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EMPLOYEE WELL-BEING AND ORGANISATIONAL PERFORMANCE: A CASE STUDY OF BENJAMIN MKAPA HOSPITAL, DODOMA, TANZANIA

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to investigate the impact of employee well-being on organizational performance at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital in Dodoma, Tanzania, guided by three specific objectives: (1) identifying the effectiveness of well-being initiatives on performance across industries, (2) evaluating employees' opinions on initiative relevance, and (3) ascertaining HR managers' views on strategic alignment. A positivist quantitative approach employed a descriptive cross-sectional design, surveying 292 staff (from 1,200 population via Yamane's formula) using stratified sampling and Likert-scale questionnaires analyzed via SPSS for descriptives, correlations, and multiple regression. Findings revealed moderate-high well-being (mean=3.85) and performance (4.12), with regression confirming significant predictions (R^2=0.624, $p<0.001$): initiatives (β=0.42), opinions (β=0.31), HR relevance (β=0.28), supporting all hypotheses per JD-R theory. The study concluded proactive initiatives yield 15-25% gains amid 62% burnout risks. Recommendations urged training, flexibility policies, and OPRAS integration; future longitudinal multi-hospital research was suggested.

Key Words: Employee well-being, organizational performance, Job Demands-Resources theory, well-being initiatives, healthcare productivity.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The global business environment has transformed rapidly, intensifying competition and compelling organizations to prioritize sustainable advantages through human capital, particularly in Tanzania's healthcare sector where public referral hospitals like Benjamin Mkapa Hospital (BMH) in Dodoma face surging patient volumes, chronic understaffing exceeding 75% in some regions, and resource scarcity that render employee well-being indispensable for service quality and resilience (Bayhan et al., 2019; Lwiza et al., 2023). Established in 2017 as a national specialized facility with over 500 beds and more than 1,200 staff handling complex cardiology, oncology, and hemodialysis cases, BMH exemplifies these pressures, where workloads surpass 40 patients daily per provider, leading to burnout prevalence of 62% among Tanzanian tertiary hospital workers and 90.4% high emotional exhaustion from shifts over 12 hours, night duties (aPR 2.54 for ≥4 weekly), and poor supervision trends mirroring 51-94% across sub-Saharan Africa (Lwiza et al., 2023; Mfuru et al., 2024). Employee well-being, spanning physical, psychological, emotional, financial, and social health, directly shapes retention, engagement, and productivity, as satisfied staff reduce errors and enhance patient outcomes, yet at BMH, delayed promotions, equipment shortages, and inflation-eroded salaries fuel dissatisfaction, with 86% of providers prioritizing timely pay and supervision amid "look, see, and go" turnover within months (Krekel et al., 2019; Bakker et al., 2019; Leshabari et al., 2023).

These strains manifest critically: absenteeism and presenteeism from mental health stigma rising 40% post-COVID cost millions in recruitment and litigation, as nursing roles (aPR 2.19) and off-site living amplify risks, impairing HIV care, research output, and safety where 16.6% of incidents link to burnout regionally, while nurses in Dodoma's hemodialysis units report compromised care from exhaustion (Hall et al., 2016; Oguma et al., 2025; Ndanu et al., 2025). The International Labour Organization (2022) frames well-being as holistic working

life quality, yet CIPD (2021) dimensions like stress mitigation and financial support remain unaddressed, exacerbating cardiovascular risks and 61.3% nurse burnout in underinvested Tanzanian hospitals (Bach & Edwards, 2013). Organizational performance hinges on employee actions, but such neglect yields unrealized potential amid 1-in-6 mental health cases, failed strategic alignments, and high turnover intentions from unmet training promises, as staff behaviors drive productivity yet trigger errors under stigma, overloads, and support gaps (Holbeche, 2009; Pilbeam, 2011).

The literature links well-being to outcomes but overlooks evolving Tanzanian gaps (economic volatility, remote tech strains, OPRAS biases, and demands for autonomy) unexamined in prior urban-focused studies, hindering optimization in Dodoma's context where national health worker shortages persist (Armstrong, 2016; Shin & Konrad, 2017; Shemdoe et al., 2016). This paper investigated employee well-being's impact on organisational performance at BMH, with specific objectives: 1. To identify and evaluate the effectiveness of appropriate employee well-being initiatives on the general performance of an organisation regarding business organisations in different industries; 2. To evaluate employees' opinions on the need and relevance of upholding effective employee well-being initiatives at the workplace; 3. To ascertain from HR managers the relevance of employee well-being at the workplace in alignment with an organisation's strategy and performance. This research advanced literature with updated insights on well-being-performance dynamics in Tanzanian healthcare, guiding scholars on emerging stressors like digital overload, while for BMH managers and HR, findings inform policies such as wellness programs to reduce burnout, enhance care quality, retention, and competitiveness amid Vision 2025 goals; policymakers gain evidence for national HRH strategies curbing shortages and costs.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Theoretical Framework

The Job Demands-Resources (JD-R) theory, developed by Arnold B. Bakker and Evangelia Demerouti in 2007, provides a robust framework for understanding employee well-being and organizational performance. At its core, the theory structures every job around two fundamental processes: job demands and job resources. Job demands encompass physical, psychological, social, or organizational aspects that require sustained effort, such as excessive workloads, emotional labor, time pressure, and role conflicts, which can trigger a health impairment process leading to strain, exhaustion, and burnout. In contrast, job resources involve elements that facilitate goal achievement, reduce the impact of demands, or promote growth, including autonomy, social support from colleagues and supervisors, performance feedback, and career opportunities; these drive a motivational process fostering work engagement, vigor, dedication, and absorption. The theory posits an interaction where resources buffer the negative effects of demands, preventing energy depletion while enhancing performance through reciprocal gain spirals.

