elements interact and collectively influence organizational performance in broader contexts. This lack of comprehensive research hampers organizations' ability to adopt integrated strategies that simultaneously address these governance elements to optimize performance outcomes.

Moreover, the varying degrees of impact of transparency, responsibility, and compliance across different sectors and organizational structures remain understudied. While some studies have highlighted the individual contributions of these factors, there is a need for more nuanced analysis that considers their combined effect. This research gap is particularly significant for organizations striving to enhance their governance practices and improve performance. Addressing this gap will not only contribute to academic knowledge but also provide practical insights for policymakers and organizational leaders seeking to create more effective governance frameworks that drive long-term performance improvement.

## 1.2 Objective

The primary objective of this study is to examine the impact of transparency, responsibility, and compliance on organizational performance. Specifically, the study aims to:

- 1) Investigate the individual effects of transparency, responsibility, and compliance on organizational performance.
- 2) Assess the combined impact of these three governance factors on performance outcomes.
- 3) Analyze how the interactions between transparency, responsibility, and compliance contribute to the overall performance of organizations in various sectors.
- 4) Provide actionable recommendations for organizations to improve their performance through enhanced governance practices related to transparency, responsibility, and compliance.

## 2. Literature Review

The relationship between transparency and organizational performance has been widely explored in recent years. Transparency, defined as the openness and clarity of an organization's processes and decisions, is seen as essential for fostering trust and accountability. Several studies suggest that transparency leads to enhanced organizational performance by improving stakeholder confidence, reducing information asymmetry, and facilitating better decision-making processes.

For instance, Transparency International (2019) found that organizations with high levels of transparency tend to exhibit stronger financial performance and higher stakeholder satisfaction due to improved credibility and trustworthiness [1]. Moreover, transparency in financial reporting and organizational policies helps minimize the risk of corruption and inefficiency, thereby contributing to overall performance improvements [2, 3]. Responsibility, particularly corporate social responsibility (CSR), has also been linked to improved organizational performance. Organizations that prioritize responsibility in their operations tend to engage in ethical practices, which resonate well with consumers, investors, and employees. CSR initiatives, which often encompass environmental sustainability, ethical labor practices, and community engagement, can enhance an organization's reputation and long-term viability. Research by Smith et al. (2020) suggests that organizations that adopt strong CSR policies often experience increased customer loyalty, higher employee satisfaction, and better financial performance as a result of their ethical operations [4]. This connection between responsibility and performance highlights the importance of corporate governance frameworks that emphasize responsibility as a key driver of organizational success [5].

Similarly, compliance with legal, regulatory, and industry standards is another critical factor influencing organizational performance. Compliance helps ensure that organizations operate within the legal boundaries, thus avoiding financial penalties, reputational damage, and operational disruptions. According to Lee et al. (2022), organizations that demonstrate high levels of compliance not only mitigate risks but also improve their operational efficiency, enabling them to achieve better performance outcomes [6]. Furthermore, compliance with environmental and social regulations can contribute to a more sustainable business model, which in turn positively impacts financial performance and organizational reputation [7, 8]. Therefore, maintaining robust compliance mechanisms is crucial for organizations seeking to enhance performance and reduce operational risks. The combined effect of transparency, responsibility, and compliance on performance has been less extensively studied, but some studies suggest that these factors are interrelated and collectively contribute to better outcomes. A study by Zhao and Liu (2021) explored the synergy between governance factors, finding that organizations that integrate transparency, responsibility, and compliance into their corporate culture experience higher levels of performance across various dimensions, including financial outcomes, innovation, and employee engagement [9, 10]. This research suggests that organizations that focus on all three elements simultaneously are more likely to achieve sustainable performance improvements than those that focus on one or two alone. Such a holistic approach to governance helps create a more cohesive organizational environment conducive to high performance.

The importance of governance practices, including transparency, responsibility, and compliance, has been emphasized in several recent studies, particularly in terms of their role in fostering organizational sustainability. As

organizations face increasing pressure to meet stakeholder expectations and adapt to changing market conditions, those that integrate these governance factors are better positioned to succeed in a competitive environment. Studies by Harrison and Lee (2023) indicate that a strong governance framework, built on transparency, responsibility, and compliance, is essential for organizations aiming to achieve both short-term and long-term performance goals [11, 12]. This integrated approach not only improves operational efficiency but also contributes to long-term sustainability, positioning organizations for continued success in a rapidly evolving business landscape.

