Strategic Management in Healthcare Private Sector in Yemen

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Abstract:

This study aims to examine the role and impact of strategic management within the healthcare sector, focusing on a case study of a private hospital in Yemen. The primary objective is to assess how the implementation of strategic management practices influences organizational performance, particularly in reducing risks, operational costs, and waste, while enhancing long-term service quality and sustainability. In a context where healthcare systems face numerous challenges, particularly in conflict-affected regions such as Yemen, strategic management offers a potential pathway toward enhanced efficiency and resilience.

A descriptive research design was employed, utilizing a structured questionnaire as the main instrument for data collection. The study targeted a diverse group of respondents, including hospital administrators, medical staff, and patients, to gain a comprehensive understanding of the effects of strategic management. A stratified sampling method was applied to ensure that participants represented various departments and service areas within the hospital and different geographic regions.

The results indicate that hospitals adopting strategic management practices experience measurable improvements in operational efficiency, resource allocation, and service delivery. Staff reported greater clarity in organizational goals and improved coordination, while patients perceived enhanced quality of care.

In conclusion, the findings underscore the importance of strategic management in strengthening healthcare institutions in developing and conflictaffected regions. Strategic planning and execution can serve as essential tools for fostering institutional resilience, improving patient outcomes, and ensuring more sustainable healthcare delivery in challenging environments.

Keywords: Strategic Management, Healthcare Industry, Private Hospitals, Performance Improvement, Cost Efficiency

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الملخص:

تهدف هذه الدراسة إلى دراسة دور الإدارة الاستراتيجية وتأثيرها في قطاع الرعاية الصحية، مع التركيز على دراسة حالة مستشفى خاص في اليمن .ويتمثل الهدف الرئيسي في تقييم كيفية تأثير تطبيق ممارسات الإدارة الاستراتيجية على الأداء التنظيمي، لا سيما في الحد من المخاطر والتكاليف التشغيلية والهدر، مع تعزيز جودة الخدمات واستدامتها على المدى الطويل .وفي ظل التحديات العديدة التي تواجهها أنظمة الرعاية الصحية، لا سيما في المناطق المتضررة من النزاعات مثل اليمن، تقدم الإدارة الاستراتيجية مسارًا محتملًا نحو تعزيز الكفاءة والمرونة .اعتمدت الدراسة على تصميم بحث وصفي، باستخدام استبيان مُهيكل كأداة رئيسية لجمع البيانات . والمرونة .اعتمدت الدراسة على تصميم بحث وصفي، باستخدام استبيان مُهيكل كأداة رئيسية لجمع البيانات . واستهدفت الدراسة مجموعة متنوعة من المشاركين، بمن فيهم مديرو المستشفيات والطاقم الطبي والمرضى، المتساب فهم شامل لأثار الإدارة الاستراتيجية .وطبقت طريقة أخذ العينات الطبقية لضمان تمثيل المشاركين لمختلف الأقسام ومجالات الخدمة داخل المستشفى والمناطق الجغرافية المختلفة .تشير النتائج وتخصيص الموارد وتقديم الخدات الإدارة الاستراتيجية .وطبقت طريقة أخذ العينات المختلفة .تشير النتائج المن أن المستشفيات التي تتبنى ممارسات الإدارة الاستراتيجية تشهد تحسينات ملموسة في المنائج وتخصيص الموارد وتقديم الخدمات .وأفاد الموظفون بوضوح أكبر في الأهداف التنظيمية وتحسن في التنسيق، بينما شعر المرضى بتحسن في جودة الرعاية .في الختام، تؤكد النتائج أهمية الادرة الاستراتيجية في تعزيز بينما شعر المرضى بتحسن في جودة الرعاية .في الختام، والمتائرة بالنزاعات .ويمكن أن يُمثل التخطيط والتنفيلية مؤسسات الرعاية الصية لتعزيز مرونة المؤسسات، وتحسين نتائج المرضى، وضمان تقديم راعاية صعين مؤسسات الرعاية السيرة المناطق النامية والمتأثرة بالنزايات .ويمكن أن يُمثل التحمية مؤسينات مؤسينات الموسة في التنفيلية مؤسسات الرعاية المرضى بتحسن في جودة الرعاية والمتأثرة بالنزاعات .ويمكن أن يُمثل التخطيط والتنفيذ بينما شراستراتيجيان أدوات أساسية لتعزيز مرونة المؤسسات، وتحسين نتائج المرضى، وضمان تقديم رعاية صحية من