Strengths of JD-R theory lie in its versatility across sectors, including healthcare, backed by meta-analyses demonstrating strong correlations between demands and burnout ($r = .35$-$.45$) and resources and engagement ($r = .30$-$.40$), as well as its practical utility for designing interventions like resource augmentation programs. Longitudinal studies in hospitals further validate its predictive power for outcomes like absenteeism and productivity. However, weaknesses include an overreliance on linear relationships, potentially overlooking non-linear effects or cultural nuances in non-Western contexts like Tanzania; it also underemphasizes macro-level influences such as organizational culture or economic constraints, and critics note vagueness in resource definitions, risking tautological findings where engagement appears to create resources retroactively.

This theory holds direct relevance to the current study on employee well-being at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital, where high demands such as 40+ daily patients, frequent night shifts (aPR 2.54 for burnout risk), and emotional strain from patient care align with the health impairment pathway, explaining the 62% burnout prevalence among Tanzanian tertiary workers. Resource shortages in supervision, timely pay, and training mirror motivational deficits, linking to turnover and errors (16.6% incident-related), thus framing how well-being initiatives can mitigate demands to improve retention and patient safety per the study's objectives.

JD-R's applicability is high for this Tanzanian hospital context, guiding empirical methods like surveys using the Utrecht Work Engagement Scale (UWES) and Maslach Burnout Inventory, regression analyses to test buffering effects, and HR recommendations such as autonomy training or support groups to counter 75% staffing shortages, ultimately aligning with OPRAS for enhanced productivity and strategic performance.

2.2 Empirical Literature Review

Assenga (2022) aimed to comprehensively assess the factors influencing employee engagement and their subsequent impact on effective organizational performance within public hospitals, utilizing the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) in Tanzania as a focused case study to explore how targeted well-being interventions could address resource constraints typical in public health settings. The methodology adopted a rigorous case study design targeting a population of 310 employees, from which 80 were purposively sampled and administered structured questionnaires, with data subjected to both descriptive statistics for trend identification and thematic analysis for deeper qualitative insights into engagement drivers. Key findings indicated exceptionally high levels of employee engagement at JKCI, primarily attributed to strategic well-being initiatives such as comprehensive training programs that equipped staff with specialized skills in cardiovascular care, resulting in

minimal staff turnover only one resignation directly linked to salary dissatisfaction and a marked enhancement in service delivery capabilities that directly boosted overall hospital performance metrics like patient throughput and care quality. The study concluded that well-being initiatives, particularly those centered on skill development and empowerment, serve as powerful levers for improving organizational effectiveness even in severely resource-limited environments like Tanzanian public hospitals, where they counteract common challenges such as understaffing and high workloads. Recommendations emphasized the urgent need for public health institutions to embed employee empowerment strategies, including regular communication channels and ongoing training, into core HR policies to foster sustainable engagement and long-term performance gains. This study contributes significantly to the current research by providing empirical validation in a Tanzanian healthcare context that training-based well-being initiatives not only enhance individual competencies but also align with the JD-R theory's resource-building mechanisms, offering a foundational benchmark for evaluating similar interventions at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital. However, a notable knowledge gap persists in its hospital-specific qualitative case study approach, which lacks the quantitative rigor and multi-industry scope of the current study, limiting generalizability beyond Tanzania's public health sector to broader organizational contexts.

Msuya (2022) sought to thoroughly examine the intricate nexus between workplace health and wellness programs and their measurable effects on employee job performance within Kenya's competitive banking sector, a developing country context characterized by high-stress financial operations and evolving employee expectations post-economic disruptions. Employing a cross-sectional survey methodology, the research collected data from a representative sample of bank employees through validated questionnaires, employing regression analysis alongside convenience sampling to quantify relationships while controlling for variables like tenure and role type, ensuring robust statistical inference on

program efficacy. Findings revealed a statistically significant positive correlation ($p<0.05$) between the implementation of wellness programs encompassing preventive health screenings, stress management workshops, and fitness incentives and key performance indicators, with participating employees experiencing a 25% reduction in absenteeism rates, heightened productivity levels evidenced by faster transaction processing, and improved team morale that cascaded into organizational outcomes like client retention. The conclusion underscored that proactive wellness initiatives profoundly enhance performance in high-pressure sectors by mitigating health-related disruptions and fostering a resilient workforce, positioning them as indispensable for sustained competitiveness in resource-constrained developing economies. The study recommended that banking institutions in similar contexts prioritize holistic, manager-supported health programs integrated with performance appraisals to maximize returns on investment through reduced turnover and elevated output. This contributes to the current study by extending evidence of well-being initiatives' effectiveness beyond healthcare into financial services, thereby supporting the multi-industry evaluation objective through quantifiable links between interventions and performance, while reinforcing JD-R principles of resource augmentation in East African settings. A key knowledge gap lies in its mixed-methods focus on Kenya's banking sector, which, while regionally relevant, contrasts with the current study's purely quantitative approach tailored to a Tanzanian hospital environment, potentially overlooking sector-specific nuances in healthcare delivery.

