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List of Abbreviation and Acronyms

BSR- Buyer Supplier Relationship

CM- Contract Management

CT- Constraints Theory

ESLSE- Ethiopian Shipping and Logistic Service Enterprise

NT- Network Theory

OP- operational Performance

RBVT- Resource Based View Theory

ROI- Return on Investment

ST- System Theory

SS- Supplier Selection

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Abstract

The objective of this study was the effect of strategic sourcing on the organizational performance which as operational performance in Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise. The study used descriptive research design that was used to achieve the purpose of the study. The study had employed census survey to quantitatively assess the supposed relationship between the independent and dependent variables. Questionnaires were used to the formal instrument of data collection. Totally 75 questionnaires were distributed and 60 of them filled and returned to make the response rate about 80 percent. The collected data were analyzed using descriptive statistics (Mean and standard deviation) and inferential statistics (correlation and regression). Finally, the study revealed that there was a statically significant positive correlation between strategic sourcing (measured in terms of supplier selection, Buyer supplier relationship, and contract management) and operational performance. The Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise need to maximize its performance by establishing a long term relation with key suppliers and made a long term contracts and supplying partnership with suppliers. The organization must maximize its operational performance by relying on timely communication with partners and by working closely with partners to build a good and long –term relationship.

Key words: *Strategic sourcing, Organizational Performance and operational performance*

CHAPTER ONE

1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of this study is to assess the effect of strategic sourcing on the organizational performance of the Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprises. Chapter one introduces the background of the study, statement of the problem, research questions, General and specific objective of the study, the significance of the study, the scope of the study, organization of the study, and definition of the terms.

1.1. Background of the study

The current global business arena has become highly competitive and competitiveness has become a major focus area of firms and companies across the globe (IMD, 2006; WEF, 2007; Pillania, 2007). Business organizations across the world are under increasing pressure than ever to stay dynamic and responsive in all their competitive frontiers. Many companies have realized the need for elevating traditional procurement function to modern strategic sourcing for value addition across the supply chain. Sourcing costs signify 40 to 80 percent of the total cost of goods traded, and 30 to 50 percent of revenues a ratio that has remained constant in most industries for many years. Companies excelling in strategic sourcing save almost 10 to 20 times as much as it cost to operate their sourcing processes. The effort required to reduce 10 percent of the sourcing cost is much less than gaining a similar amount of revenue (Chopra &Meindl, 2003).

Sourcing is researching the market for potential input sources, securing the continuity of these sources, searching for alternative sources, and keeping the relevant knowledge up to date (Vollman, Berry, and Whybark, 2004). Basically, the objective of all companies is sustainable and competitive selling of goods and/or services. Input is needed in order to produce goods and services. This input can be tangible; like raw materials or personnel, or intangible, like skills or information. They all originate from a certain source and this is where sourcing activities come into place. If sourcing costs can be reduced, this can improve returns on investment by increasing both profit margins and asset turnover rate (Dobler & Burt, 1996; Leenders & Fearon, 1997). Sourcing includes an extensive range of activities namely creating an overall strategy for

sourcing, evaluating and selecting suppliers, procuring materials/services, and managing supplier relationships (Anderson and Katz, 1998). Sourcing also consists of processes of planning, evaluating, implementing, and controlling all sourcing activities by a company to achieve its long-term goals. (Smeltzeret et al., 2003) find that all sourcing strategies emphasize the integration of business practices such as supplier assessment, supplier certification, and measurement, therefore sourcing if properly structured can efficiently combine the fundamental competencies of a given firm with the skills and abilities of its suppliers. Sourcing decisions are vital for any organization that wants to leverage its core competencies and outsource other activities in order to gain and retain competitiveness.

Strategic sourcing includes an extensive range of activities namely creating an overall strategy for sourcing, evaluating and selecting suppliers, procuring materials/ services, and managing supplier relationships (Anderson and Katz, 1998). Strategic sourcing also consists of the strategic processes of planning, implementing, and controlling all sourcing activities by a company to achieve its long term goals.

1.2. Statement of the Problem

Organizations are run in an environment that comprises of innumerable economic and political interference to their sources of supplies and services; therefore to thrive in this tumultuous environment, these organizations must keep on monitoring their competitive situation together with their internally controllable processes, particularly the procurement process (Isaac & Robert, 2015). Giunipero and Sawchuck (2013) observed that procurement involves the measures adopted by the purchasing organization to incorporate the supply chain so as to reduce costs and time and increase the output. Strategic procurement sets out the means by which procurement policy objectives will be achieved through a prioritized ‘action plan’. Makabila (2014) further noted that procurement is rather an essential and pricey business activity for organizations. The author noted that the reason for this is that organizations mostly splurge huge portions of their incomes and operational financial plans on buying goods and services.

Thai (2005) observed that any organization which purchases wares or services must ensure they have in place effective standard procurement measures, methods they employ in acquiring those stuff necessary for an organization to provide goods/services to its customers. These procedures should put into consideration all aspects of the procurement cycle, comprising of supplier selection, negotiations of the contract, placement of orders, and payment and should make

certain the appropriate service delivery is observed. In the view of Callender and Matthews (2012) strategic sourcing management is an information area that entails vendors' selection, negotiation of their terms over and above working towards optimizing the ongoing relationships with them. To improve the performance of an organization, the focus should be directed on factors domestic to the organization besides the organization's structure.

Isaac and Robert (2015) observed that strategic procurement is perhaps the main noteworthy feature characterizing an organization's transformation to supply management. On the other hand, It is the aspect of supply management that provides a number of the most procurement process, involves the recognition and selection of the suppliers whose overheads. Qualities, technologies, aptness, steadfastness, and service best addresses the organization's requirements. According to Maryam, Malarvizhi, Abdullah and Sreenivasan (2014) procurement have emerged as a strategy for reducing cost in addition to enhancing the quality so as to augment the effectiveness of the procurement role and lessen the production costs. Timothy (2015) adds that strategic procurement can be viewed from three focal dimensions that include the development and management of important suppliers, in-house functioning of the procurement function and synchronization of sourcing and other functions in the firm, as well as efforts to accomplish or surpass customer expectations. Strategic sourcing is therefore looked at as one of the focal functions of an organization with the prospect of saving costs, enhance operational effectiveness, access to trusted suppliers, and enhance the quality of product or service, sharing of best practices, and many more. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to asses/evaluate the impact of strategic sourcing (supplier Selection, Buyer supplier relationship, and contract management), as well as on operational performance within the organization.

Since the establishment of the Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise Proclamation No. 225/2011, it has been providing national and domestic services. Some of the services it provides include marine transport, land freight transport services, freight forwarding, dry-port, and container storage services, multimodal service, port expansion, etc. The organization makes purchases by allocating a large budget abroad and inputs to this broad range of services and services.

The Enterprise has three objectives under the amended Directive No. 2.014 by performing the procurement process:

- The main purpose of the procurement directive is to ensure that every procurement body is transparent and accountable and that it is carried out in a fair and cost-efficient manner.
- Resolving procurement constraints are to be implemented in compliance with international standards based on the budget allocated, procurement, quality, and time required for the organization to fulfill its mission.
- Provide the benefit of making money in terms of purchasing performance, which means saving, achieving efficiency and efficiency; Exclude or discriminate against any candidate from participating in the Company's purchase for reasons other than race or competitiveness, except as permitted by special exception. Support the country's economic development by making the procurement process efficient and efficient.
- Clarify the criteria for any procurement decision and the decisions that affect each procurement.
- Make sure that decisions and actions taken are related to procurement performance and to ensure accountability.

Despite the objectives and principles outlined above, there are problems with procurement. These include time and quality of purchase, lack of planned purchase, inconsistent pricing, misrepresentation of the right supplier, lack of professional procurement staff, limited purchase volume, a shortfall in expiration, etc., frequently cited in the Company's annual report it has been mentioned that lowering the level of performance of the organization is contributing. This study aims to provide information on the impact of the gaps on the firm's performance, while on the supply side of the Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise; it has not been explored yet. This study is based primarily on the gaps identified by responding to the research questions listed below. Also, the study focuses on the operational performance of the company. The second purpose of this study, few studies have been done relating to the effect of strategic sourcing on operational performance; but no study has been carried out on the effect of strategic sourcing on origination performance in Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise.

1.3. Research Questions

1. How supplier selection procedures affect operational performance in Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise?
2. How Buyer-supplier relationship management affect the operational performance of Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise?
3. How contract management affects the operational performance of the Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise?
4. How the sourcing is being practiced in the Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise?

1.4. Objective of the study

1.4.1. General Objective

The general objective of the study is to analyze the effect of strategic sourcing on operational performance within Ethiopian shipping and logistics Service Enterprise (ESLSE).

1.4.2. Specific objective

i. To assess how supplier selection procedures affect the operational performance of Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise.

ii. To analyze the effect of Buyer-supplier relationship management on the organization performance of Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise.

iii. To assess the effect of contract management practice on the operational performance of Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise.

iv. To assess the sourcing practices of the Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise.

1.5. Significance of the study

Strategic sourcing is an important aspect in today's firms, for organizations to achieve competitive advantage; most of the operational costs are spent on purchasing of raw material, finished goods, and service. With this vital viewpoint, the analyses are sure that the discoveries of this examination will be of important help to procurement professionals in all sectors. This study will highlight various procurement managers in understanding how sourcing if properly one can immensely cut down on organizational cost, hence improving the overall operational performance. Mostly with practices of service render firms with respect to strategic sourcing and also it will help ESLSE recognize sourcing strategically can be of advantageous to organizations in terms of total cost reduction, hence impacting on operational performance in general. In addition, the study will be an important reference to researchers who want to work on a similar topic.

1.6. Scope of the study

This study focuses on the effect of strategic sourcing on the operational performance headquarters of the Ethiopian Shipping Logistics Service Enterprise in Addis Ababa. Outside Addis Ababa, the organization has its headquarters in Djibouti. It also has an office that offers dry ports and various services at Kaliti, Modjo, Gellan, Mikele, Dire Dawa, Kombolcha, Semera, and Woreta. The company has one CEO, and four sectors at the executive level: the shipping sector, freight forwarding sector, port, and terminal sector and corporate sector. This study focuses on headquarter and I chose this because it makes bulk purchases from overseas and domestic suppliers. Like: machinery, heavy vehicles, Automobile, Bulk amount of spare part, infrastructure Services/port construction /, counseling services, etc., and distribute to a branch office. As the other offices are far from Addis Ababa and due to limitation of time and shortage of finance; the study limited with headquarter.

1.7. Organization of the study

This thesis will be organized into five chapters. Chapter one introduces the background of the study, statement of the problem, basic research questions, the objective of the study, significance of the study scope of the study, and definition of the terms. Chapter two described a review of related literature. This part focus on theoretical and empirical evidence relevant to the proposed study in detail. Chapter three is the research methodology of the study; this chapter described the

type and design of the proposed study, the participants of the study, and the source of the data, the data collection tools, the procedure of data collection, and the reliability and validity test of the research. Chapter four shall describe results and discussion of the study and it interprets or discussed the findings. Also, this chapter utilizes the extensive use of the literature review and tries to addressee the statement of the problem indicated in the first chapter. Chapter five is the last chapter of the research, it included a summary of the findings, conclusions, recommendations, and suggestions of the future study.

Definition of Terms

- Sourcing is researching the market for potential input sources, securing the continuity of these sources, searching for alternative sources, and keeping the relevant knowledge up to data (Vollman, Berry, and Whybark, 2004).

- Organization performance: operational performance refers to how well an organization achieves its market-oriented goals as well as its financial goals (Li et al., 2006).

- Strategic sourcing: is defined as the process of planning, implementing, controlling, and evaluating highly important purchasing in an effort to meet a firm's goals (Carr and Smeltzer, 2000; Carr and Pearson, 1999 and 2002).

CHAPTER TWO

RELATED LITERATURE REVIEW

2. INTRODUCTION

This chapter offers an outlook on a difference in relation to strategic sourcing, a conceptual framework that captures each dependent and independent variables, assessment of variables, a critique of current literature applicable to the study, lookup gaps and summary. Based on the literature reviewed, this thesis sought to compose and consider those research questions and identify measurement variables that are used for answering those research questions is designed to assess the effect of strategic sourcing and operational performance in Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise (ESLSE) Mission.

2.1. Strategic sourcing

Sourcing is an activity we do every day in our lives. When we figure out to purchase a product or a provider we start with the aid of figuring out which specification we want, a target charge, and from whom we are going to buy it. Depending on products and on the finances the process can take time and effort. The first definition of sourcing taken from author C. Scott (2011): sourcing is one of the elements of the supply chain operations reference model, and it is the interface between suppliers and the buying company. C. Scott splits sourcing into two predominant business activities the first one is selecting new suppliers. This includes discovering suppliers that grant merchandise and/or services that great meet the required needs, examining them, and placing up contracts. The second main exercise is to control the dealer over duration of time. In terms of importance, sourcing is a key driver for backside line development within firms (C. Scott et al., 2011).

The significance of sourcing is recognized by means of many academic papers and books that the author read. The significance of sourcing is associated to the reality it is the most strategic phase in the purchasing section of the supply chain. What are the advantages of a good and smooth sourcing system in accordance with the literature? C. Scott et al., (2011) afford a number of effective sourcing benefits in common for the firms. There are many advantages businesses can attain from running sourcing well. Effective sourcing can direct to increased product quality or condensed order cycle times for consumers. Sourcing occupies integral and strategic decisions

due to the fact it engages a lot greater than in reality choosing a supplier or agreement for every requirement in segregation. It entails continuing relationships, both with desired sources, which are absolutely imparting the goods and services and with attainable sources, which may additionally have passed over for the existing but are nevertheless in running. It involves choices about how to allocate the reachable business, and what phrases to do the business. (Baily et al.,2005).