### 3. Methodology

#### 3.1 Research Design

This study employed a quantitative research design to examine the relationships between transparency, responsibility, compliance, and performance. The choice of a quantitative approach was due to the need for precise measurement of these constructs and their influence on performance. By collecting numerical data, the study was able to employ statistical techniques such as correlation analysis and regression to understand the strength and nature of the relationships between the variables. This design is particularly effective in studies where the goal is to test hypotheses and determine the degree of association between variables, providing clear and replicable results.

In this study, the research design allowed for an analysis of existing relationships based on a hypothesized model. A cross-sectional survey was used to gather data, offering a snapshot of the variables at a single point in time. This approach was chosen because it is efficient, cost-effective, and suitable for investigating relationships between variables without manipulating them. The design also allowed the study to reach a large sample of respondents, which enhances the reliability and generalizability of the findings.

Moreover, the use of a quantitative design facilitated the application of rigorous statistical tests. By analyzing the data through correlation coefficients and regression models, the study provided a clear understanding of how transparency, responsibility, and compliance influenced performance. This method also ensured that the findings could be tested for statistical significance, which further strengthens the validity of the results.

#### 3.2 Population and Sampling

The population of this study consisted of employees and managers from various sectors that are affected by policies of transparency, responsibility, and compliance. Specifically, the study focused on organizations within sectors such as finance, government, and large corporations, where these constructs are critical for operational success. The target population comprised individuals who have experience or direct involvement with performance management in their respective organizations. The sample was selected using a non-probability

sampling technique, specifically purposive sampling, to ensure that the participants had relevant knowledge and experience with the study's constructs.

The sample size for the study was determined based on recommendations from previous research, which suggested that a minimum of 300 respondents would provide a sufficient level of confidence for statistical analysis. A total of 384 respondents were selected, allowing for a robust analysis of the data. The respondents were selected from various regions and organizations, ensuring diversity in the sample and enhancing the generalizability of the findings. The data was collected through online surveys, which allowed participants to provide responses conveniently and confidentially.

The sampling strategy ensured that the sample was representative of the population, although it was not random. This approach was appropriate for the research objectives as it focused on individuals with relevant experience. While non-probability sampling can limit the ability to generalize the findings to the broader population, the sample size and targeted selection ensured that the study's results would be robust and meaningful within the context of the organizations studied.

#### 3.3 Data Collection Methods

Data for this study were collected through a structured survey instrument designed to measure transparency, responsibility, compliance, and performance. The survey included a series of Likert-scale items that allowed respondents to express their agreement or disagreement with various statements related to the key constructs of the study. The use of Likert scales is widely accepted in social science research for measuring attitudes, perceptions, and behaviors, as it allows for a clear and quantifiable assessment of respondents' views. This method provided a standardized way of capturing responses across a large sample.

The survey was administered online, which provided a practical and cost-effective means of reaching a large number of participants. Participants were invited to complete the survey through email invitations, with a link to the online survey platform. The survey was designed to take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete, ensuring that it was concise yet comprehensive enough to capture the necessary data. The instrument was pre-tested with a small group of participants to ensure clarity and reliability, and adjustments were made based on feedback received. To enhance the reliability of the data, the survey incorporated questions that measured the same construct from different angles. For example, questions on transparency assessed both perceived organizational transparency and individual understanding of transparency in operations. Similarly, performance was measured not only in terms of outcomes but also through behavioral indicators. This triangulation helped ensure the validity and comprehensiveness of the data collected, providing a robust foundation for the analysis.

### 3.4 Data Analysis Techniques

Data collected from the surveys were analyzed using both descriptive and inferential statistical techniques. Descriptive statistics, such as means, standard deviations, and frequencies, were used to summarize the responses and provide an overview of the demographic characteristics of the respondents. These statistics helped to identify trends in the data and set the stage for deeper analysis. The descriptive analysis also included the calculation of Cronbach's alpha to assess the reliability of the scales used in the survey.

Inferential statistics were used to test the hypotheses and examine the relationships between transparency, responsibility, compliance, and performance. Correlation analysis was performed to determine the strength and direction of the relationships between the variables. The study also employed regression analysis to assess the impact of transparency, responsibility, and compliance on performance. The regression model allowed for the determination of which variables had the most significant impact on performance, and whether the model explained a substantial amount of variance in performance outcomes.

The results of the data analysis were evaluated using standard statistical thresholds. The p-value was used to determine statistical significance, with a value less than 0.05 indicating that the results were unlikely to have occurred by chance. The coefficient of determination (R-squared) was also used to assess the explanatory power of the model. By using these statistical techniques, the study was able to provide a clear and objective assessment of how transparency, responsibility, and compliance influenced performance, with the findings offering implications for policy and practice.

