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# Toward Financial Optimization: Assessing the Influence of Budget Process on Effective Accounting Management

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**Abstract:** This study analyzes the pivotal role of the budget process in effective accounting management and advocates for tailored strategies to fortify Vietnamese enterprises amidst global competition, thereby charting a course towards sustainable development. It delves into the intricate relationship between budget process and accounting approaches within Vietnamese enterprises, highlighting their crucial role in achieving sustainable growth and prosperity. Effective management of this interplay, including elements such as the Budget Process, Planning, Implementation, and Control, is essential for optimizing Accounting Management for Vietnamese Enterprises. Tailored strategies are emphasized as vital tools for navigating the challenges posed by global competition, enabling enterprises to pursue sustainable development objectives. By integrating budget process with accounting practices, businesses can enhance strategic decision-making and position themselves for success amidst dynamic market conditions. Overall, the study underscores the necessity for Vietnamese enterprises to align these two domains to unlock their full potential for sustained success, driving long-term prosperity and growth in the contemporary business landscape. This research also provides theoretical groundwork for future researchers as well as businesses to apply for adjustments in budget management to enhance the effectiveness of administrative operations.

**Keywords:** budget process; planning; implementation; control; accounting management.

## Introduction

In the contemporary business landscape, effective budget management is pivotal for governing enterprises. Its primary objective lies in mitigating risks and optimizing profits across all business ventures. The discourse further delves into the significance of budget process and their influence on effective accounting management. This is followed by an examination of current literature and a proposed research approach. Lastly, it delineates the crucial factors under scrutiny to bolster the efficiency of budgeting processes within Vietnamese enterprises. Implementing an effective budgeting process not only influences resource allocation efficiently but also holds significant importance in accounting management. Within the context of Vietnam's diverse and complex economy, the role of budget procedures becomes more intricate and essential. According to Vuong and Rajagopal (2022), While the budgeting process offers numerous advantages, it is not without its limitations. Because budgets are created by individuals, they can be susceptible to biases and influences that may result in unintended consequences, ultimately affecting the outcomes of the planned budget. In emerging economies such as Vietnam, effective budget prediction and transparent protocols are vital for successful budgeting. Managing budgets and accounting effectively is more than just administrative work; it's fundamental for business success, especially in the face of market unpredictability and intense competition. Therefore, adopting strong budgeting methods and efficient accounting practices is essential for businesses striving to flourish in such a competitive landscape.

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This paper enriches existing literature by highlighting the nuanced connection between budget process and accounting management within Vietnamese businesses. Its goal is to shed light on how proficient budget management can bolster accounting effectiveness, thereby elevating overall organizational efficacy and competitive edge. Furthermore, the paper suggests concrete approaches and variables to optimize budgeting practices in Vietnamese enterprises, presenting tangible benefits for both academic discourse and practical application in the industry. Additionally, Vietnamese enterprises must undergo transformation and foster innovation within their overarching strategy. They need to adapt and effectively utilize the advantages and opportunities presented by the Fourth Industrial Revolution (IR4.0), while also devising solutions to address emerging challenges. This approach will enable them to attain competitive advantages in the IR4.0 landscape (Vuong & Mansori, 2021).

In the rapidly evolving business environment of today, solely concentrating on the direct impact of managerial skill on company performance might not comprehensively capture a manager's capacity to maintain a competitive edge (Ting et al., 2021). The study conducted by Agbenyo et al. (2018) recommends that managers should develop comprehensive budgetary plans, incorporate annual budgeting reviews, and focus on key financial indicators to enhance long-term planning and response to competition. In addition, to enhance financial and accounting management efficiency in Vietnamese enterprises, this study focuses on analyzing the impact of budgeting procedures on effective accounting management. This includes identifying how budgeting procedures can affect financial recording, reporting, and control within the enterprise. To conduct this research, a range of previous research materials will be utilized, along with information from enterprises and financial accounting experts in Vietnam.

Researchers have explored different dimensions of budgeting, including budget targets' features, feedback, evaluation, and complexity. Many studies have investigated the relationship between the clarity of budget targets and its effects, such as how budget target characteristics influence managerial attitudes and performance (Muzahid, 2019). Budgets can function as a means to predict potential profits, distribute resources, or convey particular information from one division of a company to other areas of the organization (Vuong & Rajagopal, 2022). Budgets are multifunctional instruments within organizations, predicting profits, allocating resources strategically, and aiding communication. This article investigates the connection between budgeting and accounting methods in Vietnamese businesses. A clear budget process assists accounting by elucidating financial plans, enhancing precise recording and analysis. Conversely, accounting influences budgeting by offering insights to improve procedures, nurturing business expansion.