Strategic sourcing is defined as a crucial venture of designing and managing supply networks in line up with the organizations operational and overall performance goals (Chiang et al., 2011). Strategic sourcing includes a big vary of matters to do especially growing a normal technique for sourcing, evaluating and choosing suppliers, buying materials/services and managing provider relationships, consists of requirements of strategic purchasing, supplier development, information sharing with suppliers and inter-functional integration of purchasing(Anderson and Katz,1998). Decisions about strategic sourcing can't solely be based totally on an operational level, such as cost, quality, and delivery. It has to include a strategic stage and potential assessment of suppliers, such as highlighting fantastic management practices, long-term satisfactory output, supplier strength, system capabilities, administration practices, cost bargain at the identical time as maximizing the profit, format and upgrading capabilities(Talluri and Narasimhan, 2004; Rendon, 2005; Giunipero et al. 2006). Because of the accelerated competition, strategic sourcing wishes to think about the whole price of ownership, the company's growth, and profit-making and comparing distinctive preference companions (Faes and Matthyssens, 2009).

Sourcing strategically assists with the manner for corporations to establish long-term relationships with their suppliers and attain the concerns of strategic sourcing (Chiang et al., 2011). When conducting a layout for strategic sourcing there are some factors to consider, such as technology, quality, availability, cost, and implementation. Technology is a necessary section of extra excellent communication with suppliers. The strategic sourcing preparation is carried out in an implementation segment (Van Weele, 2010). Rendon, (2005) looks at the strategic sourcing approach as a step in the procurement device that comprises the identification and resolution of the issuer whose costs, qualities, technologies, timeliness, dependability, and service first-class meet the companýs needs. According, (Van Weele, 2010) the main requirement of procurement is the acquisition of material that moves from the origin to its last destination or the user at the right time and in good condition. It is related to the company's value chain and is a segment of buying input, it may also prefer to be limitless elements like raw materials or suppliers (Van Weele, 2010).

There are two major functions to strategic sourcing; rebuilding the supply base and responding to buying wants to be stated from manufacturing and different feature of the company. There is no point in time when a company ought to format a supply base, it can be both for day present commercial enterprise or organizing new corporations (Johnsson, 2005). Strategic sourcing has a crucial contribution to the backside line of a manufacturing corporation (Johnsson, 2005). Portfolio analysis is a way to shape and segment the supply base (Handfield et al. 2009). Often there are four organizations in which products are divided; critical, routine, leverage, and bottleneck products. The sourcing strategies matrix adapted from Kraljic tailored from Van Weele(2010) is a device to section the exclusive class businesses the matrix tells us that we have to take special tactics when we control different categories. Depending on the kind of product the sourcing strategy is identified. The following categories of merchandise and suppliers are recognized as a basis for identifying the sourcing strategy. Critical goods are regularly high-tech, extreme volume products and are regularly furnished at consumer specifications.

There is moreover totally one source of supply on hand and "usually the kind of product indicates an excessive share in the cost charge of the employeŕs supply up the product"(Handfield et al., 2009). The suppliers ideally are strategic and can be considered as conceivable to assist enhance competitive advantage and work past an easy shopping for settlement (Handfield et al. 2009; Koufteros et al., 2012). If the core of interest is on determining strategic supplier, there is an accelerated chance of integration (Koufteros et al., et al., 2012). Low rate goods are referred to as normal products. The cause is to minimize the range of items in the category through for instance small quantity spend and simplification of the procurement manner the usage of digital tools. There is additional work involved with making an attempt to detect the suppliers that can automate the buying method as unpleasant as possible. Leverage commodity or desired suppliers generate the possibility for price savings. The objects or choices in the category signify a large section of the spending and are critical for business. Bottleneck commodity and transactional suppliers have unique necessities or regions of hobby suppliers which is large to the business. Often the form of merchandise is expensive, due to the fact of the market function of the supplier. The suppliers are determined via aggressive bidding and have to preferable be primarily based completely on IT requirements, determined with the aid of way of negotiation (Handfield et al., 2009).

2.2. Sourcing strategy

Sourcing strategy is a strategic section of managing supply chain and is described with Van Weele, (2010) as “identifies for a certain classification from how many suppliers to buy, what variety of relationship to pursue, agreement to negotiate for, and whether or no longer to source locally, domestically or globally” (Van Weele, 2010). Eltantawya and Giunipero (2013) propose that there are three most essential tactics for how an organization has traditionally performed its sourcing strategy.

The main focus in sourcing strategies has been on make-versus-buy decisions-whether to outsource product making procedures or preserve it in an organization. The third strategy concentrates on the extraordinary dimensions of strategic sourcing. These techniques of strategic sourcing have been for gaining aggressive benefits to the company, aiming to obtain the goals of the company and its suppliers (Eltanawya and Giunipero, 2013). In order to achieve a competitive advantage, an organization/ enterprise has to make strategic decisions such as make or buy decisions. When outsourcing its processes, the enterprise ought to decide how to deal with its relationship with exclusive suppliers, whether or not to build sturdy cooperation or keep it in an arms-length transaction. Handfield et al. (2009) identified a category as “a particular family of products or services that are used in delivering the price to the end customer” (Handfieldetal.2009).

Sourcing strategies are frequently focused on one category of commodity or services. Often there are subcategories inside the categories. Van Weele, (2010) talks about the connection between classes and sourcing methods, and via dividing classes of items it helps to discover an appropriate sourcing strategy. There are a number of problems to think about when conducting the sourcing strategy. The sourcing strategies have to be viewed as a long-term procedure and be in line with the typical business strategy, commercial enterprise methods and combine IT services (Rendon, 2005; Rawlinson and Howie, 2007). By connecting these factors the strategic method to sourcing generate two advantages; it shifts the center of attention from only cost-cutting to long-term values creating the enterprise, even though fee improvements can be made. Second, it can grant economies of scale and extra sustainable and long-term value savings (Rawlinson and Howie, 2007). Van Weele, (2010) defines some issues that are regarded as fundamental when previous a sourcing strategy, which is; single vs. multi-sourcing, Global vs. local sourcing, partnership vs. competitive bidding.

Single vs. multi sourcing

Single vs. multi implies if the organization has one or various suppliers for the identical product. Single sourcing is described as an intense form of supply dependability to a single supply even if there are other viable sources. A positive gain is that single sourcing has the possibility to cut costs via price blessings and first-class enhancements which lead to a stronger international competitive position. Other good benefits are the number of supply base discount efforts, complete cost slicing strategies, and decreasing through time initiatives in purchasing (Faes and Matthyssens, 2009). Since the transaction expenses are lowering a higher effort can be made to enhance relationships with the supplier producing larger competitiveness in opposition to different supply chains (Van Weele, 2010). A negative aspect when the use of single sourcing is a dependency on one source, given that it can lead to greater switching costs, probably much less competitive value structures, and is high priced if changing suppliers. Using single-sourcing capability the emphasis is even greater on discovering the best healthy among the choice components (Faes and Matthyssens, 2009). Another problem is if there is a multiplied demand that a single supplier can´t meets (Handfield et al. 2009). Single sourcing leads to super consequences in revolutionary technological expertise instances and expertise oriented situations (Faes and Matthyssens, 2009).Multiple sourcing is described as when a buying company has numerous similar handy suppliers for the factor orders for the same object (Faes and Matthyssens, 2009). There are two major motives for the use of multiple sourcing. It reduces dependency on personal suppliers and different blessings that agencies attain by having competing suppliers such as danger reduction of becoming locked into one technical solution, that later will be outdated or turning into structured on one supplier (Gadde and Håkansson, 2001). Negative features are the loss of no longer growing a close relationship with suppliers and excessive transaction prices for the organization (Van Weele, 2010). To gain benefits from both multiple and single-sourcing companies can follow the hybrid method by mixing the two. There is additionally a want to separate two different branches of hybrid sourcing; parallel sourcing and community sourcing (Faes and Matthyssens, 2009). Gadde and Håkansson, (2001) recognized that the key with network sourcing is that companies can create an inter-company environment, so the collaboration can make the most the benefits to all supply sources, the customers, and subsequently the end-customer.

Global vs. local sourcing

The strategies are constructed on whether or not the suppliers for the product are international or domestically placed, relying on the requirements of the product and the grant market structure. Local is regularly preferred when it comes to high-tech goods that may want excessive flexibility on changes, guides, and maintenance. The selection of what sourcing method to choose ought to be primarily based on considering the whole value of possession (Van Weele, 2010). If an organization manipulates to integrate and coordinate their provider relationships on a global scale they have a threat of bettering their competitiveness (Murrayet et, al.2009).

Monzcka et al. (2005) define international sourcing as ”proactively integrating and co-ordination frequent items and materials, processes, designs, technologies and suppliers throughout global purchasing, engineering and working locations”. According to Murray et al. (2009) corporation´s select to outsource activities that earlier than was carried out within the company and sourced from domestic suppliers. To acquire a nice global sourcing strategy the provider international locations need to be low price international locations only (Van Weele, 2010). The desire of preceding a global sourcing method is no longer solely to limit charge but to beautify quality, reliability, and technology of factors and products. How to supply globally is based on strategic choices that are affected by a company’s skills to compete (Kotabe and Murray, 2004).

There are benefits and dangers for the organization when using global sourcing. Benefits (advantages) are on the whole linked to price and cost advantages such a slower unit value and one-of-a-kind productivity levels. The importance is to additionally think about the feasible benefits besides costs such as access to product and method technology, developing alternative suppliers to stimulate competition, getting get entry to new markets and decorate exceptional while decreasing costs. It may want to supply a competitive benefit if sourcing from suppliers these opponents may now not use, domestic could lead to the identical dealer and equal blessings (Handfield et al. 2009; Van Weele, 2010). The negative aspects can be a bit greater complicated considering that it is frequently a distinction in culture, the distribution and logistics are extra difficult main to increased handling expenses (Van Weele, 2010). When sourcing globally there are some consequences to avoid for succeeding with the method and specifically with low fee countries there a need for the consciousness of the quickly changing political condition that can have an effect on the relationship with the suppliers. There are limited environmental consequences that also make the requirement for flexibility increased (Kotabe and Murray,2004).

Partnership vs. competitive bidding

The strategic choice to be made is if there is a need or want to boost a long-term relationship during partnership sourcing or keep the suppliers on an arm's length via the usage of competitive bidding and sounding out the competition (Jonsson, 2005; Van Weele, 2010). Using competitive bidding is frequently associated with multi-sourcing where the distinct alternative suppliers compete to create a great market charge (Jonsson, 2005). When a seller has a corporative relationship with the customer it is frequently referred to as a partnership. Partnership with suppliers can supply a superb impact on operational performance. The relationship can develop from joint sources and alternate of valuable expertise with distinct companions (Lawsona et al. 2007; Handfield et, al.2009). As the partnership takings, extra faith will advance and much less face to face and individual communicating is needed, this contributes to an extra advantageous relationship where the performance of every party is shared (Jonsson, 2005). Mutual relationships with exterior sources are a supply of innovation. Small businesses are often greater dependent on a two-way partnership to succeed with improvements (Oke and Kach, 2012). A partnership can transform into relational strategies when you consider that the buyer-supplier relationship frequently is referred to as a strategic alliance between the purchaser and supplier (Tam et al. 2007). It can also create opportunities for the consumer to influence their strength and make better or make new competitive advantages (Jonsson, 2005).

The incorporation of relationship and degree of partnership can fluctuate and go through a step via step method when you consider that the implementation does now not take place in an instant.

2.3. Organizational Performance

Organizational performance is the closing success of an organization and contains; the existence of certain pursuits to be achieved has a size of time in attaining the aims, and the recognition of effectively and effectiveness (Griffin, 2010). It can additionally be seen as the capacity of a corporation to reap such goals as excessive profit, great product, giant market share, fantastic financial results, and survival at the pre-determined time the use of the relevant methods for movement (Koontz and Donnell, 2003). Organizational general overall performance is used to gauge how an organization is doing in phrases of a stage of profit, market share, and product super in relation to unique companies in the equal industry. Consequently, it is a reflection of the productiveness of participants of a business enterprise measured in terms of revenue, profit,

growth, improvement, and boom of the organization. Kilonzo (2014) defines organizational universal performance as the capability of a company to fulfill its mission through sound management, robust governance, and a continual rededication to reaching outcomes. When defining operational performance it is typical to think about a huge range of viable organizational performance measures.

Corina, Liviu, and Roxana (2011) described the basic performance as a set of monetary and nonfinancial Indicators that offer data on the diploma of success of targets and results. In the same spirit, Kaplan and Norton (1996) obtained here up with the Balanced Scorecard which translates an organization's mission and strategy into a complete set of performance measures that affords the framework for a strategic dimension and management system. It uses four balanced perspectives which are; accounting Measures, operational overall performance measures, market-based totally absolute measures, and monetary cost measures. Contemporary search for has examined the linkages between relationships and overall performance and emphasized the desire for organizations to skip toward closer, greater cooperative relationships. Johnson, Wood, Wardlow, and Murphy (2006) show advisable houses of these relationships such as financial performance, lead time reduction, expanded responsiveness, consumer loyalty, innovation, pleasant products, discount in stock, and enhancements in product or approach design. Business proprietors and executives are establishing to realize that consumer supplier relationships, if successful, can quit end result in greater market penetration, get admission to new technological understanding and knowledge, and higher returns on funding than these opponents who do no longer have such shut relationships (Fawcett,2012). Lau and Lee (2000) measured organizational performance the use of each monetary and Market criteria, which includes return on investment (ROI), market share, revenue margin on Sales, the increase of ROI, the growth of sales, the boom of market share, and everyday Competitive position. In line with the above literature, operational performance measures Were tailored to measure performance in the study. This research considered organization common overall performance relative to competition from a couple of organizational views consisting of terrific product, productivity, exceptional provider transport, and cost reduction. However, the phrases "performance" and "productivity" are on the other hand usually improper with different terms, such as effectiveness, effectively, and profitability (Chew, 1988; Tangen, 2005), giving upward thrust to a multiplicity of definitions that have been used to grant a rationalization for the concept of "organizational performance". Given the complexity and trouble of the means of the thought

"performance", it is adopted the definition given through way of Neely et al. (2004) in which: “the recurrent of the performance is cumulative of all systems that will guide managers to take excellent against in the current that will fabricate an activating organization. in the future (i.e., one that is high-quality and efficient). In other words, we define overall performance as doing nowadays what will lead to measured price impact tomorrow.

