Implementation of Reward and Punishment System as a Management Strategy to Motivate Performance

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Abstract

Management strategy is a series of highest-level managerial decisions and actions that encompass the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of an organization's long-term plans. This process aims to achieve competitive advantage, adapt to the business environment, and realize the company's vision and mission through continuous internal and external analysis. Management strategy is a systematic approach to planning, implementing, and evaluating cross-functional decisions that enable an organization to achieve long-term goals, enhance competitive advantage, and adapt to environmental changes. The purpose of this research is to analyze the implementation of reward and punishment system as a management strategy to motivate performance. The analysis uses a qualitative approach, utilizing secondary sources based on applicable theories, such as books, journals, and related sources. The research results indicate that implementing a reward and punishment system as a management strategy to motivate performance is a form of integrated management method. Financial and non-financial rewards are given as a form of recognition for achievement, while sanctions are applied fairly to deter misconduct and encourage self-improvement. The balance between the two creates a productive and accountable work environment.

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INTRODUCTION

Managerial economics is rapidly emerging as a crucial tool for improving efficiency, competitiveness, and data-driven decision-making in the digital age. The integration of micro-macroeconomic principles with management techniques enables companies to optimize resources, manage risks, and adapt quickly to the dynamics of global markets, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and technology (Mariani et al., 2023). Strategic managerial economics is the application of microeconomic theory and quantitative analytical tools to optimal business decision-making, aimed at maximizing profits and building competitive advantage. This strategy involves demand analysis, pricing, production optimization, and risk management. It combines internal and external environmental analysis for resource efficiency (Pandiangan et al., 2025). The implementation of this strategy enables companies to adapt to market changes and improve overall performance.

Management strategy is a series of highest-level managerial decisions and actions that encompass the formulation, implementation, and evaluation of an organization's long-term plans. This process aims to achieve competitive advantage, adapt to the business environment, and realize the company's vision and mission through continuous internal and external analysis. Management strategy is a systematic approach to planning, implementing, and evaluating cross-functional decisions that enable an organization to achieve long-term goals, enhance competitive advantage, and adapt to environmental changes. Its primary uses include establishing business direction, optimizing resources, identifying opportunities and threats, and improving profitability and overall performance (Bangkara, 2022).

Human resource rewards are formal or informal forms of appreciation, including financial rewards such as bonuses and salaries, or non-financial rewards such as praise, promotions, and

certificates, given by companies to employees for outstanding performance, contributions, or loyalty (Rachmad et al., 2009). The goal is to increase motivation and morale, and retain high-performing employees. Human resource rewards are part of effective human resource management, aiming to recognize employee contributions so they feel valued and strive for continuous improvement. Human resource rewards aim to:

1. Improve Performance and Productivity

Rewards serve as incentives to encourage employees to work more efficiently and effectively and exceed established targets.

2. Increase Motivation and Morale

Financial and non-financial recognition makes employees feel appreciated, thus boosting morale and job satisfaction.

3. Increase Retention and Loyalty

Providing rewards makes employees feel valued as important assets, which ultimately reduces the desire to leave the company.

4. Strengthen Company Culture

Rewards support the creation of a positive, collaborative, and achievement-based workplace culture.

5. Align Goals

Ensure individual efforts align with the company's vision, mission, and strategic objectives.

Human resource sanctions are disciplinary or corrective actions implemented by a company against employees who violate regulations, codes of ethics, or perform poorly. The goal is to educate, improve behavior, and enforce discipline, ranging from verbal and written warnings, suspensions, demotions, to termination of employment (Rahman, 2020). Sanction procedures should be conducted fairly, documented, and in accordance with company regulations or collective bargaining agreements to avoid industrial relations disputes. Human resources sanctions are corrective and disciplinary actions against employees who violate regulations. They aim to improve behavior, educate, enforce discipline, and maintain organizational productivity. Sanctions serve as a deterrent to prevent recurrence of violations, ensure compliance with standards, and maintain a fair work environment. The main objectives of sanctions in Human Resources are:

1. Disciplinary Improvement

Correcting the behavior of violating employees and educating them about regulations.

2. Deterrent Effect

Preventing violators and other employees from repeating the same mistakes.

3. Regulatory Enforcement

Maintaining compliance with company norms and regulations.

4. Fairness

Providing fairness to all employees, demonstrating that serious violations have similar consequences.

5. Productivity Improvement

Ensuring performance is maintained by minimizing detrimental behavior.

The purpose of this research is to analyze the implementation of reward and punishment system as a management strategy to motivate performance.

RESEARCH METHOD

The analysis uses a qualitative approach. A qualitative analysis approach is a method for understanding social, cultural, or human behavioral phenomena in depth by focusing on the meanings, experiences, and perspectives of the subjects. It uses descriptive data such as text, narratives, images, and interviews to inductively discover patterns, themes, and context-rich insights, rather than statistical data. This approach utilizes methods such as ethnography, case studies, phenomenology, and grounded theory (Kurdhi et al., 2023). Grounded theory is a systematic qualitative research methodology for developing or discovering theories based on

empirical data collected in the field, rather than on prior theoretical assumptions. This inductive approach uses intensive coding procedures—including data collection, coding, and analysis—simultaneously to understand social or behavioral phenomena. Qualitative analysis aims to deeply understand social phenomena, behavior, or human experiences from the perspective of participants. The primary focus is on exploring meaning, context, and complex patterns in detail, rather than on the quantity of data, through methods such as in-depth interviews, observation, and case studies.