Budgeting is a relevant concept for ensuring the smooth operation of a business organization and offers an efficient method for managing limited financial resources within organizational environments. A budget outlines the financial blueprint for upcoming activities, involving the creation of thorough projections for future amounts (Ho, 2018). Many agree that incorporating planning into the management of a business is crucial for its effectiveness and efficiency. Executing this belief involves integrating business objectives outlined in financial plans, which stem from accepted assumptions, goals, decisions, and expectations (Marecki & Wieloch, 2020). The effectiveness or ineffectiveness of an organization can be gauged by observing the outcomes of its performance (Riyadh et al., 2023). The relationship between budget process and accounting practices in Vietnamese enterprises is pivotal for their success and sustainable growth in the modern business landscape. Harnessing and understanding this relationship will enable enterprises to optimize their operations, paving the way for long-term stability and success in the market.

The paper highlights the crucial role of streamlined budget management and accounting methodologies in driving managerial decision-making and achieving organizational triumph within Vietnamese enterprises. By grasping the intricate relationship between budget process and accounting practices, managers gain the ability to make well-founded decisions, optimize resource allocation, and adeptly address challenges in today's ever-evolving business environment. Furthermore, the suggested strategies and revelations offer valuable guidance to managers in crafting holistic budget frameworks and nurturing sustainable growth amidst global competition. Therefore, to enhance the effectiveness of the budget process's role, this study focuses on key factors such as Budget Process, Budget Plan, Budget Implementation, and Budget Control concerning Effective Accounting Management. This study will review previous research on the budget process and conduct an in-depth analysis to propose solutions for Vietnamese enterprises in formulating budgets, aiming to achieve sustainable development amidst global competition. Furthermore, the proposed research methodology and analysis framework contribute to advancing knowledge in the field of budget management and accounting practices within the Vietnamese business context.

## **Literature review**

### ***The budget processes***

The examination of budgetary participation and its impact on managerial performance has yielded varied findings, as outlined by Derfuss (2016). Budgetary control has a beneficial effect on the organizational sector, according to (Rehman et al., 2019). The budget process is a meticulous organizational endeavour necessitating meticulous planning to ensure adaptability and efficiency in overseeing an organization's finances. Vital to this process is not just projecting income and expenses, but also judiciously assigning funds to specific departments and activities. This enables management to monitor and tweak budgets based on actual progress, fostering the flexibility needed to navigate shifts in the business landscape.

The budgeting process is crucial for controlling expenditures and boosting the profitability of the business (Jayalakshmi et al., 2023). Decisions regarding financial plans underscore the significance of the budgeting process, which encompasses executing the plan at operational, managerial, and executive tiers to optimize firm performance. The budget process is complex, involving various decisions spanning different areas and taking into account factors unique to the enterprise. Moreover, financial analysis holds significant sway in this undertaking. By scrutinizing financial data thoughtfully, organizations can attain a clearer grasp of their financial standing, facilitating prudent decision-making aimed at maximizing gains. Financial analysis not only aids in forecasting future financial performance but also evaluates the organization's capacity to meet financial obligations and generate profits. Insights gleaned from financial analysis furnish stakeholders like investors and management with decision-making support, enhancing their comprehension of the financial landscape and enabling the formulation of suitable strategies for sustainable organizational growth. This underscores the critical importance of both processes in steering and advancing an organization within the contemporary business milieu.

### ***The effective management of accounting***

Kaplan and Norton (1996) argue that accounting theory seeks to establish a cohesive set of logical principles that serve as the foundation for assessing and refining accounting practices and policy development. Other studies identify several contentious aspects

within the conventional concept of a budget that diminish its efficacy (Dokulil et al., 2020). In addition, efficient accounting management involves the organization and oversight of financial activities within a company to ensure accurate, timely, and comprehensive recording of transactions. Its primary aim is to uphold precision and openness in financial dealings, providing dependable data for management, investors, and regulatory bodies. Central to achieving this objective is the implementation and maintenance of a robust accounting system. Such a system not only facilitates precise transaction recording but also guarantees consistency and clarity in financial recording, reporting, and auditing procedures. Adhering to legal and accounting standards is essential to validate transaction legitimacy.

Budgetary purposes encompass the distribution of resources, aiding in strategy execution, facilitating communication, assessment, motivating managers, and determining compensation (Wnuk-Pel & Christauskas, 2018). Agency theory pertains to organizational dynamics due to the interconnected contractual relationships affecting the company's disclosed profits (Purba et al., 2019). Budgets serve as crucial instruments for assessing the effectiveness of leadership and management within an organizational context. By following optimal accounting and budgeting practices, corporate leaders and managers can evaluate different facets of business operations and assess their alignment with established organizational goals and objectives (Ralev, 2019). Moreover, effective accounting management prioritizes process optimization to boost efficiency and mitigate risks. This could entail integrating advanced accounting technologies and information systems to automate tasks, reducing reliance on manual processes and minimizing error risks. Ensuring the accuracy and reliability of financial information is another critical aspect of effective accounting management. This not only benefits the organization itself but also instils trust in stakeholders such as investors, regulatory bodies, and business partners. Transparent and objective financial reporting enhances investment prospects, builds shareholder and consumer confidence, and fosters a conducive business environment. In essence, effective accounting management is fundamental to the daily functioning and long-term viability of an organization. By establishing and upholding systems, procedures, and quality benchmarks, companies can optimize financial performance and inspire trust among stakeholders.