Sinclair and Zairi (1996) factor out the importance and necessity of measuring organizational average overall performance to guide and beautify improvement; help managers to undertake long-term perspectives; enhance a higher right communication; helping groups to allocate their sources in beautiful improvement activities; an increased extraordinary and efficient working machine of planning and manipulate or the universal performance system; for my part inspire and motivate the adoption of a greater fantastic organizational behavior, and help the initiatives of the administration and in the change management. Similarly, Waggoner et al. (1999) state that overall performance measurement has as a purpose: to manipulate the performance by using figuring out the areas that desire attention; extend the motivation of workers; enhance inner communication; and help the responsibility of all.

2.4. The effect of strategic sourcing on organizational performance

Research carried out on a sample of 175 respondents worried in components purchasing in the United States concluded that the organization overall performance is affected by means of strategic buying in the corporation (Carr & Pearson, 2002). Good agency overall performance will be got when a company has a unique competence mirrored in the shape of goal-oriented things to do that enable the corporation to survive in a long time period (Ramsay, 2011). Meanwhile, Rossetti & Choi (2005) stated that favorable enterprise performance would be carried out with the presence of strategic buying function in the organization. The lookup was carried out on groups engaged in the Aerospace industry in the United States. Chen et al., (2004) argued that strategic purchasing will create a sustainable aggressive gain through close working relationships with a constrained wide variety of suppliers, open communication amongst partners, and improvement of the long-term relationship to acquire mutual desires and at the end will enhance the organization performance. Paulraj et al., (2006) indicate that the significance of strategic sourcing is more than elementary shopping will be changed management roles. This study counseled the importance of strategic buying to gain better operational performance.

2.5. Theoretical Foundation

2.5.1. Resource Based theory

Resource-Based View Theory (RBVT) promoted by Pfeffer and Salancik in (1978), is the study of how the outside assets of businesses influence the performance of the organization. The procurement of external assets is a huge principle of both the strategic and planned management of any company. An implication in the procurement efficiency of the buying companies especially in beating into the connection with suppliers as their important and dependable associates. Thus this idea props up the notion of supplier improvement RBT proposes that actors lacking in integral sources will search for to create relationships with (i.e., be structured upon) others in order to obtain required resources. Just like dealers on customers for valuable markets and clients will rely on suppliers for external resources. Also, organizations exercise to alter their dependence relationships by way of lessening their own dependence or by growing the dependence of different agencies on them. Within this viewpoint, organizations are considered as coalitions alerting their nature and patterns of behavior to gather and maintain required exterior resources. Acquiring the exterior possessing required by an organization comes by way of retreating the organization's dependence on others and/or by means of growing other's dependence on it, that is, modifying an organization's effect with different organizations.

2.5.2. Constraints Theory (CT)

Vincent Ochieng (2014) theorized that the Constraints Theory is a philosophy of administration and improvement initially developed by way of Eliyahu. Goldratt and introduced in his book. It is primarily based on the truth that, like a chain with its weakest link, in any complicated implement at any point in time, there is most regularly solely one element of that system that is limiting its capability to achieve greater of its goal. For that system to reach any important enhancement that constraint must be recognized and the whole system has to be managed with it in mind. In this concept, buyers searching to perceive the constraints in the supply chain that emanates from terrible buyer/supplier relationships and then work jointly to eradicate the restriction as a consequence improving the features and aspirations of each, additional particularly, procurement functions for the buyer.

The Constraints Theory wondering Processes, taken as a whole, presents an integrated problem-solving methodology that addresses no longer solely the development of solutions, but additionally the need for conversation and collaboration that profitable implementation of supply

chain features requires. They have been used to create dominant generic, "starting-point" options for more than a few supply chain inefficiencies, including Long provider lead-times, Incoming acceptable problems, Late or undependable raw material or purchased part deliveries, shortage of inputs, Poor quality. In this connection then possibilities are appropriate that an agency's constraint is in the supply chain that it relies on and the insurance policies and practices related to your relationships with suppliers. The task is to get from your suppliers what you want from them to be effective, whether it is better delivery performance, quality, or other things of what they supply to the organization. The Theory of Constraints is a demonstrated approach that can be used through existing personnel to make bigger throughput (sales), reliability, and good whilst reducing inventory, WIP, late deliveries, and overtime. Successful agencies also undertake the Theory of Constraints to assist make planned & strategic decisions for permanent enhancement.

2.5.3. Systems Theory (ST)

Systems idea views the business enterprise as a device of interconnected components which have interface together to produce goods and service (Bertalanffy, 1951). From a structure point of view of sourcing, the assumption is that one or extra components of the process are being externalized, and have an impact on the interconnected components of the system. The nature and energy of this effect are exceptionally decided via the nature of interdependence between company work processes.

There are three types of interdependence; pooled interdependence happens when every phase of the device makes a wonderful contribution to and is supported via the whole; sequential interdependence exists when one phase of a system has to whole its contribution earlier than the next can take motion from beginning to end in the manufacturing process, and reciprocal interdependence occurs when outputs of one system serve as inputs to the other; and vice versa (Thompson, 1967). The type of interdependence gives insights into the associated expenses of coordination and conversation in sourcing relationships. Increases in interdependence, complexity, mission variety, or specialization in manufacturing techniques extend the coordination and communication prices between company and sourcing partners (Combs and Crook, 2007). Further, coordination and conversation charges are decreased for outsourced system beginnings (inputs) and endings (outputs) than for dually interconnected outsourced gadget parts. Beyond the implications on the coordination and manipulate prices associated with

the kind of interdependence, structures concept additionally offers insights on the desirability of more than one and plural sourcing relationships in turbulent environments.

2.5.4. Network Theory (NT)

The correct management of the supply chain and the high-quality use of strategic purchasing play quintessential roles in today's organizations. The strategic purchasing feature of an agency is vital to secure and prepare the supply of materials (Monczka, Handfield, Giunipero, Patterson, & Waters, 2010). No organization can operate in separation but also acts as a supporter whilst buying materials from a provider for the own manufacturing process (Monczka, et al., 2010). Therefore, businesses have to interact in the strategic sourcing method and deal with countless selections in order to locate sufficient suppliers. According to Chicksand et al. (2012), theories are quintessential in order to understand the complicated environment in which businesses are working (Chicks and, Watson, Walker, Radnor, & Johnston, 2012). Thus, theories make a contribution to purchasing and the administration of the provided base.

The network theory is one of the impressive theories for buying and supply management which has been delivered in the course of the ultimate decades. Mainly the network theory is considered to describe the relationships in which companies, suppliers, clients, or customers are engaged. The concept was once first brought throughout the 1970 and the 1980 and developed from the focus on relationships between simply two entities, or strategic alliances, in the direction of a strategy which entails more than one relationship between exceptional counterparts for the duration of the supply chain. Harland (1996), defines the network as a particular kind of relation linking a described set of persons, objects, or events (Harland, 1996).

Chang, Chiang & Pai (2012) similarly condition that the supply chain system is an intricate community model, and its particular situation relies upon the relationships among the community members (Chang, Chiang, & Pai, 2012). Moreover, networks are seen as beneficial for each and every enterprise embedded via the investments and actions of the different counterparts concerned in the process (Håkansson & Ford, 2002). Furthermore, it was once located that there are a number of underlying assumptions, as for instance that a central function of corporations within a network may want to lead to competitive advantage, or that corporations share records and expertise with their partners. Moreover, in the circumstance of the position of buying it can be stated that the theory is fantastic to the most vital resolution points. The theory helps with the demand preparation through the overview of the resource distribution reached through the

completion of strategic long-term partnerships. As described by many researchers, the network theory deals with the collaboration of firms with a variety of organizations, as for request suppliers, clients, or buyers for the duration of their supply chains.

Being central inside a network would appear to present the possibility to develop the four key competitive priorities inside supply chains: quality, speed, cost, and flexibility (Hult et al., 2006). A fairly central firm can tap its tight hyperlinks in order to run orders when required, make the faultless transition over time, and are seeking out the company supplying the quality materials and lowest price. Therefore, with regard to sourcing, an association undertaking to central to its network and should are looking for sources that are central to their network.

Firms that are now running in networks are measured to achieve an advantage, not via the fulfillment of their own goals, but through the enterprise relatives and partnerships, they are engaged within the network (Zaheer, et al., 2000). Since a network can be defined as a set of groups and folks linked to every different by using close partnerships one ought to additionally count on that the sourcing strategies employed in the network stand in line with each other. Further, it can be stated that the overall supply network strategy is measured to improve the supply performance throughout the whole network (Harland & Knight, 2001). Thus, counterparts in the network intended to improve performance with the assist of a corporate supply strategy.

Moreover, groups can pick from an increased set of suppliers who are tending to co-operate, and with this make sure the supply of critical benefits or commodities as well. Next, the sourcing strategies of a company rely normally on the value of the commodity in terms of price, value-adding together a profile, or on the supply market complexity in phrases of supply monopoly, speed of technological gain and entry barriers. Once an organization is located within an established supply network, the entry limitations are overcome and benefits can be made out of facts sharing and co-operation between the associates. Thus, the information flow and technological expertise can have a magnificent effect on company particular issues, such as pricing, or the improvement of new goods or carrying planning (Christopher & Jüttner, 2000).

There are four important selection points in the network theory; which are of outstanding significance to the supply management, particularly the planning of demand (provides indication for whether to make or buy), the category strategy (the choice of precise sourcing techniques for each class of the business), the supplier strategy (selecting the correct suppliers and making collection decisions) and the compromise (presentation contracts after negotiating with suppliers

and taking the supplier strategies into account). Since these decisions are confronted by means of association all through every process, the aim is to grant supportive information and operations, through which the company is more efficient and tremendous in his choice making. So, this finds out about ground the network theory from the above-scheduled theory. Because, in a competitive world, a single enterprise appearing by myself cannot thoroughly achieve all organizational goals. The structural measurements of the network are necessary, particularly when examining and managing the supply chain. According to Lambert-Copper (2006), supply chain administration is the incorporation of key business processes from quit consumers through original suppliers that offer goods, services, and information that add value for customers and different stockholders. This entire manner linked with network theory.

Theory	Decision Point			
	Make – or – Buy	**Selecting specific sourcing strategies for each commonality**	**Selecting supplier strategies and making supplier portfolio decisions**	**Awarding contracts after negotiating with suppliers and taking the supplier strategies into account**
The Network Theory	- High information sharing - Clarifies demand uncertainties - More accuracy in demand forecasts - Risk sharing	- Strategies mostly connected - Chose from greater set off suppliers - Insurance of supply of critical commodities through relationships - Openness of the supply market - Information sharing on strategies, technological knowhow and skill	- Trustworthy relationships - Value adding on both sides - Long-term relationship - Transfer of knowledge for increase performance - Competitive advantage	- Long-term contracts - Partnership formation - Ensures current and future needs, also for critical commodities

Source: adopted from Maike Wellen brock (2013)

Table 2.1: The Decision matrix for the Network Theory

2.6. Empirical literature review

2.6.1. Supplier Selection

Supplier selection is the methods by which suppliers are examined, evaluate, and chosen to ultimately turn out to be a phase of the supply chain of an organization (de Boer, 2012). The assortment and contrast of suppliers is a district that has involved the concentration of most studies, and there are various techniques to assist choice making on this issue (Rajesh & Ravi, 2015). One of the most significant features for companies' achievement is the relationship between companies and their suppliers. Therefore, the way that a provider is chosen is integral to the consequence of the business. Shaw, Shankar, Yadav, and Thakur (2012) the supplier choice difficulty is a multi-criteria decision-making hassle in the attendance of quite a number of standards and sub-standards, be they quantitative or qualitative. Due to this feature, there arises the need to use greater strong equipment for decision support. Supplier selection is normally viewed as a five-segment method beginning from the realization of the need for a new supplier, determination and formulation of choice criteria; pre-qualification; ultimate supplier selection; to the monitoring of the supplier determination (Choy &Lee, 2002). At first, the assessment and assessment mission desires the identification of choice characteristics against which the achievable suppliers are to be assessed. Next assessment seals are chosen in order to compute the correctness of a supplier. The subsequent step is to assign a weight to attributes to pick out the magnitude and contribution of every criterion to the supplier assessment and assessment. Then a characteristic may also encompass a number of sub-attributes. The ultimate stage is to consider attainable suppliers besides the characteristics recognized at the opening (Choy &Lee, 2002). Li (2006) developed three factors in supplier resolution measure based broadly on significant literature assessment and practitioner interviews.

He illustrated that fundamental the recognized suppliers" choice criteria is the need to examine a supplier’s quality and capable service as well as his strategies and administrative arrangement with the buyer. They planned that via this model, it is possible to successfully combine the specialized information and understanding of each disposed of comparison and the quantitative data to choose the satisfactory supplier for cooperation. Supplier determination is normally a typically time-consuming method that evaluates suppliers on several standards such as cost of

production, raw material cost, best assessment, organizational goal, quality staff, transport system, private facilities, etc.

The selection of suppliers is a difficult method by the fact that several criteria should be considered in the decision-making process. Therefore, one of a kind criteria is usually regarded for the duration of the supplier choice procedure time overriding procedure that evaluates suppliers on various criteria such as cost of production, raw material cost, quality assessment, organizational goal, fantastic staff, delivery system, personal services, etc. Supplier selection is generally a time consumption technique that evaluates suppliers on quite a few standards such as the value of production, raw material cost, first-rate assessment, organizational objective, satisfactory staff, transport system, private amenities, etc. Stanley and Wisner (2001) surveyed a number of industries and recommended that acceptable and on-time delivery is the most vital attributes of purchasing overall performance evaluation. Wang and Che (2007) advised that apart from the highest cost, joint development, culture, forward manufacturing, trust, supply chain management, quality, and communication had been additionally important. He in addition cautioned that the suppliers‟ records of supply, manufacturing price, technical functionality, and transportation fee also play a necessary role for the duration of suppliers‟ selection.

Therefore, it is important to note that price and exceptional dominated extra in the supplier resolution process. Suppliers have to be chosen carefully, as they can have a very advantageous or a very negative impact on the normal overall performance of the organization. It has been pronounced that a majority of fine issues of an organization are due to defective material and warily selected, competitive suppliers can go a lengthy way in minimizing detrimental impacts and in fact in improving nice impacts on the high-quality of the output of an organization (Golmohammadi & Mellat, 2012). The selection of splendid suppliers is one of the crucial strategies for bettering the fantastic of the output of any organization, which has a direct influence on the company's recognition for the reason that they can have a very magnificent or a very negative have an impact on the basic performance of the organization.