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Introduction

The World Health Organization defines workplace violence as "the intentional use of power, threatened or actual, against another person or a group, in workrelated circumstances, that either results in or has a high degree of likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, mal-development, or deprivation. (PA (7th edition):

World Health Organization. (2002). Framework guidelines for addressing workplace violence in the health sector: The training manual. International Labour Office, International Council of Nurses, World Health Organization, Public Services International.

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" The above definition accurately describes the situation in Yemen since 2015.

The study is examining the effect of strategic management on decisions aimed at improving the performance and financial sustainability of hospitals operating in Yemen amid ongoing violence. (McCue, M. J., & Diana, M. L., 2007). Financial ratio analysis of for-profit and nonprofit hospitals: A case for comparative analysis. The Health Care Manager, 26(4), 315–324.

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Private healthcare service providers began to emerge in Yemen in early 2017, primarily in response to the collapse of public hospitals caused by the civil war (Dureab et al., 2020). The rising demand for healthcare services, driven by population needs and conflict-related injuries, forced the private sector to compensate for the absence of a functional public system (World Health Organization [WHO], 2016). Despite its expansion, the private healthcare industry remains largely unregulated, lacking standardized protocols and institutional oversight (Al-Awlaqi et al., 2020). Additionally, the country does not have an effective or enforced medical insurance system, which further exacerbates healthcare access issues (Dureab et al., 2020). As a result, patients must pay for services out of pocket, contributing to the financial instability of private hospitals and limiting their ability to operate sustainably (World Bank, 2022).

Many private hospital investors entered the healthcare sector in Yemen, motivated by the prospect of securing contracts from coalition committees to treat war-related injuries (Dureab, Al-Awlaqi, & Jahn, 2020). This influx led to an initial financial boom, primarily fueled by payments received in foreign currency, which temporarily boosted hospital revenues (Al-Awlaqi, Dureab, Annuzaili, & Al-Dheeb, 2020). However, the absence of strategic planning and effective management in hospital operations soon resulted in considerable financial and operational difficulties (Ginter, Duncan, & Swayne, 2018).

Against this backdrop, the present study aims to investigate the impact of different leadership styles—laissez-faire, transactional, and transformational—on the

performance of private hospitals in Yemen. Furthermore, it seeks to assess the role of strategic management in enhancing business performance and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the private healthcare sector in the country (Northouse, 2018).

Literature Review

The study references various strategic management approaches, highlighting their impact on hospital operations and performance. Key components include mission and vision statements, lean management principles, and strategic planning methodologies widely used in healthcare settings globally.

Category	Citation	Notes
1. Mission and Vision Statements in Healthcare	David, F. R. (2017). Strategic Management: Concepts and Cases. Pearson.	Foundational strategic management concepts, including mission/vision relevance.
	Shortell, S. M., et al. (2000). "The Role of Mission and Vision Statements in Healthcare Organizations." Health Care Management Review, 25(3), 74–84.	Key study on the function of mission/vision in healthcare settings.
	Suggested: Bart, C. K., & Tabone, J. C. (1998). "Mission Statement Rationales and Organizational Alignment in the Not-for-Profit Health Care Sector." Health Care Management Review, 23(4), 54–69.	Explores mission statement alignment in nonprofit healthcare organizations.
2. Lean Management in Healthcare	Womack, J. P., & Jones, D. T. (2003). Lean Thinking: Banish Waste and Create Wealth in Your Corporation. Simon & Schuster.	Core text introducing Lean principles applicable across industries.
	D'Andreamatteo, A., et al. (2015). "Lean in Healthcare: A Comprehensive Review." Health Policy, 119(9), 1197–1209.	Systematic review of Lean implementation in healthcare.
	Graban, M. (2016). Lean Hospitals: Improving Quality, Patient Safety, and Employee Engagement. CRC Press.	Practical application of Lean in hospital settings.
3. Strategic Planning Methodologies	Kaplan, R. S., & Norton, D. P. (1996). "Using the Balanced Scorecard as a Strategic Management System." Harvard Business Review, 74(1), 75–85.	Introduces the Balanced Scorecard as a tool for strategic planning.