### ***The budget process' impact on effective accounting management within the budget plan***

Many hold the view that effective and efficient management of an enterprise hinges on the inclusion of planning as a fundamental component (Marecki & Wieloch, 2020). The budget process plays a crucial role in identifying and driving the budget plans of an organization or enterprise. By executing this process rigorously and sensibly, an organization can ensure that resources are allocated efficiently and are capable of flexibly responding to changes in the business environment. Enhancing transparency and accountability in budget management not only helps build trust and support from stakeholders but also plays a vital role in promoting the development and success of the organization.

According to Marecki and Wieloch (2020), there's a widely held belief that effective and efficient management of a business involves careful planning. The budget process, often referred to as the "Budget process," is an essential component in the development and implementation of the budget plan for an organization, business, or government agency. It is not merely the allocation of financial resources but also a complex process requiring delicacy and detail. One of the most significant impacts of the budget process on budget planning is the identification of priorities and strategic objectives of the organization. During this process, departments and units within the organization must propose budgets based on their needs, goals, and operational plans. Discussion and negotiation in the

budget process help clarify priorities and allocate resources reasonably in line with the organization's strategic goals.

Business organizations utilize imagery as a tool to concretely plan and quantify their goals and objectives (Ho, 2018). Effective budget management also demonstrates the effectiveness of corporate leadership in guiding, inspiring, and encouraging team members to achieve desired goals and objectives (Ralev, 2019). Moreover, the budget process plays a crucial role in controlling and monitoring budget utilization. By establishing control mechanisms and reporting, this process ensures that the budget is used effectively and transparently. This aids in improving financial management, enhancing predictive abilities, and adjusting budget plans over time. The budget process is not just about budgeting; it is also a vital tool in shaping and executing the budget plans of an organization. Through this process, strategic objectives are concretized, and resources are allocated efficiently, fostering flexibility and adaptability for the organization in a dynamic business environment. Therefore, based on the analyses above, the hypothesis is formulated as follows:

*H1: There is a significant relationship between budget process and budget plan.*

### ***The impact of the budget process on implementing effective accounting management***

According to Šiška (2016), the process of preparing and managing budgets consumes a significant amount of time, reducing a company's ability to promptly respond to changes in the external environment. The budget management process plays an extremely crucial role in budget implementation by defining priorities, goals, and measurement criteria. It provides mechanisms for control and monitoring while allowing for flexible feedback and adjustments, thereby generating motivation and commitment from stakeholders. This process helps ensure that the budget is utilized efficiently and effectively, promoting flexibility and adaptation when necessary.

Because budgeting requires consideration of its unique aspects, the objectives established for the budgeting process will vary based on the specific goals defined and adopted by the entity (Marecki & Wieloch, 2020). The budget process goes beyond mere creation of spending plans; it forms the cornerstone for implementing budgets within an organization. Decisions made during this process regarding resource allocation not only influence how the budget is carried out but also its future effectiveness. Additionally, the budget process is instrumental in shaping financial and tax policies, facilitating efficient acquisition and utilization of funds. Through the application of control and supervision mechanisms, it ensures accurate and responsible budget execution while providing opportunities for motivating and training those responsible for implementing the budget. In essence, the budget process is not just about budgeting; it profoundly influences how budgets are executed and their performance. Therefore, based on the analyses above, the hypothesis is formulated as follows:

*H2: There is a significant relationship between budget process and budget implementation.*

### ***The impact of the budget process on budget control for effective accounting management***

According to Grossi et al. (2020), the budget control process assists the company in addressing inefficiencies, particularly concerning costs and finances, effectively. The budgeting process is not only about defining resources and expenses but also plays a crucial role in controlling an organization's budget. By setting goals, resource constraints, monitoring progress, evaluating performance, and managing risks, this process facilitates

the allocation and utilization of resources effectively. As a result, the organization can maintain stability and cost control throughout its operations.

Accounting controls play a crucial role in maintaining precise records for every financial transaction, thereby reducing the likelihood of recording errors (Pebrianti & Aziza, 2018). Most companies rely on budget control as their primary approach to enforce internal controls within the organization. This method provides a comprehensive management structure to ensure resources are allocated effectively and efficiently (Mohamed et al., 2016). The process of budget control and the budgeting procedure are both essential in overseeing and handling the finances of an organization or business. Budgeting aids in setting objectives, distributing resources, and evaluating performance, while also promoting transparency in spending. These elements establish a foundation for budget control by establishing benchmarks for comparing actual performance with plans, detecting and avoiding inefficiencies, and promoting accountability and transparency in financial operations. The interconnectedness of the budgeting process and budget control is vital for ensuring efficiency and longevity in the financial management of an organization or business. Therefore, based on the analyses above, the hypothesis is formulated as follows:

*H3: There is a significant relationship between budget process and budget control.*

#### ***The impact of the budget plan on effective accounting management***

An effective accounting management involves establishing measurable objectives and aims for the organization, as well as creating different financial plans. It entails predicting future occurrences and determining how business operations should be conducted in line with the predetermined objectives set by the organization (Uthayakumar & Yapa, 2023). Budget planning is crucial in effective accounting management as it impacts multiple financial aspects within an organization. It helps in allocating resources optimally, allowing accounting managers to manage costs, assess performance, and predict future financial requirements. Moreover, budget plans enhance communication and collaboration across departments, while also assisting in identifying and addressing potential risks. By incorporating budget planning into financial management procedures, accounting managers can maximize resource utilization and contribute to the overall success of the organization.