Torabi, Baghersad, and Mansouri (2015) declare that, in the modern-day context of globalization, organizations are increasing the center of attention on their core business and outsourcing their other activities. This conduct will increase the importance of the procedure for selecting suppliers. The international aggressive environment, make the groups distinctly dependent on the success of the supplier resolution process. The lack of organization or error in

this procedure may also lead to excessive prolonged or poor customer services. In this sense, as it has a direct influence on reducing the costs, on the profitability and flexibility of business, decisions are taken by the purchasing division considerably affect the effectiveness and helpfulness of the enterprise (Igarashi, de Boer & Fet, 2013).

Supplier determination trouble is vital for a company running in a competitive environment. To be competitive, the organization should be in an effort to enhance the total supply chain performance with the partners in the supply chain (Hashemi, Karimi & Tavana, 2015). The selection of suppliers has intently associated with the purchasing department apart from different components of the company. Supplier choice is a strategic decision. Because of the strategic significance, the threat, and the ambiguity it involves, it requires the participation of decision-makers from marketing, finance, and from the other departments such as manufacturing in the selection process except for the purchasing department. With this component, it is a group decision-making process supplier determination is a hassle which includes each quantitative and qualitative criterion (Hsu, Kuo, Chen & Hu, 2013).

Some of these measures may additionally consist of uncertainty and occasionally they can also be conflicting. While some of the standards can be measured numerically, some of them can be expressed orally as they may also contain ambiguity.

Igarashi, de Boer and Fet (2013) pointed that supplier selection is often a complicated process as this manner is below the effect of a number of unexpected factors and unmanageable elements that have an effect on the choices to be taken. Supplier selection is a various characteristic choice-making difficulty that is affected by quite a few quantitative and qualitative factors, some of which may also disagreement. The decision-making preferences usually articulated on selections or on the attributes of suppliers that can be used to assist rank the suppliers. Thus, supplier selection trouble has many uncertainties and will become greater difficult. To overcome this problem, Hsu, Kuo, Chen, H and Hu (2013) future a new grey-based totally method to deal with (2015) mentioned frequent strategies that had been proposed to resolve the provider determination problem, the primary ones being the analytic hierarchy process (AHP) (Barbarosoglu & Yazgac, 1997), the analytic network technique (ANP) (Thompson, 1990), the linear weighting methods (LW) (Thompson, 1990), total fee method (TCA) (Monezka & Tricia, 1998 and mathematical programming (MP) methods (Chaudhry, Forst & Zydiak, 1993).

On the other hand, Rajesh and Ravi (2015) highlighted the drawbacks of these methods in every method, he pointed that although linear weighting is very simple, and it depends on human decision greatly. In addition, the factors are weighted equally, which rarely happens in practice. MP requires random aspiration levels and can't accommodate qualitative attributes (Genovese, Lenny Koh, Bruno & Esposito, 2013). On the different side, AHP cannot successfully think about chance and uncertainty in estimating the preferences overall performance due to the fact it assumes that the relative importance of elements affecting supplier overall performance is acknowledged with certainty (Igarashi, Deboer & Fet, 2013)

2.6.1.1. Criteria for Supplier Selection

There seems to be an overpowering agreement all through the empirical studies on the qualitative determinants that succeed suppliers. The critical problem when selecting suppliers is on the pride of the give up purchasers and improving organizational performance by means of making it competitive. Kotabe & Murray (2001) agree that there are vast advantages to the organizational consumer when the supplier is completely conscious of what resolution elements are necessary to the client on account that it helps them customize their method to meet the buyers' needs. Garmfy (2004) and Mwikali et al, (2012) recognize a set of familiar determinants that are vital all through supplier selection not considering the enterprise the firm subscribes to. It's very important to observe that they are interrelated and have been used in preceding research across the board.

Quality Assessment: Tracey & Tan (2001) describe best in relation to strength and final product lifespan whilst Dzever and Saives (2001) appear at quality in terms of ease and suppleness of operation. User-friendly products are usually better and it is constantly suitable to consist of a guide to ease the operation of the product. Empirical studies agree that first-rate needs to be described through the eyes of the end customer if at all groups are to remain spirited. Beamon (1999) provides that the rejection price of the product is defined in the wide variety of parts rejected with the aid of the customers in fixed time length because of some quality problems. It also consists of the faulty components detected in the incoming products. This shows whether or no longer the usual quality evaluation of the parts has been done by the Supplier.

Service Levels: ‘Different scholars pick out dealer carrier in exclusive mild for instance Bharat way (2004) looks at the carrier in the capacity of the dealer to furnish after income carrier in terms of claims policies. In Anyone's challenge (2011) warranties are also a way of extending carrier to the buyer. According to Tan (2003) provision of technical support, product customization, and rate of response to demand additionally define the degree of carrier provision via the supplier. Moreover, Mwikali et al (2012) quoting Beamon(1999) provides that a provider with shorter lead time, timely delivery, and ease of communication channels is higher positioned to work with.

Organization Profile: When selecting a provider it is paramount for the deciding to buy a company to check the supplier’s agency as this impacts issue like danger and lead times. Issues like great overall performance e.g. ISO 9000accreditation, supplier modernization, and technological stages require to be ascertained (Shahadat, 2003). Moreover, Petroni(2002) as many other pupils point out that the supplier's geographical location, competencies, and services want to be checked earlier than their resolution as this has exceptional have an impact on whether or no longer they can supply as consequence wade off unwarranted delays. Good suppliers have the fulfillment of sales and advertising and marketing goals, excessive monetary performance, the achievement of contemporary organizational dreams, and methods for the technology age.

Technological capacity: The commercial enterprise community has changed and reduced throughout borders due to the emergent upward push of globalization. Organizational buyers are no longer simply inclined to supply products from local suppliers however overseas ones as well. This trend has come with the assignment of quick and wonderful communication to decrease lead time and as such paying for entities need to pick out providers who have acceptable conversation channels in order to improve the supply chain. With that said, Tan (2003) argues that it is important to pick suppliers based on the degree of technological integration like digital data interchange, Radio frequency identification, the ability of the supplier to pick out want as this enhances firms competitiveness as nicely as the level of flexibility in phrases of payment, shipment charges, reductions and regulate frequency. Kelebu(2013) adds that supplier determination ought to be determined with the aid of the degree of supplier availability and capability to keep relations.

Supplier profile: The performance and previous narration of the suppliers help in making choices for its selection. Attention is paid to the suppliers: Financial capacity the supplier, answering to the customer order, and bankruptcy is one of the selection criteria of selecting a supplier or assessing the supplier (Awino, 2002). Numbers don't lie-where clients are many the offers are good; and Performance History based on enterprise references (Kibe, 2000).

Risk factor: many exogenous elements make international sourcing riskier than national sourcing. Factors like political steadiness and geographical area ought to be viewed as they have an effect on the lead time.

Cost criteria: The plan for this decisive factor is to become aware of the necessary elements of the cost related to purchase. The most frequent fee related to a product is the purchase price, carrying price and duty (Stanley and Gregory, 2001). Operational costs are additionally being viewed all through the supplier choice and earnings can't be maximized without fee Mwikali et, al (2012) quoting Beamon (1999) adds that Price and allocation Cost must be taken into deliberation when using this principle to pick suppliers.

2.6.2. Buyer-Supplier Relationships (BSR)

According to Mohanty & Gahan (2012) higher relationship between two parties, called buyer-supplier relationship, will benefit each facet in a time period of profitability which is now not solely in the quick-term however long-term as well. This buyer-supplier relationship shall be based on trust, energy and dependency, capability, and capability of suppliers as nicely as their two-way communications. A betterrelationship between buyers and suppliers as properly as their two-way communications. A better relationship between customer and dealer will amplify the sharing of facts which at the cease dwell enhance operational things and because of this performance. With refer to COban (2012), the enterprise overall performance is also influenced by using the remarkable relationship between consumer and supplier. The better relationship between customer and supplier, the higher the overall performance of the supplier will be. The enterprise can invite the supplier to be without delay involved to help the manufacturing system in presenting the material as required. This collaboration is feasible when a suitable relationship between the agency and the dealer exists.

Ramakrishanan et al., (2015) stated that the relationship between supplier and consumer would supply benefits within the company and environmentally friendly products. Damlin et al., (2012)

stated the strategic stage would help in reaching long-term dreams and earnings for a prolonged period in the future. While tactical level supports allocation resources that improve efficiency, flexibility. Meanwhile operational level has a goal on each day operational things to do to minimize uncertainty and the potential to control. In his research, Mohanty & Gahan (2012) said that the customer-supplier relationship must be primarily based on trust, energy and dependency, ability, and functionality of suppliers as properly as their two-way communications.

Study via Damlin et al., (2012) said that the company's intention should be accomplished with the assist of the provider springing up from the introduction of a close relationship between the business enterprise and suppliers. Research performed by means of Onyango. Et al., (2015) on manufacturing agency placed in Kenya East Africa point out that the organization's overall performance has an effect on the aid of the existence of an accurate relationship with suppliers. A study by Alafi (2014) cited that the company's overall performance extensively influenced by way of the relationship between the dealer and the buyer through. The relationship between the issuer and the company has a sizable fine impact on the performance of the company because the two events can work collectively in the long time period (Abul & Raised, 2010).

A better relationship between two parties will gain both facets regarding profitability now not only in the momentary however additionally long-term. Different researchers have proposed with exceptional variables as being the vital variables that make certain proper buyer-supplier relationships In this study, the buyer-supplier relationship is assessed using five indicators, i.e., Trust, Communication, Commitment, Cooperation, and Mutual goal.

2.6.2.1. Trust

One of the most frequently mentioned factors through researchers for a worthwhile collaborative relationship between customer dealer relationships has confidence (Stuart et al, 2012). A necessary component to gain the pronounced benefits from more collaborative supplier relationships is the establishment of having faith (Smith, Carroll, and Ashford 1995). Trust is purported to change a range of expensive governance mechanisms along with complex legal

Contracts and conditions, superfluous satisfactory assurance, time-consuming verbal exchange and duplication of effort in product planning, forecasting, and replenishment. Terpend and Ashenbaum, (2012) argue that in commodity products and services, it is frequent to locate on the adversarial relationship on the complete primarily based absolutely on charge and delivery

between client and suppliers. This kind of relationship with suppliers does no longer permits price discounts in the grant chain. It might also moreover be surely useful to the community the supplier; to improve partnerships and alliances based totally on that have confidence worthiness that will have mutual befits both. This is primarily based on production, finance, personal, and or symbolic networking, which will turn over on strategic alliances, permitting the data shoring risk sharing and mitigation, obtaining mutual blessings, and coordinating plans, enabling the enhancement of the provide chain (Gualandris and Kalehschmidt, 2016).

Previous researchers have in addition described considering as a bring collectively of three categories. Ability, benevolence, and integrity (Philip Maltr, 2019). Ability refers to the skills of a partner, and as related to how dependable an assistant is in terms of performance. Benevolence relates to the goodwill that the associate is précised to have and for this reason the opportunity of the partner behaving opportunistically. Integrity, on the special hand, relates to the perception that the accomplice will act in an acceptable, consistent, and predictable manner at some stage in the direction of the relationship.

2.6.2.2. Communication

The effective conversation consists of the sharing of outlook. Plans, goals, and assessment of the relationship, each on a strategic and operational diploma (Hald et al., 2009; paulraj and chen, 2007). The group of frequent desires with the aid of unwritten trade affords a mutual appreciation of which matters to do that are essential in order to enhance the relationship, and how these wishes can be reached. Communication notable consists of the accuracy, timeliness, adequacy, and credibility of information exchanged Participation refers to the extent to which companions have interaction at the same time in planning and intention setting. When one partner’s movements have an impact on the capacity of the exceptional to efficaciously compete, the want for participation in specifying roles, responsibilities, and expectations increases.

Other quintessential components of verbal alternate are comments furnished to the relational partner. Feedback helps provided to the relational associate remarks helps to charity expectations, and to identify areas of enhancement for every the patron and the supplier (modi and mebert, 2007).

2.6.2.3. Commitment

Commitment is termed as the willingness of every issue to provide it they're all in making superb that the transaction takes area as planned (Kwon, 2004). Maintaining dedication in the client company relationship has been installed to takes place a variety of benefits such as improved willingness in conducting operations, accelerated positivity, extended investment, diminished selflessness, and accelerated non-public effectiveness as a result ensuing in accelerated normal overall performance in procurements (Gounaris, 2005). These builds have self-belief as materials are carried out with the folks having inner motivation.

Relationship charge corresponds to the faith that relationship dedication exists solely when the relationship is considered important. Enduring wish to maintain the relationship displays a devoted confederate who wants the relationship to bear indefinitely and is inclined to work at retaining it (Morgan and Hunt, 1994)

2.6.2.4. Cooperation

Mohebbi and Shafaei (2012) describe that the advantages of buyer-supplier cooperation are many however are related with a high-quality purchase, quick detection and removal of defects in products, low value on scrap and wastage, lower stock carrying cost, fewer inspection, and rewards, and efficiency on the phase of the administration. Therefore, companies that have stable buyer-supplier cooperation would achieve larger grant chain advantages and performance (Claub, 2012). (Anderson and Narus, 1990). Morgan and Hunt (1994) seem to receive the above definition of cooperation, however, continue to expand the definition through emphasizing the practical component of cooperation vs. being coerced to take mutually dependent actions. The interplay of cooperation and commitment results in cooperative conduct allowing the partnership to work ensuring that each party gets hold of the advantages of the relationship.

2.6.2.5. Mutual Goals

Wilson (1995) defined the notion of mutual desires as the level to which companions share desires that can fully be performed through mutual exploit and the renewal of the relationship. These mutual goals contribution a strong purpose for relationship continuation. Wilson, Soni, and O'Keeffe (1994) propose that mutual intention has an effect on overall performance enchantment which, in revolve, influences the degree of assurance to the relationship. Common- values are a similar however broader concept. Morgan and Hunt (1994)

describe frequent values as, “the extent to which companions have beliefs in common about what behaviors, requirements, and insurance policies are important, unimportant, exceptional or inappropriate, and applicable or wrong.” maybe it is less difficult to measure the stage to which the partners share the equal imaginings than it is to measures values and norms.

