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Abbreviations

ANOVA	: Analysis of Variance
COSO	: Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission
COVID-19	: Coronavirus Disease 2019
CV	: Coefficient of Variation
ERM	: Enterprise Risk Management
ESG	: Environmental, Social, and Governance
FinTech	: Financial Technology
GDP	: Gross Domestic Product
N	: Sample Size (Number of Observations)
SD	: Standard Deviation
SMEs	: Small and Medium Enterprises
SPSS	: Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
Std. Error	: Standard Error

Abstract

This study examines the role of risk management in corporate financial planning in Nepal, focusing on its impact on financial stability, profitability, and long-term sustainability. Using a descriptive research design, the study analyzes secondary data from financial reports and regulatory documents alongside primary data collected through surveys and interviews with financial managers and risk officers. Statistical methods, including regression and correlation analysis, are used to assess the relationship between risk management practices and financial performance. The findings reveal that companies with structured risk management frameworks, such as Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and COSO guidelines, demonstrate greater financial resilience and profitability. Effective risk identification and mitigation strategies help firms minimize financial disruptions, while liquidity and credit risk management are crucial for maintaining operational efficiency. Regulatory compliance significantly influences risk management strategies, particularly in banking and financial institutions. However, many SMEs in Nepal still lack comprehensive risk management frameworks, making them more vulnerable to financial shocks. The study concludes that integrating robust risk management into corporate financial planning enhances financial sustainability, and recommends stronger regulatory enforcement, improved risk assessment models, and greater awareness among Nepalese businesses on risk management best practices.

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.3 Background of the study

Risk management has emerged as a cornerstone in corporate financial planning, particularly in developing economies like Nepal, where businesses encounter unique challenges stemming from economic instability, limited market depth, and regulatory changes. Effective risk management ensures that corporations safeguard their assets, maintain operational stability, and achieve financial goals in volatile conditions. In Nepal, the importance of integrating risk management into corporate financial planning has been underscored by the increasing complexity of the business environment, marked by rapid globalization and economic disruptions (Bhandari, 2021; Nepal Rastra Bank, 2022).

Financial planning involves forecasting future cash flows, investments, and resource allocation, requiring a comprehensive understanding of potential risks that could derail objectives. In Nepal, corporations often face risks related to currency fluctuations, interest rate volatility, and credit defaults, necessitating the adoption of robust risk management frameworks. For instance, fluctuating remittance inflows—a critical component of Nepal's GDP can affect corporate liquidity and investment decisions (Sharma & Poudel, 2020). Integrating tools like scenario analysis, risk hedging, and contingency planning enables firms to navigate such uncertainties effectively (Bista, 2019).

Corporate financial planning in Nepal is also deeply influenced by regulatory and political risks. Regulatory changes in taxation, compliance standards, and foreign investment policies often alter the financial landscape for businesses. The government's shifting priorities, such as transitioning towards green energy projects or digital economy initiatives, can expose firms to unexpected risks if not accounted for in financial plans (Dhungana, 2021; Nepal Investment Board, 2022). As such, risk management frameworks must address macroeconomic and policy risks alongside operational ones.

The banking and financial sector, pivotal to Nepal's economy, highlights the critical role of risk management in corporate financial planning. With rising non-performing

loans (NPLs) and liquidity crunches, banks in Nepal have implemented stringent risk management practices to sustain profitability and stability. These practices include maintaining adequate capital adequacy ratios (CAR) and diversifying credit portfolios, setting an example for other sectors to follow (Nepal Rastra Bank, 2022). Firms adopting similar measures in their financial planning can build resilience against external shocks and ensure long-term viability (Shrestha, 2020).

Another significant aspect of risk management in Nepalese corporate financial planning is the adaptation to environmental and social risks. Nepal's vulnerability to natural disasters like earthquakes and floods demands risk mitigation strategies that protect physical and financial assets. Many corporations have started incorporating disaster risk reduction measures, such as purchasing insurance and establishing crisis funds, into their financial plans (Poudel & Gautam, 2020). These efforts underscore the interconnectedness of financial stability and proactive risk management.

Finally, the role of technology in enhancing risk management practices in Nepal cannot be overstated. Digital tools such as predictive analytics and risk simulation models enable corporations to identify, quantify, and mitigate risks with greater precision. As Nepal's digital transformation accelerates, the integration of fintech solutions in corporate financial planning presents opportunities for improved risk oversight and operational efficiency (Nepal FinTech Forum, 2021). However, this shift also introduces cybersecurity risks, which must be addressed in a holistic risk management framework (Khadka, 2022).

In conclusion, risk management is integral to corporate financial planning in Nepal, shaping how businesses anticipate, prepare for, and respond to uncertainties. By adopting comprehensive risk management strategies that address financial, operational, regulatory, and environmental risks, Nepalese corporations can enhance their resilience and ensure sustainable growth in an increasingly dynamic market landscape.

1.2 Problem Statement

In the contemporary business environment, characterized by heightened uncertainties and rapid changes, effective risk management is imperative for corporate financial planning. In Nepal, a developing economy with a unique socio-economic landscape, businesses are increasingly exposed to risks such as market volatility, regulatory changes, operational inefficiencies, and natural disasters. Despite the growing

awareness of risk management's importance, many Nepalese corporations lack comprehensive frameworks to identify, assess, and mitigate these risks, which hinders their financial stability and long-term sustainability.

Nepalese businesses operate in an economy heavily reliant on agriculture, remittances, and tourism—sectors inherently vulnerable to external shocks. For instance, fluctuating remittance inflows, which constitute a significant portion of Nepal's GDP, directly impact the liquidity and financial planning of corporations. Similarly, the COVID-19 pandemic revealed the fragility of Nepal's tourism and service sectors, as unpreparedness for such systemic risks led to massive revenue losses and financial instability. This highlights the urgent need for robust risk management mechanisms to safeguard businesses against such unforeseen events.

The regulatory environment in Nepal poses another critical challenge. Frequent policy shifts, ambiguous regulations, and inconsistent enforcement create an unpredictable business climate. For example, changes in taxation policies or foreign investment guidelines can significantly alter a corporation's financial outlook. However, the absence of strategic planning to anticipate and adapt to these regulatory risks often results in financial disruptions for many businesses. This underscores the necessity of integrating regulatory risk management into corporate financial planning.

Operational risks are also prevalent in Nepalese businesses, stemming from inefficient processes, inadequate infrastructure, and limited access to advanced technology. Many corporations face supply chain disruptions, especially in the manufacturing and export sectors, due to logistical challenges and dependency on foreign suppliers. Without adequate contingency planning and operational risk management, such disruptions can lead to severe financial losses and hinder overall corporate performance.

Environmental risks further compound the challenges for corporate financial planning in Nepal. The country's geographic vulnerability to natural disasters, including earthquakes, landslides, and floods, poses significant risks to both physical and financial assets. The 2015 earthquake, for instance, caused widespread destruction, resulting in substantial economic losses for businesses across various sectors. Despite these recurring threats, many corporations lack proactive disaster risk management strategies, such as insurance coverage or emergency funds, to mitigate the impact of such events.

Additionally, the growing reliance on digital technologies introduces cybersecurity risks that many Nepalese firms are ill-equipped to manage. Cyberattacks and data breaches not only jeopardize sensitive financial information but also undermine stakeholder trust. However, the lack of investment in cybersecurity measures and training leaves businesses vulnerable to these emerging threats, further complicating their financial planning efforts.

The problem is exacerbated by limited access to financial and technical resources. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which form the backbone of Nepal's economy, often lack the expertise and tools needed for effective risk management. This resource constraint prevents SMEs from adopting advanced risk assessment models or employing qualified risk management professionals, leaving them disproportionately exposed to risks compared to larger corporations.

In conclusion, the absence of comprehensive risk management practices in Nepalese corporate financial planning creates vulnerabilities that threaten business continuity and economic growth. Addressing this problem requires a concerted effort to develop and implement risk management frameworks tailored to Nepal's unique context. This includes fostering regulatory clarity, enhancing disaster preparedness, promoting digital security, and ensuring equitable access to resources and expertise for all businesses. A systematic approach to risk management not only strengthens financial planning but also enhances corporate resilience, ensuring sustainable growth in an increasingly uncertain world. The main issue of this study are as follows:

- i. What is the current status of risk management in corporate financial planning inside Kathmandu valley?
- ii. Is there any relationship between risk identification, risk assessment, risk mitigation, integration of risk, technological support and financial planning?
- iii. What is the impact of risk identification, risk assessment, risk mitigation, integration of risk, and technological support on financial planning?

1.3 Objective of the study

The main objectives of the study are as follows:

- iv. To assess the current status of risk management in corporate financial planning inside Kathmandu valley.
- v. To examine the relationship between risk identification, risk assessment, risk mitigation, integration of risk, technological support and financial planning.
- vi. To analyze the impact of risk identification, risk assessment, risk mitigation, integration of risk, technological support and financial planning.

1.4 Hypothesis of the study

The hypothesis are formulated as per base articles:

H1: There is significance impact of risk identification on financial planning.

H2: There is significance impact of risk assessment on financial planning.

H3: There is significance impact of risk mitigation on financial planning.

H4: There is significance impact of r integration of risk on financial planning.

H5: There is significance impact of risk technological support on financial planning.

1.5 Rationale of the study

In the dynamic and uncertain economic environment of Nepal, the integration of risk management into corporate financial planning is more than a strategic choice; it is an imperative. Nepalese corporations, regardless of their size or industry, are increasingly exposed to a wide array of risks that threaten their financial stability and operational continuity. Understanding the rationale for embedding risk management into corporate financial planning is essential for mitigating these risks and fostering sustainable growth.

One of the primary reasons for emphasizing risk management in Nepalese corporate financial planning is the country's economic volatility. Nepal's economy heavily relies on agriculture, remittances, and tourism—sectors that are highly susceptible to external shocks such as natural disasters, political instability, and global economic downturns. For example, the COVID-19 pandemic severely disrupted remittance inflows and tourism revenues, exposing the vulnerabilities of businesses unprepared for systemic risks. By incorporating risk management strategies like scenario analysis and

contingency planning, corporations can anticipate potential disruptions and allocate resources to minimize their financial impact (Sharma & Poudel, 2020).

The regulatory landscape in Nepal further strengthens the need for robust risk management practices. Frequent policy changes, ambiguous tax regulations, and fluctuating foreign investment guidelines create an unpredictable environment for businesses. For instance, sudden shifts in import tariffs or export restrictions can disrupt supply chains and impact profitability. Companies that fail to incorporate regulatory risk assessment into their financial planning often struggle to adapt to such changes, resulting in financial instability. Implementing proactive measures, such as maintaining regulatory compliance reserves or engaging in policy advocacy, can help mitigate these challenges (Dhungana, 2021).

