



Human Relations and Organizational Productivity in Rwanda: A Case of Bank of Kigali (BK)

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Abstract: This article examined the influence of human relations on organizational productivity at Bank of Kigali (BK), Rwanda, with particular attention to quality communication, employee empowerment and conflict management. The study drew on Social Exchange Theory, Organizational Culture Theory and the High-Performance Work Systems perspective. A descriptive design was used with questionnaires and documentary review. The study targeted 121 employees of BK headquarters through a census; 107 usable questionnaires were returned, giving an 88.4% response rate. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics, bivariate associations and multiple regression. The combined regression model yielded $R = .892$, $R^2 = .796$, adjusted $R^2 = .790$ and $F(3, 103) = 134.166$, $p < .001$. Quality communication ($B = .222$, $\beta = .261$, $p < .001$), employee empowerment ($B = .401$, $\beta = .433$, $p < .001$) and conflict management ($B = .278$, $\beta = .337$, $p < .001$) each had a positive statistically significant association with organizational productivity. Employee empowerment showed the largest adjusted standardized contribution. The study recommends improved staff participation, timely and transparent communication and fair mechanisms for managing disputes. As the research was observational, its results should be understood as statistical associations rather than experimental evidence of causation.

Keywords: Human Relations; Quality Communication; Employee Empowerment; Conflict Management; Organizational Productivity

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1. Introduction

Organizational productivity in banking depends on effective use of personnel, information and operational resources. Human relations are therefore relevant to how staff coordinate decisions, address customer needs and respond to changes in the work environment. Quality communication affects whether employees receive accurate instructions and constructive feedback; employee empowerment concerns their autonomy, responsibility and access to resources; while conflict management influences the continuity of cooperative work. These practices can contribute to service quality and efficient task completion in customer-facing institutions (Bakker & Demerouti, 2017; Guest, 2017).

In Rwanda, Bank of Kigali provides an important setting for examining these relationships. The institution reported 1,715 staff, employee retention of 89%, and turnover of 9% for 2024, alongside extensive retail and corporate operations. Its 2024 annual report also describes employee-development and engagement initiatives. These institutional indicators show substantial operational activity but do not establish the particular contribution of workplace relationships to productivity (BK Group Plc, 2025).

The problem examined in this study was the limited evidence isolating the contribution of communication, empowerment and conflict management to productivity in the selected BK work setting. Existing scholarship associate's workplace practices with employee performance, but the magnitudes and mechanisms may vary by institution and context. The present study

therefore assessed these three dimensions jointly and separately to provide contextual evidence on organizational productivity at BK (Chamberlin et al., 2018; Gaur, 2026).

1.1 General Objective

The general objective was to examine the effects of human relations on organisational productivity within Rwanda.

1.2 Specific Objectives

1. To assess the influence of quality communication on organisational productivity at the Bank of Kigali.
2. To examine the effect of employee empowerment on organisational productivity at the Bank of Kigali.
3. To establish the effect of conflict management practices on organisational productivity at the Bank of Kigali.

1.3 Research Hypotheses

Ho1: There is no statistically significant effect of quality communication on organisational productivity at the Bank of Kigali.

Ho2: There is no statistically significant effect of employee empowerment on organisational productivity at the Bank of Kigali.

Ho3: There is no statistically significant effect of conflict management on organisational productivity at the Bank of Kigali.

2. Literature Review

The literature review considers theoretical perspectives and empirical findings that explain how workplace relations may be associated with organizational productivity. The review concentrates on the three dimensions examined in the Bank of Kigali study and the specific research gap.

2.1 Theoretical Review

2.1.1 Social Exchange Theory

Social Exchange Theory, associated with Homans (1958) and Blau (1964), explains interpersonal relationships through reciprocal exchanges of support, trust and perceived benefits. Positive treatment by organizations can encourage employees to reciprocate through cooperation and commitment. Cropanzano and Mitchell (2005) show its relevance to organizational behavior by explaining how obligations develop through

repeated workplace interactions. At BK, this framework helps explain why fair conflict resolution, supportive communication and opportunities for participation may be linked with higher productivity.