2.6.3. Contract Management (CM)

The effective practice of contract management in a corporation is indispensable in boosting its operational performance. In procurement, contract management practice is undertaken to gain organizational desires as noted in the strategic plan. Operational overall performance measurement ensures that the average strategic targets of a business enterprise are efficaciously and efficaciously realized. Clearly, contract administration boosts an organization’s operational performance measured in opposition to a range of overall performance measures, such as quality, flexibility, speed, efficiency, and dealer relationship. Costello (2008) argues that suppliers get motivated to do business with firms that have wonderful contract gadgets the place things to do are straightforward, wishes and deadlines met, and costs are nicely managed; for this reason more suitable operational performance. Depending on the nature of the business, operational measures vary throughout companies and industries (Jusoh& Parnell, 2008).

As George (2005) notes, in such a competitive company world, agencies try to set up performance size metrics to gauge in opposition to their goals and enterprise take place, a wide variety of operational overall performance measures are essential. Firstly, rivals. Some of the key warning signs of operational overall performance used include efficiency, quality, flexibility, compliance, dealer relationship, supplier defects quotes, and procurement cycle time (Cho &Pucick, 2005). With reference to Erridge, Fee, and McIlroy (2001), in a procurement branch where contract management practices provider defect rate is a key operational performance indicator used to measure the quality of purchases carried out by way of a procurement department. This can be finished by dividing the wide variety of defects by means of the whole purchases, or defective shipments via complete shipments.

Operational performance can additionally be measured through the use of patron delight indicators. Internal customers’ ranking on their satisfaction tiers with the department’s overall performance is critical in reaching this. If many firms use comparable questions, benchmarking stages of delight are achievable. Customer pleasure helps in measuring the department’s

capability to meet the wishes and expectations of inside clients (Ray, 2011). As Mead and Gruneberg (2013) suggest, the importance of provider notion execution is some other key operational overall performance measure in contract management. Advanced procurement companies actively are seeking thoughts from suppliers for revenue growth, value financial savings amongst others. According to CIPS coursebook "Managing Contracts and Relationships in procurement and Supply, 2012" the key factors of contact administration are:

Contract development: Formulation of a legally binding agreement, putting out specific phrases and conditions of commercial enterprise, and the specification of requirement.

Contract communication: Copies of the contract documentation and shipping plans, notification of any exchange need to be allotted to those involved with managing them on an everyday basis.

Contract administration: it deals with the Implementation of Procedures, with the aid of consumer and supplier, to ensure that contractual obligations are fulfilled. Contract administration covers the formal governance of the contract and any standard modifications to the documentation at some point in the existence of the contract. This location of contract administration ensures that the everyday elements of making the contract run effectively and effectively are taken care of. Contract administration matters to do can be mostly grouped into areas: Delivery Management, and Relationship Management.

Delivery management ensures that something is ordered is then delivered to the required degree of outstanding and basic overall performance as referred to in the contract. Deliver management may also moreover embody checking the nature, volume, and exceptional of goods supplied, work carried out and services performed**.**

Relationship management seeks to keep the relationship between the financial operator and the contracting authority open and constructive, with the intention of resolving or easing tensions and identifying potential problems at an early stage, while additionally figuring out possibilities for improvement. Relationships have to be utterly professional throughout and ought to encompass professional strategy for managing issues and dispute resolution.

2.6.3.1. Determinant factors for effective contract management.

Oluka and Basheka (2012)gives five determinants of effective contract management, apportioning of resources; clear reporting lines; defining of roles and responsibilities; ensuring timely payments; and managing of risks. According to Hotterbeekx (2013); Nguyen (2013); ANAO (2012); Bhardwaj (2011); and Esley (2007), Effectiveness of contract management should make sure the following are in place; Recruit staff with relevant skills; Provide training to address skills gaps; Have monitoring plans or checklists in place; Ensure all staff understand their responsibilities in relation to performance management; Establish and maintain a sound relationship with the contractor; Hold regular meetings with the contractor to discuss progress and any problems; Identify any problems at an early stage; Only make payments for satisfactory performance; Review the need to end the contract for breaches of conditions or non-performance and; Seek advice on when a contract variation is necessary.

Table 2.2: Determinant factors for effective contract management

Determinant factor	Indicators
Putting in place structure and resources	Identifying and defining processes and a clear contract management plan, with a focus on outputs and milestones to performance
Ensuring the right people are in place	The contract manager has a detailed knowledge of the contract
Clear roles and responsibilities	Clearly defining the responsibilities of both parties contract manager
Feedback and communications mechanisms	Regular and routine feedback is given to contractors on their performance
Payment and incentives	Ensuring payments are made to contractor or supplier as per contract
Managing risks	Identifying and anticipating risk such as service failure, reputation damage and additional costs

Source: Adopted from Oluka and Basheka (2010)

2.7. Conceptual Framework of the Study

The conceptual framework is a set of huge thoughts and theories that allows the researcher to discover troubles in the study, body questions, and talk about the relevant literature for the learn about (Stratman & Roth, 2004). The unbiased variables of the find out about are supplier selection, Buyer-supplier relationship, and contract management, whilst the dependent variable is operational performance.

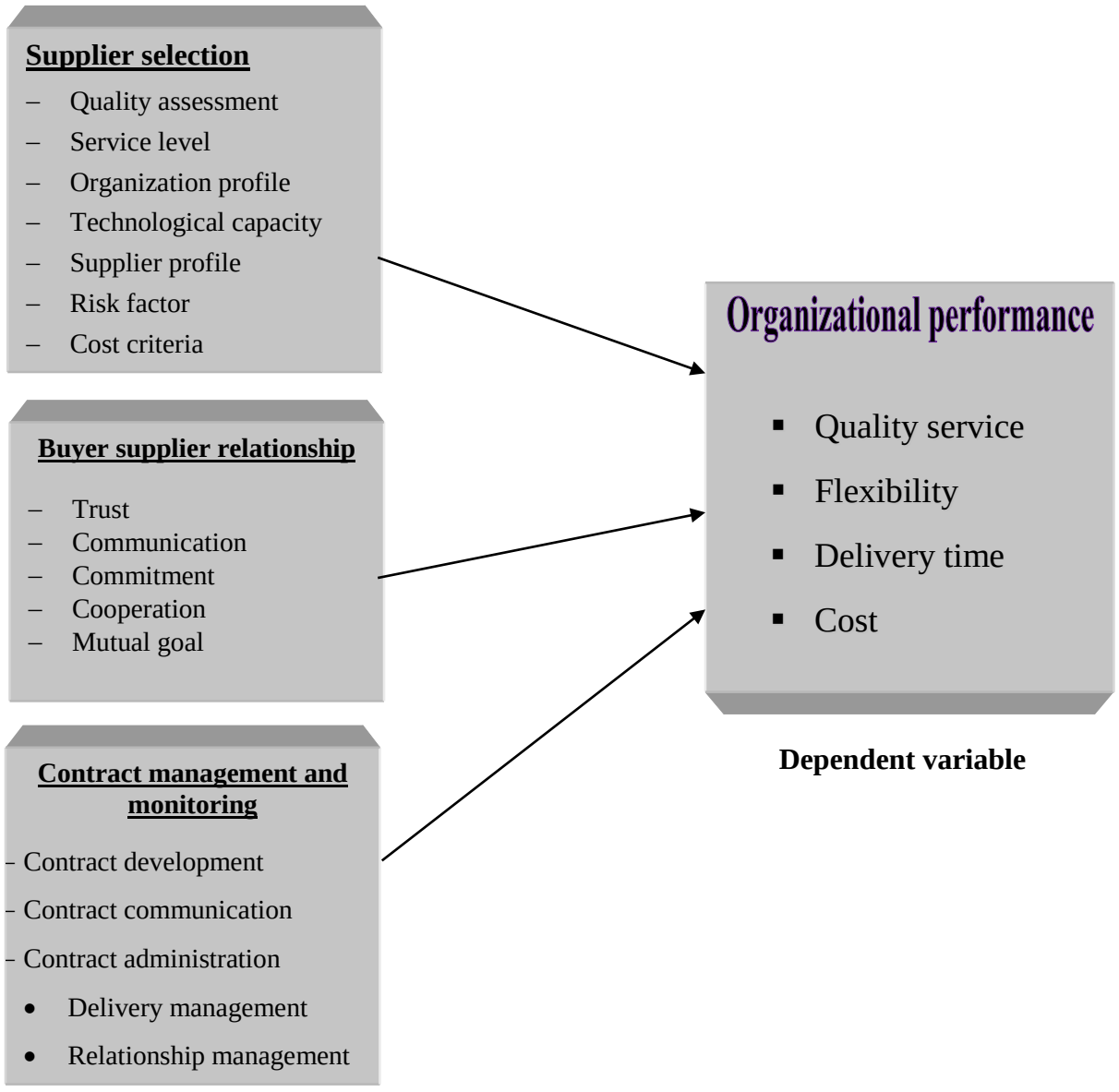

Figure 1-Conceptual Framework (Adapted from Stratman & Roth, 2004)

CHAPTER THREE

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3. INTRODUCTION

This chapter focuses on the research techniques that were used to get the data for the study. It will be covered the research design, research approach, study population and respondents, Data source and type, data collection procedure, research variable, reliability and validity test, data analysis, and ethical consideration.

3.1. Research Design

The aim of the research design is for empirical research answering specific research questions or testing specific hypotheses by specifying the methods and procedures for collecting and interpreting the needed information and it is also a blueprint for empirical research (Bhattacherjee, 2012). The study will be used descriptive research design. Descriptive research studies are those studies that are concerned with describing the characteristics of each individual or group. Hence, accurately describe the effect and the relationship between the independent variables and dependant variables. To assess the association between strategic sourcing and operational performance, this study was a cross-sectional census survey design quantitatively. Also, the researcher used some descriptive statistics (to measure mean and standard deviation) and inferential statistics were used to elaborate on the association and interaction between variables.

3.2. Research approach

Croswell (2011), the objective of quantitative research is to test theories and hypotheses pertaining to the natural phenomena by examining the relationship among variable through mathematical models. This study used quantitative research approach. It involves identifying the characteristics of observed exploring possible correction among two or more phenomena. Hence, the study intended to test rather than generate theory, it adopted a quantitative approach which focused on describing and drowning conclusion from the findings on the relationship between strategic sourcing and its implication on operational performance.

3.3. Target Population and Respondents.

The target population refers to the total number of subjects or the total environment of interest to the researcher (Caldwell, 2014). Kothari et.al, (2017) defined the target population as all real or hypothetical members, people, events, or subjects that the researcher wishes to generalize his result findings. The target population of this study is the employees of the Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise. The researcher to accomplish this study will be used as a census survey method. Based on this the researcher the total number of 75 respondents (20 from the procurement department, 10 from the Head of Department,10 from tender board members, 12 from the Finance department,10 from the performance Audit department, 8 from the multimodal transport department, and 5 agreement section) will be selected. The reason that the researcher selects these respondents, they are directly/indirectly participating or involving in procurement/sourcing processes and they are a good informant of the sourcing/procurement processes in Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise.

Table 3.1- Target Population of the study

Respondents	Total Population	Percentage of the sample size
Procurement department	20	100%
Finance department	12	100%
Multimodal transport department	8	100%
Performance audit department	10	100%
Heads of department	10	100%
Tender board member	10	100%
Agreement department	5	100%
TOTAL	**75**	**100%**

3.4. Data Source and Type

The researcher will be used in both primary and secondary data. The researcher was collected the primary data by using Questionnaires. The questionnaires compromise the questions which are related to the study objective. The closed-ended questions provided alternatives to answer because they are easier to analyze and economical interims of time. Secondary data is every dataset not obtained by the author, or the analysis of data gathered by someone else to be more

specific (Boslaugh, 2007). Secondary data may include data that has been previously gathered and is under consideration to be reused for new questions, for which the data gathered was not originally intended (Vartanian, 2010). The researcher obtained secondary data from; the literature of different authors and writers on the topics related to this study, annual report of the firm (ESLSE), from different journals and articles.

3.5. Data Collection Procedures

This study has used questionnaires as the instruments of data collection and questionnaires will be constructed based on the research objective. According to Kothari et.al, (2017) each item on the questionnaire should be developed to address a specific objective, research question, or hypothesis of the study. Additionally, questionnaires are preferred since they are easy to administer and time-saving (Saunders, et.al, 2015). In this study, the questionnaire of a 5-point Likert scale and closed-ended questions has been applied. The study will be using a quantitative research approach. Neill (2007), the aim of quantitative research is to classify features, count them, and construct statically models in an attempt to explain what is observed. Additionally, the researcher has used tools such as questionnaires or equipment to collect numerical data, the data in the form of numbers and statistics, and more efficient.

3.6. Research Variables

The study involves independent and dependent variables. The dependent variable is operational performance. The independent variables are namely; supplier selection; Buyer-supplier relationship; and contract management.

3.7. Reliability and Validity Test.

3.7.1. Reliability Test

Reliability is an extent to which a questionnaire, test, observation, or any measurement procedure produces the same results on repeated trials. Miller (2015), Reliability is the degree to which a test consistently measures whatever it measures. It thus helps researchers interpret data and predict the value of scores and the limits of the relationship among the variables. To evaluate the validity of the questionnaire, a pilot study has been conducted prior to the data collection in order to test the reliability of the instrument. During the pilot study, the developed questionnaires,

along with explanations regarding terms and concepts has presented to 8 senior Procurement experts in Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise.

Table 3.2.Reliability Statistics

Item	Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardized Items	N of Items
Supplier selection practices	.892	.894	21
Buyer Supplier relationship	.829	.830	15
Contract Management	.869	.869	15
Operational Performance Dimensions	.876	.878	12

3.7.2. Validity Test

Saunders (2000) defined validity as it is concerned with whether the findings are really about what they appear to be about, measure if the relationship between the two variables is a causal relationship. The researcher has been used the carried pilot study to present and validate the questionnaire. To establish the validity of the research instrument, the researcher has asked the opinions of 8 senior experts in the procurement department. The facilitated the necessary revision and modification of the research instrument thereby enhancing validity.

3.8. Data Analysis

According to kotharia.et.al,(2017), there are three objectives in data analysis; getting a feel for the data, testing the goodness or fitness of the data, and testing hypotheses developed for the research. To analyze the study data, the researcher has used statistical package social science (SPSS) version 20.0 was to be used.