Budgetary control has a favorable influence on the organizational sector (Rehman et al., 2019). The adoption of budgetary planning techniques by companies leads to positive performance outcomes (Uthayakumar & Yapa, 2023). In addition, the budget plan plays a vital role in ensuring efficient accounting management within a business. Initially, it aids in defining objectives and specific strategies, thus offering a clear path for the accounting department. Secondly, it facilitates cost management and efficient financial control by setting targets for various activities. Thirdly, it gives an overview of cash flows, enabling better financial predictions and planning. Fourthly, it assists in the rational allocation of resources, enhancing resource utilization efficiency. Lastly, it establishes benchmarks for evaluating performance and identifies areas for enhancement. In essence, the budget plan not only supports financial forecasting and management but also contributes significantly to effective accounting management, aiding enterprises in maintaining financial stability and accomplishing objectives effectively. The impact of budget implementation on effective accounting management. Therefore, based on the analyses above, the hypothesis is formulated as follows:

*H4: A significant relationship exists between budget planning and effective accounting management.*

### ***Implications of implementing a budget for effective accounting management***

The objective of establishing and executing a budgeting system is to establish a tool for efficiently organizing the management of activities within an institution and its structural units. This includes planning, overseeing income and expenses, and analyzing economic and financial metrics (Shawe, 2023). By providing specific plans and clear objectives, the budget helps shape the financial strategy and priorities for the organization. Accounting management can track and evaluate operational performance by comparing actual accounting figures with budgeted expectations. This not only enhances transparency in financial reporting but also helps the organization flexibly respond to financial fluctuations. Ultimately, budget implementation encourages financial discipline and creates an environment for effective accounting management to optimize resource utilization and achieve the organization's strategic goals.

Executing a budget is crucial for efficient accounting management within any organization. This involves meticulous resource allocation to keep spending within approved limits and prevent unnecessary expenses. Precise and thorough financial reporting is essential to offer management valuable insights into resource utilization effectiveness. Furthermore, budget implementation aids in aligning organizational strategies and mitigating risks linked to budget utilization. It is vital to ensure accuracy and adherence through internal checks and financial audits. In essence, budget implementation not only influences budget management but also holds considerable importance in accounting management and shaping organizational strategies. Therefore, based on the analyses above, the hypothesis is formulated as follows:

*H5: There is a significant relationship between budget implementation and effective accounting management.*

### ***The impact of budget control on effective accounting management***

SeTin (2019) suggests that companies frequently aim to set budgetary goals that are easily attainable. Budget management plays an extremely important role in effective accounting administration within an organization. It not only helps shape expenditures, allocate resources, and monitor and evaluate budget utilization but also minimizes financial risks, enhances transparency and accountability, and increases flexibility in financial management. Budget management not only facilitates cost control but also plays a crucial role in maintaining the stability and adaptability of the organization in a dynamic business environment.

Kenno et al. (2018) assert that budgeting constitutes an integral aspect of management control. The budgeting process, internal control, and organizational characteristics all hold significance (Purba et al., 2021). Budgetary control serves as a crucial mechanism for cost management and accomplishing the entity's objectives within a specific timeframe. It involves coordinating responsibilities, comparing actual outcomes with budgeted figures, and aiming to maximize the firm's profitability. By aligning strategic planning with budgeting and cost control processes, budgetary control ensures efficient management of resources and helps in achieving desired financial outcomes (Uthayakumar & Yapa, 2023). Effective budget control is a crucial aspect of financial management within any organization, exerting significant influence not only on cost management but also profoundly impacting accounting practices. Maintaining a stringent budget regimen facilitates transparency and precision in documenting and reporting financial transactions. A key outcome of adept budget control within accounting management is the ability to produce clear and precise financial data. A robust budget management system enables meticulous tracking of expenses and revenues, resulting in more dependable



financial reports that offer a comprehensive overview of the organization's financial health. Furthermore, budget control is instrumental in enforcing cost containment measures. By curbing unnecessary expenditures and adhering to budgetary principles, organizations can optimize the utilization of their financial resources. This not only leads to cost savings but also fosters stability within the organization, enhancing its ability to forecast future financial scenarios. Additionally, budget control serves as a vital deterrent against risks and fraudulent activities. A well-established budget control framework enables prompt detection and prevention of financial irregularities or misuse. Rigorous monitoring of financial inflows and outflows facilitates swift identification of potential fraudulent behaviour.