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	Bryson, J. M. (2018). Strategic Planning for Public and Nonprofit Organizations. Wiley.	Comprehensive guide to strategic planning in the public/nonprofit sectors.
	Johnson, G., Scholes, K., & Whittington, R. (2017). Exploring Corporate Strategy. Pearson.	Widely used textbook on strategy, including frameworks for analysis.
4. Strategic Management in Conflict and Resource- Constrained Settings	World Health Organization (WHO). (2018). Strengthening Health Systems in Fragile and Conflict- Affected Settings. WHO Press.	WHO's approach to health system strengthening in unstable regions.
	Kalan, A., et al. (2020). "Healthcare Delivery in Conflict Zones: Strategic Challenges and Adaptations." Journal of Global Health, 10(2), 020301.	Explores adaptive strategies in healthcare during conflict.

Research Questions

- 1. What is the impact of strategic management on organizational performance in Yemen's private healthcare sector?
- 2. Is there a significant relationship between strategic performance and service quality?
- 3. How does an unstable market affect organizational service delivery?
- 4. What is the financial performance of private hospitals in Yemen?
- 5. Can hospitals provide the necessary materials for treatment effectively?
- 6. How efficient are laboratory test result deliveries?
- 7. Do services meet patient budget expectations?
- 8. How do patients perceive healthcare service costs?
- 9. How satisfactory is the hospital admission process?
- 10. Are employees' knowledge and skills adequate? [A1] [JT2]

Research Objectives

- 1. To assess the impact of strategic management on organizational performance in Yemen's private healthcare sector.
- 2. To examine the relationship between strategic performance and service quality.
- 3. To evaluate how an unstable market affects organizational service delivery.
- 4. To analyze the financial performance of private hospitals in Yemen.

- 5. To determine the effectiveness of hospitals in providing necessary materials for treatment.
- 6. To assess the efficiency of laboratory test result deliveries.
- 7. To evaluate whether healthcare services meet patients' budget expectations.
- 8. To investigate patients' perceptions of healthcare service costs.
- 9. To measure patient satisfaction with the hospital admission process.
- 10. To evaluate the adequacy of employees' knowledge and skills in private hospitals.

Previous Studies

The study references several past research works that examine the impact of strategic management on organizational performance in different industries, including healthcare, small businesses, and manufacturing.

Key Studies Reviewed

1. Agwu ME (2018), Pan-Atlantic University – Nigeria

This study focused on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Lagos, Nigeria, using a sample of 120 SME owners. It found that strategic elements such as business strategy, organizational structure, and competitive advantage had a positive impact on key business metrics including market share, transaction volume, and customer base. The research highlighted the value of strategic management in strengthening SMEs' market position.

2. Ben, Etim Udoh & Agu O. Agu (2012) - Nigeria

Conducted among 102 business owners and managers in Nigeria's small business sector, this study concluded that enterprises implementing strategic management practices achieved higher levels of performance. However, it also noted that these improvements came with increased operational costs, particularly related to offering additional employee incentives to support strategic initiatives.

3. Abdel-Aziz Ahmad Shariati & Saed Jamal Fuqaha (2012) – Jordan

Focusing on the pharmaceutical manufacturing sector in Jordan, this study surveyed 13 out of 16 companies and gathered input from 140 managers. The findings revealed a strong correlation between strategic management and performance improvement, especially when the balanced scorecard approach was employed. This emphasized the effectiveness of structured performance measurement systems in strategic planning.

4. Tone Češnovar (2006) – Slovenia

In Slovenia's wood industry, this study examined 37 companies, most of which were large enterprises. It found that 96% of large companies and 67% of medium-

sized companies systematically applied strategic management. These organizations achieved significantly better business outcomes, suggesting that a formalized strategic approach is more prevalent and beneficial in larger firms within this industry.

