A CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK OF ENTREPRENEURIAL ORIENTATION,
FINANCIAL LITERACY, AND MSMEs PERFORMANCE: THE ROLE OF
ACCESS TO FINANCE

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Abstract
This article intended to address a research vacuum by identifying the elements that impact MSMEs' financial performance, including the importance of access to finance, and establishing a conceptual framework that explains the link between these factors. The author proposed a building conceptual framework of MSMEs finance classic phenomena. A qualitative analysis approach may be used to establish and construct conceptual frameworks. This paper has combined knowledge from various relevant and reputable literature sources to build a conceptual model. If empirically verified, the suggested framework might be a viable option for supporting MSME owners in more successfully growing their businesses.

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Introduction

MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) account for the majority of enterprises in Indonesia. According to the Ministry of Cooperatives and Small and Medium Enterprises' (Kementrian KUKM, 2021) report data on the development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and Large Enterprises in 2019, there are 65,465,497 MSME units out of a total of 65,471,134 MSME units and only 5,550 large enterprises. MSMEs control
around 98.67 percent of the market. Many MSMEs, with a rate of 96.92 percent, engage in labor absorption.

In comparison to major corporations, SMEs contribute the most to GDP. MSMEs provide a major contribution to the Indonesian economy, according to these figures. According to studies undertaken by (Mostapha, 2016), (Agyei, 2018), and others, micro, small, and medium firms play a significant role in Indonesia and other nations (Mor, Madan, Archer, & Ashta, 2020). According to (Tambunan, 2019) MSMEs play an important role for a variety of reasons. MSMEs, for example, thrive in rural regions and may boost the rural economy, create jobs, and foster entrepreneurship, as well as provide women with business prospects.

This does not mean that MSMEs have convenience in developing their business. MSMEs still often experience delays in running their business. Many basic issues, such as finance and other issues linked to company management, have yet to be fully handled, making it difficult for MSMEs to compete with major corporations. The existence of such intense competitive pressure has a direct or indirect impact on the performance of MSMEs. Entrepreneurial orientation and financial literacy are required in running a firm since these two factors are thought to aid MSMEs in obtaining financing and increasing their performance. Low financial literacy may be a factor in MSMEs' difficulties in acquiring financing (Susan, 2020). This financial literacy is connected to MSME owners' understanding of banking, such that MSME owners are unaware of the procedures and methods for obtaining financing. In addition, the MSME financial administration and management system has not been successfully implemented. As a result, banks and other financial institutions are unable to assess the financial health of SMEs.

Entrepreneurship is a creative and imaginative aptitude that is utilized as a foundation and resource for pursuing business prospects. The ability to innovate, the ability to take risks, and the proactive character are three essential elements of organizational inclinations for entrepreneurial management processes, according to some management literature. Entrepreneurial orientation, in theory, refers to the policies and practices that serve as the foundation for entrepreneurial decisions and activities. Entrepreneurship orientation is defined as the process of developing
entrepreneurial strategies that entrepreneurs employ to achieve their objectives, preserve their vision, and gain a competitive edge. (Mason, Floreani, Miani, Beltrame, & Cappelletto, 2015). The techniques for developing company strategies that provide a framework for entrepreneurial choices and actions are referred to as EO (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996). Entrepreneurial Orientation has five aspects, according to (Lumpkin & Dess, 1996): Competitive Aggressiveness or competitive aggressiveness, Autonomy or autonomy, Risk-taking or risk-taking, Proactivity or proactiveness, and Competitive Aggressiveness of competitive aggressiveness.

Entrepreneurship orientation is seen as the process of creating entrepreneurial strategies used by entrepreneurs to set goals, maintain their vision, and create a competitive advantage. So, talking about strategy, access to finance is an effort to achieve a competitive advantage. Due to the scale of MSMEs, access to financial capital is the thing that differentiates them from their competitors at the same level. The nature of entrepreneurial orientation is strongly emphasized on the willingness of MSMEs to innovate in it.

Most MSMEs rely on internal financing or the services of specialized financial institutions. Internal borrowing sometimes involves the injection of new capital from the owner’s savings and retained or undistributed profits from the business earned in previous years. Access to credit remains an obstacle for MSMEs in terms of working capital. In RBV theory, financial resources complement strategic management by concentrating the firm’s efforts on asset accumulation. Sufficient financial variables have a hugely beneficial impact on a small firm’s survival and growth, and without them, a small business would struggle to survive. Financial resources were discovered to be critical for MSMEs’ survival. However, the lack of financial resources by entrepreneurs is the most significant obstacle to business expansion and growth. MSMEs have difficulty in acquiring financial resources to pursue growth prospects. These various things have caused MSMEs in Indonesia to experience difficulties in expanding to a global level. So that business performance both financially and non-financially becomes a problem faced by MSMEs.