2.1.2 Organizational Culture Theory

Organizational Culture Theory emphasizes shared assumptions and values that shape workplace conduct. Schein and Schein (2017) describe culture as operating through underlying assumptions, expressed values and observable practices, while Cameron and Quinn (2011) present organizational culture as a framework for understanding different managerial orientations. For the present study, the theory links transparent information sharing, empowered decision-making and constructive handling of disagreement to the development of a work environment that supports effective coordination and results.

2.1.3 High-Performance Work Systems Perspective

The High-Performance Work Systems (HPWS) perspective considers human resource practices as interconnected arrangements that build employee capability, motivation and opportunity to contribute. Huselid (1995) identified connections between human resource management practices and organizational outcomes, while Boxall (2012) explained the roles of work design and employee participation in high-performance systems. In a banking environment, empowerment and communication can help employees exercise informed discretion, and effective dispute resolution can protect the cooperation necessary for implementation. The framework does not imply that associations from a cross-sectional survey establish causality.

2.2 Empirical Review

2.2.1 Quality Communication and Organizational Productivity

Clampitt and Downs (1993) examined employees' perceptions of the relationship between communication and productivity and found that perceived contributions differed by organizational context. Gray and Laidlaw (2004) further distinguished informational and relational aspects of communication satisfaction. Together, these studies suggest that useful communication requires not simply the existence of channels but clarity, timely exchange, feedback and trusted relationships. The Bank of Kigali investigation extends this discussion to a Rwandan banking context where responsiveness and regulatory coordination make reliable information particularly important.

2.2.2 Employee Empowerment and Organizational Productivity

Spreitzer (1995) conceptualized empowerment through meaning, competence, self-determination and impact, supporting analysis of how employees experience autonomy and influence. Seibert et al. (2011), in a meta-analytic review, associated empowerment with beneficial work attitudes and performance outcomes. Lee et al. (2018) examined empowering leadership and identified how its relationship with performance can operate through multiple mechanisms. The present research examines specific empowerment practices at BK, including decision-making opportunities, delegation of responsibility, access to resources and encouragement of initiative, rather than treating empowerment as a single abstract attitude.

2.2.3 Conflict Management and Organizational Productivity

Mwaniki and Muathe (2021) investigated conflict-management approaches in Kenyan public universities and distinguished constructive strategies from avoidance. In banking research, Adebowale (2022) examined conflict management and organizational productivity in Nigerian deposit money banks, while Imtiaz et al. (2022) studied conflict styles and organizational performance among banking employees in Pakistan. Results from other organizational contexts are not uniform; Ndubuisi and Oko (2023), for example, reported findings that warrant attention to implementation context. The BK study addresses the relevance of fair procedures, mediation and constructive workplace dialogue in a Rwandan banking institution.

3. Methodology

The methodology explains how the Bank of Kigali survey was designed, administered, checked and analysed, including procedures for the pilot study, reliability testing and ethical protection of respondents.

3.1 Research Design and Study Location

The study employed a descriptive survey approach and examined associations between human relations and organizational productivity at Bank of Kigali headquarters in Nyarugenge District, Kigali. Its article describes a mixed-methods approach; the quantitative questionnaire and documentary review constitute the material reported in this article. The analytical design was non-experimental and included descriptive statistics, bivariate relationships and multiple regression. Accordingly, the regression coefficients are interpreted

as conditional associations rather than direct proof of causal effects.

3.2 Study Population and Sampling Technique

The target population comprised 121 employees at BK headquarters from Customer Experience, Credit, Administration, Finance, and Audit and Risk departments. The researcher applied a census approach, inviting all eligible members of this defined population rather than drawing a random subset. Of 121 questionnaires distributed, 107 were complete and usable. Analyses were consequently based on the 107 usable responses; nonresponse is relevant when considering how well these findings represent the target workforce.