Clausen et al. (2021) aimed to empirically test the expanded Job Demands-Resources (JD-R) health model, specifically evaluating how proactive well-being initiatives influence employee health and performance trajectories across diverse organizations in Germany, a developed country with advanced HR infrastructures. The methodology involved a sophisticated longitudinal structural equation modeling (SEM) framework applied to a large panel of 2,159

employees from six varied sectors tracked over three annual waves, incorporating validated scales for job resources (e.g., autonomy, supervisory support) and demands, with advanced path analysis to disentangle causal directions and mediation effects. Findings demonstrated that resource-oriented well-being initiatives accounted for 60% of the variance in positive health outcomes, effectively buffering excessive demands to curtail negative health impairments by 42%, while simultaneously elevating performance metrics such as self-reported productivity (r=0.38) and objective output measures through enhanced engagement spirals. The study concluded that systematically implemented initiatives yielding resource gains produce synergistic dual benefits for individual well-being and organizational performance, offering a scalable model for high-income contexts facing burnout epidemics. Recommendations included mandating periodic resource audits within organizational strategies and tailoring interventions to sector-specific demands for optimal impact. This research contributes robustly to the current study by furnishing high-quality quantitative evidence from a developed nation on the cross-industry effectiveness of well-being initiatives, directly underpinning the JD-R theoretical lens and providing methodological benchmarks for regression-based evaluations of initiative impacts. Nonetheless, a critical knowledge gap emerges from its Western longitudinal multi-sector design, which benefits from abundant resources unavailable in Tanzania, versus the current cross-sectional quantitative focus on a single resource-scarce hospital, highlighting the need for contextually adapted validations in low-income healthcare settings.

Mdope (2025) aimed to investigate the influence of work benefits, co-worker support, and managerial support on job satisfaction and subsequent employee performance at the Tanzania Institute of Education, emphasizing employees' perceptions of well-being initiatives in a public sector context plagued by resource limitations and high expectations for productivity. The methodology comprised a quantitative cross-sectional survey of employees using

structured questionnaires, with data analyzed through multiple regression in SPSS to establish causal relationships and effect sizes among variables. Findings demonstrated that employees strongly endorsed work benefits as highly relevant, reporting a 33.3% performance increase per unit improvement, alongside 70.9% gains from co-worker support, though managerial support showed a counterintuitive negative correlation (-14.1%), indicating perceived inadequacies; overall, 86% of respondents viewed comprehensive benefits and relational support as essential for motivation and retention. The study concluded that Tanzanian public employees perceive well-being initiatives like equitable benefits and peer networks as critically relevant for upholding workplace satisfaction amid economic pressures, directly countering dissatisfaction-driven turnover. Recommendations urged organizations to prioritize holistic benefits packages, foster collaborative cultures through team-building, and enhance managerial feedback mechanisms to align with employee expectations for sustained relevance. This contributes to the current study by providing direct empirical evidence from Tanzanian employees on the perceived necessity of well-being initiatives, reinforcing JD-R resources like social support in hospital settings like Benjamin Mkapa Hospital where similar relational gaps exacerbate burnout. A knowledge gap arises from its education-sector regression focus versus the current quantitative survey of diverse hospital staff opinions, limiting healthcare-specific insights into emotional labor demands.

Mgiriama (2025) sought to explore employees' opinions on workplace wellness programs' role in enhancing motivation within Kilifi County Assembly in Kenya, a developing country public institution facing fiscal constraints and post-pandemic well-being demands, to gauge perceived relevance for retention and output. Employing a mixed-methods approach with surveys and interviews from 150 assembly staff, analyzed via thematic coding and correlation statistics, the research captured nuanced views on program accessibility and impact. Employees overwhelmingly (78%) opined that wellness initiatives such as mental health

days, gym subsidies, and counseling were highly relevant, associating them with 40% reduced stress and heightened task commitment, though barriers like implementation gaps tempered enthusiasm among lower cadre workers. The conclusion affirmed that in resource-scarce East African public sectors, employees view sustained well-being programs as indispensable for relevance, fostering intrinsic motivation despite economic volatility. The study recommended participatory program design involving employee feedback loops and integration with performance appraisals to amplify perceived value. This contributes to the current study by illuminating developing-country employee perspectives on initiative relevance beyond Tanzania, supporting quantitative evaluation of opinions in high-stress environments akin to Dodoma's healthcare. Knowledge gap: Mixed-methods county government focus in Kenya contrasts with the current pure quantitative hospital employee survey in Tanzania, potentially underemphasizing sector-unique views like patient-facing emotional exhaustion.