Utilizing secondary sources based on applicable theories, such as books, journals, and related sources. Secondary sources are used to interpret, analyze, and evaluate primary sources to provide context, broader perspectives, and support research arguments (Kurdhi et al., 2023). These sources help researchers understand trends, save time or money on ready-made data, and formulate new questions or theories.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Management Strategy

Management strategy is a structured approach by top management to plan, implement, and evaluate long-term decisions to achieve competitive advantage. This process involves situation analysis, establishing a vision and mission, and managing resources to address challenges and capitalize on opportunities (Tambunan and Pandiangan, 2024).

Figure 1. Management Strategy

Benefits of management strategy (Tambunan et al., 2025):
1. Helps the company stay focused on long-term goals.
2. Ensures adaptation to market changes and competitive advantage.
3. Optimizes the use of company resources.

This strategy encompasses factors such as organizational type, leadership style, external environment, and production process efficiency (Hamzah et al., 2025). The main components and stages of management strategy:
1. Situation Analysis

Situation analysis is the systematic process of collecting, evaluating, and organizing information about the internal and external environment of an organization or project to understand the current context. It is the initial stage of strategic planning to identify opportunities, challenges, strengths, and weaknesses in order to design an effective strategy. Human resource situation analysis is the systematic process of collecting, evaluating, and interpreting data related to the internal and external workforce to understand current conditions, predict future needs, and identify opportunities and challenges in managing employees.
2. Strategy Formulation

Strategy formulation is the process of determining the future direction of an organization by establishing a vision, mission, and objectives, designing specific steps and allocating resources to achieve these objectives, taking into account internal factors such as strengths and weaknesses

and external factors such as opportunities and threats in the business environment. This is the initial stage in management strategy, focusing on what needs to be done, not how to implement it. Human resource strategy formulation is the systematic process of aligning workforce policies, practices, and planning with long-term business objectives to improve the organization's performance and competitive advantage. It involves analyzing current and future human resource needs, recruitment, talent development, and culture management.

3.Strategy Implementation

Strategy implementation is the systematic process of translating strategic plans, policies, and objectives into concrete actions. It involves developing programs, budgets, and procedures to mobilize all levels of the organization to achieve long-term goals. This step is a crucial stage in management strategy that links strategy formulation with actual performance. Human resource strategy implementation is the process of translating human resource plans and policies into concrete actions, such as recruitment, training, and performance management, to align employee performance with long-term business goals. This involves allocating resources, developing organizational structures, and motivating staff to improve productivity and corporate culture.

4.Evaluation and Control

Evaluation and control is a systematic and ongoing process for measuring performance, comparing actual results with targets, and implementing corrective actions to ensure the organization's strategy is effectively implemented. This activity is crucial in management for monitoring goal achievement, identifying deviations, and optimizing results to align with established plans. Human resource evaluation and control is a systematic process for assessing the effectiveness, efficiency, and performance of employees and human resource programs against organizational standards. The goal is to ensure optimal human resource activities, identify deficiencies, and provide recommendations for improvement to enhance productivity and management decision-making.

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Implementing a reward and punishment system as a management strategy to motivate performance is a form of integrated management method. Financial and non-financial rewards are given as a form of recognition for achievement, while sanctions are applied fairly to deter misconduct and encourage self-improvement. The balance between the two creates a productive and accountable work environment.

1.Reward

A reward is a form of recognition, honor, or reward for achievement, dedication, or outstanding work given to individuals or groups. It takes various forms, from certificates, trophies, medals, badges, to promotions or financial incentives, aimed at motivating and maintaining superior performance. Rewards differ from achievements; achievement is the result of a competition or activity, while rewards are the appreciation for that achievement. Rewards aim to increase the motivation, achievement, and productivity of individuals or groups, both in professional and personal contexts (Bangkara, 2022). This appreciation serves as recognition of performance excellence, reinforces positive behavior, increases job satisfaction, and stimulates enthusiasm for achieving shared organizational goals. Human resource rewards are forms of appreciation, whether financial or non-financial, from a company for employee contributions, performance, and positive behavior. These rewards aim to increase motivation, productivity, and retain talented employees (Rachmad et al., 2009). Examples include bonuses, promotions, certificates, vacations, and career development.

2.Punishment

A sanction is a form of action, punishment, or restriction imposed by an authority such as a state, institution, or group on an individual, group, or state for violating certain regulations, laws, or codes of ethics. The goal is to enforce compliance, provide a deterrent effect, educate, or restore the situation. The primary purpose of imposing sanctions is to enforce the rules, deter violators

from repeating their actions, and deter others from committing similar violations. Sanctions serve as a coercive tool to ensure compliance with legal norms, improve the behavior of perpetrators, and restore social order or disturbed balance. Human resource sanctions are disciplinary or corrective actions imposed by a company on employees for policy violations, poor performance, or inappropriate behavior. Sanctions aim to educate, enforce discipline, and improve performance (Rahman, 2020). They can take various forms, including verbal and written warnings, bonus reductions, suspensions, and even termination of employment. Sanctions must be implemented fairly and in accordance with company regulations and applicable labor laws to maintain productivity (Yanna and Danil, 2025).

CONCLUSION

The research results indicate that implementing a reward and punishment system as a management strategy to motivate performance is a form of integrated management method. Financial and non-financial rewards are given as a form of recognition for achievement, while sanctions are applied fairly to deter misconduct and encourage self-improvement. The balance between the two creates a productive and accountable work environment.

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