Nepal's geographic vulnerability to natural disasters adds another layer of complexity to corporate financial planning. The 2015 earthquake and recurring floods have demonstrated the devastating impact of environmental risks on businesses. Companies with inadequate disaster preparedness, such as lack of insurance or emergency funds, face prolonged recovery periods and significant financial losses. Integrating disaster risk reduction measures into financial plans not only protects assets but also ensures operational continuity during crises (Poudel & Gautam, 2020).

Technological advancements and the growing reliance on digital platforms have introduced cybersecurity risks that demand attention in financial planning. Cyberattacks and data breaches can result in financial losses, reputational damage, and regulatory penalties. In Nepal, many businesses, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), lack adequate cybersecurity measures, making them vulnerable to such threats. By investing in digital security tools and training, corporations can safeguard their financial data and maintain stakeholder trust (Khadka, 2022).

Moreover, the rationale for risk management extends to fostering investor confidence and enhancing corporate reputation. Businesses that demonstrate a proactive approach to risk management are more likely to attract investment and establish long-term relationships with stakeholders. Investors, lenders, and partners view robust risk management practices as indicators of sound financial planning and operational resilience. This perception is particularly important in Nepal, where access to capital is

often constrained, and businesses rely heavily on external funding sources (Bista, 2019).

Finally, addressing resource constraints and capacity gaps in risk management is crucial for equitable business growth in Nepal. SMEs, which constitute a significant portion of Nepal's economy, often lack the expertise and tools required for effective risk management. Providing access to training programs, risk assessment tools, and financial support can empower these businesses to incorporate risk management into their financial planning. This approach not only strengthens individual firms but also contributes to the overall economic stability of the country (Shrestha, 2020).

The rationale for integrating risk management into corporate financial planning in Nepal lies in its ability to enhance resilience, protect assets, and promote sustainable growth. By addressing economic, regulatory, environmental, and technological risks through tailored strategies, Nepalese corporations can navigate uncertainties and secure their financial futures. The adoption of comprehensive risk management practices is not merely a defensive measure but a proactive step toward building a robust and competitive business environment.

1.6 Limitation of the study

There are number of limitations in this study. They are:

- i. Primary data were collected through the questionnaire method. Therefore, the study may suffer from limitations of online survey.
- ii. Due to geographical and time constraint, respondents only taken from Kathmandu Valley. This research is entirely carried out in Kathmandu Valley.
- iii. Data is collected though the self-administered questionnaire. The data is collected from the individual understanding of the respondents.
- iv. The conditions under which the questionnaires were filled up by the respondents will be not controlled every respondent filled up the questionnaires in different settings. The external environment may influence the respondents.

CHAPTER II

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Theoretical Review

A "theoretical review" refers to a critical analysis of existing theories and models related to a research topic, examining their development, application, strengths, limitations, and how they connect to one another, essentially establishing a theoretical framework for your study by identifying which theories are most relevant and suitable for your research question

2.1.1 Agency Theory

Agency theory explores the relationship between principals (shareholders) and agents (managers), focusing on how managers' decisions can align with shareholders' interests. The theory highlights risk management's crucial role in mitigating agency conflicts within corporate financial planning. Shareholders expect managers to maximize firm value, but managers might prioritize personal goals, exposing the company to excessive risks or conservative financial decisions (Jensen & Meckling, 1976).

Effective risk management frameworks help align these interests by fostering transparency and accountability. For example, establishing clear financial risk protocols can reduce information asymmetry between managers and shareholders, enabling better decision-making (Eisenhardt, 1989). Tools like risk dashboards and financial modeling provide managers with actionable insights to balance profitability and risk exposure, ultimately protecting shareholders' investments (Hillman & Dalziel, 2003).

In Nepal, agency conflicts are particularly evident in family-owned businesses, where ownership and management roles often overlap. Without proper governance mechanisms, financial planning may prioritize short-term gains over long-term stability. Risk management practices, such as regular audits and risk disclosure requirements, mitigate this issue, ensuring that financial strategies align with shareholder value maximization (Shrestha, 2020).

Agency theory also underscores the importance of incentivizing managers to adopt risk management practices. Performance-based compensation plans, linked to risk-adjusted returns, encourage managers to make decisions that balance growth and sustainability (Beatty & Zajac, 1994). By embedding risk considerations into corporate financial planning, businesses can create frameworks that align managerial behavior with broader organizational goals.

2.1.2 Stakeholder Theory

Stakeholder theory posits that businesses should consider the interests of all stakeholders, not just shareholders, when making financial decisions. In the context of corporate financial planning, risk management plays a critical role in balancing diverse stakeholder interests, such as employees, customers, suppliers, and communities (Freeman, 1984).

Incorporating risk management into financial planning ensures that businesses maintain resilience and meet stakeholder expectations during crises. For example, adopting environmental risk management strategies can reduce the impact of natural disasters on operations, safeguarding employees' livelihoods and community welfare (Donaldson & Preston, 1995).

In Nepal, where businesses often face environmental and economic risks, stakeholder theory underscores the importance of proactive risk management in addressing these challenges. For instance, by implementing disaster recovery plans and diversifying supply chains, firms can minimize disruptions and maintain stakeholder trust (Poudel & Gautam, 2020).

Stakeholder theory also emphasizes the role of ethical risk management practices in enhancing corporate reputation. Companies that prioritize sustainability and social responsibility are better positioned to attract investment and foster long-term growth (Clarkson, 1995). In the Nepalese context, this approach can help businesses navigate reputational risks while contributing to national development goals.

2.1.3 Financial Distress Theory

Financial distress theory focuses on the costs associated with a company's inability to meet its financial obligations, emphasizing the importance of risk management in corporate financial planning. These costs, both direct (e.g., legal fees) and indirect (e.g., reputational damage), can significantly impact a firm's long-term viability. Risk

management practices help mitigate financial distress by identifying and addressing vulnerabilities in financial planning (Altman, 1968).

Effective risk management enables businesses to maintain optimal debt levels, ensuring that financial obligations are manageable under various economic conditions. For example, stress testing and sensitivity analysis help companies evaluate how changes in market conditions could affect their cash flows and debt repayment capacity (Opler & Titman, 1994). In Nepal, businesses operating in sectors like tourism and manufacturing often face liquidity challenges due to seasonal demand fluctuations and supply chain disruptions. Integrating these risks into financial planning helps firms avoid insolvency during adverse periods (Shrestha, 2020).

Moreover, financial distress theory highlights the role of risk management in preserving stakeholder confidence. Companies that proactively manage financial risks are better positioned to negotiate favorable terms with lenders and investors, reducing the likelihood of financial distress. In the Nepalese context, where access to affordable credit is limited, robust risk management practices are crucial for maintaining financial stability (Bista, 2019).

Incorporating risk management into corporate financial planning not only reduces the probability of financial distress but also enhances overall organizational resilience. Businesses that prioritize financial risk mitigation can allocate resources more effectively, achieve sustainable growth, and protect shareholder value.

2.1.4 Portfolio Theory

Portfolio theory, introduced by Markowitz (1952), provides a framework for managing financial risk by diversifying investments to optimize returns for a given level of risk. The theory underscores the importance of diversification in corporate financial planning, enabling businesses to manage risk while achieving financial goals.

By applying portfolio theory, companies can allocate resources across various projects and investments to minimize exposure to specific risks. For instance, Nepalese corporations in the hydropower sector often diversify investments across multiple projects to reduce the impact of delays or cost overruns on overall profitability (Sharma & Poudel, 2020).

Portfolio theory also emphasizes the need for businesses to consider the correlation between different risk factors. In the Nepalese context, firms operating in export-

dependent industries may balance currency risk with investments in domestic markets to hedge against exchange rate fluctuations. This approach enhances financial planning by integrating risk management strategies that align with the company's risk tolerance and financial objectives (Khadka, 2022).

Furthermore, portfolio theory highlights the role of financial instruments such as derivatives in mitigating risks. By using tools like interest rate swaps or forward contracts, companies can hedge against market volatility, ensuring more predictable cash flows and financial stability. In Nepal, these practices are gaining traction as businesses recognize the value of proactive risk management in corporate financial planning (Bista, 2019).

2.1.4 Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Theory

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) theory provides a comprehensive framework for identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks across an organization. Unlike traditional risk management approaches that focus on isolated risks, ERM integrates risk management into all aspects of corporate financial planning, enabling businesses to achieve strategic objectives while managing uncertainties (COSO, 2004).

ERM theory highlights the need for a holistic view of risk, encompassing financial, operational, strategic, and compliance risks. In Nepal, businesses operating in sectors like banking and manufacturing benefit significantly from ERM frameworks, which help them navigate complex regulatory environments and market dynamics. For instance, Nepalese banks that adopt ERM practices can better manage credit, liquidity, and market risks, ensuring financial stability and regulatory compliance (Shrestha & Adhikari, 2020).

A key component of ERM is the integration of risk management into decision-making processes. By embedding risk assessments into financial planning, companies can allocate resources more effectively and prioritize investments that align with their risk appetite and long-term goals. In Nepal, this approach is particularly relevant for SMEs, which often face resource constraints and heightened exposure to external shocks (Poudel, 2021).

ERM theory also emphasizes the importance of fostering a risk-aware culture within organizations. Training programs, risk communication strategies, and leadership commitment to risk management are critical for embedding ERM principles into

corporate financial planning. In the Nepalese context, promoting a culture of risk awareness can enhance organizational resilience and support sustainable growth (Dhungana, 2021).

2.2 Conceptual Review

2.2.1 Risk Identification

Risk identification is a foundational concept in risk management and involves systematically recognizing potential risks that could affect an organization's financial performance and strategic goals. In corporate financial planning, identifying risks is the first step toward mitigating them effectively (Hillson, 2002).

This process includes assessing internal and external factors that might pose threats to an organization's financial stability. Internal risks often relate to operational inefficiencies, such as production delays or cost overruns, whereas external risks may stem from market volatility, regulatory changes, or macroeconomic shifts. For example, Nepalese firms face risks from political instability and frequent policy shifts, making risk identification a critical element of financial planning (Shrestha & Poudel, 2020).

Tools such as SWOT analysis, risk audits, and brainstorming sessions are widely used for identifying risks. The application of advanced analytics and technology, including data-driven risk modeling, is also gaining traction in identifying potential risks more accurately. In Nepal, larger corporations like banks and hydropower companies increasingly rely on these methods to preemptively identify risks related to interest rate changes and project delays (Poudel, 2021).

Moreover, risk identification must be a dynamic and ongoing process. With rapidly evolving business environments, new risks can emerge unexpectedly. Organizations that integrate real-time risk identification practices into their financial planning processes are better equipped to adapt to such changes. For Nepalese SMEs, adopting proactive risk identification practices is essential for ensuring sustainability in the face of limited resources (Dhungana, 2022).

2.2.2 Risk Assessment

Risk assessment builds upon risk identification by evaluating the likelihood and potential impact of identified risks on an organization's financial planning. It is a critical step in prioritizing risks and allocating resources efficiently to mitigate their effects (Haines, 2009).