One of the most important aspects of financial inclusion is financial literacy (Hasan, Le, & Hoque, 2021). Financial literacy is defined by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as "a mix of awareness, knowledge, skill, attitude, and behavior required to make smart financial decisions and attain individual financial wellness" (OECD/INFE, 2018). Financial literacy allows people who were previously illiterate or uneducated to become
highly educated, as well as increasing the number of people who utilize financial goods and services. The owner's financial literacy has a significant impact on MSME success (Satiti, 2020). Financial literacy helps business owners prepare the business's financial strategies, improve business performance, and acquire the right financial knowledge and skills to maintain sustainability.

According to (Eton, 2017) lack of assets and weak financial foundations often make it difficult for MSMEs globally to conduct and expand market share, as a result of which inadequate equity capital invested in MSMEs makes these businesses more dependent on other sources such as bank loans and other types of financial credit. Most SMEs depend on internal financing or the services of specialized financial institutions. Internal borrowing sometimes involves the injection of new capital from the owner's savings, and retained or undistributed profits from the business earned in previous years. Access to credit remains an obstacle for MSMEs in terms of working capital.

Credit is one source of funds that can be used by business actors in meeting business operational needs. Some credit objectives are in the microeconomic approach, the purpose of providing credit is to obtain added value for both the customer (the debtor) and the bank as a creditor. For customers as debtors, obtaining credit aims to overcome financing difficulties and increase business and income in the future. For the bank itself, it is also expected that the provision of credit will generate interest income as a substitute for the price of the loan itself. In the macroeconomic approach, lending is one of the instruments to maintain the balance of the money supply in the community.

The firm's aims of remaining standing or existing (Survive), earning a profit (Benefit), and being able to develop (Growth) may all be met if the organization performs well. Sales, profit, return on capital, turnover, and market share earned by the company may all be used to assess its performance. Human resources (owners, managers, and workers), financial elements, manufacturing technical aspects, and marketing aspects all influence MSME success. Management is required to increase returns for MSME owners, while also improving employee welfare. This can only happen if MSMEs make a profit in their business activities. Generally, financial performance is used as a basis for measuring whether a company is healthy or not. The financial performance of a corporation is used as a subjective measuring medium to describe the success of a company's asset management in growing revenue. There is no consensus on how to measure performance in MSMEs, which necessitates the development of a method that can be used at the MSME level.
The balanced scorecard (BSC) is one of the most commonly utilized strategies. This is a performance measuring approach that takes into account both financial and non-financial factors. It was created in 1996 by (Kaplan & Norton, 1992). Unfortunately, because MSMEs' circumstances differ greatly from those of large corporations, this strategy is not the ideal match for them (Rita & Thren, 2019). (Aribawa, 2016) developed a non-cost performance metrics technique to assess the financial and non-financial performance of MSMEs. Because the measurement is easier (based on perception), it is hoped that it will be able to provide an overview of the current state of MSMEs. In the future, education will be required to assess the company's performance using simple indicators such as business growth, total revenue (sales), total orders, and cash position. MSME Performance can also be measured by finance (Hudson, Smart, Bourne, Hudson, & Bourne, 2001), productivity (De Toni & Tonchia, 2001), quality (Hudson et al., 2001); (De Toni & Tonchia, 2001), and customer satisfaction (Hudson et al., 2001).

**Research Method**

This paper used a qualitative approach with the data analysis model from Miles and Huberman which divides the data analysis activities from data collection, data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing or verification (Huberman, 1994). The following are the steps of the Miles and Huberman model data analysis method: The main activity in each research is collecting data. Firstly, the author selects the topic to get the article collected. This paper collects data by searching for reputable international articles from Google Scholar and Library Databases such as Springer, Science Direct, and Emerald using the variable name as predetermined keywords.

Data reduction entails summarizing, selecting the essentials, focusing on the most significant aspects, and searching for themes and patterns (Huberman, 1994). Because the amount of data collected in the field is substantial, it must be meticulously recorded. By picking articles that meet the requirements and are focused on the issue, the data was reduced.

A display is a well-organized, condensed collection of facts that enables conclusions to be drawn and action to be taken (Huberman, 1994). Once data is reduced, the author presents the data in the form of a matrix or article review table. By presenting the data, it will be easier for the author to find research gaps and plan further work. This stage is performed by presenting an organized collection of information with the capacity to make conclusions, because the material gathered during the process of qualitative research is generally in the
form of the story, needing simplicity without decreasing its contents. A conclusion is made once the evidence has been presented.

As soon as the data is obtained, the qualitative analysis begins, looking for regularities, patterns, explanations, alternative configurations, causal processes, and assertions (Huberman, 1994). The next step is concluding the research gaps and finding a new conceptual model framework that is expected to be used for further research.

**Result and Discussion**

Based on the article search conducted by the author using the specified variable keywords, the number of articles obtained is as follows:

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The authors filtered the articles found in the following way:

a. The article has variables related to the relationship variables used by the author
b. The data are review articles and research articles
c. The data consists of articles from 2012-2021
d. International articles found to be reputable and indexed by Copernicus, Sinta, or Scopus
e. Articles that have been found and then the author conducts a review by looking at the influence of the related variables

By filtering the data above, the number of articles obtained are as follows:

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The following is the gap research table as data collection of article review collected by the author.

