The effect of competence, implementation of government accounting standards and financial accounting systems on accountability of regional financial management with the quality of financial reports as a moderation variable

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Abstract:

This study aims to examine and analyze the influence of competence, implementation of government accounting standards, and financial accounting systems on regional financial management accountability with the quality of financial reports as a moderating variable. The population in this study were financial employees at the SKPD in Soppeng Regency as many as 26 SKPD with a total of 108 financial employees. The type of sample used is a saturated sample because all populations are sampled. Data analysis used descriptive statistical analysis, classical assumption test, and research hypothesis test.

The results of the study show (1) competence has no effect on regional financial management accountability, (2) implementation of accounting standards has no effect on regional financial management accountability, (3) financial accounting systems have an effect on regional financial management accountability, (4) financial report quality can moderate the effect of competency on regional financial management accountability, (5) the quality of financial reports can moderate the effect of implementing government accounting standards on regional financial management accountability, (6) the quality of financial reports can moderate the effect of the financial accounting system on

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regional financial management accountability

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INTRODUCTION

Good governance is a form of success in carrying out the task in order to develop the country according to the goals that have been planned. In this case it is evidenced by the increasing demands of society in the context of implementing good governance *of* government. To realize *good governance,* the government must make efforts to improve the quality of regional financial accountability reports. The information contained in financial reporting is widely used by parties who have an interest, so that the information obtained in the financial statements can be used as a decision making in order to obtain good *governance.*

One important aspect of regional financial management is that regional financial management must be accountable to management officials and budget users openly and can be assessed by the public *(accountabilities public).* Leviany *et.al* (2020) states that regional finance includes all the rights and obligations of a region related to the administration of regional government and can be seen from a monetary perspective, including all forms of wealth in accordance with regional rights and obligations. The quality of financial reports is the assessment of whether or not a report is good or bad which is influenced by several factors, both in terms of input and process. Financial reports prepared by preparers of financial reports must be competent and go through good stages to obtain good and quality financial reports.

In the stage of compiling financial reports, it is desired to be based on standards that have been applied. The information contained in the government's financial reports must meet predetermined criteria. As explained Erlina *et.al* (2020) in Government Regulation No. 71 of 2010 concerning the Conceptual Framework of Governance, paragraphs 35-40 says that "The qualitative characteristics of financial reports include the normative measures needed to be

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embodied in accounting information, in order to achieve the goal" (PP 71 of 2010). Criteria in qualitative characteristics include relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable.

Soppeng Regency is one of those who received Unqualified Opinion (WTP) results from the Financial Audit Agency (BPK). This opinion has been received eight times in a row by the Regional Government of Soppeng Regency, from 2014 to 2021. The BPK obtained a WTP opinion because the Government of Soppeng Regency in its financial reporting complies with accounting standards based on laws and regulations. Regardless of the achievement results obtained from the Unqualified Opinion by the BPK, the BPK assesses that the results of the audit in the audit results report indicate that there are problems in the management of regional expenditures carried out by the Government of Soppeng Regency so that the BPK concludes that the performance of expenditure and regional management in human development programs and activities TA 2017 to 2019 in Soppeng Regency has not been effective.

As a form of fulfilling the obligation of conformity of financial reports with government accounting standards and compliance with laws and regulations and as a form of accountability for the success/failure of the Soppeng Regency Government's vision in achieving the goals and strategic objectives that have been measured, the government is able to increase understanding and knowledge in managing Regional Finance because compliance with laws and regulations has a direct effect on financial reports. Therefore, the role of accountability is needed as a form of regional head accountability report in developing the mandate.

Stewardship theory in this study can be understood when finance staff provide accountable and transparent financial information reports to produce quality information. To fulfill this accountability, an employee must have adequate qualifications such as competence so that employees can easily account for their obligations as *stewards* in providing services to the community where the community acts as *the principal.* Competence includes an ability to do a job/task that is supported by a person's work attitude on the skills and knowledge possessed. In an effort to provide high quality, workable local financial reports, the organization has decided to rely on HR expertise to carry out strategic plans and day-to-day operations. Then the hypothesis proposed is:

H1 : Competence has a positive effect on regional financial management accountability.

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Agency theory where *the principal* delegates responsibility in decision making to the agent, it can be said that *the principal* gives directions to *the agent* to carry out certain tasks in accordance with his part. In the implementation of SAP, it is hoped that the Central and Regional Governments when preparing financial reports are guided by PP No. 71 of 2010. With the clarity of the SAP used, it can produce quality financial reports. Then the hypothesis proposed is:

H2: Implementation of government accounting standards has a positive effect on regional financial management accountability.