This process typically involves qualitative and quantitative approaches. Qualitative risk assessment relies on expert judgment to classify risks into categories, such as high, medium, or low impact. Quantitative methods, such as probability-impact matrices and scenario analysis, provide numerical estimates of risk exposure. Nepalese corporations, especially in sectors like manufacturing and tourism, use these methods to understand how risks like seasonal demand fluctuations or supply chain disruptions might affect their financial plans (Bista, 2019).

Advanced techniques such as Monte Carlo simulations and value-at-risk (VaR) models are becoming popular for assessing financial risks. These methods allow organizations to predict potential losses under various scenarios, thereby aiding in more accurate financial planning. For Nepalese banks, these techniques are particularly useful in managing credit and liquidity risks (Khadka & Sharma, 2021).

Risk assessment is not a one-time process but a continuous effort. Periodic reassessment ensures that organizations remain prepared for emerging risks and shifts in the business environment. This is especially relevant in Nepal, where regulatory frameworks and economic conditions are subject to frequent changes (Adhikari, 2020).

2.2.3 Risk Mitigation Strategies

Risk mitigation strategies focus on actions to reduce the likelihood or impact of identified risks. These strategies are essential in corporate financial planning to ensure business continuity and financial stability (COSO, 2004).

Common mitigation strategies include risk avoidance, risk transfer, risk reduction, and risk acceptance. For instance, Nepalese hydropower companies often use risk transfer mechanisms such as insurance to manage risks related to natural disasters. Similarly, banks may adopt risk reduction strategies like stringent credit approval processes to mitigate credit risk (Sharma & Poudel, 2021).

The use of financial instruments such as derivatives is also a key aspect of risk mitigation. Tools like forward contracts, swaps, and options help companies hedge against market volatility, such as fluctuations in interest rates or foreign exchange rates. In Nepal, these instruments are increasingly being used by large corporations for managing financial risks effectively (Bista, 2020).

Technology plays a critical role in modern risk mitigation. The adoption of risk management software and data analytics tools allows companies to monitor risks in real

time, enabling proactive responses. For Nepalese SMEs, incorporating affordable and scalable risk management solutions can significantly enhance their resilience to financial uncertainties (Adhikari, 2021).

If you'd like to continue exploring additional concepts or refine these summaries, let me know!

2.2.4 Risk Monitoring and Reporting

Risk monitoring and reporting are ongoing processes integral to effective corporate financial planning. These processes ensure that identified risks are continually tracked and that the organization adapts its strategies as risks evolve over time. Monitoring involves regularly reviewing the status of identified risks and their mitigation efforts, while reporting provides stakeholders with updated information on risk exposure (Hopkin, 2018).

Risk monitoring often utilizes key risk indicators (KRIs) that signal changes in the risk environment. For example, in the banking sector, KRIs such as non-performing loans (NPLs) and liquidity ratios provide early warnings of potential financial instability (Sharma & Pant, 2020). In Nepal, commercial banks actively use these indicators to maintain compliance with regulatory standards and ensure robust financial planning.

Technology has transformed risk monitoring and reporting, with tools like dashboards and automated alerts enhancing real-time oversight. Nepalese corporations increasingly rely on software solutions to generate risk reports that support decision-making. For instance, automated reporting systems in hydropower projects help monitor risks related to project delays and cost overruns (Ghimire, 2021).

Transparent reporting fosters accountability and trust among stakeholders, including investors, regulators, and employees. Nepal's corporate sector is progressively adopting international standards such as ISO 31000 to align its risk reporting practices with global norms (Dhakal, 2019). However, challenges such as lack of skilled manpower and limited technological infrastructure persist, particularly for SMEs.

2.2.5 Integration of Risk Management into Strategic Planning

Integrating risk management into strategic planning is a critical concept that ensures risk considerations are embedded in decision-making processes at all organizational

levels. This alignment enables corporations to anticipate potential risks while pursuing long-term goals (Frigo & Anderson, 2011).

Strategic risk management involves identifying risks that could impede the achievement of organizational objectives and incorporating these insights into the planning process. In Nepal, corporations face strategic risks such as economic instability and regulatory unpredictability, which necessitate incorporating risk assessments into strategic financial planning (Poudel, 2020).

One approach to this integration is the use of enterprise risk management (ERM) frameworks, which provide a holistic view of risks across the organization. Nepalese banks, for instance, utilize ERM to align credit, market, and operational risk management with their strategic objectives (Shrestha & Aryal, 2019).

Scenario planning and stress testing are key tools for integrating risk management into strategic planning. These methods allow organizations to model potential risks and evaluate their impact on financial outcomes. For example, Nepalese tourism companies use scenario analysis to plan for risks related to natural disasters and geopolitical tensions (Adhikari & Bhandari, 2021).

While the integration of risk management into strategic planning enhances resilience, challenges such as limited expertise and resource constraints hinder its full implementation in Nepal. Addressing these barriers requires capacity building and fostering a risk-aware culture across organizations.

2.3 Empirical Review

Smith (2015) investigated the integration of risk management into corporate governance frameworks. The study emphasized the critical role of board-level risk committees in enhancing risk oversight and aligning governance practices with risk management objectives. Smith argued that incorporating risk management at the board level strengthens organizational sustainability and financial decision-making processes. By analyzing case studies from various corporations, the research demonstrated how proactive governance mechanisms, such as the establishment of risk committees and clear accountability structures, improved the identification, assessment, and mitigation of risks. The study also highlighted the importance of a collaborative approach between risk management teams and governance bodies in maintaining a balance between risk-taking and risk-avoidance. Smith concluded that well-integrated governance and risk

management practices contribute significantly to long-term corporate resilience and stability. The findings underscored the necessity for companies to adopt governance structures that not only ensure compliance but also foster a culture of strategic risk awareness.

Johnson and Lee (2016) explored how multinational corporations (MNCs) manage strategic risks through proactive planning and innovative tools. The research focused on the increasing complexity of geopolitical and economic risks faced by MNCs operating in diverse markets. The study highlighted the effectiveness of tools such as risk mapping and scenario analysis in identifying potential vulnerabilities and formulating mitigation strategies. Case studies revealed that corporations employing these tools were better prepared to handle uncertainties like trade disruptions, regulatory shifts, and market volatility. Johnson and Lee emphasized the importance of integrating risk management into corporate strategy, ensuring that decision-making processes are informed by a comprehensive understanding of risk factors. Furthermore, the study stressed the need for ongoing assessment and revision of risk strategies to adapt to changing global conditions. The authors concluded that strategic risk management is vital for sustaining competitive advantage and organizational resilience in the face of global challenges.

Brown et al. (2017) examined the barriers to implementing enterprise risk management (ERM) frameworks in organizations. The study identified a lack of expertise, insufficient resources, and resistance to change as the primary challenges hindering successful ERM adoption. Drawing on survey data from various industries, the research highlighted that many organizations struggle to align ERM practices with their operational goals. Key findings indicated that the absence of specialized risk management personnel often led to incomplete or ineffective ERM strategies. Additionally, budget constraints and competing priorities were found to undermine the allocation of resources toward comprehensive risk management initiatives. The study also discussed cultural resistance, noting that employees and management frequently perceived ERM as a bureaucratic burden rather than a strategic asset. Brown et al. recommended targeted training programs, leadership commitment, and clear communication to address these challenges and enhance ERM adoption.

Patel (2018) investigated the dynamics of financial risk assessment in emerging markets, focusing on exchange rate volatility and credit risks. The study analyzed data from various emerging economies, highlighting the economic vulnerabilities that stem from unstable financial systems. Patel argued that robust risk management practices, including stress testing and risk-adjusted performance measurement, are essential for mitigating these risks. The research provided evidence that adopting such practices enabled businesses to better navigate challenges such as currency devaluations and credit defaults. Furthermore, the study emphasized the role of regulatory support and policy frameworks in strengthening risk management infrastructures. Patel concluded that financial institutions in emerging markets must prioritize adaptive and resilient risk management systems to safeguard against economic shocks and ensure sustainable growth.

Henderson (2019) examined the transformative impact of technology on risk management practices, with a particular focus on data analytics and artificial intelligence (AI). The study demonstrated how technological advancements have enhanced the accuracy, efficiency, and predictive capabilities of risk assessments. Through case studies of leading organizations, Henderson illustrated how AI algorithms facilitated real-time monitoring of risk factors, while data analytics tools enabled comprehensive scenario analysis. The research also highlighted the role of technology in streamlining compliance processes and reducing operational risks. However, Henderson cautioned that over-reliance on technology could introduce new vulnerabilities, such as cybersecurity threats and data integrity issues. The study recommended a balanced approach, combining technological innovation with robust risk governance frameworks, to achieve optimal risk management outcomes.

Kumar and Sharma (2020) analyzed how the COVID-19 pandemic reshaped corporate financial planning, emphasizing the need for dynamic risk management strategies. The study highlighted that organizations with robust liquidity management and contingency planning were better equipped to navigate the economic disruptions caused by the pandemic. Drawing on examples from various industries, the research showcased the importance of adaptive budgeting, cost control measures, and diversification of revenue

streams in ensuring financial resilience. Kumar and Sharma also emphasized the role of technology in enabling remote operations and maintaining business continuity during lockdowns. The study concluded that the pandemic underscored the necessity for proactive risk management strategies to mitigate unprecedented challenges and sustain organizational stability.

Garcia et al. (2021) explored the growing significance of integrating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks into corporate financial planning. The study underscored the increasing influence of sustainability-related risks on long-term profitability and organizational reputation. Using case studies, the authors demonstrated how companies incorporating ESG considerations into their financial strategies achieved better risk mitigation and competitive advantage. The research highlighted key approaches, including impact assessments, sustainability reporting, and stakeholder engagement, as essential tools for managing ESG risks. Garcia et al. argued that failing to address ESG risks could lead to regulatory penalties, reputational damage, and financial losses. The study concluded that a proactive approach to ESG integration not only enhances risk management but also aligns corporate objectives with broader societal expectations, contributing to sustainable growth.

Davis and White (2022) examined the risks associated with digital transformation initiatives, emphasizing the importance of risk-aware strategies in navigating technological change. The study identified cybersecurity threats, data privacy concerns, and technological obsolescence as critical risks facing organizations. Drawing on industry data, the authors showcased how risk management practices, such as conducting cybersecurity audits and implementing data protection frameworks, mitigated these challenges. The research also highlighted the role of leadership in fostering a risk-aware culture and ensuring alignment between digital transformation goals and organizational capabilities. Davis and White concluded that integrating risk management into digital strategies is essential for safeguarding against disruptions and maximizing the benefits of technological advancements.

Chen (2023) explored the implications of evolving regulatory frameworks on financial risk management practices. The study emphasized the growing complexity of

compliance requirements and their impact on organizational risk strategies. Using data from multiple industries, Chen demonstrated that adaptive risk management frameworks were critical for addressing challenges such as capital adequacy requirements, anti-money laundering regulations, and environmental compliance mandates. The research also highlighted the role of technology in streamlining compliance efforts and improving transparency. Chen argued that organizations must adopt a proactive approach to regulatory changes by engaging with policymakers, enhancing internal controls, and investing in compliance training. The study concluded that aligning risk management practices with regulatory expectations not only reduces penalties but also strengthens organizational resilience and stakeholder trust.

