

A Development of Human Capital in the Context of Health and Safety Management in Construction

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Abstract

In construction industry Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) involves the development and implementation of measures to ensure the socio-economic efficiency of enterprises. By creating a safe work culture and environment for workers OHS is considered to raise human dignity in workplaces. As human capital develops to a high level it combines legal, social-economic, organizational-technical, sanitary-hygiene, and treatment-prophylaxis at workplaces. Current research states the human capital development approach from three aspects: health (state of health, occupational health, sanitation, and hygiene); knowledge (education, like-mindedness, mentoring, training), and professional skills (esteem, skills, skills, professional development) from the digitalization prospectives. The econometric methods involved are Latent Class Analysis for accounting the cross-sectional relationship and post estimation concerns in the data. The results denote the hypothesis were proven OHS investment has a positive effect on work personality in the construction industry and Organizational performance has a positive effect at work_experience and flexibility of the workers in the construction industry. Besides, another finding in this study shows that work effectiveness has a positive effect on OHS_investment and flexibility in the construction industry. Therefore, these findings necessitate the human capital in the context of health and safety management in construction industry. More importantly, human capital development should be prioritized for transforming the curse of the natural resources into blessing for these nations. Therefore, we recommend that the researcher and policymakers should promote human capital development regulation in construction sector from the digitalization prospective.

Keywords: human capital; safety management; construction sector; sustainable economic growth.

1. Introduction

The relevance and necessity of the research conducted in the introduction are based on the purpose, tasks, object, and subject of the research described, the priority of the republic's science and technology development and the scientific innovation of the research, and the practical results are described, scientific and practical results obtained the significance of which is explained, the implementation of research results into practice, published works and information on the structure of the work are presented.

The first chapter of the dissertation entitled "Theoretical foundations of ensuring occupational health and safety at work in the development of human capital" researches the concept of human capital development and related theoretical approaches. experiences of foreign countries on labor safety are studied.

Initially, human capital was considered as a set of investments that increase the ability to work, that is, in the way of education and professional skills development. In various economic literature, expressions such as labor force, labor resources, labor potential, mental potential, human factor, and human capital are used. So, in the early days, a person was considered a force used in the work process, that is, a labor resource, but with the progress of science and technology, it has been proven that the human factor has the advantage, not the physical ability, but the mental potential. This, in turn, has created a need to focus more on qualitative rather than quantitative aspects of the workplace. In particular, in the 21st century, countries pay great attention to their economic growth based on the principle of a "Knowledge-based economy".

2. Literature Review

Dess & Picken, (2000). It is 'generally understood to consist of the individual's capabilities, knowledge, skills, and experience of the company's employees and managers, as they are relevant to the task at hand, as well as the capacity to add to this reservoir of knowledge, skills, and experience through individual learning.

Wright et al., (2001). It is job-related knowledge whereas the human capital literature has moved beyond the individual to also embrace the idea that knowledge can be shared among groups and institutionalized within organizational processes and routines.

Nahapiet & Ghoshal (1998). 'The central proposition of social capital theory is that networks of relationships constitute a valuable resource for the conduct of social affairs...much of this capital is embedded within networks of mutual acquaintance.

Gratton & Ghoshal (1998). Within a provisional concept of social capital, the authors argue for three major elements: a structural dimension (network ties, network configuration, and appropriable organization); a cognitive dimension (shared codes and languages, shared narratives), and a relational dimension (trust, norms, obligations, and identification).

Peters & Waterman, 1982; Collins & Porras (1994). A supportive culture with strong corporate purpose and compelling values has been seen as the underlining reason for major corporate success

Rumelt (1984). points out that the routines and processes, which act as the glue for organizations, can either enhance or disable cooperative working and the development of knowledge.

From this point of view, in the development of human capital in the construction industry, OHS is in turn interrelated with economic efficiency, which is the end of social efficiency. But we can say that workers should be interested in working in a safe working environment, not in the development of physical and material relations. The opinions of several Western scientists are important in this field. We focus on the following most important means of human capital formation and development:

- investment;
- development of education, healthy lifestyle, and intellectual potential;
- determination of salary according to experience and qualifications;
- development of professional skills and ability to work efficiently;
- make everyone aware of the dangers in the workplace;
- development of all types of culture (general, organizational, and corporate);
- contribute to the implementation of a creative approach and encourage self-development.