Regional financial accounting is providing financial information that is complete, accurate and accurate so that it can present financial reports that are reliable, accountable and can be used as a basis for evaluating past financial implementation in the framework of decision making and planning for the future (Indraswarawati et.al, 2020). One of the roles played by the regional financial accounting system is responsibility for financial reporting. So, the hypothesis proposed is as follows:

H3: The regional financial accounting system has a positive effect on regional financial management accountability.

Stewardship theory as a theory that describes the development of a situation where a manager is not motivated by individual goals, but instead pursues their main performance goals, namely being able to implement the vision and mission that has been set for the benefit of the organization. Source Power man as Wrong One element most important in something organization, m aka from That need confirmed that management source Power man done with the best so that can participate in a manner optimal in achievement objective organization. Accountability of Regional Government Financial Statements (LKPD) is important because it is a form of local government accountability for the implementation of the APBD. So, the hypothesis proposed is as follows:

H4: The quality of financial reports is able to moderate the effect of competence on regional financial management accountability.

Agency theory as the relationship between the government as *an agent* and society/public as *the principal.* In the public sector, government officials are accountable and provide

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information regarding transparent and accountable financial reports, so that the public as *principal* can provide performance appraisals in government. Wrong One effort the concrete y ie with apply transparency and accountability management regional finance s as reporting not quite enough answer finance country updated and prepared in accordance with standard accountancy government in accordance with law and regulation. So, the hypothesis proposed is as follows:

H5: The quality of financial reports is able to moderate the effect of implementing government accounting standards on regional financial management accountability.

Regional financial accounting is a part of accounting, so in regional financial accounting there is also a process of identifying, measuring, recording and reporting economic financial transactions that occur in local governments (Purba and Amrul, 2018). Regional financial accounting is a part of accounting, so in regional financial accounting there is also a process of identifying, measuring, recording and reporting economic financial transactions that occur in local governments (Purba and Amrul, 2018). So, the hypothesis proposed is as follows:

H6: The quality of financial reports is able to moderate the influence of the financial accounting system on regional financial management accountability.

RESEARCH METHODS

The population taken in this study were all employees of the Regional Work Unit (SKPD) of the Soppeng Regency Government which included the Regional Secretariat, DPRD Secretariat, Inspector, 5 Agencies and 18 Offices and the sample in this study was 108, namely employees of the SKPD Finance Department of the Soppeng Regency Government.

The sampling technique used is *nonprobability sampling* with a sampling technique using saturated samples with data collection carried out namely primary data where this type of data is collected directly from questionnaires and observation sources.

RESEARCH RESULT

Descriptive Statistical Analysis

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Statistical descriptions are used to provide an overview or description of the data for each research variable. Based on the descriptive statistical analysis, the sample description is obtained as follows.

Table 1 Descriptive Statistics Results

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Means	Standard Deviation
Competence	104	11	95	75.77	14,198
Implementation of Government Accounting Standards	104	75	128	87.82	11,468
Financial Accounting System	104	27	43	38.24	2,711
Regional Financial Management Accountability	104	25	83	41.80	9,509
Quality of Finance Reports	104	10	67	45.10	10013
Valid N (listwise)	104				

Source; SPSS Processing Results, 2023

Based on table 1 shows the descriptive statistics of each research variable. Based on this table, the results of the analysis using descriptive statistics on the competency variable show a minimum value of 11, a maximum value of 95, a mean (average) of 75.77 with a standard deviation of 14.198. Furthermore, the results of the analysis using descriptive statistics on the variable implementation of government accounting standards show a minimum value of 75, a maximum value of 128, a mean (average) of 87.82 with a standard deviation of 11.468. The financial accounting system variable shows a minimum value of 27, a maximum value of 43, a mean (average) of 38.24 with a standard deviation of 2.711. The regional financial management accountability variable shows a minimum value of 25, a maximum value of 83, a mean (average) of 41.80 with a standard deviation of 9.509. The financial report quality

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variable shows a minimum value of 10, a maximum value of 67, a mean (average) of 45.10 with a standard deviation of 10.013.

Based on the table above, it can be concluded that the highest average value is in the implementation of government accounting standards variable, namely 87.82 and the lowest average value is in the financial accounting system variable, namely 38.24. The highest standard deviation is in the competence variable, which is 14.198, and the lowest is the financial accounting system variable, which is 2.711.