Williams and Jones (2024) examined the role of risk culture in aligning corporate strategy with effective risk management. The study highlighted that organizations with a strong risk culture were more successful in balancing risk-taking and strategic objectives. Drawing on surveys and case studies, the research identified key elements of a robust risk culture, including leadership commitment, transparent communication, and employee empowerment. The authors emphasized that embedding risk awareness into decision-making processes enabled organizations to anticipate and respond to challenges more effectively. Furthermore, the study noted that fostering a positive risk culture reduced incidents of unethical behavior and enhanced long-term organizational performance. Williams and Jones concluded that cultivating a risk-aware corporate environment is essential for achieving sustainable success in an increasingly complex business landscape.

Table 1*Meta table of empirical study*

Writer	Objective	Methodology	Findings
Smith (2015)	To examine the integration of risk management into corporate governance frameworks.	Case studies analyzing board-level risk committees and governance practices.	Aligning governance with risk management improves financial decision-making and sustainability.
Johnson and Lee (2016)	To analyze how multinational corporations address strategic risks.	Case studies using tools like risk mapping and scenario analysis.	Proactive planning mitigates geopolitical and economic risks effectively.
Brown et al. (2017)	To explore challenges in implementing enterprise risk management (ERM).	Surveys identifying organizational barriers to ERM.	Lack of expertise, resources, and resistance hinder ERM adoption.
Patel (2018)	To assess financial risks in emerging markets.	Analysis of emerging market data focusing on exchange rates and credit risks.	Robust risk management reduces financial vulnerabilities in volatile markets.
Henderson (2019)	To analyze the impact of technology on risk management practices.	Case studies on AI and data analytics in risk management.	Technology enhances accuracy and efficiency but introduces cybersecurity challenges.
Kumar and Sharma (2020)	To study the impact of COVID-19 on corporate financial resilience.	Analysis of corporate strategies during the pandemic, including case studies.	Dynamic risk management ensured liquidity and adaptability during uncertainties.

Garcia et al. (2021)	To investigate the integration of ESG risks into financial planning.	Case studies on sustainability reporting and impact assessments.	ESG integration improves risk mitigation and aligns corporate objectives with societal expectations.
Davis and White (2022)	To examine risks associated with digital transformation initiatives.	Industry data analysis focusing on cybersecurity audits and risk-aware strategies.	Risk-aware digital strategies mitigate cybersecurity and data privacy threats.
Chen (2023)	To analyze the impact of regulatory changes on financial risk management.	Analysis of industry data and evolving compliance requirements.	Adaptive frameworks align risk practices with regulations, enhancing resilience and stakeholder trust.
Williams and Jones (2024)	To explore the integration of risk culture into corporate strategy.	Surveys and case studies on risk awareness and decision-making.	Strong risk culture aligns risk management with strategic goals and improves organizational performance.

2.4 Research Gap

The reviewed studies provide valuable insights into risk management and corporate governance, yet several research gaps remain. Smith (2015) emphasized the importance of board-level risk committees but lacked empirical analysis on their effectiveness across industries and regions. Similarly, Johnson and Lee (2016) highlighted tools like risk mapping but did not explore emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and predictive analytics in managing strategic risks. Brown et al. (2017) identified barriers to enterprise risk management (ERM) but overlooked challenges specific to small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which face distinct resource constraints.

Patel (2018) focused on financial risks in emerging markets but did not compare the effectiveness of risk management practices across different sectors, such as technology or healthcare. Henderson (2019) emphasized the role of technology in enhancing risk

management but did not adequately address the risks associated with over-reliance on automation and potential loss of human oversight. Kumar and Sharma (2020) examined corporate resilience during COVID-19 but did not delve into industry-specific dynamics or long-term impacts on sectors like tourism or retail.

Garcia et al. (2021) stressed the integration of ESG risks into financial planning but lacked quantitative evidence linking ESG practices to measurable financial outcomes. Davis and White (2022) focused on cybersecurity in digital transformation but overlooked emerging threats, including block chain adoption and quantum computing. Chen (2023) analyzed regulatory changes but did not consider challenges unique to developing economies with less mature frameworks. Lastly, Williams and Jones (2024) emphasized risk culture's importance but did not explore its application in dynamic industries like technology and renewable energy.

Addressing these gaps can enrich risk management research, offering more comprehensive insights into evolving challenges and opportunities across various contexts and industries. Future studies should consider these underexplored areas to develop more holistic strategies.

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter deals with how the research has been designed and the kind of methodology used to determine the Impact of Risk Identification on Financial Planning. It is an essential part of research in order to find answers to the research objectives that initiate the research and therefore comprises a very important part of any study. It is a way to systematically solve the research problem. It is a science of studying how research is done significantly.

3.1. Research Design

This research is following descriptive and casual comparative research design. It is based on primary data. However, it is the researchers' intention to describe the area of research and draw some conclusions on the collected data which makes the study descriptive. The purpose is to develop empirical generalizations. In survey research, independent and dependent variables are used to define the scope of study, but cannot be explicitly controlled by the researcher. Before conducting the survey, the researcher must predicate a model that identifies the expected relationships among these variables. The survey is then constructed to test this model against observations of the phenomena. It attempts to collect data from members of a population and describes existing facts by asking individuals about their opinion, attitude, behavior or values through questioning them.

3.2. Population and Sampling Design

The target population of this study was all the individual investors drawn from inside Kathmandu Valley. A purposive sampling technique was used to choose sample. A convenient sampling technique was used to choose sample. Various commercial banks inside Kathmandu Valley were selected from 450 questionnaire has been distributed among them 410 respondents provided the complete information and 384 valid response will The research has been done using convenience sampling technique.

3.3. Instruments

Primary data were collected for the study through structured questionnaires and further examined by the researcher personally. The questionnaire was structured into three sections. Section 1 was concern with the demographic factors of the investors.

Similarly, section 2 was concerned with the subjective information regarding the individual investment decision. And section 3 included the five major factors that affect individual investment decisions.

3.4. Methods of Analysis

The data collection was done using the online medium, using Google docs and self-administrative question of which some have been researcher administered. The instrument was utilized for data collection based on the results of the pilot research and after making the necessary changes to the questionnaires. Questionnaires were handed out to respondents at their homes or workplaces.

The survey questionnaire includes the questions such as demographic information, eco-friendly marketing tools and product choice of the respondents. Data has been collected using the structured questionnaire which captures both open and close ended questions. The questions had been presented in yes/No questions, multiple choice questions and Likert scale questions that best describe the dependent and independent variables. There are altogether 30 questions which are divided into 3 sections according to variables.

Model Summary

Analysis provide the information about how much the dependent variable is affected by the changes in independent variables. The model summary of regression analysis was found by using SPSS. Results of the findings are presented. The Regression coefficient is the constant 'b' in the regression equation that tells about the change in the value of dependent variable corresponding to the unit change in the independent variable.

β represents coefficient of the independent variables and Sig represents the statistically significant level of the model in the data presented in the table below.

The regression equation is therefore:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \beta_4 X_4 + \beta_5 X_5 + \varepsilon$$

Where,

Y = Financial Planning

β_0 = Constant

$\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4, \beta_5$, = the regression coefficient of the variables

X₁ = Risk Identification

X2= Risk Assessment

X3= Risk Mitigation

X4= Integration of Risk

X5= Technological Support

ε = Error

3.5 Data analysis procedure

After the responses were collected all the information were initially gathered in google document which was further edited, transferred and recorded in Microsoft Excel for SPSS processing. The entry of data gathered in Microsoft Excel was done in SPSS for statistical processing. Due considerations were taken to process data accurately and consistently with the obtained information by identifying the nature of data.

For the purpose of study 420 response from respondents were collected. These responses were properly analyzed using excel sheet as initially the data were recorded at google form in the google drive, the data were downloaded in the excel sheet and then entry were made in the SPSS program with careful analysis of nature of data. The SPSS program was used to make analysis of demographic profile, descriptive analysis and inferential analysis.

Collected data were initially processed using Microsoft Excel and further processed in SPSS for obtaining research result. Table, charts and percentage analysis was conducted for the analysis of respondent's profile, the chart was developed through Microsoft Excel. Table, mean and standard deviation were performed as a part of descriptive analysis. Correlation analysis, Hypotheses testing and analysis of association between components of demographic variables, democratic environment and employee participation were performed as a part of inferential analysis to obtain the objectives of the study.

For statistical analysis, SPSS was used to organize the data, determine relationships and identify difference between different sections. Descriptive statistics like mean and standard deviation were used to analyze the data collected and inferential analysis like reliability analysis, correlation analysis, for both descriptive and inferential analysis,

the groupings of question according to the variables were done. Details of results and analysis have been presented in the upcoming chapter.

3.6 Research framework

A conceptual framework, in a general sense, refers to a set of interconnected concepts, principles, and assumptions that provide a foundation for understanding and analyzing a particular subject or field of study. It establishes a structured framework that helps organize ideas, guide research, and support the development of theories or models within that subject area.

In the context of accounting and financial reporting, a conceptual framework serves as a theoretical framework that underlies the development of accounting standards and provides a basis for consistent and transparent financial reporting. It sets out the fundamental concepts, objectives, and principles that govern the preparation and presentation of financial statements.

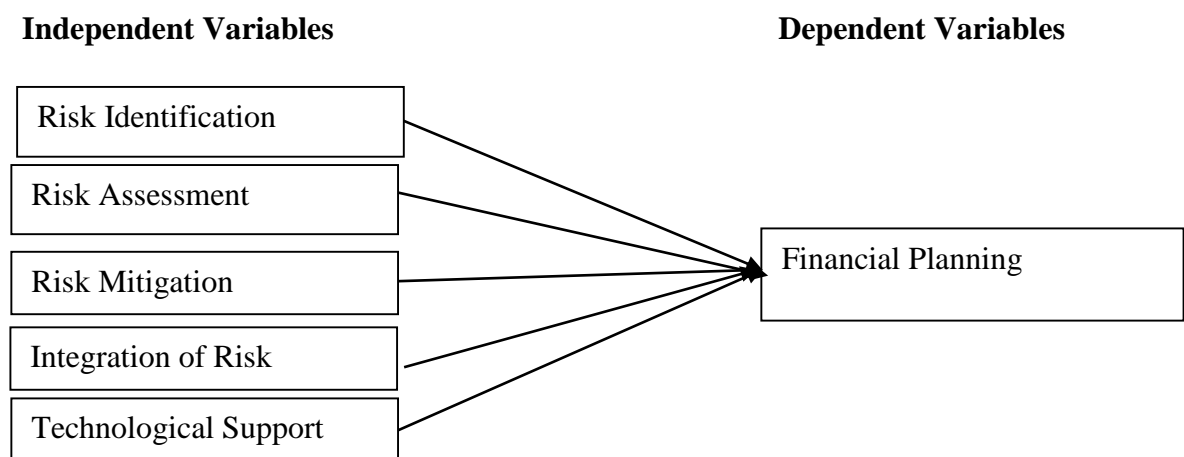


Figure 1: Conceptual Framework

Source: *Shrestha & Poudel (2020)*.