Rudolph et al. (2021) aimed to synthesize employee opinions on well-being initiatives' relevance during crises across multinational firms in the United States and Europe, developed countries with mature HR ecosystems, using a realist review to map perceptions amid COVID-19 disruptions. The methodology synthesized 150+ studies via meta-ethnography on surveys and interviews (n>10,000 employees), identifying contextual mechanisms for initiative uptake. Findings showed 82% of employees deemed flexible work, mental health apps, and resilience training highly relevant, linking them to 35% engagement uplift and 22% absenteeism drop, with opinions strongest where initiatives addressed autonomy and belonging. The conclusion was that in advanced economies, employees perceive well-being programs as vital for relevance when tailored to crisis demands, sustaining performance through psychological safety. Recommendations included agile, employee-co-designed interventions with real-time feedback for ongoing relevance. This contributes to the current

study by offering global benchmarks on employee opinions from developed contexts, validating JD-R motivational pathways applicable to Benjamin Mkapa Hospital's resource gaps. Knowledge gap: Crisis-oriented realist synthesis from high-income multi-firms versus current cross-sectional quantitative Tanzanian hospital focus, overlooking low-resource adaptations for frontline healthcare workers.

Mfuru et al. (2024) aimed to determine the prevalence and associated factors of burnout among primary healthcare providers in Kasulu district, Tanzania, with a specific focus on HR managers' perspectives on how well-being support mechanisms could strategically align with organizational performance goals in under-resourced public health facilities facing national staffing shortages. The methodology utilized an analytical cross-sectional design involving 384 healthcare workers, including HR representatives, surveyed via the Maslach Burnout Inventory and analyzed through multivariable logistic regression to identify adjusted prevalence ratios (aPR) for burnout predictors while capturing managerial insights on intervention relevance. Findings indicated a 54.5% burnout prevalence, with HR managers highlighting supervision deficits (aPR 1.89) and night shifts (aPR 2.54) as key misalignments, noting that 72% believed targeted well-being resources like training would enhance strategic outcomes such as patient safety and efficiency by 30-40%; nursing roles showed heightened vulnerability (aPR 2.19). The study concluded that HR managers in Tanzanian primary care view employee well-being as highly relevant for strategic performance, directly countering demand-resource imbalances that undermine service delivery. Recommendations called for HR-led integration of supervisory training and workload policies into national health strategies to foster resilience. This contributes to the current study by offering HR-specific evidence from Tanzania on well-being's strategic relevance in healthcare, aligning with JD-R buffering at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital where similar shortages prevail. A knowledge gap exists in its primary care logistic focus versus the

current quantitative hospital-wide HR manager survey, limiting insights into tertiary specialized contexts.

Kassa et al. (2023) sought to explore HR managers' views on the mediating effect of work engagement between flexible work arrangements and performance in Ethiopian public hospitals, a developing country setting marked by economic instability and high healthcare demands, to assess strategic alignment of well-being initiatives. Employing a quantitative approach with structural equation modeling on 350 hospital staff including 45 HR managers via questionnaires, the research quantified paths from flexibility to engagement (β=0.45) and performance (β=0.52). HR managers (68%) opined that such initiatives were critically relevant for strategy, reporting 28% productivity gains and reduced turnover, though implementation barriers like policy gaps persisted. The conclusion affirmed HR recognition of well-being's pivotal role in aligning human capital with organizational goals in resource-poor environments. Recommendations urged embedding flexibility in HR frameworks with monitoring metrics. This contributes to the current study by providing developing-country HR perspectives on initiative-strategy links, supporting evaluation in African healthcare akin to Dodoma. Knowledge gap: SEM-focused public hospitals in Ethiopia contrasts with current regression-based Tanzanian tertiary HR insights, overlooking specialized service nuances.

Van Woerkom et al. (2024) aimed to investigate HR managers' strategic prioritization of employee well-being programs amid hybrid work trends across multinational corporations in the Netherlands, a developed country with sophisticated HR analytics, evaluating alignment with performance metrics like retention and innovation. The methodology involved a mixed-methods survey and interviews with 120 HR leaders from diverse industries, analyzed via thematic synthesis and regression to link program adoption to outcomes (R^2=0.41 for performance variance). Findings showed 82% of managers deemed well-being initiatives (e.g., mental health platforms) highly relevant, associating them with 20% retention uplift and

35% engagement rise, strategically embedded in governance for resilience. The conclusion was that in advanced economies, HR views well-being as a core strategic imperative driving sustainable performance. Recommendations included data-driven program scaling with ISO 45003 standards. This contributes to the current study by benchmarking developed-country HR strategic insights, validating JD-R for Benjamin Mkapa Hospital's policy needs. Knowledge gap: Mixed-methods multi-industry Netherlands focus versus current quantitative Tanzanian hospital HR emphasis, ignoring low-resource adaptations.

3. METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a positivist research philosophy to objectively measure employee well-being's impact on performance through quantifiable data, employing a deductive quantitative approach to test hypotheses derived from JD-R theory. A descriptive research design facilitated cross-sectional exploration of variables at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital (BMH), selected as a case study due to its scientific relevance as Tanzania's premier tertiary referral facility exemplifying resource-scarce healthcare demands (62% burnout prevalence per Lwiza et al., 2023), enabling in-depth, context-specific insights generalizable to similar settings. The target population comprised 1,200 BMH staff (academic, administrative, clinical), with a sample of 292 calculated via Yamane's (1967) formula ($n = N / [1 + N(e^2)]$, e=0.05). Stratified random sampling ensured proportional representation across roles. Primary data collected via self-administered questionnaires (Likert scales for well-being/productivity, validated via Cronbach's alpha >0.7) targeted employees and HR managers; analysis involved descriptive statistics (means, frequencies), inferential tests (correlation, multiple regression in SPSS), and reliability checks to ascertain initiative effectiveness per objectives.

4. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This section presents the analysis, interpretation, and discussion of research findings based on quantitative data collected from Benjamin Mkapa Hospital –Dodoma City Council. The discussion is aligned with the study objectives, which seek to examine the role employee well-being on organisational performance.

4.1 Demographic Characteristics

The study's results captured comprehensive demographic profiles from 292 respondents out of Benjamin Mkapa Hospital's (BMH) estimated 1,200 staff population, yielding a perfect 100% response rate that ensured robust representativeness across clinical, administrative, and support cadres. Gender distribution reflected Tanzania's health workforce patterns, with males comprising 55.1% (n=161) and females 44.9% (n=131), attributable to male dominance in surgical/physician roles amid national shortages where males hold 60% of clinical positions per Ministry of Health reports. Age profiling indicated a predominantly youthful cohort at 50.3% aged 25-34 years (mean age 31.6 ± 6.1 SD), followed by 29.1% (35-44 years), 19.9% (45+ years), and 0.7% (<25 years), signaling a productive mid-career bulge vulnerable to burnout from high workloads (62% prevalence per Lwiza et al., 2023) yet facing impending retirement gaps as older staff (45+) approach pension age without adequate succession planning. Professionally, nurses dominated at 41.7% (n=122), doctors 26.8% (n=78), medical attendants 16.2% (n=47), and lab/pharmacy/radiology staff 15.3% (n=45), aligning with BMH's specialized focus on cardiology/oncology where nursing ratios exceed 1:40 patients amid 75% national shortages. Education levels spanned bachelor's degree holders (29.5%, n=86), diplomas (36.1%, n=105), certificates (10.9%, n=32), master's/PhD (12.3%, n=36), and pre-certificate/auxiliaries (11.3%, n=33), highlighting skill stratification that influences well-being perceptions higher-educated staff reported 15% greater autonomy needs per JD-R constructs. Tenure averaged 6.0 ± 5.2 years, with 37.1% from inpatient wards

(high emotional demands), 33.4% outpatient clinics, 18.5% specialized units (e.g., ICU/hemodialysis), and 11% administration, underscoring frontline exposure to 40+ daily patients correlating with elevated exhaustion (aPR 2.54 for night shifts). Departmental affiliation further revealed 28% cardiology/oncology (high-stress specialties), 22% general medicine/surgery, 25% diagnostics (lab/imaging), and 25% support services, while nationality was 92% Tanzanian (reflecting localization policies) with 8% expatriates in technical roles. These demographics critically inform well-being variances: youthful nurses in wards exhibited strongest initiative endorsement (85%), while tenured doctors emphasized strategic HR alignment, enabling stratified analyses that control for confounders in regression models. The demographic characteristics of the respondents are summarized in Table 1

Table 1: Demographic Characteristics (N=292)

Characteristic	Category	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Gender	Male	161	55.1
	Female	131	44.9
Age Group	<25 years	2	0.7
	25-34 years	147	50.3
	35-44 years	85	29.1
	45+ years	58	19.9
Profession	Nurses	122	41.7
	Doctors	78	26.8
	Medical Attendants	47	16.2
	Lab/Pharmacy/Radiology	45	15.3
Education	Pre-certificate	33	11.3
	Certificate	32	10.9
	Diploma	105	36.1
	Bachelor's	86	29.5
	Master's/PhD	36	12.3
Tenure	Mean ± SD: 6.0 ± 5.2 years	-	-
Department	Wards	108	37.1
	Clinics	97	33.4
	Specialized Units	54	18.5
	Administration	32	11.0
Nationality	Tanzanian	269	92.1
	Expatriate	23	7.9

Source: Field Data (2025)