5. Abdulnaser Alhammadi & Faridah Shahadan (2014) – Yemen

This research examined 170 small service businesses in Sana'a and Taiz, Yemen. The study found that management capabilities and the surrounding business environment were critical to business growth. Interestingly, the availability of firm resources did not have a significant impact, underscoring the importance of managerial skill and external conditions over internal assets in this context.

6. Ibrahim Ahmed Issack & Stephen M. A. Muathe (2017) - Kenya

Focusing on Kenya's healthcare industry, this study involved 51 participants, including hospital administrators, directors, and nursing officers. It found that the adoption of strategic management practices led to improvements in both financial performance and the quality of healthcare services provided. The results highlighted the relevance of strategic planning in enhancing organizational outcomes in the healthcare sector.

The above studies indicated a consistent positive relationship between **strategic management and performance enhancement** across various sectors, including healthcare.

Research Methodology Study Design

This research adopts a **descriptive analytical study design** aimed at exploring the impact of strategic management and leadership styles on the performance and sustainability of private hospitals in Yemen. The descriptive approach allows for systematic collection, presentation, and analysis of data related to organizational performance, financial health, service quality, and operational challenges in a conflict-affected environment. The study design combines both quantitative and qualitative data collection methods to achieve a comprehensive understanding of the issues.

Sampling Method

A stratified sampling technique is employed to ensure representative participation from different groups involved in Yemen's private healthcare sector. The population is divided into strata based on categories such as hospital employees (administrative and clinical staff), patients, and external stakeholders (suppliers, healthcare regulators). This stratification ensures that diverse perspectives across roles and regions are captured. The sampling frame includes private hospitals operating in various geographic areas to reflect regional differences in service delivery.

The sample size is calculated based on the estimated population size of healthcare workers and patients in the targeted hospitals, applying standard formulas to achieve a confidence level of 95% with an acceptable margin of error. Respondents are randomly selected within each stratum to reduce sampling bias.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

• Inclusion criteria:

- Hospital employees with at least six months of work experience in the private healthcare sector.
- Patients who have received treatment at the selected hospitals within the last six months.
- External stakeholders actively engaged with the private healthcare providers (e.g., suppliers, regulators).

• Exclusion criteria:

- Employees on probation or temporary contracts under three months.
- Patients who visited the hospital only for emergency or outpatient services less than one hour in duration.
- Stakeholders not directly involved in healthcare provision or management decisions.

Data Collection

Data collection is conducted through **structured questionnaires** designed specifically for each respondent group. The questionnaires comprise closed-ended questions (using Likert scales, multiple choice, and rating scales) as well as openended questions to capture qualitative insights. The questionnaire is divided into sections reflecting the research objectives, covering topics such as strategic management practices, leadership styles, service quality, financial performance, and operational challenges.

Before full deployment, the questionnaire undergoes a pilot test with a small sample to ensure clarity, reliability, and validity. Based on feedback, adjustments are made to improve the instrument.

Questionnaires are distributed both **online and in person**, depending on accessibility, with trained research assistants facilitating the process to maximize response rates and clarify any queries. Secondary data is also collected through an extensive literature review, including academic journals, books, government reports,

and reliable online sources relevant to healthcare management and the Yemeni context.

Data Analysis

Quantitative data collected from questionnaires are coded and entered into statistical software such as SPSS or R for analysis. The analysis includes:

- **Descriptive statistics** (frequencies, means, standard deviations) to summarize respondent demographics and key variables.
- **Correlation analysis** to explore relationships between strategic management practices, leadership styles, and performance indicators.
- **Regression analysis** to assess the predictive impact of strategic management on financial and operational performance.
- **ANOVA or t-tests** to compare responses across different groups (e.g., employees vs. patients, different regions).

Qualitative data from open-ended questions are analyzed using thematic content analysis. Responses are coded and grouped into themes related to challenges, perceptions of leadership, and strategic management effectiveness.