If we study the forms of national legislation of the UK, the USA, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, Australia, Russia, and other countries with advanced economies, we see that they have developed systematically over a certain period.

In 1970, under the leadership of the USA, the Law "Occupational Safety and Health" was put into practice as a national law, and in Russia, as a result of international cooperation, we can see that in 2018, as a result of international cooperation, it adopted its own national legislation in the form of "Health, Safety and Occupational Hygiene" (Table 1).

3. Methods And Materials

3.1. Study area

The current research area covers human capital associations with health and safety management in the construction sector in Uzbekistan.

3.2. Study limitation

Clarifying the limitations of a study can be defined as an OHS investment, personality of the workers, social losses, and human capital development interaction of the construction firms.

3.3. Sampling

We have chosen respondents from 37 regions out of 48 firms in Uzbekistan.

3.4. Research methods

To verify the previous findings from the literature review and get a clearer understanding of the OHS management cause on human capital at workplaces analysis based on multiple linear regression.

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JN⊵	Country	Legislation	Website	Year
1	USA	Occupational safety and health	www.osha.gov/	1970
2	Great Britain	Health and safety in workplaces	www.hse.gov.uk/	1974
3	Canada	Occupational safety and health	www.ccohs.ca/	1978
4	EU	Health and Safety	www.osha.europa.eu/	1987
5	Australia	Occupational safety and health	www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au	1984
6	Malaysia	Occupational safety and health	www.dosh.gov.my/index.php	1994
7	Russia	Health, safety, and occupational hyg	www://base.garant.ru/7200525	2018
8	Japan	Safety and health in the industry	www.jisha.or.jp/	1972
9	Korea	Occupational safety and health	www.english.kosha.or.kr/	1987
10	Singapore	Safety and health in workplaces	www.wshc.sg/	2006
11	China	Occupational safety and health	www.dosh.gov/	2002

Table 1: Forms of national legislation of foreign countries related to the OHS

Source: Author's findings

Following the 1973 UN Declaration on Human Rights, the Pact on "Health and Safety at Work" was ratified. In 2012, ILO Convention No. 174 on "Prevention of Accidents in Industry", Convention No. 155 on "Occupational Health and Safety in All Sectors of the Economy" in 1998, and Convention No. 167 on "Health and Safety in Construction" in 2018 were ratified [7]. As a result of the harmonization of these international standards with practice, the regulatory and legal bases of the Russian Federation related to labor safety were abolished, and a new law entitled "Health, safety, and occupational hygiene" was implemented following Convention No. 155. The wording and rules used in the current names "Okhrana truda", "Bezopasnost i okhrana truda", "Bezopasnost jiznedeyatelnosti", "Technicheskaya bezopasnost", "Pojarnaya bezopasnost" and other names have lost their validity [8].

In the study, the concept of "occupational health and safety" was thoroughly studied and the author's definition was developed. According to him, "Occupational health and safety is the possibility of damage (chance of potential damage) and the probability of loss (loss probability) as a result of identifying, assessing, eliminating, controlling and eliminating negative situations (near miss) that are one second before they happen in the workplace) is to ensure the health, safety, comfort, and environmental protection of workers as a result of the development of a safe working environment and culture by introducing yellow lines indicating the high level of significance of the existing risk.

ILO, Great Britain, USA, and European Union practices are the basis for creating scientific theories, programs, standards, and training manuals for the prevention of accidents by the scientifically correct and efficient organization of workers' activities in the construction industry, that is, a single approach, namely "Professional widely implemented the concept of health and safety.

In the last three years, the number of industrial accidents in our country amounted to 1214, of which 241 resulted in death, and more than 21 thousand citizens applied for violations of labor rights and involvement in forced labor. In addition, 113 people were seriously injured as a result of accidents that occurred in this area. In 2020, 82 (13%) accidents occurred in the construction industry, and 31 (15%) people died. In addition, 51 people were seriously injured. 807.3 million were paid to 403 officials in the course of special investigations in 2020 [9]. fined in the number of souls. To regulate the work process, 1025 workplaces in 46 construction organizations were certified by the State Labor Inspectorate on working conditions. In particular, these problems remain acute in the informal sector of the economy.

4. Methods and Materials

According to the State Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the coefficient of fatal industrial injuries is 0.44 per 1000 employees. If we compare with international practice, this indicator is 0.139 (3 times less), in the USA - 0.054 (8 times less), in Finland - 0.038 (11 times less), in Japan - 0.02 (22 times less), in Great Britain – is 0.006 (27 times less) [10].