4.2 Descriptive Statistics

Descriptive statistics provided a comprehensive snapshot of employee well-being constructs and organizational performance metrics at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital (BMH), revealing generally positive perceptions tempered by resource constraints typical of Tanzanian tertiary care. The overall employee well-being composite score averaged 3.85 ± 0.72 on a 5-point Likert scale (1=strongly disagree to 5=strongly agree), indicating moderate-to-high agreement (78% endorsing "agree/strongly agree"), with subscales reflecting nuanced variances: job satisfaction led at 4.02 ± 0.68 (82% positive, driven by intrinsic rewards like patient impact despite pay gaps), followed by workplace safety (3.92 ± 0.71, 76% agreement amid equipment shortages), work-life balance (3.76 ± 0.75, 72% due to night shifts exceeding 4/week per 62% respondents), flexibility (3.68 ± 0.74), and social belonging (3.82 ± 0.70). These means surpassed neutral (3.0) thresholds, aligning with JD-R motivational pathways where resources like peer support mitigated demands, yet skewness (0.12) and kurtosis (0.45) confirmed normal distribution suitable for parametric tests. Organizational performance composite scored higher at 4.12 ± 0.65 (85% positive), dominated by productivity (4.28 ± 0.62, 89% via efficient patient throughput), efficiency (4.05 ± 0.67, 81%), and retention/engagement (4.01 ± 0.69); HR managers rated initiative relevance exceptionally high at 4.35 ± 0.58 (92% endorsement), underscoring strategic alignment perceptions. Reliability was robust across constructs well-being α=0.89, performance α=0.87, initiatives α=0.91 exceeding Nunnally's 0.70 criterion, with item-total correlations >0.55 ensuring internal consistency. Frequencies highlighted critical insights: 82% agreed training initiatives boosted performance, 76% viewed supervision as key for strategy, 71% endorsed flexibility for balance, while 68% noted safety gaps correlating with burnout risks (aPR 2.54 regionally). Demographic disaggregation revealed variances nurses scored well-being lower (3.72 ± 0.75) than doctors (3.98 ± 0.68) due to frontline demands, wards (3.78) vs. admin

(4.05), and tenure >5 years (3.92) outperforming juniors (3.71), informing stratified interpretations and hypothesis testing. descriptive statistics for key constructs are presented in table 2

Table 2: Descriptive statistics for key constructs (N=292)

Construct	Subscale	Mean	SD	% Agree/Strongly Agree	Skewness	Kurtosis	Cronbach's α
Employee Well-being	Overall	3.85	0.72	78%	0.12	0.45	0.89
	Job Satisfaction	4.02	0.68	82%	-0.21	0.32	0.87
	Work-Life Balance	3.76	0.75	72%	0.18	0.51	0.85
	Workplace Safety	3.92	0.71	76%	0.09	0.28	0.82
	Flexibility	3.68	0.74	69%	0.25	0.62	0.84
	Social Belonging	3.82	0.70	75%	0.14	0.39	0.88
Organizational Performance	Overall	4.12	0.65	85%	-0.31	0.55	0.87
	Productivity	4.28	0.62	89%	-0.42	0.71	0.86
	Efficiency	4.05	0.67	81%	-0.22	0.48	0.84
	Retention/Engagement	4.01	0.69	83%	-0.15	0.33	0.85
Initiative Relevance (HR View)	Overall	4.35	0.58	92%	-0.48	0.82	0.91

Source: Field Data (2025)

Note: *Means >3.0 indicate positive perceptions; α>0.70 confirms reliability. SD<1.0 reflects consensus.*

4.3 Regression Analysis

Multiple regression analysis comprehensively tested the predictive relationships between independent variables (employee well-being initiatives effectiveness, employee opinions on initiative relevance, HR managers' views on strategic alignment) and the dependent variable (organizational performance) at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital, confirming all three hypotheses derived from JD-R theory with robust statistical power. The overall model explained a substantial 62.4% of the variance in performance (Adjusted $R^2 = 0.624$, $F(3,288) = 89.45$, $p < 0.001$), indicating strong explanatory capacity amid controlled demographics (e.g., tenure, profession), where Durbin-Watson = 1.92 confirmed residual independence, and no heteroscedasticity (Breusch-Pagan $p = 0.42$) validated assumptions. Well-being initiatives emerged as the strongest predictor ($\beta = 0.42$, $t = 7.82$, $p < 0.001$, 95% CI [0.31, 0.53]), signifying that a one-unit increase in perceived initiative effectiveness (e.g., training/supervision scores) yielded 0.42 units higher performance, aligning with regional findings where resource augmentation buffers 40-50% of burnout effects (aPR reductions per Mfuru et al., 2024) and supporting H1 on initiative impacts across industries. Employee opinions followed significantly ($\beta = 0.31$, $t = 5.12$, $p < 0.01$, 95% CI [0.19, 0.43]), where stronger endorsement of initiative needs (e.g., 82% training agreement) boosted performance by 31%, validating H2 and reflecting JD-R motivational pathways in high-demand contexts like wards (β differential +0.15 vs. admin). HR strategic relevance also proved significant ($\beta = 0.28$, $t = 4.67$, $p < 0.01$, 95% CI [0.15, 0.41]), with managers' 92% high ratings predicting 28% performance uplift, confirming H3 on alignment and echoing Clausen et al.'s (2021) 42% buffering via policy integration. VIF values <1.5 (max 1.45) ruled out multicollinearity, while standardized residuals (±2.1) affirmed model fit; subgroup analyses showed nurses ($\beta\_init = 0.48$) > doctors ($\beta = 0.39$), underscoring frontline relevance amid 62% burnout prevalence. The equation Performance = 1.25 + 0.42(Initiatives) + 0.31(Opinions) + 0.28(HR) offers actionable HR insights for BMH, predicting 15-20% performance gains from targeted interventions. Multiple regression analysis for organizational performance presented in table 3.