Classic assumption test

1. Normality test

Kolmogorov Smirnov method used in this study to detect whether the normality test was fulfilled or not if the significance value was determined in the normality test.

Table 2 Normality Test

		Under standardized Residual
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Normal Parameters [ab]	Means	0.0000000
	std. Deviation	7.88188798
Most Extreme Differences	absolute	0.042
	Positive	0.042
	Negative	-0.035
Test Statistics		0.042
asymp. Sif (2-tailed)		0.200

Source: SPSS Processed Results, 2023

Based on the results of the table above, it can be stated that the *unstandardized residual value* using *the one sample Kolmogorovsmirnov test* gives results with an *asymptotic*

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significance (asymp-sig) value of 0.200, which means that the value is above 0.05 so that it can be said that the variable is normally distributed.

2. Multicollinearity Test

The multicollinearity test aims to test whether the regression model used has a correlation or not between the independent variables. The results of the multicollinearity test can be seen in table 3 as follows.

Table 3 Multicollinearity Test

	Collinearity Statistics	
	Tolerance	VIF
Employee Competency	0.986	1014
Implementation of Government Accounting Standards	0.975	1025
Financial Accounting System	0.858	1.166
Quality of Financial Statements	0.870	1.149

Source: SPSS Processed Results, 2023

Based on the table above, *the results of calculating the tolerance value* show that there is no independent variable that has a *tolerance value* of less than 0.10, which means that there is no correlation between the independent variables with a value of more than 100%. While the results of the calculation of *the Variance Inflation Factor* (VIF) also show the same thing, that is, none of the independent variables has a VIF value of more than 10. Thus, there is no multicollinearity between the independent variables in the regression model.

3. Heteroscedasticity Test

The heteroscedasticity test aims to test whether the regression model occurs when the variance and residuals are similar in one observation to another. A good regression model is that there is no homoscedasticity and heteroscedasticity. The results of the heteroscedasticity test can be seen in Figure 1 and Table 4 as follows.

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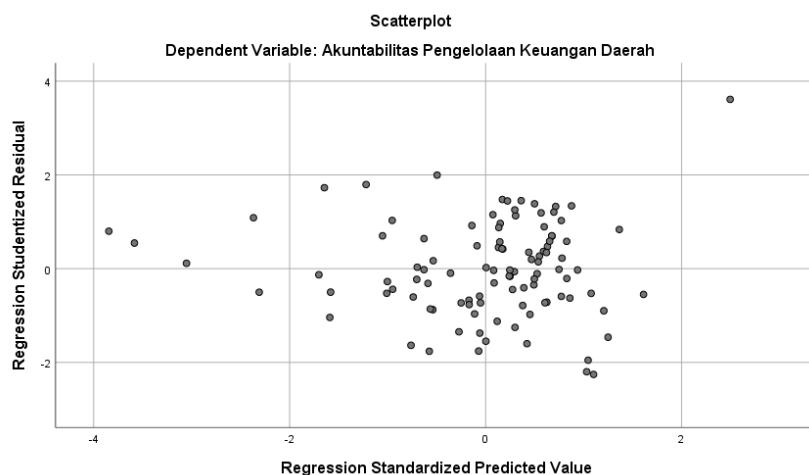
Figure 1 Heteroscedasticity Test

scatterplot graph above, it can be seen that between SRIED and ZPRED show points that spread randomly and do not form a particular pattern that are spread both above and below the number 0 on the Y axis. So, it can be concluded that there is no heteroscedasticity in the regression model.

Ghozali (2021) analysis using graphical plots has significant weaknesses because the number of observations affects the results of *plotting*. Therefore, statistical tests are needed to better guarantee the accuracy of the results. The statistical test that will be used to detect whether there is heteroscedasticity is by using the Glejser test, as shown in the following table.

Table 4 Heteroscedasticity Test

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	std. Error	Betas		
1	(Constant)	7,254	7,623		0.952	0.344
	Employee Competency	0.000	0.033	0.001	0.007	0.994
	Implementation of Government Accounting Standards	-0.057	0.041	-0.137	-1,374	0.172

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Financial Accounting System	0.013	0.187	0.008	0.071	0.943
Quality of Financial Statements	0.077	0.050	0.161	1,526	0.130

Source: SPSS Processed Results, 2023

Based on table 5.10 above, it can be seen that the output display results provide parameter coefficients for the independent variables in the regression equation probability value > 0.05, it can be concluded that there is no heteroscedasticity in the regression model.