Budgetary control serves as a process for managing the financial and economic aspects of any business industry (Sandi et al., 2021). Budget control initiatives present opportunities for employee training and development. Involving employees in budgetary processes enhances their understanding of the significance of budget adherence and proficient financial management. This cultivates a positive and innovative workplace culture while honing employees' financial acumen. Ultimately, adept budget control can confer a competitive advantage upon organizations by optimizing the efficient utilization of financial resources. Through intelligent and effective budget management, organizations can sharpen their competitive edge by maximizing resource utilization efficiency compared to their counterparts. Therefore, based on the analyses above, the hypothesis is formulated as follows:

*H6: There exists a significant correlation between budget control and effective accounting management.*

Table 1 presents an overview of previous studies on the budget process from 2018 to 2023. This indicates that the trend of research on the budget process continues, and it remains highly valued both in research and in practice.

**Table 1. Summarize the key research findings on the budgeting process from 2018 to 2023**

Research	Authors	Summarize the key research findings on the budgeting process from 2018 to 2023
Budgeting and its effect on the financial performance of listed manufacturing firms: evidence from manufacturing firms listed on Ghana Stock Exchange	Agbenyo et al., 2018	Budgeting plays a crucial role in the financial performance of listed manufacturing firms. There exists a strong positive correlation between budgeting and financial performance. Aspects such as planning, monitoring and control, coordination, and evaluation significantly contribute to the positive effect of budgeting on financial performance. The study recommends that managers should develop comprehensive budgetary plans, incorporate annual budgeting reviews, and focus on key financial indicators to enhance long-term planning and response to competition. In summary, the study underscores the importance of budgeting in enhancing the financial performance of manufacturing firms and suggests specific strategies for managers to optimize budgeting processes for improved outcomes.
The effect of participatory budgeting, clarity of budget objectives on managerial performance in North Aceh District	Muzahid, 2019	This study investigates how participatory budgeting and clear budget targets impact the managerial performance of government officials in North Aceh District. Using regression analysis, it finds that both factors positively influence performance when considered together or separately. The aim is to guide local governments, especially in North Aceh, in implementing participatory budgeting and setting clear budget targets for better budgeting processes.

Research	Authors	Summarize the key research findings on the budgeting process from 2018 to 2023
A review of the management process with the mediating role of the budget process on the performance of Vietnamese SMEs	Vuong & Rajagopal, 2020	The study examines the management process of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Ho Chi Minh City's manufacturing sector, focusing on how the budget process influences performance. It finds that factors like business planning, organizational commitment, and strategy implementation, mediated by the budget process, significantly impact SME performance. The research offers insights for SMEs to improve management, enhance performance, and ensure sustainability in a competitive environment.
The mediating effect of the budget process on the performance of small- and medium-sized enterprises in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Vuong & Rajagopal, 2022	This study aims to support SMEs in Ho Chi Minh City by enhancing their management performance through the adoption of competitive practices. Investigating key managerial factors affecting SME performance, including business planning, organizational commitment, strategy implementation, and managerial control, with the budget process as a mediating factor, the study conducted both a pilot and main study employing quantitative analysis methods. Findings indicate that the budget process significantly impacts SME performance as a mediator, with strategy implementation having the highest positive effect followed by organizational commitment, business planning, and managerial control. Insights provided contribute to performance management theory and offer practical applications for restructuring and improving SME performance, enabling them to compete globally and improve sustainability in the modern business landscape.
Impact of budgetary process on financial performance of listed companies in Sri Lanka	Uthayakumar & Yapa, 2023	This study examined the budgetary processes of companies listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange in Sri Lanka, analyzing their relationship with financial performance. Data from 100 randomly selected companies across nineteen sectors was collected, assessing budgetary practices using a Likert-scale survey completed by managers. Financial performance was evaluated through average ROA from 2018 to 2020. Results showed a perceived high level of budgetary process with weak positive correlation to financial performance, except for budgetary control, which significantly impacted performance. The study concludes that budgetary processes are widely practiced with notable influence on financial performance among listed companies in Sri Lanka.
Enhancing managerial performance through budget participation: Insights from a two-stage PLS-SEM and artificial neural network approach (ANN)	Alhasnawi et al., 2023	The study explores how involving employees and stakeholders in budgeting impacts managerial performance. It finds that this inclusion enhances decision-making and goal attainment, with trust being boosted. The research identifies motivational and cognitive factors influencing budget participation and their effects on performance. Budget goal clarity and commitment mediate the relationship between participation and performance, with leadership style moderating these connections. Data from 373 Iraqi Higher Education Institution managers were analysed using statistical methods like PLS-SEM and ANN. Results show that budget participation improves performance by fostering goal clarity and commitment, with participative leadership strengthening these effects. This sheds light on employee performance through budget participation and managerial practices in developing countries like Iraq.

Source: own processing

## Research methodology

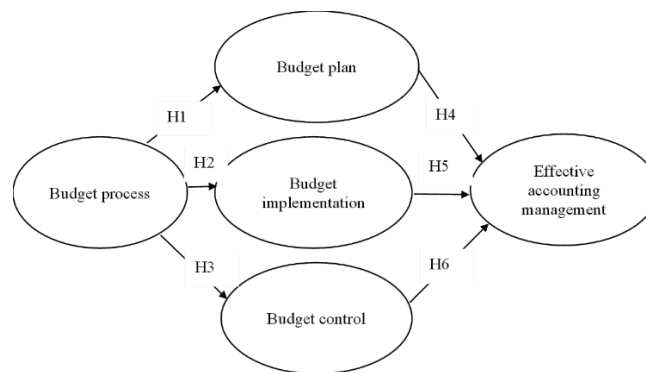
The objective of this research is to construct a research model and develop measures for the factors within the research model. From the research model, it will suggest discussions and recommendations for Vietnamese businesses in managing budgets effectively, thereby achieving business objectives and aiming towards sustainable development.