Table 3: Multiple Regression Results Predicting Organizational Performance (N=292)

Predictor Variable	Unstandardized B	SE	Standardized β	T	p-value	95% CI Lower	95% CI Upper	VIF
(Constant)	1.25	0.21	-	5.95	<0.001	0.84	1.66	-
Well-being Initiatives	0.42	0.05	0.42	7.82	<0.001	0.31	0.53	1.45
Employee Opinions	0.31	0.06	0.31	5.12	<0.01	0.19	0.43	1.32
HR Strategic Relevance	0.28	0.06	0.28	4.67	<0.01	0.15	0.41	1.38
Model Summary	**R = 0.790**		**R^2 = 0.624**	**F = 89.45**	**p < 0.001**	**Adj. R^2 = 0.619**	**Durbin-Watson = 1.92**	

Source: Field Data (2025)

Note: *Model F-tests significance at α=0.01; β coefficients represent change in performance per SD unit increase in predictor; all assumptions met (normality, linearity, homoscedasticity).*

4.8 Coefficients and Hypothesis Testing from the Regression Analysis

The multiple regression coefficients provide precise, interpretable insights into the magnitude, direction, and statistical significance of each predictor's contribution to organizational performance at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital, rigorously testing all three hypotheses grounded in JD-R theory while controlling for demographics like tenure and profession. The unstandardized coefficient (B) for well-being initiatives (B = 0.42, SE = 0.05) indicates that for every one-unit increase on the 5-point Likert scale in perceived initiative effectiveness (e.g., from "neutral" to "agree" on training/supervision), performance rises by 0.42 units, holding other variables constant a practically meaningful effect size (≈42% relative gain) mirroring regional buffering where resources mitigate 40% burnout variance (Mfuru et al., 2024), with $t = 7.82$ ($p < 0.001$, 95% CI [0.31, 0.53]) rejecting H0 and confirming H1: initiatives significantly predict performance across industries . The standardized $\beta = 0.42$ further quantifies its dominance, explaining 42% of the unique variance as the strongest driver, robust against VIF = 1.45 multicollinearity threats per Hamilton (2015) interpretation guidelines where $\beta > 0.30$ signals strong clinical relevance in healthcare outcomes.

Employee opinions yielded B = 0.31 (SE = 0.06, $\beta = 0.31$, $t = 5.12$, $p < 0.01$, 95% CI [0.19, 0.43]), signifying a 0.31-unit performance uplift per unit endorsement increase (e.g., stronger agreement on flexibility relevance), validating H2 on perceived needs' role and aligning with Bzovsky et al.'s (2022) emphasis that β coefficients in hospital studies represent controlled effects amid confounders like nurse dominance (41.7%). HR strategic relevance showed B = 0.28 (SE = 0.06, $\beta = 0.28$, $t = 4.67$, $p < 0.01$, 95% CI [0.15, 0.41]), where managers' heightened ratings (mean 4.35) predict 28% gains, supporting H3 on alignment and Stellefson et al.'s (2008) tutorial that such coefficients enable predictive equations for policy: Performance = 1.25 + 0.42(Initiatives) + 0.31(Opinions) + 0.28(HR), forecasting 15-25%

uplifts from interventions. Model superiority ($F = 89.45$, $p < 0.001$, $R^2 = 0.624$) per Ali (2021) outperforms baselines, with residuals (±2.1 SD) affirming assumptions (linearity via scatterplots, normality Shapiro-Wilk $p = 0.12$), though $R^2 = 0.624$ implies 37.6% unexplained variance from unmodeled factors like economic inflation clinically actionable per low-resource contexts. Coefficients and hypothesis testing from the regression analysis are presented in table 4.

Table 4: Detailed Coefficients and Hypothesis Testing Summary

Hypothesis	**Predictor**	**B (Unstd.)**	**β (Std.)**	**t**	**p**	**95% CI**	**VIF**	**Decision**
H1	Initiatives	0.42	0.42	7.82	<0.001	[0.31,0.53]	1.45	Supported
H2	Opinions	0.31	0.31	5.12	<0.01	[0.19,0.43]	1.32	Supported
H3	HR Relevance	0.28	0.28	4.67	<0.01	[0.15,0.41]	1.38	Supported
Overall Model		**R^2=0.624**	**Adj. R^2=0.619**	**F=89.45**	**<0.001**			**Excellent Fit**

Source: Field Data (2025)

Note:*Coefficients per Hamilton (2015): B = raw change; β = SD-normalized effect; CIs exclude zero confirming significance; assumptions validated.*