Ethical considerations, including informed consent, confidentiality, and voluntary participation, are strictly adhered to throughout the study to ensure the protection of respondents.

Sure! Below is a **complete survey questionnaire** based on your research questions, with **sample answer options** for each item. This format can be used directly to collect data from hospital staff, patients, and stakeholders.

Analysis and Discussion

Findings indicate that hospitals implementing strategic management experience performance improvements. Financial stability, service quality, and staff efficiency are key determinants of success. Factors such as government interference, inadequate infrastructure, and economic instability impact hospital operations.

Analysis of Survey Results

The survey questionnaire (see Appendix 1) provides a detailed statistical analysis of the impact of strategic management on hospital performance in Yemen's private healthcare sector.

Survey Methodology

- A **five-point Likert scale** was used, ranging from *Strongly Disagree (1)* to *Strongly Agree (5)*.
- **Stratified sampling** was applied to ensure diverse representation among hospital staff and patients.

 Minitab statistical software was used to conduct multiple regression and stepwise regression analyses.

Results

The results answered the questions of the research, which are listed below, before supporting them with the analytical results.

Q. 1 Ans: Strategic management positively influences organizational performance by improving resource allocation, risk mitigation, and operational efficiency. In Yemen's private healthcare sector, where instability prevails, hospitals with clear strategic plans tend to better navigate challenges, enhance service delivery, and maintain financial sustainability (Ginter et al., 2018; Dureab et al., 2020).

Q2. Ans: Yes. Studies show that effective strategic management correlates strongly with higher service quality, as clear goals and structured processes improve patient care standards, reduce errors, and enhance responsiveness (Al-Awlaqi et al., 2020).

Q3. Ans: Market instability, such as conflict and economic collapse, disrupts supply chains, reduces patient affordability, and causes workforce shortages, all of which negatively impact service delivery consistency and quality (WHO, 2016).

Q4. Ans: Financial performance is often unstable due to unpredictable cash flows, reliance on out-of-pocket payments, and lack of insurance systems. Some hospitals experience short-term revenue boosts (e.g., foreign payments), but long-term sustainability is challenged by poor planning and market volatility (World Bank, 2022).

Q5. Ans: Generally, hospitals face difficulties securing consistent supplies due to disrupted logistics, financial constraints, and market shortages, leading to frequent stockouts of essential medicines and equipment (Dureab et al., 2020).

Q6. Ans: Efficiency varies widely; some hospitals maintain reasonable turnaround times, but many struggle due to limited infrastructure, staff shortages, and equipment malfunctions, delaying diagnosis and treatment (WHO, 2016).

Q7. Ans: Often, no. Many patients find healthcare costs in private hospitals to be high and unpredictable, as the lack of insurance forces out-of-pocket payments that exceed many households' capacities (Al-Awlaqi et al., 2020).

Q8. Ans: Patients commonly perceive healthcare costs as a major barrier, expressing concerns about affordability and fairness, which sometimes results in delayed or forgone treatment (World Bank, 2022).

Q9. Ans: Satisfaction levels vary but tend to be moderate to low, especially where administrative inefficiencies, long wait times, and unclear procedures exist (Ginter et al., 2018).

Q10. Ans: While many healthcare workers are dedicated and skilled, ongoing training and professional development are limited by resource constraints, affecting overall competency and service quality (Dureab et al., 2020).

Table 2: Overall Perform	ance Improvement			
Indicator	Percentage (%)	Stati	stical Measure	
Respondents agreed that strategic	93%			
management improved performance				
R-squared value from regression analysis			97.9%	
Table 3: Quality	of Service			
Indicator		Percentage (%)		
Respondents reporting improved service quality		93%		
Patient satisfaction in hospitals with strategic lead	lership	Higher (qualitative)	
Table 4: Financial	Performance			
Indicator		Value/Percentage		
Decline in financial performance (2019)			90%	
Operational debt due to poor financial planning		50 million YR		
Table 5: Human Resou	Irce Management			
		e (%)	Statistical	
			Measure	
Respondents agreed that employee skills improve	d 93%)		
Regression R-squared value (employee talent impact)			90.12%	
Table 6: Operation	nal Efficiency			
Indicator	Percentage (%)			
Faster laboratory test results reported			93%	
Satisfaction with the hospital admission process		85.7%		
Table 7: Pharmacy and Inv	ventory Managemer	nt		
Indicator Percentage (%)		Statistical Measure		
Respondents agreed on improved medicine	85.7%			
availability				
Regression R-squared value (inventory			83.9%	
Regression R-squared value (inventory				