The researcher organized the respondent's profiles with sex, age, educational background, work experiences, and Department/Work unit have been summarized with graphs and tables. Whereas, the degree of strategic sourcing in all dimensions and operational performance will be analyzed by using descriptive statistics (mean and standard deviation) and inferential statistics (to analyze the relationship between strategic sourcing and operational performance Pearson correlation coefficient). Hence multi regression analysis has made as part of the overall data analysis endeavor with the aim of reveling the existence to which the factor of strategic influences the operational performance of the organization. To examine the level of respondent's consent on the

effect of strategic sourcing on operational performance and widen their choice, five points Likert-scale ranging from strongly disagree up to strongly agree will have been indicated in the questioner.

3.9. Ethical Consideration

Data collection was undertaken after permission has been obtained from the concerned body. Study participants were asked about telephone communication before being asked for any information. Objectives of the study were explained for every participant and they were asked to give information only after they give their consent no person obliged to participate in the study without his/her consent. The information provided by each respondent will be kept confidential study subjects will be fully authorized to with data from the study at any time of their involvement interview of the study subjects has been made in a way to maintain their privacy moreover, any information that can be perceived as spieling the goodwill and the reputation of the company under study is not included the report of the study.

CHAPTER FOUR

RESRCH FINDINGS AND DISCUTION

4. INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the characteristics of respondents and the analysis of data collected from respondents. The first part of this chapter presented the demographic characteristics of the respondents and the second part presents the results and its interpretation in light of the research objective.

4.1. Response Rate

Totally 75 questionnaires were distributed to employees and 60 questionnaires have been back (obtained). The remaining 15 questionnaires were not collected. Because of unwillingness to provide information and some respondents have been on its annual leave. Based on these, the study used and evaluate that suggests a response rate of 80%.

Table 4.1.Response Rate

Name of Department	No. of questioners distributed	No. of questioners collected.	No. of questioners uncollected.
Procurement department	20	16	4
Finance department	12	10	2
Multi modal transport department	8	7	1
Performance audit department	10	7	3
Heads of department	10	7	3
Tender board member	10	9	1
Agreement department	5	4	1
Total	**75**	**60**	**15**

4.2. Demographic Profile of respondent

This section summarizes and offers the demographic characteristics of the respondents such as Sex, Age, Education qualification, Department/Work unit, and Work experience.

Table 4.2: Demographic profile of the respondent

Demographic profile of the respondent	Dimension	Frequency	Percent
Respondent Sex	Female	24	40
	Male	36	60
	Total	**60**	**100**
Age	20-25	7	11.67
	26-30	5	8.33
	31-40	33	55
	>40	15	25
	Total	**60**	**100**
Education Background	College diploma	6	10
	First digger	47	71.67
	Masters	11	18.33
	Total	**60**	**100**
Department /work unit	Procurement department	16	26.7
	Finance department	10	16.7
	Multimodal transport department	7	11.7
	Performance Audit department	7	11.7
	Head of department	7	11.7
	Tender board department	9	15.0
	Agreement department	4	6.7
	Total	**60**	**100**
Respondent work experience	<5 years	16	26.7
	5-9 years	27	45.0
	10-15 years	14	23.3
	>15 years	3	5.0
	Total	**60**	**100**

Table4.2.analyses the respondent's profile in their of sex, age, education background, department/work unit, and work experience in line with presented as follows.

Sex distribution of respondents: From the total 60 respondents, 24(40%) are females, and 36(60%) males respondents involved during the study. The data indicate that males' participation was greater than females.

Age of respondents: From the total 60 respondents, the data indicates 33 respondents (55%) were aged between31-40, 15(25%) respondents were aged greater than40, 7(11.67%) respondents were aged between20-25, and 5(8.33%) respondents have aged between26-30.

Educational qualifications: 43 respondents (71.70%) have First Degree (BA/BSc Degree), 11 respondents (18.30%) have Mastered (MSc/MA Degree), and 6 respondents (10%) have College Diploma. From the educational background of the respondents qualified respondents 54 (90%) have 1st Degree and 2nd Degree. According to the response, it provides relevant and reliable information for the study.

Department (work unit) of the respondent: Accordingly this, 16(26.7%) were procurement department, 10(16.7%) were Finance department, 7(11.7%) were Multimodal transport department, 7(11.7%) were Performance audit department, 7(11.7%) was head of the Departments, 9(15%) were tender board members and 4(6.7%) were agreement department. this implies that all respondents are most directly and indirectly participated in the strategic sourcing of the organization. Therefore their information can be considered as reliable and relevant for the study.

Work experiences of the respondents. As indicated in the tablet, 16 (26.7%) of the respondents work experience have is less than 5 years, 27 (45%) of the respondents work experience have between 5-9 years of experiences, 14 (23.3%) respondents work experience have between 10-15 years, and the remaining 3 (5%) respondents work experience have above 15 years. We can conclude that the respondents' records for this find out about used to be accrued from the least skilled to greater experienced respondents.

4.3 Response on strategic sourcing and operational Performance

4.3.1 Response on Supplier selection

Table 4.3 Mean and St. Deviation of Responses on Supplier selection

Supplier selection	ITEM	Mean	SD
Quality assessment	ESLSE supplier selection practice using Quality assessment enhanced its performance in terms of its service quality.	3.80	.732
	ESLSE supplier selection practice using Quality assessment enhanced its performance in terms of its delivery time.	3.80	.708
	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering Quality assessment enhanced its performance in terms of Cost reduction.	3.67	.629
Grand mean of Quality assessment Practices		**3.76**	
Service level	ESLSE supplier selection practice in view of their Service level enhanced its performance in terms of its quality service.	3.77	.621
	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering suppliers Service level as a criteria for selection enhanced its performance in terms of its cost reduction.	3.58	.645
	ESLSE supplier selection practice in view of their Service level enhanced its performance in terms of its flexibility.	3.63	.688
Grand mean of Service level		**3.66**	
Organization profile	ESLSE supplier selection practice using organization profile enhanced increasing the operational performance interims of delivery time.	3.48	.624
	ESLSE supplier selection practice using Organization performance enhanced its performance in terms of its cost reduction.	3.55	.594
	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering organization profile enhanced its performance in terms of service delivery time.	3.77	.698
Grand mean of Organization profile		**3.60**	
Technological capacity	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering their Technological capacity enhanced its performance in terms of cost reduction.	3.82	.701
	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering their Technological capacity enhanced its performance in terms of delivery time.	3.48	.624
	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering their Technological capacity enhanced its performance in terms of Service quality.	3.40	.718
Grand mean of Technological capacity		**3.57**	
Supplier profile	ESLSE supplier selection practice using the supplier profile enhanced increasing the operational performance interims of delivery time.	3.70	.561
	ESLSE supplier selection practice using supplier profile enhanced increasing the operational performance interims of flexibility.	3.60	.669
	ESLSE supplier selection practice using supplier profile enhanced increasing the operational performance interims of quality service.	3.58	.645
Grand mean of Supplier profile		**3.63**	

Risk factor	ESLSE supplier selection practice using the risk factor enhanced to achieve performance in terms of quality service.	3.62	.613
	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering risk factor enhanced its performance in terms of service delivery time.	3.77	.698
	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering risk factor enhanced its performance in terms of cost reduction.	3.60	.718
Grand mean of Risk factor		**3.66**	
Cost criteria	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering Cost criteria enhanced its performance in terms of quality service.	3.67	.629
	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering Cost criteria enhanced its performance in terms of service delivery time.	3.70	.671
	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering Cost criteria enhanced its performance in terms of service flexibility.	3.52	.596
Grand mean Cost criteria		**3.63**	
Grand mean of Supplier selection		**3.63**	

Source: SPSS Output 2020

The research questionnaires' designed using 5 point likert scale to gather suitable response, in connection to this the respondents demonstrated the degree they agreed with the articulations by choosing: 5-Strongly Agree,4-Agree,3-Neutral, 2-Disagree and 1-Strongly Disagree. Based on the response of the respondents, mean computed on the above table 4.4 Mean (M) score of from 0-1.5 implies strongly disagree, from 1.5-2.5 implies disagree, from 2.5-3.5 implies neutral, from 3.5-4.5 implies agree, and above 4.5 it implies strongly agree. Based on the findings on **Table 4.3**, the grand mean (M) of supplier selection 3.63,that means respondents response rank between 3.5-4.5.The respondents from the perspective of descriptive statistics it indicated that the respondents Agreed to the fact that supplier selection in their respective firms, which mean the effect of supplier selection influence operational performance of an organization.

4.3.2. Response on Buyer Supplier relationship

Table 4.4. Mean and St. Deviation of Responses on Buyer supplier relationship

Buyer supplier relationship	ITEM	Mean	SD
Trust	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice considering trust enhanced its performance by interims of service responsiveness.	3.35	.577
	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using trust enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.	3.23	.533
	ESLSE Buyer supplier relationship practice using trust enhanced its performance in terms of its service quality.	3.27	.578
Grand mean of Trust		**3.28**	
Communication	ESLSE Buyer supplier relationship practice considering communication enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.	3.28	.555
	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using communication enhanced its performance by interims of service delivery time.	3.30	.591
	ESLSE using the buyer supplier relationship practice using communication enhanced its performance by interims of cost reduction.	3.40	.643
Grand mean of Communication		**3.33**	
Commitment	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice considering commitment enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.	3.30	.561
	ESLSE buyer supplier's relationship practice considering commitment enhanced its performance by interims of cost reduction.	3.37	.581
	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using Commitment enhanced its performance by interims of quality service.	3.32	.567
Grand mean of Commitment		**3.33**	
Cooperation	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice considering cooperation enhanced its performance by interims of service quality.	3.28	.555
	ESLSE Buyer supplier relationship practice using cooperation enhanced its performance in terms of its deliver time.	3.37	.610
	ESLSE Buyer supplier relationship practice considering cooperation enhanced its performance in terms of its cost reduction.	3.32	.596
Grand mean of Cooperation		**3.32**	
Mutual goal	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice considering on mutual goal properly, enhanced its performance interims of by cost reduction.	3.23	.533
	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice considering on mutual goal enhanced its performance interims of by service delivery time.	3.38	.640
	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice considering mutual goal enhanced its performance interims of service quality.	3.33	.572
Grand mean of Mutual goal		**3.31**	
Grand mean of Buyer Supplier relationship		**3.314**	

Source: SPSS Output 2020

The research questionnaires' designed using 5 points Likert scale to gather suitable responses, in connection to this the respondents demonstrated the degree they agreed with the articulations by choosing: 5-Strongly Agree,4-Agree,3-Neutral, 2-Disagree, and 1-Strongly Disagree. Based on the response of the respondents, mean computed on the above table 4.4 Mean (M) score of from 0-1.5 implies strongly disagree, from 1.5-2.5 implies disagree, from 2.5-3.5 implies neutral, from 3.5-4.5 implies agree and above 4.5 it implies strongly agree. Based on the findings in Table 4.4, the grand mean (M) of Buyer supplier relationship 3.32, which means the respondent's responses rank between2.5-3.5. The respondents from the perspective of descriptive statistics indicated that the respondents Neutral to the fact that Buyer supplier relationship in their respective firms, which means the effect of Buyer supplier relationship influence the operational performance of an organization.

4.3.3. Response on Contract Management

Table 4.5. Mean and St. Deviation of Responses on Contract Management

Contract Management	ITEM	Mean	SD
Contract Development	ESLSE contract management practice taking in to account contract development practice enhanced its performance by service flexibility.	3.60	.588
	ESLSE contract management practice taking in to account contract development enhanced its performance interims of cost reduction.	3.52	.596
	ESLSE contract management practice using considering contract development enhanced its performance by interims of quality service.	3.55	.594
Grand mean of contract development		**3.55**	
Contract communication	ESLSE contract management practice using contract communication enhanced its operational performance by interims of cost reduction.	3.45	.594
	ESLSE contract management practice considering contract communication enhanced its performance interims of quality service.	3.50	.597
	ESLSE contract management practice using considering contract communication enhanced its performance interims of by service flexibility.	3.50	.597
Grand mean of contract communication		**3.48**	
Contract administration	ESLSE contract management practice using contract administration enhanced its performance interims of delivery time.	3.50	.624
	ESLSE contract management practice using considering contract administration enhanced its performance interims of cost reduction.	3.60	.616

	ESLSE contract management practice using considering contract administration enhancing its performance by interims of quality service.	3.60	.588
Grand mean of contract administration		**3.57**	
Deliver management	ESLSE improving its performance using contract management practice considering delivery management interims flexibility.	3.50	.597
	ESLSE contract management practice using in view of delivery management enhancing its performance interims of quality service.	3.52	.624
	ESLSE contract management practice using in view of delivery management enhanced its performance interims of service delivery time.	3.50	.597
Grand mean of delivery management		**3.50**	
Relationship management	ESLSE contract management practice considering relationship management enhanced its performance interims of cost reduction.	3.53	.596
	ESLSE contract management practices considering relationship management enhanced its performance interims of flexibility.	3.40	.616
	ESLSE contract management practice considering relationship management enhanced its performance by interims of delivery time.	3.60	.588
Grand mean of relationship management		**3.51**	
Grand mean of contract management		**3.52**	

Source: SPSS Output 2020

The research questionnaires' designed using 5 points Likert scale to gather suitable responses, in connection to this the respondents demonstrated the degree they agreed with the articulations by choosing: 5-Strongly Agree,4-Agree,3-Neutral, 2-Disagree, and 1-Strongly Disagree. Based on the response of the respondents, mean computed on the above table 4.6 Mean (M) score of from 0-1.5 implies strongly disagree, from 1.5-2.5 implies disagree, from 2.5-3.5 implies neutral; from3.5-4.5 implies agree and above 4.5 it implies strongly agree. Based on the findings in Table 4.5, the grand mean (M) of contract management 3.52, which means the respondent's responses rank between3.5-4.5. The respondents from the perspective of descriptive statistics indicated that the respondents agreed to the fact that contract management in their respective firms, which means the effect of contract management influence the operational performance of an organization.