Based on a social survey consisting of 32 questions, the opinions and views of 403 workers were studied in the development of the concept of decent work in the construction materials production enterprises of the country. According to the collected data following results were determined:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Variables								
(1) Communication	1.000							
(2) Personality	0.414	1.000						
	(0.000)							
(3) OHS_investment	0.442	0.213	1.000					
	(0.000)	(0.000)						
(4) Human_capital	0.419	0.447	0.294	1.000				
	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)					
(5) Social_losses	0.576	0.293	0.834	0.349	1.000			
	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)				
(6) Work_effective~s	0.093	0.002	0.131	0.056	0.093	1.000		
	(0.061)	(0.963)	(0.008)	(0.261)	(0.063)			
(7) Organizational~e	0.440	0.184	0.407	0.245	0.413	0.071	1.000	
-	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.000)	(0.156)		
(8) Flexibility	-0.156	-0.083	-0.178	-0.101	-0.176	-0.047	-0.150	1.000
× / •	(0.002)	(0.097)	(0.000)	(0.044)	(0.000)	(0.343)	(0.003)	

Table 2: Pearson pairwise correlations matrix

Question 1 of the questionnaire was answered by 43 percent of workers, 12.5 percent of engineers, 12.1 percent of management employees, and 22 percent of other professionals. Also, as for the 2nd question, 90.4 percent of the participants stated that they have familiarized themselves with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Labor Protection". 4 percent of the participants rated 3, 13.6 percent of participants rated 4, 37.1 percent of participants rated 5, and 34 percent of participants rated 7. Regarding the last question, 44.6 percent of the participants considered that the investment attraction in the R&D processes has a high impact, 35.4 percent of the participants have an average impact, and 17.1 percent of the participants believe that it has a low impact on socio-economic efficiency. Table 2 provides general information about factors combined correlation matrix, and the relationship between the exogenous factor and each endogenous factor is statistically significant (*p<0.1, **p<0.05, ***p<0.001)

To increase the reliability of the model, the SEM model was formed based on the general characteristics of each variable. For example, in the course of the research, the interaction of observed variables with unobserved Latent variables was determined.

To increase the adequacy of the selected model, it was determined whether or not there is a positive effect of OHS on social efficiency in the enterprises of the regions as a result of the combined application of SEM and LCA models [11].

SEM (Structural equation modeling) is a complex statistical analysis that involves evaluating the cause-and-effect relationship between unobservable variables and identified factors in the model. These models are models that explain relationships between measured variables and latent variables, and relationships between latent variables. Latent variables are variables that, as humans, we understand as a concept, but that cannot be measured directly [12]. Results from the reviews indicated reporting practices varied widely and studies rarely tested advanced models, such as longitudinal LCA models, measurement invariance models, or models with covariates [13].

Human_capital	Coef.	St.Err.	t-value	p-value	[95% C	onf Interval]	Sig
Communication	.134	.039	3.40	.001	.056	.211	***
Personality	.233	.034	6.87	0	.167	.3	***
OHS_investment	.033	.049	0.68	.496	063	.13	
Social_losses	.049	.056	0.88	.38	06	.158	
Work_effectiveness	.012	.026	0.45	.654	04	.064	
Organizational_per~e	.033	.037	0.88	.382	041	.106	
Flexibility	005	.017	-0.30	.766	039	.029	
Constant	.139	.04	3.49	.001	.061	.217	***
Mean dependent var		0.574	.574 SD dependent var		C	0.157	
R-squared		0.281	Number of obs		4	-03	
F-test		22.095	Prob > F		C	0.000	
Akaike crit. (AIC)		-467.107	Bayesian crit. (BIC)			435.116	

Table 3: Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) analysis

*** p<.01, ** p<.05, * p<.1

According to the results, communication and personality IV are a strong relationship in p<0.1 statistically significant level in human capital development in the construction sector. The F-test is 22.095 in Prob > F 0.000 level which means there is no significant relationship between given independent variables and the dependent level. In this case, we can reject the H0 hypothesis at p<0.1 level.

As for the Cronbach's alpha test, the reversed item is "Flexibility" with an average interitem covariance is 0.0141618. The number of items on the scale is 8 and the scale reliability coefficient is 69 percent.