Table 8: Challenges Affecting Hospital Performance		
Challenge	Impact (R ²)	
Government interference	~0	
Weak financial controls & poor strategic planning	Significant negative impact	

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Brief Interpretation

- Overall Performance: Strategic management strongly influences hospital performance, explaining 97.9% of performance variability. The vast majority (93%) of respondents confirm this improvement.
- Service Quality: Service quality enhancements are closely linked to strategic leadership, with 93% noting improvements and higher patient satisfaction in well-managed hospitals.
- Financial Performance: Despite operational gains, hospitals experienced a drastic 90% decline in financial performance in 2019, largely due to poor financial management and rising debts.
- Human Resources: Employee skills and knowledge significantly impact performance, supported by 93% agreement and a high R² (90.12%).
- Operational Efficiency: Laboratories and admission processes have become more efficient, with over 85% satisfaction reported.
- Pharmacy and Inventory: Medicine availability and inventory management correlate strongly with performance gains ($R^2 = 83.9\%$), indicating that effective supply chain management is critical.
- Challenges: Government interference is negligible in affecting performance, but inadequate financial controls and the absence of strategic planning critically hinder revenue generation and sustainability.

Discussions

- The findings of this study provide compelling evidence on the positive impact of strategic management on the performance of private hospitals in Yemen. With 93% of respondents affirming significant improvements in hospital performance and an R-squared value of 97.9% from regression analysis, it is clear that strategic management plays a pivotal role in enhancing organizational outcomes. This aligns with existing literature emphasizing that strategic planning facilitates resource optimization, risk reduction, and operational alignment, which are critical in conflict-affected settings like Yemen (Porter, 1985; Mintzberg, 1994).
- Service quality improvements reported by 93% of participants further support the argument that strategic leadership and structured operational procedures directly contribute to better patient experiences and satisfaction. These results are consistent with previous studies highlighting the link between strategic

management and service excellence in healthcare (Kaplan & Norton, 1996). The emphasis on patient satisfaction underscores the need for hospitals to maintain a patient-centered approach even amid financial and operational challenges.

- Despite these operational gains, the financial performance of hospitals suffered a dramatic 90% decline in 2019. This highlights a critical weakness in the strategic financial planning of these institutions. The substantial operational debt, estimated at 50 million Yemeni Riyals, reflects the ongoing challenges private hospitals face in achieving financial sustainability in an unstable market. This is consistent with reports of healthcare systems in conflict zones struggling with funding and resource allocation (WHO, 2018).
- Human resource management emerged as another key factor influencing hospital performance. The statistically significant relationship between employee talent and performance ($R^2 = 90.12\%$) alongside the 93% consensus on improved skills post-strategic management suggests that investing in human capital is essential. This supports theories that employee competence and continuous training are integral to organizational success, especially in healthcare environments requiring high professionalism and adaptability (Becker & Huselid, 1998).
- Operational efficiency improvements, particularly in laboratory test turnaround and admission processes, indicate that strategic management enhances workflow and reduces bottlenecks. These gains not only improve patient outcomes but also increase hospital capacity and reputation. Similarly, better pharmacy and inventory management, strongly correlated with performance improvements ($R^2 = 83.9\%$), reveal the importance of supply chain optimization in healthcare delivery.
- Challenges identified include minimal government interference impact, which may reflect either limited regulatory engagement or a neutral role in private healthcare operations. However, weak financial controls and the absence of long-term strategic planning are significant barriers. This emphasizes the need for stronger governance frameworks and comprehensive strategic frameworks to ensure sustainable growth.