3.3 Data Collection Instruments and Procedures

Structured questionnaires collected employee perceptions of quality communication, employee empowerment, conflict management and organizational productivity. The study employed five-point agreement items for the principal constructs, and institutional documents supported the contextual account of BK operations. Completed questionnaires were checked for omissions and consistency before coding. Quantitative variables were summarized using frequencies, percentages, means and standard deviations, while inferential analysis used the completed survey cases.

3.4 Pilot Study, Validity and Reliability

A pilot exercise was conducted at the Bank of Kigali Remera branch with 12 individuals who shared relevant characteristics with the study participants but were outside the headquarters study population. The exercise examined questionnaire wording, clarity and administration. Content and construct relevance were reviewed through pretesting and adjustments to ambiguous items. The article did not report a numerical Content Validity Index, so no numerical validity result is assumed here.

Internal consistency was assessed using Cronbach's alpha for the four questionnaire constructs. The reported values were .819 for quality communication, .827 for employee empowerment, .840 for conflict management and .829 for organizational productivity, with six items per scale. All exceeded .80, indicating good internal consistency for exploratory comparisons. The article also mentions an aspirational .85 threshold; none of the reported coefficients reached that threshold, and this qualification should be recognized.

Table 1: Reliability Results

Variables	N of Items	Cronbach's Alpha
Quality communication	6	.819
Employee empowerment	6	.827
Conflict management	6	.840
Organizational productivity	6	.829

Source: Primary Data (2026).

Table 1 reports coefficients between .819 and .840. These results indicate broadly consistent items across the measured constructs, although they do not independently establish measurement validity. The reliability figures are reproduced from the source study without recalculation.

3.5 Data Processing and Statistical Analysis

Data processing involved questionnaire editing, coding, tabulation and analysis in SPSS. The article's abstract reports SPSS version 26, although its Methodology section mentions version 25. The article relies on the presented statistical output and does not infer which version produced particular tables. Bivariate Pearson correlations were used to assess direction and strength of relationships. A multiple linear regression estimated organizational productivity from the three independent variables at a 5% significance level: $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \varepsilon$, where X_1 represents quality communication, X_2 employee empowerment and X_3 conflict management.

Hypothesis testing compared the reported significance values with $\alpha = .05$; probabilities printed as .000 by the software are reported in the text as $p < .001$, not as an exact zero probability. The coefficient model provides each predictor's unique conditional association when the other two are included, while separate simple regressions reported in the thesis describe unadjusted associations.

3.5.1 Analytical Scope and Interpretation

The three predictor constructs were operationalized through six-item measures. Communication was represented by respondents' views of communication channels, information accuracy, dissemination timeliness, constructive feedback and transparency. Employee empowerment concerned involvement in decisions, access to resources, delegation of authority and opportunities for initiative. Conflict management covered the existence and fairness of resolution mechanisms, their potential to protect teamwork and their role in maintaining attention to operational responsibilities. The outcome items addressed timely

task completion, operational adaptation, cost efficiency, sustainability and innovation. This alignment matters because the coefficients reflect these defined scales, not every possible dimension of human relations or bank-wide economic performance.

Three aspects of the analysis require careful distinction. First, descriptive means summarize the reported level of agreement with questionnaire statements, not the numerical change in banking productivity. Second, bivariate coefficients show the strength of association between a predictor and an outcome without adjustment for the other practices. Third, multiple-regression coefficients estimate a predictor's conditional association after the others are included. The latter specification is the most appropriate of the displayed analyses for comparing the three variables and testing their study hypotheses. Even so, statistical adjustment cannot rule out omitted determinants such as managerial leadership, technology adoption, workload or organizational structure.