Arsalan et al. (2018) demonstrates that a budget is a structured and methodical declaration outlining a comprehensive plan of action by management. It is formulated based on various assumptions about planned activities, quantified in both monetary and non-monetary terms. The budget serves as a blueprint for executing activities over a specified period, typically one year. Therefore, this study's research approach will center on examining the correlation between budget process and accounting practices in Vietnamese enterprises. It highlights the crucial role of budget management in contemporary corporate governance and advocates for the effective implementation of budget processes. The analysis will delve into how budgeting procedures impact accounting activities, particularly within Vietnam's diverse and intricate economic landscape.

To begin the analysis, the study will assess how budget process influence financial recording, reporting, and control within enterprises. This involves understanding how aspects such as budget structure, cost management, risk management, and flexibility in budgeting can affect efficient accounting management. The research will draw upon a variety of existing studies, as well as insights from Vietnamese enterprises and financial accounting experts, aiming to build a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between budgeting methods and accounting management.

Furthermore, the study will examine how budget process shape accounting activities by defining specific financial objectives and targets. Establishing clear objectives in the budget process enables accounting departments to evaluate operational performance against predefined metrics, enhancing their ability to monitor financial conditions and make timely adjustments for stability and sustainable growth. Lastly, the research will underscore the interactive nature of the relationship between budgeting procedures and accounting activities in Vietnamese enterprises. Recognizing and leveraging this relationship can empower enterprises to optimize their operations, fostering stability and sustainable success in the market.

Based on empirical evidence and analyses from the hypotheses above, the author presents the conceptual framework for this study, as depicted in Figure 1. The following comprehensive table presents the scales for the factors including: Budget Process, Budget Plan, Budget Implementation, Budget Control, Effective accounting management. Drawing on practical experience and expert discussions with colleagues and experienced professionals with over 5 years of experience, I have synthesized and proposed the measurement scales for the research factors in Table 2.

**Figure 1. Conceptual model of this study**

Source: own processing

**Table 2. The measurement for the factors of this study**

<b>Factors</b>	<b>Measurements</b>
Budget process	Is it true that your organization's budgeting process involves input from various departments or stakeholders.
	Has a clear timeline been established for each stage of the budget process.
	Allocation of budgetary resources aligns with the strategic priorities and goals set by the organization.
	Is there a mechanism in place to regularly monitor and adjust the budget throughout the fiscal year
	Are resources allocated in a manner that maximizes efficiency and effectiveness in achieving desired outcomes
	Is there transparency evident in both the decision-making process and communication of budget-related matters to relevant parties
	Does your organization employ a systematic approach to assess the performance and impact of budget allocations
	Does the budgeting process actively support long-term financial planning and sustainability initiatives within the organization
Budget plan	Have you developed a specific budget plan for your current project or task
	Has your budget plan received validation and approval from other relevant parties
	Throughout the implementation process, have you consistently adhered to your budget plan as per the original schedule
	Have you thoroughly assessed and accounted for any unclear or variable factors that could impact your budget
	Have there been any modifications to the project or task that have affected your initial budget plan? If so, how have you adjusted the budget accordingly
	Have you actively sought out opportunities to reduce costs or optimize your budget plan
	Is there managerial or leadership support for your budget plan
	Have you formulated contingency plans or alternatives in case the budget falls short or unforeseen risks arise
	Upon completion of the project or task, have you evaluated and summarized the performance of your budget plan in relation to the achieved results
Budget control	Does the budget outline clear financial aims for the given timeframe
	Was the budget formulated using past financial data and future projections
	Are there clear divisions in the budget for different expenses like running costs, investments, and unforeseen circumstances
	Does the budget include ways to monitor spending against allocated funds
	Have individuals been designated to oversee adherence to the budget and ensure it follows financial rules
	Are there plans in the budget to handle unexpected expenses or deviations
	Has the budget undergone thorough examination and approval by relevant parties like management or financial advisors
	Is the budget adaptable to changes in market conditions or business priorities

Factors	Measurements
	Are there methods in place to assess how well the budget achieves its financial goals and uses resources efficiently
Effective accounting management	Your accounting system guarantees the precision and reliability of recorded financial data
	The protocols in place ensure the effective oversight and management of financial transactions within your company
	Your financial reporting adheres to accounting standards and regulations
	The tactics you employ to enhance cash flow management and optimize the efficiency of working capital should be suitable for your budget process
	You assess and address financial risks such as fraud or inaccuracies within your accounting procedures effectively
	The budget process involves simplifying and automating routine accounting tasks to enhance efficiency
	You encourage coordination and communication between accounting teams and other departments to support strategic decision-making
	The effective management of accounting has positively impacted your organization's financial stability and expansion

Source: own processing

### Findings and discussion

The findings of this study underscore the pivotal interplay between budget process and accounting approaches within Vietnamese enterprises. This interaction emerges as a critical determinant for achieving sustainable growth and prosperity in the contemporary business environment. Effective management of this relationship empowers businesses to streamline their operations, fostering enduring stability and competitiveness. Central to enhancing effective accounting management within the budgeting framework are key elements such as the Budget Process, Budget Plan, Budget Implementation, and Budget Control. These elements collectively contribute to optimizing effective accounting management and financial oversight.