Figure 1: Graph box results of the model

The construction of a box plot is based on a dataset's quartiles or the values that divide the dataset into equal fourths. The first quartile (Q1) is greater than 25% of the data and less than the other 75%. The second quartile (Q2) sits in the middle, dividing the data in half. Q2 is also known as the median. The third quartile (Q3) is larger than 75% of the data and smaller than the remaining 25%. In a box and whiskers plot, the ends of the box and its center line mark the locations of these three quartiles. [14]. If we analyze the graph, human capital development and the personality of laborers are very leaked in the construction sector. Social losses indicated the majority of data are out of the 75% sample. Only flexibility can be taken an account when data is normally distributed.

The number of injuries, illnesses, injuries, and deaths recorded in the construction industry of our country in recent years, not only in the activities or lives of workers and employers but also at the macro level of the human factor, annual lost working days, delayed work volume, construction equipment and tools failure of equipment, as well as the reuse of natural resources caused by wastage of construction materials, medical services to the victim, insurance and medicine costs, based on mandatory contributions, lead to large economic damages and social losses.

Factor analysis finds a few common factors (say, q of them) that linearly reconstruct the p original variables

$$y_{ij} = z_{i1}b_{1j} + z_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + z_{iq}b_{qj} + e_{ij}(1)$$

where it is the value of the ith observation on the jth variable, z_{ik} is the ith observation on the kth common factor, bkj is the set of linear coefficients called the factor loadings, and e_{ij} is similar to a residual but is known as the jth variable's unique factor.

Under the factor model, the correlation matrix of x, called Σ , is decomposed by factor analysis as

$$\Sigma = \Lambda \Phi \Lambda' + \Psi(2)$$

There is obvious freedom in reexpressing a given decomposition of Σ . The default and unrotated forms assume uncorrelated common factors, Φ = I Stata performs this decomposition by an eigenvector calculation. First, an estimate is found for the uniqueness Ψ [15].

During an econometric analysis we used STATA 15.0 software and the following hypotheses were put forward. This study was designed to investigate the links between the effect of OHS management on human capital development: H0-There is no interaction between human capital development and OHS management in workplaces;

H1- Sufficient Personality on OHS in workplaces has a positive effect on work experience;

H2- OHS investment has a positive effect on work personality in the construction industry;

H3 –Human capital has a positive effect on the development of personality, OHS_investment, organizational_performance, and flexibility in the construction industry;

H4 – Organizational performance has a positive effect at work_experience and flexibility of the workers in the construction industry;

H5 – Social losses have a positive effect on OHS_investment, human capital, and flexibility of the workers in the construction industry;

H6 – Work effectiveness has a positive effect on OHS_investment and Flexibility in the construction industry.

Results are generalized in (N= 403) Table 4, which presents sample characteristics and responses to indicator variables. A loading factor is an association between a variable and a data-extracted factor. The correlation between a factor and a variable derived from the orthogonal rotation method can be seen in the study of the factor loading matrix. Iteration 0 log likelihood = -1019.3881, Iteration 1 is log likelihood = -1015.5024, Iteration 2 is log likelihood = -1014.3756

Iteration 3 is log likelihood = -1014.3519 and Iteration 4 is log likelihood = -1014.3518. Estimation method = ml (Maximum likelihood estimation). Total Log likelihood = -1014.3518.

Model estimation an average cross-sectional unit and is illustrated as:

 $Personality = 0.927 + 0.001*Work_experience (3)$ $OHS_investment = 0.580 + 0.248*Personality (4)$ $Human_capital = 0.171 + 0.276*Personality$ $+0.097*OHS_investment$ $+0.094*Organizational_performance$ -0.008*Flexibility (5) $Organizational_performance = 0.715 - 0.0005*Work_experience$ -0.078*Flexibility (6) $Social_losses = 0.024+0.702*OHS_investment$ $+0.499*Human_capital$ -0.007*Flexibility (7) $Work_effectiveness = 0.334 + 0.128*OHS_investment$ -0.016*Flexibility (8)