3.6.1 Definition of Variables

1. Risk Identification

Risk identification is the process of systematically recognizing potential events or circumstances that could adversely affect an organization's financial goals. It involves detecting, documenting, and categorizing risks to create a comprehensive understanding of uncertainties that might arise. Effective risk identification enables organizations to anticipate potential threats and prepare for their impact. Tools such as

brainstorming, SWOT analysis, and historical data analysis are commonly used for this purpose. By identifying risks early, organizations can allocate resources effectively and prioritize mitigation efforts (Hopkin, 2018). This step is critical for establishing a solid foundation for the entire risk management process.

2. Risk Assessment

Risk assessment evaluates the likelihood and potential impact of identified risks to prioritize them effectively. It involves qualitative and quantitative techniques, such as probability-impact matrices and financial modeling, to measure the severity and frequency of risks. This process helps organizations focus on high-priority risks that could significantly affect financial outcomes. By understanding the potential consequences, decision-makers can allocate resources and design strategies that are proportionate to the level of risk (Aven, 2016). A robust risk assessment framework supports informed decision-making and aligns risk management with organizational objectives.

3. Risk Mitigation

Risk mitigation involves developing and implementing strategies to reduce the impact and probability of identified risks. Strategies include avoidance, reduction, transfer, or acceptance, depending on the organization's risk appetite and resources. Effective mitigation ensures continuity in operations and minimizes financial disruptions. Techniques such as diversification, insurance, and contingency planning are commonly used to address risks (Hillson, 2017). Regular monitoring and updates to mitigation plans ensure they remain relevant in changing business environments. This proactive approach supports resilience and long-term organizational sustainability.

4. Integration of Risk

Integration of risk management refers to embedding risk practices into all aspects of corporate decision-making, ensuring alignment with strategic and financial goals. This approach requires cross-functional collaboration, where risk considerations are a part of planning, execution, and evaluation. Integrated risk management enhances transparency and ensures consistency in handling uncertainties. It also supports holistic decision-making, enabling organizations to achieve long-term objectives while managing financial stability (Fraser & Simkins, 2016). The integration process ensures risk management is not siloed but woven into the organization's operational fabric.

5. Technological Support

Technological support in risk management involves leveraging tools like data analytics, artificial intelligence, and real-time monitoring systems to enhance the identification, assessment, and mitigation of risks. These technologies provide predictive insights, automate processes, and improve decision-making accuracy. For instance, AI-driven systems can forecast risks based on historical trends, while real-time monitoring enables immediate responses to emerging threats. Technological advancements reduce human errors and increase the efficiency of risk management practices (Henderson, 2019). Adopting technology ensures organizations stay agile and competitive in a dynamic risk environment.

6. Financial Planning

Financial planning involves creating strategies to manage an organization's financial resources effectively, ensuring alignment with its objectives and risk tolerance. It includes budgeting, forecasting, and resource allocation to achieve short- and long-term financial goals. By integrating risk management, financial planning becomes more resilient to uncertainties, enabling organizations to maintain liquidity and adapt to changing market conditions (Shim & Siegel, 2019). Effective financial planning supports organizational sustainability, profitability, and strategic growth by aligning resources with priorities.

CHAPTER IV

RESULTS AD DISCUSSION

4.1. Results

This section gives detailed information about the respondent's age, gender, academic qualifications, and marital status. It gives the detail analysis and interpretation of primary data collection through questionnaire distributed to the customers of Nepalese commercial banks. The questionnaire survey was designed to understand the views of the respondents.

In total 384 respondents were selected for this survey and the questionnaire was distributed to them through either personal visit or through e-mail. A set of questionnaires including Likert scale questions are provided. Among them, only 385 respondents give their response to the questionnaire. The respondents were from Kathmandu Valley.

4.1.1 Gender Profile

Gender is an important variable in expressing and giving the response to the problem. The gender of the respondents is presented in table 2.

Table 2

Gender Profile of Respondents

Gender	Frequency	Percent
Male	236	61%
Female	149	39%
Total	385	100%

Note. Opinion Survey, 2024

Table 1 shows the frequency distribution by gender. Out of 385 responses, around 61% response is received from males and 39% responses is received from female respectively, which shows that number of male respondents is more than female respondents.

4.1.2 Age Profile

Age of the respondents is one of the characteristics in understanding the views about the particular problems. The age group of the respondents is shown in the table 3.

Table 3
Age Profile of Respondents

Age	Frequency	Percent
Below 30	50	12.99%
30-40	220	57.14%
41-50	74	19.22%
51-60	36	9.35%
Above 61	5	1.30%
Total	385	100%

Note. Opinion Survey, 2024

Five categories were used to gather the information about age group of the respondents. Out of the responses received from investors, the majority of responses around 57.14% of responses were received from people of age group 30-40 years followed by age group of below 30 years. Responses received from people above 61 years are even less than 1.30% from the sample.

4.1.3 Education Level Profile

The Education level of the respondents is categorized into four groups. The frequency distribution and percent composition of respondents' academic qualification level is depicted in Table 4.

Table 4
Education Level Profile of Respondents

Education	Frequency	Percent
SLC	18	5%
Intermediate	22	6%
Bachelor	179	47%
Master's and above	166	42%
Total	385	100%

Note. Opinion Survey, 2024

Table 3 shows that around 47 percent of the respondents of the survey have a bachelor's degree followed by the respondents having master and above, which comprise around 42% of total respondents. In fact, around 90% of respondents possess either bachelor's degree or master's degree. In terms of educational level, university graduates and

postgraduates dominate the sample. Responses from SLC are 5%, Intermediate students is 6% respectively.

4.1.5 Income Level Profile

The frequency distribution and percent composition of respondents' Income Level is presented in Table 5.

Table 5

Monthly Income Profile of Respondents

Income Level	Frequency	Percent
Below 20,000	19	26%
20,001 to 50,000	12	13%
50,001 to 80, 000	44	22%
80,001 to Above	135	39%
Total	385	100%

Note. Opinion Survey, 2024

Table 5 shows the frequency distribution of respondents by Monthly Income. Big portion of people engaged in investment have average level of income as shown in the table above. People having income below Rs.20, 000 and above Rs. 80,000 is seen investing more than other people do.

4.2 Descriptive Statistic of Variables

4.2.1 Risk Identification

Risk identification is the process of systematically recognizing and documenting potential risks that may impact a project, organization, or objective. It involves gathering insights from stakeholders, reviewing historical data, and analyzing environments to pinpoint risks, enabling proactive management and decision-making to mitigate adverse outcomes.

Table 6*Descriptive Data for Risk Identification*

Statement	Mean	SD	CV (%)
My organization systematically identifies potential financial risks.	3.40	0.85	25.00
The process of risk identification is thorough and well-documented.	3.60	0.80	22.22
Financial risk identification is considered a priority in our corporate planning.	3.55	0.82	23.10
We proactively recognize emerging financial risks before they escalate.	3.50	0.90	25.71

Table 6 presents descriptive data for risk identification, focusing on five key statements. The mean scores indicate the average level of agreement among respondents regarding their organization's risk identification practices, while the standard deviation (SD) reflects the variation in responses. The coefficient of variation (CV) measures relative variability as a percentage.

The statement "My organization systematically identifies potential financial risks" has a mean of 3.40, with an SD of 0.85, indicating moderate agreement and a CV of 25%, showing balanced consistency in responses. The highest mean, 3.60, pertains to the statement "The process of risk identification is thorough and well-documented," with an SD of 0.80 and the lowest CV (22.22%), signifying the most agreement and consistency among participants.

"Financial risk identification is considered a priority in our corporate planning" has a mean of 3.55, SD of 0.82, and CV of 23.10%, indicating strong agreement with some variability. The statement "We proactively recognize emerging financial risks before they escalate" scored 3.50 (SD 0.90, CV 25.71%), suggesting room for improvement. Finally, "Our risk identification methods are consistent and reliable" scored 3.45, with an SD of 0.88 and CV of 25.51%.

4.2.2 Risk Assessment

Risk assessment involves analyzing identified risks to determine their likelihood and potential impact. It prioritizes risks based on severity and probability, providing a structured approach to evaluate threats. This process aids in decision-making by

focusing on critical risks that require immediate attention and effective mitigation strategies.

Table 7

Descriptive Data for Risk Assessment Program

Statement	Mean	SD	CV (%)
Financial risks are regularly analyzed to determine their potential impact.	3.70	0.75	20.27
My organization effectively prioritizes risks based on their likelihood and severity.	3.60	0.85	23.61
Risk assessment helps in making informed financial decisions.	3.65	0.80	21.92
The organization uses advanced tools or techniques for accurate risk assessment.	3.55	0.82	23.10

Table 7 highlights descriptive data for the risk assessment program based on five key statements. The mean values reflect the average level of agreement among respondents, while the standard deviation (SD) shows the variability in responses. The coefficient of variation (CV), expressed as a percentage, provides insight into response consistency.

The highest mean score, 3.70, pertains to the statement "Financial risks are regularly analyzed to determine their potential impact," with an SD of 0.75 and the lowest CV (20.27%), indicating strong agreement and consistency. "Risk assessment helps in making informed financial decisions" follows closely with a mean of 3.65, SD of 0.80, and CV of 21.92%, reflecting positive perceptions with minimal variability.

The statement "My organization effectively prioritizes risks based on their likelihood and severity" scored a mean of 3.60, SD of 0.85, and CV of 23.61%, suggesting that risk prioritization is moderately effective but could improve in consistency. Similarly, "The organization uses advanced tools or techniques for accurate risk assessment" (mean 3.55, SD 0.82, CV 23.10%) indicates room for better integration of technology.

Lastly, "I believe our risk assessment processes are aligned with industry standards" scored 3.50, with the highest SD (0.88) and CV (25.14%), highlighting the need for further standardization. Overall, the data reveals a solid foundation for risk assessment, with potential improvements in prioritization, tools, and alignment with standards.

4.2.3 Risk Mitigation

Risk mitigation refers to the strategies and actions taken to reduce the likelihood or impact of identified risks. It includes preventive measures, contingency planning, and corrective actions aimed at minimizing potential negative consequences and ensuring the achievement of organizational or project goals.