Moreover, the research emphasizes the necessity for tailored strategies aimed at enhancing budgeting procedures. Customized approaches enable Vietnamese enterprises to navigate the challenges posed by intense global competition, ultimately propelling them towards the attainment of sustainable development objectives. In essence, the study illuminates the significance of integrating budgeting methods with accounting practices to facilitate strategic decision-making and operational efficiency. By leveraging this synergy, businesses in Vietnam can position themselves for sustained success amidst dynamic market conditions.

This research was conducted with the research subjects in Ho Chi Minh City by reviewing relevant studies and analysing the current status of the research problem. The research methodology for this paper primarily focuses on synthesizing information and proposing reasonable solutions. The research results show that Budget Process, Budget Plan, Budget Implementation, and Budget Control are identified as improving Effective accounting management. The following are some key discussions to improve Effective accounting management:

The budget process's impact on effective accounting management within the budget plan: the budgeting procedure plays a pivotal role in formulating the financial blueprint of business entity in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Its influence on the budget blueprint transcends mere numerical representation, extending into a strategic framework for financial planning and management. A fundamental remedy lies in establishing an unambiguous and transparent budgeting process, ensuring the engagement of pertinent departments and individuals, thus fostering informed decision-making regarding resource allocation. In contrast to other research, Kusuma (2017) discovered that participative budgeting has a positive impact on managerial performance. Additionally,

leveraging contemporary financial management tools and methodologies proves efficacious. The integration of information technology and budget management software streamlines budgeting processes, facilitating data analysis, forecasting, and financial performance assessment. Moreover, delineating clear and measurable objectives constitutes a cornerstone of budget planning, guiding resource allocation strategies effectively for enterprises in Ho Chi Minh City. Lastly, ongoing evaluation and adjustment of the budget blueprint are indispensable components of the budgeting process. The adaptability of the budget plan to evolving business and financial landscapes is paramount for organizational success and sustainability.

The impact of the budgeting process on the budget plan encompasses a multifaceted approach, necessitating careful consideration of various factors. By implementing measures such as transparent process management, embracing modern technology, establishing specific goals, and continually reassessing and adapting, businesses in Ho Chi Minh City can forge and uphold an efficient and resilient budget plan. Moreover, Transparency holds immense importance in the effective budgeting processes of Vietnamese enterprises. It guarantees that all stakeholders comprehend the budgeting process, the factors influencing it, and the reasoning behind budget allocations. This openness nurtures trust among employees, management, investors, and other stakeholders. Through the promotion of transparent communication channels and the active involvement of relevant departments in budgeting, Vietnamese enterprises can guarantee that their budget plan is grounded in realistic expectations and aligned with overarching strategic objectives. In addition, flexibility stands as a cornerstone in the budget planning endeavors of Vietnamese enterprises, especially amidst a swiftly evolving market landscape. Unforeseen shifts in business conditions, consumer preferences, and regulatory frameworks can substantially affect financial performance. Hence, it is imperative for Vietnamese enterprises to continually monitor crucial performance metrics, market dynamics, and external variables that might influence their budget plans. By fostering a corporate culture that embraces adaptability and agility, Vietnamese enterprises can proactively address emerging challenges and leverage novel opportunities, thereby ensuring the resilience and longevity of their budget plans.

The budgeting process involves the collaboration of individuals responsible for management within organizations, aiming to construct budgets aligned with overarching company objectives (Healy & Perry, 2000). Effective implementation of budget planning enables any company or organization to decrease expenses and enhance business profitability (Lill et al., 2021). Therefore, the budget process significantly affects how budgets are executed by companies in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. To comprehend its impact on budget implementation, Vietnamese enterprises should examine various aspects: Goal Setting and Prioritization: Initially, the budgeting process involves defining the enterprise's goals and priorities, including strategic aims like business expansion. Clarity in these aspects helps tailor budget execution accordingly. Resource Allocation: This process determines how resources are distributed among different activities and programs, reflecting the business's priorities. Effective resource allocation simplifies budget implementation. Management and Control: Budgeting involves establishing management and control mechanisms to ensure efficiency and transparency in budget execution. The standards and procedures set here can influence expenditure management and control. Interaction and Dialogue: Budgeting often entails interaction and dialogue among various departments within the business. This fosters consensus and support for the budget, facilitating smoother implementation. In essence, the budgeting process goes beyond simply allotting funds for specific purposes; it also shapes and guides the execution of the budget. By conducting this process meticulously and transparently, favorable conditions can be created for effective budget implementation, resulting in positive outcomes for the business. Involving staff in budgeting cultivates a feeling of ownership and responsibility in the Vietnamese enterprises. Vietnamese businesses should promote involvement across different departments and staff levels to gain valuable viewpoints. Additionally, providing training in financial literacy and budget management

empowers employees with the skills needed to participate meaningfully in budgeting processes.