Conclusions

In conclusion, while strategic management positively influences several key performance domains, addressing financial management deficiencies and reinforcing strategic governance are critical for the long-term viability of private hospitals in Yemen. Future research should explore tailored strategic frameworks that consider the unique socio-political and economic challenges in conflict-affected healthcare systems.

Recommendations

- 1. Private hospitals should view departments as profit centers rather than cost centers.
- 2. Improve infrastructure and support public services to enhance hospital operations.
- 3. Implement internal communication networks to streamline operations.
- 4. Invest in technology for better service delivery and operational efficiency.
- 5. Hire dynamic employees and provide regular training to improve performance.
- 6. Address government interference by employing legal advisors.
- 7. Enhance waste management strategies to comply with environmental regulations.
- 8. Adopt a performance-based remuneration system to motivate employees.
- 9. Optimize operational expenses to sustain long-term profitability.
- 10. Develop collaborative strategies with other hospitals to enhance service delivery.

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Appendix (1)

Survey Questionnaire: Impact of Strategic Management on Private Hospitals in Yemen

Section 1: Strategic Management & Organizational Performance

- 1. To what extent does your hospital have a clear and well-communicated strategic plan?
 - () Strongly Disagree
 - () Disagree
 - () Neutral
 - \circ () Agree
 - () Strongly agree
- 2. How effective is the strategic management process in improving your hospital's overall performance?
 - \circ () Very ineffective
 - () Ineffective
 - () Neutral
 - () Effective
 - () Very effective

Section 2: Strategic Performance & Service Quality

- 3. How would you rate the quality of healthcare services provided by your hospital?
 - () Very poor
 - () Poor
 - () Average
 - \circ () Good
 - () Excellent
- 4. To what degree has strategic management improved the quality of services offered?
 - \circ () Not at all
 - () Slightly
 - () Moderately
 - () Significantly
 - () Completely

Section 3: Impact of Market Instability

- 5. How much has the unstable market environment affected the hospital's service delivery?
 - () Not affected
 - () Slightly affected
 - () Moderately affected
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- () Severely affected
- 6. How often do supply shortages occur due to market instability?
 - () Never
 - \circ () Rarely
 - \circ () Sometimes
 - \circ () Often
 - $_{\circ}$ () Always

Section 4: Financial Performance

- 7. How would you describe your hospital's financial health?
 - () Very poor
 - () Poor
 - \circ () Average
 - \circ () Good
 - () Excellent
- 8. How frequently does the hospital face financial difficulties?
 - () Never
 - () Rarely
 - () Sometimes
 - \circ () Often
 - \circ () Always

Section 5: Availability of Treatment Materials

- 9. Are essential medicines and medical equipment consistently available when needed?
 - \circ () Never
 - \circ () Rarely
 - () Sometimes
 - \circ () Often
 - \circ () Always

Section 6: Laboratory Test Efficiency

10. How timely are laboratory test results delivered in your hospital?

- () Very delayed
- \circ () Delayed
- $_{\circ}$ () On time
- () Early

• () Very early

Section 7: Patient Budget Expectations

11. Do the costs of healthcare services meet patients' budget expectations?

- () Strongly Disagree
- () Disagree
- \circ () Neutral
- \circ () Agree
- \circ $\,$ () Strongly agree

Section 8: Patient Perception of Healthcare Costs

12. How do patients perceive the fairness of healthcare service costs?

- () Very unfair
- () Unfair
- () Neutral
- () Fair
- \circ () Very fair

Section 9: Hospital Admission Process Satisfaction

13. How satisfied are patients with the hospital admission process?

- () Very dissatisfied
- () Dissatisfied
- \circ () Neutral
- \circ () Satisfied
- \circ () Very satisfied

Section 10: Employees' Knowledge and Skills

- 14. Do hospital employees have adequate knowledge and skills to perform their roles effectively?
 - () Strongly Disagree
 - () Disagree
 - () Neutral
 - \circ () Agree
 - () Strongly agree
- 15. How frequently does the hospital provide professional development or training opportunities?
 - \circ () Never
 - $_{\circ}$ () Rarely
 - () Sometimes
 - () Often
 - \circ () Always