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<td>(Fatoki, 2012); (Sidek, Mohamad, &amp; Nasir, 2016); (Fatima &amp; Bilal, 2020); (Zarrouk, Sherif, Galloway, &amp; El Ghak, 2020); (Rizki Agung Putra, Firdausi Nuzula, &amp; Khalid Mawardi, 2021); (Khan, Salamzadeh, Kawamorita, &amp; Rethi, 2021)</td>
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<td>(Rita &amp; Wahyudi, 2019); (Alvarez-Torres, Lopez-Torres, &amp; Schiuma, 2019); (Isichei, Emmanuel Agbaeze, &amp; Odiba, 2020); (Kiyabo &amp; Isaga, 2020); (Wijayanto, Wahyullah, &amp; Aribawa, 2020); (Ardhi, Mulyo, &amp; Irham, 2021); (Ferreira, Fernandes, Kraus, &amp; McDowell, 2021)</td>
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The following Figure 1 is the proposed conceptual framework:
Based on the conceptual framework, the hypothesis below were proposed:

H1: The link between entrepreneurial orientation and access to finance has a beneficial effect
H2: The link between Financial Literacy and Access to Finance has a beneficial effect
H3: The association between entrepreneurial orientation and MSME performance has a beneficial effect
H4: The association between financial literacy and MSME performance has a beneficial effect
H5: There is a favorable correlation between MSME performance and access to finance
H6: With Access to Finance as a Mediating Variable, there is a favorable influence in the link between Entrepreneurial Orientation and MSME Performance
H7: With Access to Finance as a Mediating Variable, there is a beneficial influence in the link between Financial Literacy and MSME Performance.

The design suggested by the author is an observational quantitative design with a cross-sectional study approach. The data collection method that can be used is a questionnaire distributed to MSME owners or managers. Future research can use structural equation modeling to test the existing hypothesis. Each dimension or variable indicator that can be used is obtained from the research
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article with the table describing the variables below:

Table 4. Dimension or Indicator Based on References

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<td>Pro-activeness</td>
<td>5-point Likert scale</td>
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<td>Orientation</td>
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<td>Innovativeness</td>
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<td>Financial Literacy</td>
<td>We can prepare monthly income reports. We’ve gotten bookkeeping training. We are aware of the paperwork necessary to get a bank loan. We are well-versed in accounting and can produce basic bookkeeping. We can figure out how much it costs to borrow money. I am aware of the costs and advantages of credit. We have a savings account for our company. I can accurately compute interest rates and loan installments. We have the ability to reduce losses by reducing poor credit. We can examine our accounts frequently. We have the expertise to evaluate a company’s possibilities.</td>
<td>5-point Likert scale (from “strongly disagree” = 1 to “strongly agree” = 5)</td>
<td>(Volpe, 1998); (Buchdadi et al., 2020);</td>
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| Access to Finance | The loan products available are those that are required.  
| | b. Bank loan terms and circumstances are favorable to us.  
| | c. Bank-offered savings products are secure for our company.  
| | d. The bank's financial services have resulted in a rise in our business.  
| | e. Our company is covered by official insurance.  
| | f. The bank charges a reasonable account opening cost.  
| | g. I like to lend in cooperatives instead of banks.  
| 5-point Likert scale (from “strongly disagree” = 1 to “strongly agree” = 5) | (Adomako et al., 2016); (Buchdadi et al., 2020) |

| MSME Performance | The business has reached the Break Event Point (BEP)  
| | . Reducing operational costs  
| | . Customer orders are confirmed quickly.  
| | . Fast confirmation of customer orders  
| | . Employees are at ease at work  
| | . Employees share a  
| 5-point Likert scale (from “strongly disagree” = 1 to “strongly agree” = 5) | (Hudson et al., 2001); (Buchdadi et al., 2020) |
same vision and objective for the company’s improvement.
- Prompt reaction to market demand
- Increase profit and market share through product innovation.

Conclusion

MSMEs have an important role in the Indonesian economy because they make a significant contribution, especially in the formation of gross domestic product and employment. MSMEs are also seen to have strong economic resilience, allowing them to contribute to the financial system's and economy's stability. MSMEs, on the other hand, continue to encounter many challenges, one of which is financial access. The authors show the importance of access to money in mediating the link between entrepreneurial orientation, financial literacy, and MSME success, based on a survey of related research. The authors conducted a data analysis model from Miles and Huberman by collecting data, reducing data, drawing conclusions, and drawing conclusions/verification. After performing the data analysis method, the authors formulated a conceptual framework with seven hypotheses. The authors hope that the conceptual framework of the formulated model can be adopted by further researchers to provide empirical evidence of the model.

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