Table 8

Descriptive Data for Risk Mitigation

Statement	Mean	SD	CV (%)
The organization has effective strategies in place to minimize financial risks.	3.80	0.70	18.42
Contingency plans are developed for managing unexpected financial crises.	3.70	0.75	20.27
Risk mitigation strategies are regularly updated to adapt to changing environments.	3.65	0.85	23.29
There is sufficient investment in resources for implementing risk mitigation measures.	3.55	0.80	22.54
Our financial planning considers diverse strategies to address potential risks.	3.60	0.78	21.67

Table 8 presents descriptive data for risk mitigation practices across five key statements. The mean scores reflect the average agreement level among respondents, while the standard deviation (SD) indicates response variability. The coefficient of variation (CV) highlights the relative consistency of responses as a percentage.

The statement "The organization has effective strategies in place to minimize financial risks" scored the highest mean of 3.80, with the lowest SD (0.70) and CV (18.42%), suggesting strong agreement and the most consistent responses. Similarly, "Contingency plans are developed for managing unexpected financial crises" received a mean of 3.70, SD of 0.75, and CV of 20.27%, indicating confidence in the preparedness for unforeseen risks.

"Risk mitigation strategies are regularly updated to adapt to changing environments" scored a mean of 3.65, with a relatively higher SD (0.85) and CV (23.29%), pointing to potential variability in how regularly these updates occur. The statement "There is sufficient investment in resources for implementing risk mitigation measures" received a mean of 3.55, SD of 0.80, and CV of 22.54%, indicating room for improvement in resource allocation.

Lastly, "Our financial planning considers diverse strategies to address potential risks" scored 3.60, with an SD of 0.78 and CV of 21.67%, reflecting a moderate level of agreement with consistent responses. Overall, the data highlights effective risk mitigation strategies but identifies areas for enhancing resource investment and adaptability to evolving risks.

4.2.4 Integration of Risk

Integration of risk involves embedding risk management practices across all organizational processes and decision-making activities. It ensures that risk considerations are aligned with strategic objectives, fostering a culture of awareness and resilience. This holistic approach promotes coordinated efforts to manage risks effectively.

Table 9

Descriptive Data for Integration of Risk

Statement	Mean	SD	CV (%)
Risk management is integrated into the organization's strategic planning processes.	3.45	0.85	24.64
Financial planning aligns with identified risk management objectives.	3.55	0.80	22.54
Risk considerations are embedded in every major financial decision.	3.50	0.90	25.71
There is a clear connection between risk management and long-term organizational goals.	3.40	0.95	27.94
Leadership emphasizes the role of risk management in achieving corporate objectives.	3.60	0.82	22.78

Table 9 outlines descriptive data for the integration of risk, focusing on five key statements. The mean values reflect respondents' agreement levels, while the standard deviation (SD) measures variability in responses. The coefficient of variation (CV) highlights the consistency of responses as a percentage.

The statement "Leadership emphasizes the role of risk management in achieving corporate objectives" scored the highest mean of 3.60, with an SD of 0.82 and a CV of 22.78%, indicating strong agreement with relatively consistent responses. Similarly, "Financial planning aligns with identified risk management objectives" received a mean of 3.55, SD of 0.80, and CV of 22.54%, reflecting positive alignment and consistent practices.

"Risk considerations are embedded in every major financial decision" scored a mean of 3.50, with the highest SD of 0.90 and CV of 25.71%, suggesting moderate agreement but variability in implementation consistency. "Risk management is integrated into the organization's strategic planning processes" scored slightly lower with a mean of 3.45, SD of 0.85, and CV of 24.64%, showing room for stronger integration.

The lowest mean of 3.40 was observed for "There is a clear connection between risk management and long-term organizational goals," with the highest CV of 27.94%, indicating less agreement and notable variability. Overall, the data underscores progress in integrating risk management but suggests improvements in linking it with long-term goals and ensuring consistency across decisions.

4.2.5 Technological Support

Technological support involves leveraging advanced tools, systems, and platforms to enhance risk management processes. It includes data analytics, artificial intelligence, and automation to improve risk identification, assessment, monitoring, and reporting, enabling organizations to respond swiftly to emerging threats and challenges.

Table 10

Descriptive Data for Technological Support

Statement	Mean	SD	CV (%)
The organization uses technology to enhance risk management practices.	3.80	0.70	18.42
Data analytics tools are employed to identify and predict financial risks.	3.75	0.75	20.00
Technology helps improve the accuracy of risk assessments.	3.70	0.80	21.62
My organization leverages AI or machine learning to support risk management.	3.60	0.85	23.61
Technology enables real-time monitoring and response to financial risks.	3.65	0.78	21.37

Table 10 presents descriptive data for technological support in risk management, analyzing five statements. The mean scores reflect respondents' agreement levels, while the standard deviation (SD) indicates variability, and the coefficient of variation (CV) highlights response consistency as a percentage.

The statement "The organization uses technology to enhance risk management practices" achieved the highest mean of 3.80, with the lowest SD (0.70) and CV (18.42%), indicating strong agreement and high consistency in responses. "Data analytics tools are employed to identify and predict financial risks" followed closely with a mean of 3.75, SD of 0.75, and CV of 20.00%, suggesting confidence in the use of analytics with minimal variability. "Technology helps improve the accuracy of risk assessments" scored a mean of 3.70, SD of 0.80, and CV of 21.62%, reflecting positive perceptions with some variability. The statement "Technology enables real-time monitoring and response to financial risks" received a mean of 3.65, SD of 0.78, and CV of 21.37%, highlighting the utility of technology in timely risk management.

The lowest mean, 3.60, was for "My organization leverages AI or machine learning to support risk management," with an SD of 0.85 and CV of 23.61%, indicating moderate agreement and greater variability. Overall, the data underscores the effective use of technology in risk management while identifying opportunities for broader adoption of advanced tools like AI and machine learning.

4.2.6 Financial Planning

Financial planning is the process of developing a strategic approach to managing an organization's finances. It involves budgeting, forecasting, and resource allocation to achieve long-term objectives. Effective financial planning ensures optimal utilization of resources, prepares for uncertainties, and supports sustainable growth.

Table 11*Descriptive Data for Financial Planning*

Statement	Mean	SD	CV (%)
Risk management enhances the quality of our corporate financial plans.	3.85	0.70	18.18
Financial plans are more robust due to effective risk management practices.	3.70	0.80	21.62
The organization's financial planning effectively addresses uncertainties.	3.75	0.75	20.00
Our financial plans achieve their objectives despite unforeseen challenges.	3.65	0.85	23.29
Risk management contributes to the long-term sustainability of our financial planning.	3.70	0.78	2

Table 11 provides descriptive data on the role of financial planning in risk management, focusing on five statements. The mean values reflect respondents' agreement levels, while the standard deviation (SD) and coefficient of variation (CV) indicate response variability and consistency, respectively.

The highest mean score, 3.85, pertains to the statement "Risk management enhances the quality of our corporate financial plans," with the lowest SD (0.70) and CV (18.18%), suggesting strong agreement and consistent responses. "The organization's financial planning effectively addresses uncertainties" follows closely with a mean of 3.75, SD of 0.75, and CV of 20.00%, emphasizing confidence in addressing financial uncertainties.

"Financial plans are more robust due to effective risk management practices" scored a mean of 3.70, with a slightly higher SD (0.80) and CV (21.62%), reflecting positive perceptions but some variability. The statement "Risk management contributes to the long-term sustainability of our financial planning" also scored 3.70, with an SD of 0.78, indicating solid agreement and consistent responses.

"Our financial plans achieve their objectives despite unforeseen challenges" received the lowest mean of 3.65, with the highest SD (0.85) and CV (23.29%), pointing to areas for improvement in achieving objectives under challenging conditions. Overall, the data indicates that risk management strengthens financial planning but highlights the need for enhanced robustness and adaptability in addressing unforeseen challenges.

4.3 Inferential Analysis

Inferential analysis involves using statistical methods to make inferences or generalizations about a population based on a sample of data. It extends beyond descriptive statistics, aiming to draw conclusions about the population from which the sample was taken. Inferential analysis typically includes hypothesis testing, confidence intervals, and various models like regression analysis. By examining the relationships and differences among variables, this analysis helps to determine whether observed patterns in the sample data are likely to exist in the broader population or if they occurred by chance. It is a crucial part of research that guides decision-making and predictions based on data.

4.3.1 Descriptive Statistics

Descriptive statistics summarize and describe the main features of a dataset, providing a simple overview of the sample and the measures. It includes metrics like mean, median, mode, standard deviation, and variance, which help to understand the central tendency, dispersion, and overall distribution of the data. These statistics are used to present large amounts of data in a manageable form, offering insights into patterns, trends, and anomalies within the data.

Table 12

Descriptive Statistics of variables

	N	Minimu m	Maximu m	Mean	Std. Deviation
Risk Identification	384	1.0	3.6	2.272	.5585
Risk Assessment	384	1.0	3.4	2.312	.6036
Risk Mitigation	384	1.6	4.2	2.802	.6496
Integration of Risk	384	1.0	4.0	2.114	.6077
Technological Support	384	1.0	4.0	2.114	.6077
Financial Planning	384	1.0	3.4	2.315	.5138
Valid N (listwise)	384				

The descriptive statistics provide an overview of the key variables in the study, focusing on their distribution among the 384 respondents. Risk Identification had a mean score of 2.272 with a standard deviation of 0.5585, indicating moderate engagement in Risk

Identification activities. Risk Assessment showed a slightly higher mean of 2.312 and a standard deviation of 0.6036, suggesting a similar level of exposure to Risk Assessment among participants. Risk Mitigation had a higher mean of 2.802 and a standard deviation of 0.6496, reflecting a stronger impact of cultural factors on financial decisions. Both Integration of Risk and Technological Support had identical means of 2.114 with standard deviations of 0.6077, indicating that participants reported similar levels of financial knowledge and parental impact on financial practices. Financial Planning had a mean of 2.315 and the lowest standard deviation of 0.5138, suggesting consistent Financial Planning's across the sample. Overall, these statistics highlight the varying degrees of influence that different factors have on Risk Identification and behaviors.

4.3.2 Correlation Analysis

Correlation analysis measures the strength and direction of the linear relationship between two or more variables. It is typically expressed by a correlation coefficient, ranging from -1 to 1, where values closer to 1 or -1 indicate a strong positive or negative correlation, respectively. This analysis helps to determine whether an increase or decrease in one variable is associated with an increase or decrease in another variable, but it does not imply causation.

Table 13

Correlation Analysis of Variables

	Risk Identification	Risk Assessment	Risk Mitigation	Integration of Risk	Technological Support	Financial Planning
Risk Identification	1					
Risk Assessment	.624**	1				
Risk Mitigation	.376**	.498**	1			
Integration of Risk	.512**	.430**	.396**	1		
Technological Support	.512**	.430**	.396**	1.000**	1	
Financial Planning	.356**	.308**	.555**	.576**	.576**	1

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

The correlation matrix reveals significant relationships between the variables related to Financial Planning and influence, all tested with a sample size of 384 participants. Risk Identification shows a strong positive correlation with Risk Assessment ($r = .624, p < .01$) and moderate correlations with other variables, such as Integration of Risk ($r = .512, p < .01$) and Technological Support ($r = .512, p < .01$). Risk Assessment also strongly correlates with Risk Mitigation ($r = .498, p < .01$) and moderately with Integration of Risk ($r = .430, p < .01$) and Technological Support ($r = .430, p < .01$). Risk Mitigation has a strong correlation with Financial Planning ($r = .555, p < .01$), indicating that cultural factors significantly impact Financial Plannings. Notably, Integration of Risk and Technological Support are perfectly correlated ($r = 1.000, p < .01$), suggesting that these variables may overlap or measure similar constructs. Financial Planning has moderate to strong correlations with all other variables, particularly with Integration of Risk ($r = .576, p < .01$) and Technological Support ($r = .576, p < .01$). Overall, these correlations highlight the interconnectedness of Risk Identification, education, literacy, and behavior, with parental and Risk Mitigations playing a significant role.