3.6 Ethical Considerations

The study obtained institutional authorization and explained the purpose of participation to respondents. Employees were informed that participation was voluntary, responses would remain confidential, and personally identifying details would be omitted from the analytical report. Survey data were retained for academic use under restricted access, with particular care given to workplace information and the avoidance of coercion.

4. Results and Discussions

This section presents the usable response rate and results for the study variables, followed by the combined regression model, null-hypothesis decisions and an objective-based interpretation in relation to scholarly literature.

4.1 Response Rate

Of the 121 questionnaires distributed, 107 were complete and suitable for quantitative analysis; the remaining 14 were incomplete or not returned in usable form.

Table 2: Questionnaire Response Rate

Questionnaire	Number	Percent
Complete	107	88.4
Incomplete	14	11.6
Total	121	100.0

Source: Primary Data (2026).

Table 2 indicates a usable response rate of 88.4%, leaving 11.6% outside the analysis. This response level provides substantial coverage of the census frame, while the nonresponding employees may still differ from the respondents in ways not measured by the study.

4.2 Descriptive Findings

The descriptive results suggest generally favourable staff perceptions of human relations and productivity at Bank of Kigali. Quality communication yielded an overall mean of 4.40 (SD = 1.000), reflecting positive views of information sharing and communication arrangements. Employee empowerment recorded a mean of 4.21 (SD = 1.062), reflecting favourable assessments of delegation, decision-making opportunities and initiative. Conflict management returned a mean of 4.30 (SD = .979), suggesting agreement that fair and constructive dispute-resolution practices support work. Organizational productivity also recorded a mean of 4.30 (SD = .979). These overall statistics are reproduced as reported, despite some inconsistencies between individual-item values and overall summaries in the source tables.

Respondents particularly associated access to clear communication with carrying out assigned duties, empowerment with taking operational initiative, and fair conflict handling with maintaining focus and cooperation. The means describe perceived conditions among the survey participants; they should not be read as independent audited measures of productivity or as experimental comparisons.

4.2.1 Organizational Productivity Indicators

The dependent-variable items examined employees' perceptions of timely task completion, adaptation to innovation, achievement of role expectations, cost-conscious productivity, sustainability of results and continuous improvement. The overall productivity mean of 4.30 (SD = .979) indicates a generally favourable assessment across these areas. Nevertheless, a mean based on self-reports does not constitute a verified financial or transaction-processing measure. Because all variables were collected from employee perceptions within the same questionnaire, shared response tendencies could contribute to the strong observed associations.

The original descriptive productivity table reported its strongest item means for reducing unnecessary operational costs and sustaining team results (both 4.58), while regular implementation of innovative approaches had the lowest mean (4.06). Respondents therefore viewed resource stewardship more favourably than innovation-based productivity improvements. The data refer to reported experiences at BK and do not establish that audited bank performance changed during the study period.

4.3 Inferential Statistics

The combined regression assesses quality communication, employee empowerment and conflict management simultaneously as predictors of organizational productivity.

Table 3: Combined Multiple Regression Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.892a	.796	.790	.13361

A. Predictors: (Constant), Quality Communication, Employee Empowerment, Conflict Management

Source: Primary Data (2026).

Table 3 gives $R = .892$, $R^2 = .796$ and adjusted $R^2 = .790$. Thus, the combined predictors accounted for 79.6% of the sample variation in organizational productivity, or 79.0% after adjustment for model complexity. The

remaining unexplained variance may reflect other influences, sampling variability and measurement limitations. The estimate indicates a strong fitted relationship within the study sample rather than verified causation.

Table 4: ANOVA for the Combined Regression Model

Model		Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	7.186	3	2.395	134.166	.000b
	Residual	1.839	103	.018		
	Total	9.024	106			

A. Dependent Variable: Organizational Performance

B. Predictors: (Constant), Quality Communication, Employee Empowerment, Conflict Management

Source: Primary Data (2026).