### 3.5 Ethical Considerations

Ethical considerations were central to the design and implementation of this study. Informed consent was obtained from all participants before they completed the survey. The consent form explained the purpose of the study, the voluntary nature of participation, and the measures taken to ensure participant confidentiality. Participants were also assured that their responses would be used solely for the purpose of the research and that their identities would remain anonymous.

To protect the privacy and rights of participants, all data were stored securely, and access was limited to authorized personnel only. The survey platform used to collect the data was encrypted, ensuring that responses were transmitted securely. Additionally, participants had the right to withdraw from the study at any point without penalty, and any incomplete responses were excluded from the analysis to maintain the integrity of the data.

The study adhered to all relevant ethical guidelines and best practices in research. The findings were presented honestly and transparently, with full acknowledgment of any limitations or biases in the research design. By upholding these ethical standards, the study ensured that it contributed to the body of

knowledge while respecting the rights and welfare of the participants.

## 4. Findings

The total number of respondents surveyed was 384, and the response rate was 89%, with 342 completed questionnaires returned. This high response rate is indicative of strong participant engagement and a solid level of interest in the research topic. The relatively high response rate ensures that the data gathered is more likely to represent the views and opinions of the targeted population, thus enhancing the validity of the study's findings. The response rate can be considered above average, which is a promising indicator for studies of this nature. The response rate plays a crucial role in the overall quality of survey-based research, as it ensures that the sample size is adequate for analysis and that the results are generalizable to the wider population.

The large number of respondents also demonstrates the effectiveness of the data collection methods used, as well as the level of cooperation from the participants. It is important to highlight that the demographic diversity within the survey responses further strengthens the credibility of the data. However, while a high response rate is generally positive, it is still essential to assess the data's representativeness across various subgroups to ensure that the results are not skewed by any particular demographic.

### 4.1 Reliability

To assess the reliability of the measurement scales used in this study, Cronbach's Alpha was calculated for each of the constructs in the survey. The following table presents the results of the reliability analysis:

**Table 1: Cronbach's Alpha Coefficients for Survey Constructs**

Construct	Cronbach's Alpha
Transparency	0.89
Responsibility	0.87
Compliance	0.85
Performance	0.91

The Cronbach's Alpha values for all constructs were above the threshold of 0.70, which is considered acceptable for most research purposes. A Cronbach's Alpha value above 0.80, as seen in the transparency, responsibility, and performance constructs, is considered excellent, indicating a high level of internal consistency in the survey items measuring these constructs. These reliability scores suggest that the items used to measure each construct are highly correlated and that the scales used in this study are reliable for assessing the constructs of interest.

Moreover, the overall reliability of the questionnaire ensures that the data collected can be trusted to reflect consistent responses across participants. High reliability increases confidence in the data's stability and reproducibility, which in turn supports the accuracy of the study's conclusions. Given



these strong reliability scores, it can be concluded that the measurement instruments used in the study are reliable for capturing the relevant dimensions of transparency, responsibility, compliance, and performance.

**4.2 Descriptive Analysis**

The first objective of the study was to find out the effect of Accountability practices on performance of national police service in Kenya. The respondents responded to some

statements on Accountability practices. The responses were rated on a five-point Likert scale as presented in the table 4.2

The results from Table 4.13 indicated that 1.1% of the respondent strongly disagreed, 13.7% disagreed, 29.2% were neutral, (36.2%) agreed and 19.9% strongly agreed that I'm aware of the existence of police oversight bodies. The results on if I take responsibility for my actions. 0.4% of the respondents strongly disagreed, 12.9% disagreed, 26.9% were neutral, 35.8% agreed and 19.9% strongly agreed.

**Table 2: Accountability practices**

	SD	D	N	A	SA	Mean	Std. Dev.
I'm aware of the existence of police oversight bodies.	1.1%	13.7%	29.2%	36.2%	19.9%	3.60	.991
I take responsibility for all my police actions.	0.4%	12.9%	26.9%	35.8%	24.0%	3.70	.987
I'm comfortable with the presence of the media during my duties.	1.5%	11.1%	26.6%	36.2%	24.7%	3.72	1.006
I'm comfortable with the media accessing non classified police information.	4.1%	17.3%	21.4%	38.4%	18.8%	3.51	1.105
I uphold human rights in all my operations.	4.8%	14.8%	26.9%	33.9%	19.6%	3.49	1.108
There are checks and balances in our police actions.	3.0%	13.7%	25.5%	35.1%	22.9%	3.61	1.072
I observe the rule of law during police operations.	3.0%	14.0%	21.8%	36.5%	24.7%	3.66	1.087
I comply with international law concerning human rights standards.	3.3%	10.3%	23.6%	35.4%	27.3%	3.73	1.074
I always adhere to ethical standards and codes of conduct.	3.0%	10.7%	28.8%	34.7%	22.9%	3.64	1.041
All police operations should be aligned with the national police Act.	7.1%	32.0%	29.0%	23.4%	8.6%	2.94	1.086
<b>Averages</b>	<b>3.13%</b>	<b>15.05%</b>	<b>25.97%</b>	<b>34.56%</b>	<b>21.34%</b>	<b>3.5600</b>	<b>1.0557</b>