Latent unobse		Correlations ma			
variables	Items		Factor loadir	Error term	
Personality	Work_experience	0.002	0.001	ε1	0.47
OHS_investment	Personality	0.213***	0.248***	ε2	0.61
	Personality	0.447***	0.276***		
	OHS_investment	0.294***	0.097***	ε3	0.18
Human_capital	Organizational_performance	0.245***	0.094**		
	Flexibility	-0.101**	-0.008		
Organizational	Work_experience 0.071 -0.0		-0.0005	ε4	0.042
performance	Flexibility	-0.150***	-0.078***		
	OHS_investment	0.834***	0.702***		
Social_losses	Human_capital	0.349***	0.499	ε5	0.019
	Flexibility	-0.176***	-0.007		
Work	OHS_investment	0.131***	0.128		
Effectiveness	Flexibility	-0.047	-0.016	εб	0.065
	Estimation method $=$ ml	Obs = 403	Log-likelihood =- 1014.3		
Likelihood ratio	Chi2_ms (13) 417.561	AIC 2080.70	RMSEA 0.278		
	p > chi2 0.000	BIC 2184.6	CFI 0.616		

Table 4: Factor analysis regression weights among parameters in the model

The results obtained based on the latent model can be expressed as follows. That is, as a result of:

Latent 1, y_1 -one standard deviation change in Work_experience will improve Personality in 0.001 unit. (3)

Latent 2, in which y₂ - one standard deviation changes in Personality will improve OHS_investment by 0.248 units [16]. (4)

Latent 3, y₃- one standard deviation changes in Personality, OHS_investment and Organizational_performance will improve Human_capital by 0.275, 0.097, and 0.008 units respectively [17]. (5)

Latent 4, y4-one standard deviation changes in Work_experience and Flexibility will decrease Organizational_performance by 0.0005 and 0.078 [18]. (6)

Latent 5, y₄-one standard deviation changes in OHS investment, Human capital, and Flexibility will change Social_losses in 0.702, 0.499, and -0.007 [19]. (7)

Latent 6, y₆- one standard deviation changes in OHS_investment and Flexibility will change Work_effectiveness in 0.128, and -0.016 [20]. (8) (Table 4)

5. Discussion

As for the obtaining results H0 hypothesis was rejected based on the presence of statistically significant correlations between all the hypothesized factors. However, it was proven during the analysis that personal qualities and communication Latent variables have the opposite effect on social efficiency. This was explained by the fact that according to Cronbach's alpha test of the model, a law with reverse causality was noted.

Therefore, there is an 80 percent correlation between deaths and accidents occurring in construction contracting organizations (p>0.05) p-value is 0.002; has a moderate correlation of 62 percent with the number of injuries, (p>0.05) p-value is 0.04; and with the total property damage of accidents, 78 percent had a strong correlation (p>0.05) with Personality. Noteworthy, the model constructed according to the Pearson correlation test was proved to be statistically significant. Therefore, as a result of neglect and indifference to occupational health issues in the workplace, workers in enterprises and organizations face unexpected social and economic losses. This causes the following negative consequences, which are reflected in the daily expenses of the workers, financial and psychological damages, which sharply affect their work efficiency and productivity.

- First aid expenses;
- Medicine costs;
- Medical examination expenses;
- Medical expenses;
- Payment for early retirement workers [21];
- Death costs;
- Lost work hours per injury;
- Days of work lost for each injury;
- The number of working days pushed back (delayed) as a result of OHS;
- The number of lost wages [22];
- Absenteeism (employees' temporary inability to be at work);
- Presenteeism (absenteeism of workers while at work);
- The number of people who have lost their ability to work.

Socio-economic features of the general conceptual basis for ensuring health and safety in the construction industry, as we noted above, national legal norms based on international practice, a general description of construction industry sectors, obtaining licenses for activities, types, and forms of activities, human health and safety of the chain construction network It is desirable to improve it by researching its implications at national, international and global levels.

6. Conclusion

Finally, in the construction industry, it is possible to fundamentally reform its conceptual foundations through factors such as the conventional content and interpretation of the new interpretation, modern explanatory approaches, and adding clarifications to them or filling in the gaps. For this, it is necessary to identify the existing shortcomings in three main sectors (Education, Science, and Business) and to determine the opportunities that help to harmonize them.

After studying and summarizing the practice of the construction management development of OHS as the views and scientific ideas can be the outcome. The following author's assumption of warning of the high level of hazards in the workplace can be utterly serious economic-social losses. Sometimes it can be reached as unexpected stress which can cause not only disability but fatality at the workplace. Human capital should be protected from danger and any risk, especially in the construction sector. Trend safety management enforcement implication is one more proved as of regular protection from risks, and prevention of various occupational diseases and accidents in the Uzbekistan building sector.

Declarations

Additional Information

No additional information is available for this paper.

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