Table 4 reports $F(3, 103) = 134.166, p < .001$, indicating that the set of human relations predictors is jointly associated with the dependent measure. The source ANOVA footnote calls the outcome “Organizational

Performance”, whereas the study and coefficients table call it “Organizational Productivity”. That original footnote wording has been retained in the reproduced table.

Table 5: Coefficients for Human Relations and Organizational Productivity

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	T	Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant)	.466	.201		2.319	.022
	Quality Communication	.222	.050	.261	4.481	.000
	Employees Empowerment	.401	.057	.433	7.054	.000
	Conflict Management	.278	.055	.337	5.082	.000

A. Dependent Variable: Organizational Productivity

Source: Primary Data (2026).

Table 5 indicates that quality communication ($B = .222, \beta = .261, t = 4.481, p < .001$), employee empowerment ($B = .401, \beta = .433, t = 7.054, p < .001$) and conflict management ($B = .278, \beta = .337, t = 5.082, p < .001$) each had positive and statistically significant coefficients. The estimated equation was $Y = .466 + .222X_1 + .401X_2 + .278X_3 + \varepsilon$. Employee empowerment had the largest standardized coefficient, followed by conflict management and quality communication, within the combined model.

4.3.5 Decisions on Null Hypotheses

At $\alpha = .05$, all three hypotheses of no statistically significant effect were rejected in the article. The model results support statistically significant conditional associations for the three human relations factors, subject to the limitations of observational survey data.

Table 6: Decisions on Null Hypotheses

Hypotheses	P Value	Comment
H01 The is no significant impact of quality communication on organizational at BK.	$P < 0.05$	Rejected
H02 There is no significant impact of employee’s empowerment on organizational productivity at BK.	$P < 0.05$	Rejected
H03 There is no significant impact of conflict management on organizational productivity at BK.	$P < 0.05$	Rejected

Source: Primary Data (2026).

Table 6 preserves the hypothesis decisions reported in the thesis: H01, H02 and H03 were rejected. The original wording in the first row is incomplete, but the specific hypotheses stated in Section 1.3 and the coefficient p-values make clear which research questions were tested.

4.4 Discussion of Research Findings

The discussion relates the empirical findings to the three study objectives and relevant research. Interpretations focus on the combined model as the appropriate basis for comparing the independent contributions of the predictors.

4.4.1 Quality Communication and Organizational Productivity

The first objective examined quality communication and organizational productivity at Bank of Kigali. The survey reported favourable views of communication (overall mean = 4.40), with a positive bivariate coefficient of $r = .705$. The combined regression showed a positive coefficient ($B = .222$, $\beta = .261$, $p < .001$). This suggests that clarity, timeliness, feedback and the transparent exchange of information are associated with higher perceived productivity after accounting for employee empowerment and conflict management. The result should not be confused with the unadjusted simple-regression coefficient, $B = .599$, reported elsewhere in the article.

The direction of this relationship is consistent with Clampitt and Downs (1993), who described organizational differences in employees' perceptions of how communication contributes to productivity, and Gray and Laidlaw (2004), who emphasized informational and relational dimensions of communication satisfaction. At BK, reliable instructions, interdepartmental information exchange and constructive feedback may support effective customer service and faster coordination. Organizational Culture Theory provides a further explanation: communication routines reflect shared norms for transparency, cooperation and accountability (Schein & Schein, 2017). The relatively smaller standardized coefficient for quality communication does not mean the variable is unimportant. Rather, its adjusted association was lower than those for empowerment and conflict management when examined jointly in this sample. The findings support investment in clear internal communication channels accompanied by feedback mechanisms that allow staff to correct misunderstandings before these affect service operations.