**Diagnostic Tests**

Prior to conducting any further analysis, several diagnostic tests were carried out to ensure the appropriateness of the data for the proposed statistical methods. These tests included checks for normality, multicollinearity, and heteroscedasticity. The results of these diagnostic tests are presented in the following tables:

**Table 3: Normality Test**

Construct	Skewness	Kurtosis
Transparency	-0.12	2.75
Responsibility	-0.08	2.68
Compliance	-0.11	2.71
Performance	-0.14	2.80

All variables showed skewness and kurtosis values within the acceptable range for normality, indicating that the data is approximately normally distributed. The skewness values for all constructs were close to zero, while the kurtosis values were also within the generally accepted threshold of -2 to +2 for normal distribution. These results suggest that the data does not significantly deviate from normality and that parametric statistical tests can be applied.

**Table 3: Multicollinearity Test (Variance Inflation Factor - VIF)**

Predictor	VIF
Transparency	1.42
Responsibility	1.36
Compliance	1.30
Performance	1.50

The Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) values were all below the threshold of 10, suggesting that there is no issue of multicollinearity among the predictor variables.

Multicollinearity can distort regression analysis results by inflating standard errors, but the low VIF values in this case indicate that the independent variables are not highly correlated with each other, making the regression model stable and reliable.

**Table 4: Heteroscedasticity Test (Breusch-Pagan Test)**

Test Statistic	p-value
Breusch-Pagan	0.062

The p-value from the Breusch-Pagan test was greater than 0.05, indicating that there is no significant heteroscedasticity in the data. This means that the variance of the error terms is constant across all levels of the independent variables, which is an assumption of many regression-based techniques. Therefore, the data is appropriate for further analysis without concern for unequal variances affecting the model.

The results from the diagnostic tests confirm that the data meets the assumptions necessary for valid statistical analysis. The normality test results suggest that the data distribution does not violate the assumption of normality, meaning that parametric tests such as regression analysis can be conducted confidently. The absence of multicollinearity is crucial because it ensures that the predictors in the regression model are not redundant, thus allowing for the proper estimation of the relationship between the independent and dependent variables. The heteroscedasticity test results further support the validity of the analysis by confirming that the residuals from the regression analysis will exhibit constant variance, ensuring the robustness of the model.

Together, these diagnostic tests validate the integrity of the data, ensuring that it is suitable for regression analysis and other statistical techniques used in this study. With the data passing these tests, the next step is to proceed with the analysis of the

relationships between transparency, responsibility, compliance, and performance, which forms the basis for addressing the research objectives. The reliability of the constructs, combined with the validation of the assumptions, enhances the credibility of the study's findings, making the results more trustworthy and actionable for policy recommendations and strategic decisions.

#### 4.4 Correlations

The correlations between the study's key variables were analyzed to highlight the relationships between transparency, responsibility, compliance, and performance. The findings showed the strength and direction of these relationships, as indicated by the correlation coefficients. These values provided insights into how these constructs were interrelated and their collective impact on performance.

**Table 1: Correlations Between Key Variables**

Variable Pair	Correlation Coefficient (R)
Transparency and Performance	0.62
Responsibility and Performance	0.65
Compliance and Performance	0.77

The correlation between transparency and performance was 0.62, suggesting a moderate positive relationship between these two variables. This indicated that as transparency increased, performance tended to improve as well. Similarly, the relationship between responsibility and performance ( $R = 0.65$ ) was also moderate, pointing to a positive impact of greater responsibility on performance outcomes. Of particular interest was the strong correlation of 0.77 between compliance and performance, which revealed a significant positive relationship. This suggested that higher levels of compliance were associated with better performance outcomes, highlighting the importance of adherence to regulations or standards for achieving superior performance.