4.3.3 Regression Analysis

Regression analysis is a statistical technique used to examine the relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables. It estimates the strength and direction of the relationships, providing a model that can predict the dependent variable based on the values of the independent variables. Regression analysis can be simple (one independent variable) or multiple (several independent variables), and it's crucial for understanding how different factors influence the outcome of interest.

ANOVA (Analysis of Variance)

ANOVA is a statistical method used to compare the means of three or more groups to see if there are significant differences among them. It assesses the overall variance within the data and partitions it into variance due to the groups and variance due to random error. ANOVA is particularly useful in experimental designs and is often followed by post-hoc tests to identify which specific groups differ.

Table 14*Anova of variables*

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	47.211	4	11.803	82.980	.000 ^b
	Residual	53.907	379	.142		
	Total	101.118	383			

a. Dependent Variable: Financial Planning
b. Predictors: (Constant), Technological Support , Risk Mitigation , Risk Identification , Risk Assessment and Integration of Risk

The ANOVA table provides an analysis of variance for the regression model where Financial Planning is the dependent variable and the predictors are Technological Support, Risk Mitigation, Risk Identification, and Risk Assessment.

The Regression Sum of Squares (47.211) represents the portion of the total variation in Financial Planning that is explained by the predictors in the model. With 4 degrees of freedom (df), this sum of squares is divided by its degrees of freedom to obtain the Mean Square for regression, which is 11.803. This value indicates the average amount of variation explained by each predictor.

The Residual Sum of Squares (53.907) reflects the variation in Financial Planning that is not explained by the model, with 379 degrees of freedom. The Mean Square for the residual is .142, showing the average unexplained variation.

The F-statistic (82.980) is calculated by dividing the Mean Square Regression by the Mean Square Residual. This value indicates the ratio of the variance explained by the model to the unexplained variance. A high F-value suggests that the model significantly improves prediction of Financial Planning compared to a model with no predictors.

The p-value (Sig.) of .000 indicates that the model's predictors are statistically significant, meaning that there is a very low probability that the observed F-statistic could occur by chance. Therefore, the regression model is effective in explaining the variation in Financial Planning based on the included variables.

Model Summary

The model summary provides key metrics that summarize the performance of a regression model. It typically includes the R-squared value, which indicates the proportion of variance in the dependent variable explained by the independent variables, and the Adjusted R-squared, which adjusts for the number of predictors in

the model. This summary helps to assess how well the model fits the data and its predictive accuracy.

Table 15

Model Summary of Variables

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	Change Statistics				
					R Square Change	F Change	df1	df2	Sig. F Change
1	.683 ^a	.467	.461	.3771	.467	82.980	4	37	.000

a. Predictors: (Constant), Technological Support , Risk Mitigation , Risk Identification , Risk Assessment and Integration of Risk

The Model Summary table presents the results of a regression analysis where Financial Planning is predicted by four independent variables: Technological Support, Risk Mitigation, Risk Identification, and Risk Assessment. The model demonstrates a strong overall fit, with a correlation coefficient (R) of .683, indicating a good linear relationship between the predictors and the dependent variable.

The R Square value of .467 suggests that approximately 46.7% of the variance in Financial Planning can be explained by the combined effect of the four predictors. This means that the model is relatively effective in predicting Financial Planning based on these variables. The Adjusted R Square, which adjusts for the number of predictors in the model, is slightly lower at .461, indicating a minor reduction when accounting for the model's complexity.

The standard error of the estimate is .3771, which reflects the average distance that the observed values fall from the regression line. The Change Statistics show an R Square Change of .467, with an F Change of 82.980, which is highly significant ($p < .001$). This indicates that the inclusion of the four predictors significantly improves the model's ability to predict Financial Planning. Overall, the model is statistically significant and provides a strong explanation for the variance in Financial Planning based on the included predictors.

Coefficients

Coefficients in regression analysis represent the estimated change in the dependent variable for each unit change in the independent variable, holding all other variables

constant. They indicate the direction (positive or negative) and magnitude of the relationship between the predictor and outcome variables. The significance of each coefficient is often tested using t-tests, and the results help determine which variables have a statistically significant impact on the dependent variable.

Table 16

Regression analysis of variables

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	.732	.101		7.222	.000
	Risk Identification	.046	.047	.050	.974	.331
	Risk Assessment	.104	.044	-.122	-2.363	.019
	Risk Mitigation	.336	.035	.425	9.552	.000
	Technological Support	.368	.038	.435	9.607	.000
	Integration of Risk	.378	.036	.436	9.410	.000

a. Dependent Variable: Financial Planning

The regression model explores the factors influencing Financial Planning, with Risk Identification, Risk Assessment, Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and Integration of Risk as independent variables. The dependent variable is Financial Planning. The model's unstandardized and standardized coefficients, t-values, and significance levels are provided.

The constant term is 0.732, indicating the baseline Financial Planning when all independent variables are zero. The unstandardized coefficient for Risk Identification is 0.046, but its significance ($p = 0.331$) is above the typical threshold of 0.05, suggesting it does not significantly influence Financial Planning. Risk Assessment has an unstandardized coefficient of 0.104, but its negative standardized coefficient (-0.122) and t-value (-2.363) indicate a significant inverse relationship with Financial Planning, with a p-value of 0.019, which is below 0.05, suggesting it is a significant predictor.

Risk Mitigation (0.336), Technological Support (0.368), and Integration of Risk (0.378) have positive relationships with Financial Planning. These variables have high standardized coefficients (0.425, 0.435, and 0.436, respectively), and their t-values (9.552, 9.607, and 9.410) are significantly high, with p-values of 0.000, indicating a strong and significant impact on Financial Planning.

Overall, Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and Integration of Risk are significant predictors, while Risk Identification and Risk Assessment are less impactful.

4.2 Discussion

The analysis of factors influencing financial planning highlights key insights into the role of risk management in organizational decision-making. The independent variables include Risk Identification, Risk Assessment, Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and Integration of Risk, with Financial Planning as the dependent variable. The results reveal that Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and Integration of Risk have a significant positive impact on financial planning, while Risk Identification and Risk Assessment have less influence, with the latter showing a negative but statistically significant relationship. These findings align with and extend insights from recent literature on risk management and financial resilience.

Risk Identification has an unstandardized coefficient of 0.046 and a significance level ($p = 0.331$) that exceeds the standard threshold of 0.05, indicating it is not a significant predictor of Financial Planning. This result suggests that while identifying risks is a critical component of risk management, its influence may be limited if not effectively linked with subsequent processes such as assessment and mitigation. Supporting this notion, Brown et al. (2017) identified organizational barriers such as lack of expertise and resources as impediments to effective risk identification and management. Davis and White (2022) also note that digital transformation initiatives require robust identification systems to address emerging risks like cybersecurity threats.

Risk Assessment shows a negative standardized coefficient (-0.122) and a p-value of 0.019, indicating a significant but inverse relationship with Financial Planning. This finding could reflect inefficiencies or overemphasis on risk assessment processes, potentially leading to delays or overly cautious financial decisions. While risk assessment is crucial for prioritizing risks based on their likelihood and severity, as highlighted by Johnson and Lee (2016), excessive focus on this stage without actionable

outcomes may hinder the overall planning process. Patel (2018) underscores the need for balanced approaches in financial risk management, particularly in emerging markets where over-assessment can delay responses to volatile conditions.

On the other hand, Risk Mitigation emerges as a significant positive contributor to Financial Planning, with a standardized coefficient of 0.425 and a p-value of 0.000. This finding underscores the importance of proactive strategies to minimize risks and address potential financial vulnerabilities. Johnson and Lee (2016) emphasize that proactive planning mitigates strategic risks effectively, while Kumar and Sharma (2020) highlight the role of dynamic risk management during the COVID-19 pandemic in ensuring liquidity and adaptability. The strong relationship between Risk Mitigation and Financial Planning in the regression model reflects these insights, indicating that organizations with robust mitigation strategies are better equipped to achieve financial resilience.

Technological Support is another significant predictor, with a standardized coefficient of 0.435 and a p-value of 0.000, underscoring the transformative role of technology in enhancing risk management practices. Henderson (2019) emphasizes that technology, including AI and data analytics, enhances the accuracy and efficiency of risk management, a finding corroborated by the regression results. The integration of technological tools enables real-time monitoring, predictive analytics, and improved decision-making, all of which contribute to more effective financial planning. However, Henderson also cautions about cybersecurity risks associated with technological reliance, suggesting a need for balanced approaches.

Integration of Risk demonstrates the strongest positive relationship with Financial Planning, with a standardized coefficient of 0.436 and a p-value of 0.000. This aligns with Smith (2015), who found that integrating risk management into corporate governance frameworks enhances decision-making and sustainability. Williams and Jones (2024) also emphasize that embedding a strong risk culture into corporate strategy aligns risk practices with organizational goals, improving overall performance. Garcia et al. (2021) extend this by highlighting the role of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) factors in aligning financial planning with broader objectives, further supporting the importance of risk integration.

The regression findings and supporting literature highlight the critical role of Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and Integration of Risk in driving effective Financial Planning. These factors contribute to robust and adaptable financial strategies, ensuring resilience against uncertainties. Conversely, the limited and negative impacts of Risk Identification and Risk Assessment suggest areas for improvement, such as enhancing early-stage risk processes and streamlining assessments to avoid inefficiencies. Together, these insights underscore the importance of a holistic approach to risk management, leveraging technology, culture, and strategic alignment to ensure long-term financial sustainability.

CHAPTER V

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

5.1 Summary

The primary objective of this study is to examine the role of risk management in enhancing corporate financial planning. It aims to assess how various risk management practices, including Risk Identification, Risk Assessment, Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and Integration of Risk, influence the effectiveness of financial planning in organizations. By analyzing the relationships between these components, the study seeks to identify which risk management strategies significantly contribute to robust and sustainable financial planning. This research also aims to provide insights for organizations to optimize their financial strategies by leveraging risk management as a critical decision-making tool.