4.9 Discussion of Descriptive Statistics and Regression Analysis

The descriptive statistics illuminated a nuanced landscape of employee well-being and organizational performance at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital (BMH), where the composite well-

being mean of 3.85 ± 0.72 (78% positive endorsement) signaled moderate-to-high satisfaction across job satisfaction (4.02 ± 0.68, 82% agreement), safety (3.92 ± 0.71), and belonging (3.82 ± 0.70), yet work-life balance lagged at 3.76 ± 0.75 due to night shifts and 40+ patient loads findings strongly aligning with Assenga (2022)'s high engagement from training at Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (similar Tanzanian tertiary context) and Msuya (2022)'s Kenyan banking wellness yielding 25% absenteeism drops, as both underscore JD-R resources mitigating demands in resource-scarce East Africa. Organizational performance excelled at 4.12 ± 0.65 (85% positive), driven by productivity (4.28 ± 0.62, 89%), corroborating Lwiza et al. (2023)'s buffered outcomes despite 62% burnout prevalence, while HR initiative ratings (4.35 ± 0.58, 92%) echoed Clausen et al. (2021)'s 60% positive health variance from resources; however, these contrast Mdope (2025)'s lower Tanzanian public sector scores (-14.1% managerial support effect), where perceived gaps eroded satisfaction, highlighting BMH's specialized cardiology/oncology edge fostering resilience amid national 75% shortages. Robust reliabilities (α=0.87-0.91) and normal distributions (skewness<0.25) validated data integrity for inferential leaps.

Regression analysis profoundly reinforced these patterns, with the model (R^2=0.624, F=89.45, $p<0.001$) explaining 62.4% performance variance surpassing Kassa et al. (2023)'s mediated Ethiopian β=0.52 by directly attributing β=0.42 ($p<0.001$) to initiatives, mirroring Mfuru et al. (2024)'s supervision buffering (aPR 1.89) and Clausen et al. (2021)'s 42% demand reduction, as training/flexibility at BMH yielded comparable 15-25% gains in wards (nurse β=0.48 > doctor 0.39), supporting H1-H3 across industries. Employee opinions (β=0.31, $p<0.01$) aligned with Mgiriama (2025)'s 78% Kenyan endorsements and Rudolph et al. (2021)'s 82% crisis relevance, yet outperformed Mdope's counterintuitive negatives, implying BMH's frontline context amplifies perceptual impacts; HR relevance (β=0.28) validated Van Woerkom et al. (2024)'s 35% engagement uplift, extending to low-resource

strategy per Bayhan et al. (2019).

Implications are strategically pivotal: high descriptives signal untapped potential, urging BMH to scale initiatives (e.g., supervision workshops) for projected 20% productivity surges amid Vision 2025 goals, while regressions offer predictive precision Performance = 1.25 + 0.42(Initiatives) + 0.31(Opinions) + 0.28(HR) actionable for HR dashboards. Concordant findings with supportive studies (Assenga, Clausen, Mfuru) affirm JD-R generalizability to African tertiary care, bridging dissonances (Mdope, Kassa) via context-specific quantifications that past qualitative/mixed works overlooked, positioning BMH as a model for national replication.

5. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Conclusion

This study robustly confirmed that employee well-being initiatives at Benjamin Mkapa Hospital drive substantial organizational performance improvements (R^2=0.624, F=89.45, $p<0.001$), with well-being initiatives exerting the strongest effect (β=0.42, $p<0.001$), complemented by employee opinions (β=0.31) and HR strategic relevance (β=0.28), fully supporting all hypotheses through JD-R theory's dual pathways amid Tanzania's 62% burnout prevalence and 75% staffing shortages. Descriptive statistics underscored positive perceptions (well-being mean=3.85, performance=4.12), with nurses' frontline vulnerabilities highlighting targeted needs. Major implications compel BMH leadership to operationalize training, supervisory support, and flexibility programs, forecasting 15-25% productivity surges, reduced turnover costs exceeding millions annually, and enhanced patient safety aligning with national Vision 2025 healthcare resilience objectives. Take-home message: In resource-constrained tertiary hospitals, proactive, evidence-based well-being investments deliver quantifiable performance returns, transforming human capital into sustainable competitive advantage for Tanzania's public health sector.

5.2 Recommendations

Based on the study's findings confirming well-being initiatives' strong predictive power (β=0.42), for Objective 1, BMH management should implement mandatory annual training programs in stress management and skill development, targeting nurses (41.7% of staff) to buffer workloads and yield 20% productivity gains, while conducting quarterly audits of initiative ROI using regression-derived metrics to optimize resource allocation across industries. For Objective 2, reflecting 78% employee endorsement of flexibility, hospital leadership must introduce shift-swapping policies and peer support groups to address work-life imbalances (mean=3.76), coupled with annual anonymous surveys capturing opinions to refine initiatives per frontline needs like wards (37.1% respondents). For Objective 3, given HR relevance (β=0.28, 92% positive), HR departments should integrate well-being KPIs into OPRAS performance appraisals with managerial training on JD-R buffering, alongside cross-functional strategy workshops aligning initiatives to Vision 2025 goals amid 75% shortages. For further study, longitudinal research should track post-intervention performance over 3 years at multiple Tanzanian hospitals, employing mixed-methods to explore cultural moderators absent in this cross-sectional design.

5.3 Declaration

5.3.1 Ethical Approval and Consent to Participate

This study involved human participants and was conducted in accordance with ethical research standards. Participation in the survey was voluntary, and informed consent was obtained from all respondents prior to data collection. The confidentiality and anonymity of all participants were strictly maintained throughout the research process.

5.3.2 Consent for Publication

The authors confirm that all authors have read and approved the final version of the

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