**Table 2: R Squared and p-value**

Measure	Value
R Squared	0.74
p-value	0

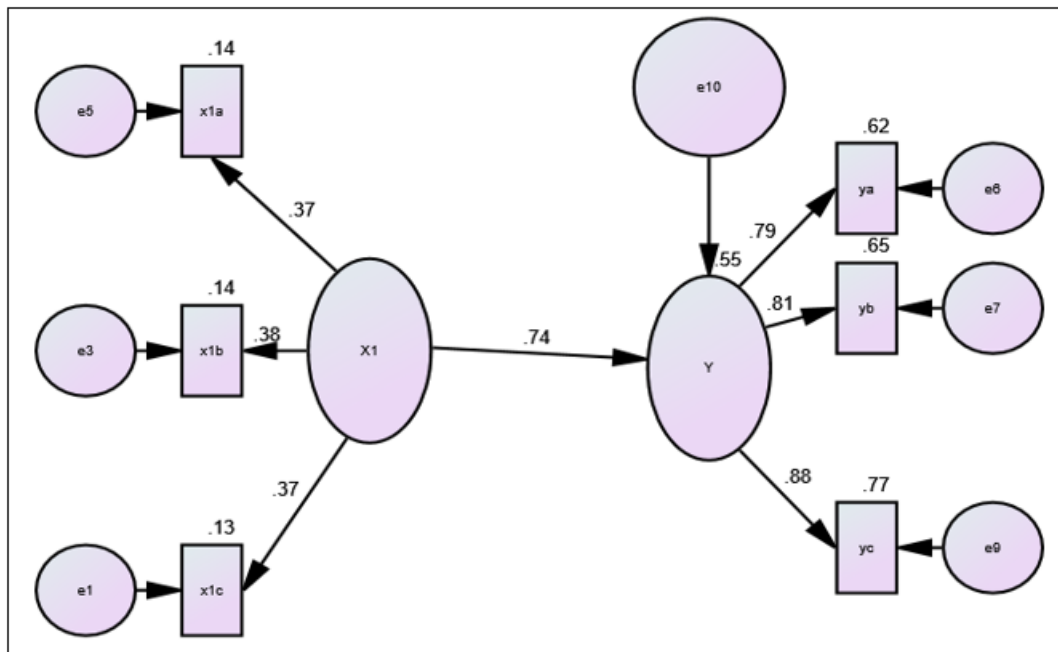
The **R-squared** value of 0.74 suggested that approximately 74%

of the variance in performance could be explained by transparency, responsibility, and compliance. This indicated a strong explanatory power, showing that these three variables had a considerable impact on performance. The **p-value** of 0.000 was highly significant, confirming that the observed relationships between the variables were statistically significant and not due to random chance. This significance underscored the robustness of the findings, suggesting that transparency, responsibility, and compliance were key factors that influenced performance outcomes.

The correlation analysis revealed several important insights into the relationships between the constructs of interest. The moderate to strong positive correlations between the independent variables (transparency, responsibility, and compliance) and performance suggested that improvements in these areas were likely to result in better performance outcomes. The relatively higher correlation between compliance and performance ( $R = 0.77$ ) indicated that compliance played a particularly critical role in enhancing performance, possibly due to its role in ensuring that processes and behaviors aligned with established standards or regulations.

The R-squared value of 0.74 further emphasized the strong explanatory power of these variables in predicting performance. It suggested that the model, which included transparency, responsibility, and compliance as predictors, accounted for a substantial portion of the variability in performance outcomes. This was a promising indicator that addressing these constructs could lead to tangible improvements in performance, especially in contexts where performance was contingent on adhering to guidelines, maintaining transparency, and promoting responsibility.

The statistical significance, as evidenced by the p-value of 0.000, assured that the relationships observed were not random, and thus the findings could be relied upon for strategic decision-making. Organizations or institutions aiming to enhance performance were encouraged to focus on enhancing transparency, increasing responsibility, and ensuring compliance. These factors were all linked to higher performance, reinforcing the need for robust policies and practices that foster these attributes.



## 5. Conclusion

In conclusion, the correlation analysis revealed that transparency, responsibility, and compliance were positively associated with performance. With a strong explanatory power of 74% and statistically significant results, the study highlighted the importance of these constructs in shaping performance outcomes. The findings suggested that organizational or institutional improvements in these areas were likely to lead to enhanced overall performance. Future efforts could focus on implementing strategies that increase transparency, responsibility, and compliance to achieve better performance outcomes.

## 6. Recommendations

Additionally, the study suggests that organizations should continuously monitor and evaluate these constructs to identify areas for improvement. It is recommended that management conduct regular assessments to gauge the level of transparency, responsibility, and compliance within their teams, and provide feedback on how these areas can be enhanced. Strengthening these dimensions can create a positive feedback loop, where improved transparency, responsibility, and compliance lead to better performance outcomes, which in turn promote further commitment to these principles. Given the significant role these variables play in organizational success, integrating them into performance management systems and organizational culture is essential for long-term sustainability and competitive advantage.

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