Table 4.6. Composite score of mean and standard deviation of independent variables (supplier selection, Buyer supplier relationship, and contract management)

Descriptive Statistics			
	N	**Mean**	**Std. Deviation**
Supplier Selection	60	3.63	.372
Buyer Supplier Relationship	60	3.32	.315
Contract Management	60	3.52	.357
Valid N (listwise)	60		

Generally, we see the mean value of each of the scale of strategic sourcing practice are scored between 3.32-3.63, standard deviation of that range between 0.352-0.372.the lowest mean value is recorded by Buyer supplier relationship (neutral); while contract management and supplier selection scored comparably close mean value of 3.52 and 3.63 respectively(agreed).

4.3.4. Response on Operational Performance Dimensions

Table 4.7. Mean and Standard deviation of each operational performances of ESLSE

Operational Performance	ITEM	No.	Mean	SD
Quality service	ESLSE supplier selection practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of quality service.	60	3.25	.600
	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of quality service.	60	3.15	.481
	ESLSE contract management practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of quality service.	60	3.10	.440
Grand mean of Quality Service			**3.1667**	
Flexibility	ESLSE supplier selection practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.	60	3.10	.440
	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.	60	3.10	.440
	ESLSE contract management practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.	60	3.12	.454
Grand mean of flexibility			**3.1056**	

Delivery time	ESLSE supplier selection practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service delivery time.	60	3.07	.516
	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service delivery time.	60	2.98	.504
	ESLSE contract management practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service delivery time	60	3.10	.440
Grand mean of delivery time			**3.0500**	
Cost	ESLSE supplier selection practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of cost reduction.	60	3.10	.477
	ESLSE buyer supplier practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of cost reduction.	60	3.02	.390
	ESLSE contract management practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of cost reduction.	60	3.00	.412
Grand mean of Cost			**3.0389**	

The research questionnaires' designed using 5 points Likert scale to gather suitable responses, in connection to this the respondents demonstrated the degree they agreed with the articulations by choosing: 5-Strongly Agree,4-Agree,3-Neutral, 2-Disagree, and 1-Strongly Disagree. Based on the response of the respondents, mean computed on the above table 4.7 Mean (M) score of from 0-1.5 implies strongly disagree, from 1.5-2.5 implies neutral, from 2.5-3.5 implies agree, and above 4.5 it implies strongly agree. Based on the above **Table 4.7** each operational performance mean and standard deviations:

- The grand mean value of Quality service 3.1667, which means the respondent's responses rank between 2.5-3.5 from the perspective of descriptive statistics indicated that the respondents neutral to the fact that quality service in their firms, which means the effect of quality service influence the operational performance of the organization.

- The grand mean value of Flexibility 3.1056, which means the respondent's responses rank between 2.5-3.5.From the perspective of descriptive statistics indicated that the respondents

neutral to the fact that flexibility in their firms, which means the effect of flexibility influences the operational performance of the organization.

- The grand mean value of Delivery time 3.05, which means the respondent's responses rank between 2.5-3.5.The respondents from the perspective of descriptive statistics, indicated that the respondents neutral to the fact that Delivery time in their firms, which means the effect of Delivery time influence the operational performance of an organization.

- The grand mean value of Cost 3.0389, which means the respondent's responses rank between2.5-3.5 the respondents from the perspective of descriptive statistics, indicated that the respondents Neutral to the fact that cost in their respective firms, which means the effect of cost influence the operational performance of an organization.

Therefore all mean (M) scores the range from 3.0389-3.1667, this implies that the operational performance of the company is neutral therefore it desires improvement.

4.4. Inferential Statistics for strategic sourcing and operational Performance

4.4.1 Correlation Analysis

Correlation in the broadest experience is a measure of an association between variables. In correlated data, the alternate in the magnitude of 1 variable is related to trade in the magnitude of another variable, either in the same (positive correlation) or in the contrary (negative correlation) direction. Most often, the term correlation is used in the context of a linear relationship between two continuous variables and expressed as Pearson product-moment correlation. The Pearson correlation coefficient is usually used for at the same time typically dispensed data (data that observe a bivariate normal distribution). For no usually distributed non-stop data, for ordinal data, or for records with applicable outliers, a Spearman rank correlation can be used as a measure of a no association. Both correlation coefficients are scaled such that they range from -1 to 1, where 0 indicates that there is no linear association, and the relationship receives more desirable and finally methods a straight line (Pearson correlation) or a continuously increasing or decreasing curve (Spearman correlation) as the coefficient approaches an absolute value of one.

According to Andy (2006), correlation is a regularly used measure of the measurement of an effect: Value of + 0.1 characterizes a small effect, + 0.3 is a medium impact and + 0.5 is a massive effect. Hence, in this find out about Bivariate Pearson Coefficient(r) was once used to

have a look at the relationship between the three strategic sourcing dimensions by using a two-tailed check of statistical importance at the degree of 95% significance, p<0.05. B. Burns & Burns (2008) elaborate about the rage of the correlation coefficient, If the correlation coefficient(r) falls between 0.10 to 0.20, it is slight correlation or small; between 0.20 to 0.40 is low correlation or weak relationship, lies between 0.40 to 0.70 moderate; if it falls among 0.70 to 0.90 strong correlation or good-sized and among with 0.90 to 1.00 it is very excessive correlation or very strong correlation between variable.

4.4.1.1. Correlation Analysis between the dimension of strategic sourcing and operational performance.

Table 4.8. Correlation matrix between strategic sourcing and operational performance (N=60)

Correlations

		Supplier Selection	Buyer Supplier Relationship	Contract Management	Operational performance
Supplier Selection	Pearson Correlation	**1**			
	Sig. (2-tailed)				
Buyer Supplier	Pearson Correlation	.918**	**1**		
Relationship	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000			
Contract	Pearson Correlation	.906**	.916**	**1**	
Management	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000		
Operational	Pearson Correlation	.771**	.854**	.873**	**1**
performance	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	

**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Source: SPSS Output 2020

As seen in Table 4.8, indicate the relationships between strategic sourcing dimension and operational performance have a strong relationship. The relationship between supplier selection and operational performance with a Pearson correlation coefficient 0.771(r=0.771, p=0.01), this significance tells that there is a strong relationship between supplier selection and operational performance. Secondly, the Pearson correlation coefficient between Buyer supplier relationship and operational performance is 0.854(r=0.854, p=0.01), which shows a strong relationship between buyer-supplier relationship and operational performance. Lastly, the correlation test is between contract management and operational performance, this also indicates strongly related 0.854(r=0.854, p=0.01).

Generally, the matrix indicates that the three independent variables (supplier selection, Buyer supplier relationship, and Contract management) statically significant at a 99% confidence level. The results recommended that they have a strong and positive relationship with operational performance. Through the relationship comparison; contract management has a positive and strong correlation with operational performance than the supplier selection and Buyer supplier relationship correlation with operational performance, and Buyer supplier relationship correlation greater than the supplier selection and operational performance relationship. Therefore the matrix shows the relationship is significant to improvement of the operational performance. Accordingly, from the above-compounded analysis correlation, additionally the correlation analysis between each operational performance measure with each independent variable (Supplier selection, Buyer supplier relationship, and Contract management) correlation analysis also important. Because it tells the effect of strategic sourcing practice is positively or less integration with each operational performance measures (Quality service, Flexibility, Delivery time, and cost). Therefore, the outcome of each correlation analysis prepared between the dimension of the independent variable and each measure of dependant variables (operational performance) is listed by the table as follows.

Table 4.9. Correlation Matrix between Supplier selection with each measure of Operational performance (N=60)

Correlations						
		Quality service	**Flexibility**	**Delivery time**	**Cost**	**Supplier Selection**
Quality service	Pearson Correlation	**1**				
	Sig. (2-tailed)					
Flexibility	Pearson Correlation	.650**	1			
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000				
Delivery time	Pearson Correlation	.644**	.617**	**1**		
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000			
Cost	Pearson Correlation	.639**	.650**	.651**	**1**	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000		
Supplier Selection	Pearson Correlation	.687**	.762**	.712**	.784**	**1**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000	
**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).						

Source: SPSS Output 2020

According to **Table 4.9,** there was a statistically significant positive correlation between supplier selection and each measure of operational performance (Quality Service, Flexibility, Delivery Time, and Cost). Based on this result, first the supplier selection and quality service correlation coefficient are 0.687(r=0.687, p<0.01), indicates that there is a strong and positive correlation between them. Secondly, the correlation coefficient between supplier selection and Flexibility has 0.762(r=0.762, p<0.01), it is shown that it has a strong and positive correlation with them. the third one is the correlation between supplier selection and Delivery time, which also indicates a more strong and positive correlation between them, the correlation coefficient has 0.712(r=0.712, p<0.01). Finally, we found a correlation between supplier selection and cost, the matrix indicates that there is strong and positive relationship 0.784(r=.784, p<0.01). As table 4.8 indicates, the correlation between supplier selection and quality service is stronger and positive than the others (r=0.784, p<0.01).

Table 4.10 Correlation matrix between Buyer supplier relationship with each measure of Operational performance (N=60)

Correlations						
		Quality service	**Flexibility**	**Delivery time**	**Cost**	**Buyer Supplier Relationship**
Quality service	Pearson Correlation	**1**				
	Sig. (2-tailed)					
Flexibility	Pearson Correlation	.650**	**1**			
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000				
Delivery time	Pearson Correlation	.644**	.617**	**1**		
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000			
Cost	Pearson Correlation	.639**	.650**	.651**	**1**	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000		
Buyer Supplier Relationship	Pearson Correlation	.761**	.822**	.779**	.820**	**1**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000	
**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).						

Source: SPSS Output 2020

Based on **Table 4.10,** there was a statistically significant positive correlation between the Buyer supplier relationship and each measure of operational performance (Quality Service, Flexibility, Delivery Time, and Cost) in general. Based on this result, first the buyer-supplier relationship and quality service correlation coefficient are 0.761(r=0.761, p<0.01), indicates that there is a strong and positive correlation between them. We have seen that the correlation coefficient between buyer-supplier relationship and Flexibility has 0.822(r=0.822, p<0.01), it is shown that it has a strong and positive correlation with them. the third one is the correlation between Buyer supplier relationship and Delivery time, which also tells a more strong and positive correlation between them, the correlation coefficient has 0.779(r=0.779, p<0.01). lastly, we found a correlation between Buyer supplier relationship and cost, the matrix indicates that there is a strong and positive relationship 0.820(r=.820, p<0.01). in general table 4.10 indicates, the correlation between the Buyer supplier relationship and Flexibility is stronger and positive than the others (r=0.822, p<0.01)

Table 4.11 Correlation matrix between Contract Management and operational performance (N=60)

Correlations						
		Quality service	**Flexibility**	**Delivery time**	**Cost**	**Contract Management**
Quality service	Pearson Correlation	**1**				
	Sig. (2-tailed)					
Flexibility	Pearson Correlation	.650**	**1**			
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000				
Delivery time	Pearson Correlation	.644**	.617**	**1**		
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000			
Cost	Pearson Correlation	.639**	.650**	.651**	**1**	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000		
Contract Management	Pearson Correlation	.688**	.781**	.704**	.807**	**1**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000	
**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).						

Source: SPSS Output 2020

Based on Table 4.11, there was a statistically significant positive correlation between contract management and each measure of operational performance (Quality Service, Flexibility, Delivery Time, and Cost) in general. According to the matrix, the contract management and quality service correlation coefficient are 0.688(r=0.688, p<0.01), this indicates that there is a

strong and positive correlation between them. We have seen that the correlation coefficient between contract management and Flexibility has 0.781($r=0.781$, $p<0.01$), it is shown that it has a strong and positive correlation with them. The third one is the correlation between contract management and delivery time, which also tells a strong and positive correlation between them, the correlation coefficient has 0.704($r=0.704$, $p<0.01$). Lastly, we found a correlation between contract management and cost, the matrix indicates that there is a strong and positive relationship of 0.807($r=.807$, $p<0.01$). In general table 4.10 indicates, the correlation between contract management and cost, and the correlation between contract management and Flexibility is stronger than the others (the correlation between contract management and quality service, and contract management and delivery time).

4.5. Regression Analysis

Regression analysis gives facts on the relationship between a response (dependent) variable and one or more independent variables to the extent that information is contained in the data. The aim of regression analysis is to express the response variable as a characteristic of the predictor variables. Therefore, the magnitude of the predicting force of the dimensions of the independent variable (i.e. Supplier selection, Buyer supplier relationship, and Contract management), on the dependent variable (i.e. Operational performance) has been analyzed by more than one linear regression method.

4.5.1. Multicollinearity Analyss

Table 4.12. Multicollinearity Test of independent variables.

Coefficients[a]			
Model		**Collinearity Statistics**	
		Tolerance	**VIF**
1	Supplier Selection	**.132**	**7.582**
	Buyer Supplier Relationship	**.117**	**8.515**
	Contract Management	**.134**	**7.481**
a. Dependent Variable: Operational performance			

Source: SPSS Output 2020

Table 4.12, indicates the tolerance value of the dimension of independent variables within the ranking, based on this Buyer-supplier relationship has 0.117, Supplier selection has 0.132, and Contract Management has 0.134 respectively. This indicates that the tolerance of all independent variables is greater than 0.1, which means that the value at an acceptable level and VIF value less than 10.

4.5.2 Multiple Regression Analysis.

Table 4.13: ANOVA Test

ANOVA[a]						
Model		**Sum of Squares**	**Df**	**Mean Square**	**F**	**Sig.**
1	Regression	1263.972	3	421.324	73.991	.000[b]
	Residual	318.878	56	5.694		
	Total	1582.850	59			

a. Dependent Variable: Operational performance
b. Predictors: (Constant), Contract Management, Supplier Selection, Buyer Supplier Relationship

Source: SPSS Output 2020

In the above analysis, the F statistic is 73.991 with a significant level of 0.000, suggesting the statistical fitness of the regulation model of the data.

Table 4.14: Model Summary

Model Summary				
Model	**R**	**R Square**	**Adjusted R Square**	**Std. Error of the Estimate**
1	.894[a]	.799	.788	2.38626

a. Predictors: (Constant), Contract Management, Supplier Selection, Buyer Supplier Relationship

Source: SPSS Output 2020

In the model summary **Table 4.14**, R square represents the correlation between the observed values of the dependant variable (i.e., operational performance of the company). so, the value of Adjusted R square shown on the model summary is 0.788, it means 78.8% of the variation in the dependant variable explained by independent variables (i.e. supplier selection, buyer-supplier relationship, and contract management). The remaining 21.2% of the variation in operational performance cannot be explained by the independent variable or other factors (variables) that can explain the variation of the operational performance.