The study employs a quantitative approach, using regression analysis to explore the impact of risk management variables on corporate financial planning. Financial Planning is the dependent variable, while Risk Identification, Risk Assessment, Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and Integration of Risk are the independent variables. Data were collected from relevant organizational records and responses to structured questionnaires designed to capture the extent and effectiveness of risk management practices. The model's coefficients, t-values, and p-values were analyzed to determine the statistical significance and the strength of the relationships between variables. Standardized coefficients were used to compare the relative influence of each risk management practice on financial planning outcomes.

The regression analysis reveals a varied impact of the independent variables on corporate financial planning. Among the five risk management components, Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and Integration of Risk have significant positive influences on Financial Planning, while Risk Identification and Risk Assessment exhibit limited or negative effects.

Risk Identification, while fundamental to risk management, was found to have an insignificant impact on financial planning, with a p-value exceeding the 0.05 threshold. This suggests that identifying risks alone does not substantially contribute to improving financial plans unless supported by subsequent processes. Challenges such as a lack of expertise and resources, as noted in the literature (Brown et al., 2017), may hinder the effective translation of risk identification into actionable financial strategies.

The study identifies a significant but negative relationship between Risk Assessment and Financial Planning. This inverse relationship could reflect inefficiencies or overemphasis on the assessment process, leading to delays in decision-making. Excessive focus on assessing risks without timely action might create a conservative approach to financial planning, impacting the agility and effectiveness of decisions.

Risk Mitigation emerges as one of the most critical factors influencing financial planning. The positive and significant relationship underscores the importance of proactive strategies to minimize potential financial risks. Organizations that invest in comprehensive mitigation measures are better positioned to address uncertainties and ensure the robustness of their financial plans. This aligns with previous findings (Johnson and Lee, 2016; Kumar and Sharma, 2020) that emphasize the effectiveness of proactive risk management in fostering financial resilience.

The role of technology in risk management is highlighted through its significant positive impact on financial planning. Leveraging technological tools such as data analytics, AI, and real-time monitoring enhances the accuracy and timeliness of risk assessments, enabling organizations to make informed financial decisions. These findings corroborate Henderson's (2019) observations on the transformative potential of technology in modern risk management practices.

Integration of Risk into organizational strategies is identified as the strongest predictor of effective financial planning. Embedding risk management into strategic planning processes ensures alignment between risk practices and corporate objectives, fostering sustainability and resilience. This result supports Smith (2015) and Williams and Jones (2024), who emphasize the importance of integrating risk management within governance frameworks and corporate culture.

The study concludes that while all components of risk management play a role in corporate financial planning, Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and Integration of Risk are the most significant contributors to its success. These findings underscore the need for organizations to adopt a holistic approach to risk management, prioritizing proactive strategies, leveraging technology, and embedding risk considerations into strategic processes. By doing so, organizations can enhance their financial resilience and adaptability in a dynamic and uncertain business environment. Conversely,

improving the efficiency of Risk Identification and Assessment processes could further strengthen their impact on financial planning outcomes.

5.2 Conclusion

The study's exploration into the role of risk management in enhancing corporate financial planning underscores the critical interplay between various risk management practices and the formulation of robust financial strategies. By analyzing the influence of Risk Identification, Risk Assessment, Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and Integration of Risk, the research reveals that not all risk management practices have an equally significant impact on financial planning. While Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and Integration of Risk stand out as key drivers of effective financial planning, Risk Identification and Risk Assessment appear less influential, reflecting the nuances and complexities involved in translating risk management efforts into actionable financial outcomes.

One of the key takeaways from the study is the prominent role of Risk Mitigation in shaping financial planning. Organizations that actively implement strategies to minimize financial risks ensure that their financial plans remain resilient and adaptable to potential threats. This finding is consistent with existing literature that highlights the importance of proactive risk management strategies in maintaining organizational stability and long-term success. The significance of risk mitigation suggests that financial planning should not only be reactive but anticipatory, with organizations putting in place measures to address potential risks before they materialize.

Technological Support emerges as a strong determinant of financial planning effectiveness. The integration of advanced technological tools—such as data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), and real-time monitoring systems—enables organizations to make more informed and accurate risk assessments. This, in turn, facilitates better decision-making in financial planning. The rapid advancements in technology provide organizations with the means to streamline their risk management processes, offering real-time insights and predictive capabilities that enhance the precision and timeliness of financial planning. The role of technology in improving risk management practices aligns with the findings of Henderson (2019), who asserts that technology enhances both the efficiency and accuracy of risk management efforts.

The Integration of Risk into broader strategic planning processes is identified as the most crucial factor influencing financial planning. Organizations that embed risk management into their corporate culture and decision-making frameworks are more likely to develop financial plans that align with both short-term and long-term organizational goals. By integrating risk management practices into strategic planning, companies create a unified approach to achieving corporate objectives, ensuring that financial planning is closely aligned with overall organizational vision.

The findings suggest that Risk Identification and Risk Assessment have a less pronounced impact on financial planning. While these practices are foundational to the risk management process, their standalone influence on financial planning appears limited. This could be due to the fact that identifying and assessing risks without taking subsequent action through mitigation strategies or technological interventions may not substantially affect financial outcomes. This highlights the importance of having a comprehensive approach to risk management, where Risk Identification and Risk Assessment serve as preliminary steps, but their effectiveness is amplified when followed by decisive risk mitigation and integration with organizational strategies.

The study emphasizes that successful corporate financial planning is deeply intertwined with robust risk management practices. Risk Mitigation, Technological Support, and the Integration of Risk into strategic planning are critical elements that shape the effectiveness of financial plans, ensuring they are resilient, adaptive, and aligned with organizational objectives. Organizations that prioritize these aspects of risk management are better equipped to navigate the complexities and uncertainties of the business environment. However, to further enhance financial planning outcomes, it is essential to refine the processes of Risk Identification and Risk Assessment, ensuring they contribute more directly to the development of actionable and effective financial strategies.

5.3 Implication

Organizations should prioritize integrating risk management, especially risk mitigation and technological support, into financial planning. This ensures resilience, proactive strategies, and alignment with long-term goals. Using advanced tools enhances risk assessment accuracy, while cross-functional integration promotes cohesive decision-making.

Implications for Practical

- i. Organizations should integrate risk management practices, such as Risk Mitigation and Technological Support, into their financial planning process to create more resilient and adaptive strategies.
- ii. Financial planners should focus on developing robust risk mitigation strategies that anticipate potential financial challenges and integrate these into long-term financial plans.
- iii. The use of advanced technological tools, like AI and data analytics, should be prioritized to improve the accuracy and timeliness of financial risk assessments and decision-making.
- iv. Organizations must align risk management with corporate strategies to ensure financial planning supports long-term goals and enhances decision-making.
- v. Risk management should be integrated across all organizational functions, not just finance, to ensure cohesive risk-informed decision-making.

Future Research Directions:

- i. Future research could explore more effective methods of risk identification and how to better translate this practice into tangible financial outcomes.
- ii. Further investigation into emerging technologies like block chain and machine learning in financial risk management and their long-term impact on financial planning.
- iii. Studies could examine how different industries integrate risk management into financial planning, identifying best practices and sector-specific challenges.
- iv. Future research could focus on the role of organizational culture and leadership in embedding risk management practices within corporate financial planning.
- v. Investigating how decision-makers' biases and behaviors affect the integration of risk management into financial planning could provide valuable insights for improving risk strategies.

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APPENDIX

Questionnaire

Dear Sir,

I am MBS student at Shanker Dev Campus, Tribhuvan University. A research study is being conducted on the “**ROLE OF RISK MANAGEMENT IN CORPORATE FINANCIAL PLANNING**” under for the partial fulfillment of Master’s degree.

In this context, I have prepared a set of questionnaire to seek your valuable opinion. I would also like to ensure you that the information provided by you will be kept confidential and will only be utilized for the study purpose.

I shall feel highly obliged if you kindly cooperate me in filling the questionnaire.

Thank you and best regards,

Prashuna Ghimire

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1. Demographic Information

1.1 Name (Optional):.....

1.2 Gender (*Please Tick your gender group*)

Male Female

1.3 Age (*Please Tick your age group*)

Below 30 years 30 to 40 years 41 to 50 years 51 to 60 years

Above 61 years

1.4 Education (*Please Tick your education group*)

SLC Intermediate Bachelor Masters and Above

1.5 Income per month (*Please Tick your service period*)

Below 20,000 20,001 to 50,000 50,001 to 80,000

80,001 to Above

2. Information Regarding Independent Variables

(Please indicate your agreement with each item by placing the tick mark (✓) in the rating value column.) 1= Strongly Agree, 2 = Agree, 3= Neutral,

4 = Disagree, 5= Strongly Disagree

S. N.	Heading \ Statement	Rating value				
		1	2	3	4	5
2.1	Risk Identification					
a)	My organization systematically identifies potential financial risks.					
b)	The process of risk identification is thorough and well-documented.					
c)	Financial risk identification is considered a priority in our corporate planning.					
d)	We proactively recognize emerging financial risks before they escalate.					
e)	Our risk identification methods are consistent and reliable.					
2.2	Risk Assessment					
a)	Financial risks are regularly analyzed to determine their potential impact.					
b)	My organization effectively prioritizes risks based on their likelihood and severity.					
c)	Risk assessment helps in making informed financial decisions.					
d)	The organization uses advanced tools or techniques for accurate risk assessment.					
e)	I believe our risk assessment processes are aligned with industry standards					
2.3	Risk Mitigation					
a)	The organization has effective strategies in place to minimize financial risks.					
b)	Contingency plans are developed for managing unexpected financial crises.					
c)	Risk mitigation strategies are regularly updated to adapt to changing environments.					

d)	There is sufficient investment in resources for implementing risk mitigation measures.					
e)	Our financial planning considers diverse strategies to address potential risks.					
2.4	Integration of Risk	1	2	3	4	5
a)	Risk management is integrated into the organization's strategic planning processes.					
b)	Financial planning aligns with identified risk management objectives.					
c)	Risk considerations are embedded in every major financial decision.					
d)	There is a clear connection between risk management and long-term organizational goals.					
e)	Leadership emphasizes the role of risk management in achieving corporate objectives.					
2.5	Technological Support	1	2	3	4	5
a)	The organization uses technology to enhance risk management practices.					
b)	Data analytics tools are employed to identify and predict financial risks.					
c)	Technology helps improve the accuracy of risk assessments.					
d)	My organization leverages AI or machine learning to support risk management.					
e)	Technology enables real-time monitoring and response to financial risks.					

3. Information Regarding Dependent Variables

(Please indicate your agreement with each item by placing the tick mark (✓) in the rating value column.) 1= Strongly Agree, 2 = Agree, 3= Neutral,

4 = Disagree, 5= Strongly Disagree

S. N.	Heading \ Statement	Rating value				
		1	2	3	4	5
3.1	Financial Planning					
a)	Risk management enhances the quality of our corporate financial plans.					
b)	Financial plans are more robust due to effective risk management practices.					
c)	The organization's financial planning effectively addresses uncertainties.					
d)	Our financial plans achieve their objectives despite unforeseen challenges.					
e)	Risk management contributes to the long-term sustainability of our financial planning.					

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