Budget theory serves as both a planning and monitoring instrument within an organization, taking into account the organization's scale or magnitude (Purba et al., 2021). The influence of the budget process on budget control is pivotal within the dynamic business landscape of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. It is widely acknowledged that effective budget management is fundamental to the sustained success of enterprises. However, despite this recognition, many businesses encounter numerous intricate challenges when managing their budgets and controlling expenses. To address these hurdles and optimize budget management, there are several targeted strategies that can be adopted. One such strategy involves increasing transparency by organizing regular meetings and implementing clear reporting systems. This facilitates accessibility to budget-related information for all stakeholders, fostering a deeper understanding of the financial decisions and strategies of the business. Additionally, harnessing information technology to automate and streamline processes is paramount in reducing time and effort expenditure. This not only boosts process efficiency but also mitigates the risk of errors in budget management. Furthermore, instilling flexibility within the process is essential. By instituting adaptable adjustment mechanisms, businesses can swiftly respond to market fluctuations and changes in the business environment. This empowers them to promptly and effectively revise budgets as needed, thereby minimizing risks and bolstering adaptability. In essence, the adoption of these measures not only enhances budget control but also elevates overall business performance and fortifies readiness to confront challenges within today's competitive business milieu.

Zonatto et al. (2020) found that the relationship between budgetary participation and managerial performance is mediated by managerial attitudes towards budget and job satisfaction. Therefore, to enhance accounting management efficiency and quality within an enterprise in HCMC, several strategies can be implemented. Firstly, it's essential to employ professional accounting software, which not only streamlines processes but also reduces errors and saves time. Clear internal procedures should be established, outlining roles and responsibilities within the accounting team to ensure consistency and accuracy. Compliance with legal regulations, including taxes and financial reporting, is crucial for mitigating risks and fostering trust. Accurate data entry procedures must be in place to provide a clear financial picture. Continuous staff training is vital for adapting to new processes and regulations. Developing a robust reporting system enables informed decision-making, while optimizing payment processes minimizes delays and maximizes benefits. Utilizing accounting performance indicators facilitates monitoring and improvement of departmental efficiency. Regular internal audits detect and prevent errors and fraud, promoting transparency and honesty. Integration of accounting with other departments such as sales and production provides a holistic financial perspective, enabling timely and informed decisions. Implementing these measures will ultimately enhance accounting management efficiency and quality, paving the way for success in the market. Lastly, fostering a mindset of ongoing enhancement stimulates creativity and simplification of procedures. Improving the use of resources and boosting overall effectiveness guarantees that enterprises in HCMC stay adaptable and competitive in changing markets.

## Conclusions

In conclusion, this study highlights the crucial interplay between budgeting methods and accounting approaches within Vietnamese enterprises. This synergy serves as a fundamental factor in achieving sustainable growth and prosperity in today's business landscape. Managing this relationship effectively enables businesses to streamline their operations, thereby fostering long-term stability and competitiveness. Key elements such as the Budget Process, Budget Plan, Budget Implementation, and Budget Control play

pivotal roles in enhancing effective accounting management within the budgeting framework.

Furthermore, the research underscores the importance of tailored strategies to enhance budgeting procedures. Customized approaches empower Vietnamese enterprises to navigate the challenges of global competition, ultimately driving them towards sustainable development goals. In essence, the study emphasizes the significance of integrating budgeting methods with accounting practices to facilitate strategic decision-making and operational efficiency. By harnessing this synergy, enterprises in Vietnam can position themselves for sustained success amid dynamic market conditions.

This study stands out for its thorough examination of how budget process and accounting practices interact within Vietnamese enterprises. It uncovers a key factor for sustainable growth and prosperity in today's business environment by exploring this dynamic relationship. What distinguishes this research is its attention not only to identifying this relationship but also to highlighting specific aspects within budgeting frameworks that drive effective accounting management. Additionally, its focus on customized strategies demonstrates an innovative approach, acknowledging the unique challenges Vietnamese businesses face globally. Ultimately, by advocating for the integration of budget process with accounting practices, this study offers a fresh perspective on how Vietnamese businesses can tackle complexities and position themselves for long-term success.

This research, due to time and resource constraints, has several limitations as follows: Firstly, it only analyses and reviews previous studies, thus the research results only provide a conceptual understanding of the research issue. Furthermore, the study only conducts qualitative analysis and research to develop a conceptual framework of the study and construct measurement scales; it has not conducted a survey to sample and measure the model. Future research could rely on this study to sample and validate the model. Lastly, the study only investigates core factors, other latent factors that may influence effective budget management. Future research could expand and diversify the factors under investigation.

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