Table 4.15: Coefficients

Coefficients[a]						
Model		**Unstandardized Coefficients**		**Standardized Coefficients**	**t**	**Sig.**
		B	**Std. Error**	**Beta**		
1	(Constant)	.771	3.120		.247	.806
	Supplier Selection	-.249	.110	-.373	-2.255	.028
	Buyer Supplier Relationship	.564	.182	.543	3.103	.003
	Contract Management	.674	.155	.712	4.343	.000
a. Dependent Variable: Operational performance						

Source: SPSS Output 2020

When we look at the coefficient **Table 4.15**, that provides insight into the importance of the predictor of the independent variables in the model and that indicated in standardized coefficients beta. From the three independent variable contract management beta value has 0.712 and $p<0.01$ respectively. This implies that this variable has strongly predicted the dependant variable (i.e. operational performance). The next predictor of the dependant variables is the Buyer supplier relationship with beta value 0.543 and $p<0.05$, this shows that relatively important to predict dependant variable. On the other hand, supplier selection cannot predict the dependant variables nor have not a significant contribution in predicting the operational performance of the organization.

CHAPTER FIVE

SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMENBATION

This chapter deals with the summary of major findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The study was aimed at the effect of strategic sourcing on operational performance at Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise.

5.1. Major findings

According to the result, the relationship between independent variables and dependant variables has a positive and significant at 99% confidential level. When to see each relationship, first the relationship between contract management and operational performance ($r=0.873$, $p<0.01$), it implies a positive and strong relationship than the other two. Secondly the relationship between buyer-supplier relationship and operational performance ($r=0.854$, $p<0.01$) is also positive and strong relationship. Whereas, the relationship between supplier selection and operational performance positively moderate ($r=0.777$ and $p<0.01$).

Based on findings, the relationship between strategic sourcing dimensions and each measurement of operational performance (i.e. Quality service, Flexibility, Delivery time, and Cost) all the relationships are statistically significant at a 99% confidence level. In regression result (Adjusted R square) of the independent variable and operational performance indicates that independent variables can explain 78.8% of the dependant variable.

5.2. Conclusion

Based on the results of the study, the mean score of each independent variable (i.e. supplier selection, buyer-supplier relationship and contract management) the respondents give that Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise exerted effort towards improving this variable moderate. The analysis indicates that the relationship between all strategic sourcing dimension and each dimension of operational performance have a statically significant positive relationship. When we look at the result of the study a predicting power of the dimension of independent variables (i.e. Supplier selection, Buyer supplier relationship, and Contract management) except supplier selection, Buyer supplier relationship, and Contract management has an effect on the dependant variable (operational performance of a company).

Accordingly, the entire dimension of strategic sourcing practice has been statistically significant positive and strong relationship (by the variable of Buyer supplier relationship and contract management) with the operational performance of the company, and also Buyer supplier relationship and contract management have statistically predicting power on operational performance.

5.3. Recommendation

Based on the study results and conclusion drown above, some recommendations are proposed as a means of improving the problem found.

Accordingly, the study suggests that there is a relatively strong and positive relationship with the dependent variable between contract management and buyer relationships, which suggests that it has a significant effect on the dependent variable. Accordingly, the Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise needs to maximize its performance by strengthening strategic sourcing with respect to the number of services available, accessibility, and customer needs.

To do this, the Ethiopian Shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise need to maximize its performance by establishing a long-term relationship with key suppliers and signing long-term contracts and supplying partnerships with suppliers.

This enables the organization to perform service quality, demand flexibility, timely delivery, and cost savings, and should improve its performance by taking into account the quality and cost of the organization service and to expand the horizon and setting a common goal with suppliers.

In addition, the results of the study indicate that independent variables have a strong relationship between each operational performance measures, that means, supplier selection and contract management with material cost, and Buyer supplier relationship with Flexibility. Also, the Contract management and Buyer supplier relationships have significant predicting power on the operational performance of the organization (ESLSE).

The findings of the study indicate that it is a mediator of provider selection. The current system of suppliers and supplier selection systems needs to be explored in order to make the service delivery system more efficient and accessible, as the organization works with many stakeholders.

It should be noted that the service provided to the organization, as it has been attempted to describe above, must carry out the proper procedures for its service in the future, in order to achieve its goals and to achieve its implementation.

If the selection of suppliers fails to meet the needs of the organization and does not take into account the organization's needs, the selection of suppliers should be considered as a critical process for supplier selection and equipment used in foreign exchange.

It should be noted that the relationship with customers that is relevant to the relationship with the customer and that can determine the level of performance should be recognized for the benefit of the company.

The organization must maximize its service performance by relying on timely communication with partners and by working closely with partners to build a good, long-term relationship. Developing a strong relationship with suppliers by extending the scope of the relationship and extending partnerships with vendors abroad will now not be compromised, as Covid-19 continues to cater to the steady supply of long-term and long-term suppliers when the economy slows. However, if the relationship with suppliers is weak and unreliable, the service performance of the organization will decrease, and if the relationship with suppliers is not strong, it will affect the performance of the organization.

5.4. Limitation and suggestion for the future studies

This study is subject to certain limitations and focuses on highlighting the impact of three strategic sourcing measures on the operational performance of the Ethiopian Shipping and logistics service enterprise. In addition, this study has conducted solely at the company's headquarters.

Further research should be considered, considering that the effects of all strategic sourcing on the operational performance of the company and its ability to explore all dimensions of measurement are not addressed.

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Questionnaire to be filled by ESLSE staff

Dear respondents,

My Name is Alamerew Wendimalem , a master's degree student at the Addis Ababa University, School of Commerce in the Department of Logistics and Supply Chain management. To complete my master's degree, I'm conducting a research titled "**The effect of strategic sourcing on the organizational performance of the Ethiopian shipping and Logistics Service Enterprise** ''. The aim of this questionnaire is to collect the required data for the research that I am conducting on your organization. Thus, to accomplish .this study, your cooperation is very important in giving the required information. Therefore, your genuine response is vital for the success of the study. You do not need to write your names. The information you provide will be used only for research purpose and will be kept confidential. I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please attempt to answer all questions and make a tick mark (√) on only one box that best explains your opinion for each statement.

If you have any questions, please contact me use the below email address or cell phone

I thank you very much advance for your precious time.

Regards,

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APPENDIX I

QUESTIONNAIRE

General Instructions

- ✓ It is not necessary to write your name
- ✓ Try to address the entire questions given below
- ✓ Where answer options are available, please tick (√) in the appropriate space provided.

Part –I: General Information

Section I: This section intends to gather information about the respondents (Background of the respondents).

1. **Sex:** A. Female ☐ B. Male ☐

2. **Age:** A. 20-25 years ☐ B. 26-30 years ☐
   C. 31-40 years ☐ D. above 40 years ☐

3. **Educational Qualification:**
   A. College diploma ☐ B. First degree ☐
   C. Master's ☐ D. Above Master's ☐

4. **Your department/work unit:**
   A. Procurement Department ☐
   B. Finance Department ☐
   C. Multimodal transport Department ☐
   D. Performance Audit department ☐
   E. Head of department ☐
   F. T ender Board Member ☐
   G. Agreement section ☐

5. Work of experience in the organization:

A. below 5 years ☐ B. 6 to 10 years ☐

C. 11 to 15 years ☐ D. Above 15 Years ☐

Part –II: Main Questionnaire

Please indicate your choice by putting the tick mark (√) in the boxes provided. Scale of 1-5 is used to respond to the questions. Where, 1= strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3= Neutral, 4= Agree, 5= strongly agree.

6. Please indicate the degree to which you agree with the following statements regarding the strategic sourcing of your company.

No.	Measurement item	Score				
6.1.	**Supplier Selection**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
6.1.1.	ESLSE supplier selection practice using Quality assessment enhanced its performance in terms of its service quality.					
6.1.2.	ESLSE supplier selection practice using Quality assessment enhanced its performance in terms of its delivery time.					
6.1.3.	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering Quality assessment enhanced its performance in terms of Cost reduction.					
6.1.4	ESLSE supplier selection practice in view of their Service level enhanced its performance in terms of its quality service.					
6.1.5.	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering suppliers Service level as a criteria for selection enhanced its performance in terms of its cost reduction.					
6.1.6.	ESLSE supplier selection practice in view of their Service level enhanced its performance in terms of its flexibility.					
6.1.7.	ESLSE supplier selection practice using organization profile enhanced increasing the operational performance interims of delivery time.					
6.1.8.	ESLSE supplier selection practice using Organization profile enhanced its performance in terms of its cost reduction.					
6.1.9.	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering organization profile enhanced its performance in terms of quality service.					

6.1.10.	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering their Technological capacity enhanced its performance in terms of cost reduction.					
6.1.11	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering their Technological capacity enhanced its performance in terms of delivery time.					
6.1.12	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering their Technological capacity enhanced its performance in terms of Service quality.					
6.1.13	ESLSE supplier selection practice using the supplier profile enhanced increasing the operational performance interims of delivery time.					
6.1.14	ESLSE supplier selection practice using supplier profile enhanced increasing the operational performance interims of flexibility.					
6.1.15	ESLSE supplier selection practice using supplier profile enhanced increasing the operational performance interims of quality service.					
6.1.16	ESLSE supplier selection practice using the risk factor enhanced to achieve performance in terms of quality service.					
6.1.17	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering risk factor enhanced its performance in terms of service delivery time.					
6.1.18	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering risk factor enhanced its performance in terms of cost reduction.					
6.1.19	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering Cost criteria enhanced its performance in terms of quality service.					
6.1.20	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering Cost criteria enhanced its performance in terms of service delivery time.					
6.1.21	ESLSE supplier selection practice considering Cost criteria enhanced its performance in terms of service flexibility.					

6.2.	Buyer Supplier Relationship	1	2	3	4	5
6.2.1.	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice considering trust enhanced its performance by interims of service responsiveness.					
6.2.2.	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using trust enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.					
6.2.3.	ESLSE Buyer supplier relationship practice using trust enhanced its performance in terms of its service quality.					
6.2.4.	ESLSE Buyer supplier relationship practice considering communication enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.					
6.2.5.	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using communication enhanced its performance by interims of service delivery time.					
6.2.6.	ESLSE using the buyer supplier relationship practice using communication enhanced its performance by interims of cost reduction.					
6.2.7.	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice considering commitment enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.					
6.2.8.	ESLSE buyer supplier's relationship practice considering commitment enhanced its performance by interims of cost reduction.					
6.2.9.	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using Commitment enhanced its performance by interims of quality service.					
6.2.10.	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice considering cooperation enhanced its performance by interims of service quality.					
6.2.11.	ESLSE Buyer supplier relationship practice using cooperation enhanced its performance in terms of its deliver time.					
6.2.12.	ESLSE Buyer supplier relationship practice considering cooperation enhanced its performance in terms of its cost reduction.					
6.2.13	ESLSE Buyer supplier relationship practice using mutual goal enhanced its performance in terms of its flexibility.					
6.2.14	ESLSE Buyer supplier relationship practice using mutual goal enhanced its performance in terms of its deliver time.					
6.2.15.	ESLSE Buyer supplier relationship practice considering mutual goal enhanced its performance in terms of its quality service.					

6.3.	Contract Management	1	2	3	4	5
6.3.1.	ESLSE contract management practice taking in to account contract development practice enhanced its performance by service flexibility.					
6.3.2.	ESLSE contract management practice taking in to account contract development enhanced its performance interims of cost reduction.					
6.3.3.	ESLSE contract management practice using considering contract development enhanced its performance by interims of quality service.					
6.3.4.	ESLSE contract management practice using contract communication enhanced its operational performance by interims of cost reduction.					
6.3.5.	ESLSE contract management practice considering contract communication enhanced its performance interims of quality service.					
6.3.6.	ESLSE contract management practice using considering contract communication enhanced its performance interims of by service flexibility.					
6.3.7.	ESLSE contract management practice using contract administration enhanced its performance interims of delivery time.					
6.3.8.	ESLSE contract management practice using considering contract administration enhanced its performance interims of cost reduction.					
6.3.9.	ESLSE contract management practice using considering contract administration enhancing its performance by interims of quality service.					
6.3.10.	ESLSE improving its performance using contract management practice considering delivery management interims flexibility.					
6.3.11.	ESLSE contract management practice using in view of delivery management enhancing its performance interims of quality service.					
6.3.12.	ESLSE contract management practice using in view of delivery management enhanced its performance interims of service delivery time.					
6.3.13.	ESLSE contract management practice considering relationship management enhanced its performance interims of cost reduction.					
6.3.14.	ESLSE contract management practices considering relationship management enhanced its performance interims of flexibility.					
6.3.15.	ESLSE contract management practice considering relationship management enhanced its performance by interims of delivery time.					

7. Below are questions related to operational performance of our company please indicating the degree to which you agree with the following statements regarding the purchasing performance of your company? Where, 1= strongly disagree, 2=Disagree, 3= Neutral, 4= Agree, 5= strongly agree.

Operational Performance

No.	Measurement item	Score				
7.1.	**Quality Service**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
7.1.1.	ESLSE supplier selection practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of quality service.					
7.1.2.	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of quality service.					
7.1.3.	ESLSE contract management practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of quality service.					
7.2.	**Flexibility**					
7.2.1.	ESLSE supplier selection practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.					
7.2.2.	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.					
7.2.3.	ESLSE contract management practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service flexibility.					
7.3.	**Delivery time**					
7.3.1.	ESLSE supplier selection practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service delivery time.					
7.3.2.	ESLSE buyer supplier relationship practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service delivery time.					
7.3.3.	ESLSE contract management practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of service delivery time.					
7.4.	**Cost**					
7.4.1.	ESLSE supplier selection practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of cost reduction.					
7.4.2.	ESLSE buyer supplier practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of cost reduction.					
7.4.3.	ESLSE contract management practice using that considering enhanced its performance by interims of cost reduction.					