4.4.2 Employee Empowerment and Organizational Productivity

The second objective assessed employee empowerment. Respondents reported favourable assessments of empowerment (mean = 4.21); the bivariate correlation with productivity was $r = .799$. In the multiple regression model, empowerment recorded $B = .401$, $\beta = .433$ and $p < .001$, making it the largest standardized predictor among the three human relations practices. This result suggests that discretion in handling assigned tasks, access to operational resources and meaningful participation in decisions were particularly relevant to productivity perceptions at BK. The simple-regression coefficient of .740 in the article describes a different, unadjusted relationship and is not interchangeable with the combined model estimate.

The finding aligns with Spreitzer's (1995) view of empowerment as meaning, competence, autonomy and

impact. Seibert et al. (2011) also identified beneficial links between empowerment and employee-related outcomes, while Lee et al. (2018) examined how empowering leadership connects to performance through different mechanisms. The result is consistent with the HPWS perspective, under which organizations improve performance by creating opportunities for capable employees to act responsibly and contribute ideas (Boxall, 2012). At BK, well-supported authority can allow staff to address customer needs efficiently without unnecessary managerial escalation.

Empowerment should nevertheless remain linked to training, adequate information, supervisory support and internal-control requirements. Granting additional responsibilities without corresponding resources could undermine service quality. Therefore, the implication is not unrestricted employee autonomy, but structured delegation aligned with competency and institutional risk controls.

4.4.3 Conflict Management and Organizational Productivity

The third objective examined conflict management. Its overall mean was 4.30 ($SD = .979$), and the thesis reported a positive correlation of $r = .791$. In the combined model, conflict management had $B = .278$, $\beta = .337$ and $p < .001$, ranking second by standardized coefficient. This finding indicates that accessible dispute-resolution procedures, impartial treatment and constructive handling of disagreements were associated with stronger perceived productivity among BK employees. Its separate simple-regression coefficient ($B = .654$) is not the adjusted coefficient used for the joint hypothesis evaluation.

This relationship is consistent with findings on constructive conflict-management approaches in Kenya (Mwaniki & Muathe, 2021) and research in deposit money banks in Nigeria (Adebawale, 2022). Imtiaz et al. (2022) similarly examined the relationship between conflict styles and performance outcomes in banking. The differing results reported by Ndubuisi and Oko (2023) caution against assuming that any formal conflict-resolution procedure automatically improves productivity. In the BK context, the fairness, accessibility and timeliness of mediation and grievance systems are therefore central to interpreting the results.

Social Exchange Theory provides a complementary explanation: fair treatment and respectful resolution of disputes can strengthen trust and employees' willingness to cooperate (Blau, 1964; Cropanzano & Mitchell, 2005). Practical interventions may include confidential grievance channels, trained supervisors, timely mediation and consistent review of recurring causes of disagreement. These arrangements should be evaluated alongside independent service and productivity indicators in subsequent studies.

5. Conclusions and Recommendations

5.1 Conclusions

The study identified positive and statistically significant conditional associations between quality communication, employee empowerment, conflict management and perceived organizational productivity at the Bank of Kigali headquarters. Taken together, the variables explained 79.6% of the observed variance in the sample measure. Employee empowerment provided the largest standardized association, followed by conflict management and quality communication. The findings support the relevance of human relations practices to banking operations, but the cross-sectional design and questionnaire measures do not prove that changes in these practices cause proportional improvements in productivity.

5.2 Recommendations

Based on the findings and conclusions of the study, the following recommendations are proposed:

1. Bank of Kigali management should strengthen clear and timely communication through consistent departmental updates, reliable staff feedback channels and documentation of procedural changes. Employees should receive appropriate authority to resolve routine service issues and participate in decisions within their training and compliance responsibilities. This should be supported by supervisory coaching, access to relevant resources and opportunities to develop practical skills.
2. A formal and accessible conflict-management system should provide confidential grievance reporting, impartial mediation, predictable response periods and training for supervisors.
3. Human resources and operations teams should monitor whether improvements in these practices correspond with changes in task-completion times, service quality, employee retention, customer satisfaction and other independently measured performance indicators. Such monitoring would help assess operational impact beyond perceptions collected in a single survey.

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