Hypothesis submission

1. Multiple Regression Analysis

To determine the effect of competence, implementation of government accounting standards, financial accounting systems on regional financial management accountability, multiple regression is used. Based on the processed data, the results of the analysis are as follows.

Determination Test (R $^{2)}$

Table 5 R Test Results [2]

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	std. Error of the Estimate
1	0.607 [a]	0.369	0.343	7,707

Source: SPSS Processed Results, 2023

Model summary table above, the magnitude of *R Square* indicates a value of 0.369 or around 36.9%. This means that the regional financial management accountability variable influenced by 36.9% by competence, implementation of government accounting standards, financial accounting systems, and the quality of financial reports while the remaining 63.1% is influenced by other variables not used in this study. This shows that competence, implementation of government accounting standards, financial accounting systems, and the

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quality of financial reports is quite weak in explaining the variation on the accountability of regional financial management because the value obtained is below 50%, while the rest is explained by other variables outside the independent variables examined in this study.

Statistical Test F (Simultaneously)

The F statistic test is basically to find out the independent variables included in the model have a simultaneous influence on the independent variables. The error rate used is 0.05.

Table 6 F Test Results

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	3433,034	4	858,258	14,451	0.000b
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	residual	5879,726	99	59,391		
	Total	9312,760	103			

Source: SPSS Processed Results, 2023

calculated F value is 14.451 with a significantly lower level of error rate (0.000 <0.05) indicating the position of the significance test point is in the area of accepting H1 and rejecting H0. This shows that competence, implementation of government accounting standards, and financial accounting systems simultaneously influence regional financial management accountability. This means that together competence, implementation of government accounting standards, and financial accounting systems can have an effect on increasing the accountability of regional financial management.

t test (Partially)

The t statistical test basically shows how far the influence of the independent variable is partially on the dependent variable. If the sig. < 0.05, there is a significant influence between the independent variables on the dependent variable. But if sig. > 0.05, there is no significant difference between the independent variables on the dependent variable.

Table 7 Results of the t test (t test)

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Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	std. Error	Betas		
1	(Constant)	-0.219	12,323		-0.018	0.986
	Employee Competency	0.060	0.054	0.090	1.117	0.267
	Implementation of Government Accounting Standards	-0.104	0.067	-0.125	-1.551	0.124
	Financial Accounting System	0.657	0.302	0.187	2,174	0.032

Source: SPSS Processed Results, 2023

Based on the table above, the resulting linear regression equation is as follows.

$$Y = -0.219 + 0.060X_1 - 0.104X_2 + 0.657X_3 + e \dots (1)$$

From the above equation can be explained as follows.

The regression constant value is -0.219, which means that if competence, implementation of government accounting standards, and financial accounting systems and the quality of financial reports have a value of = 0 or do not change from the initial state, then the accountability of regional financial management will increase by -0.219. The use of multiple regression equations in testing the hypothesis, the results obtained are the results of mathematical calculations worth -0.219. The results of multiple regression testing can only be applied with the assumption that competence, implementation of government accounting standards, and financial accounting systems and the quality of financial reports are in a fixed state or do not change.

In addition, to test the hypothesis of the effect of the independent variable on the dependent variable, the t test is carried out as follows:

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Based on the table above, the competency variable obtained a t value $_{of}$ 1.117 with a significance of 0.267 > 0.05. Thus, it can be concluded that competence has no significant effect on the accountability of regional financial management **H1 is rejected.** Based on the table above, the implementation variable of government accounting standards obtained a t value $_{of}$ -1.551 with a significance of 0.124 > 0.05. Thus, it can be concluded that the implementation of government accounting standards does not have a significant effect on the accountability of regional financial management **H2 is rejected.** Based on the table above, the financial accounting system variable obtained a t value $_{of}$ 2.174 with a significance of 0.032 <0.05. Thus, it can be concluded that the financial accounting system has a significant effect on the accountability of regional financial management **H3 is accepted.**

2. Moderated Regression Analysis (MRA)

To determine the effect of moderation, *Moderated Regression Analysis* (MRA) is used. Based on the processed data, the following analysis results are obtained.

Statistical Test (R^2)

Table 8. R^2 MRA test results

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	std. Error of the Estimate
1	0.998a –	0.996	0.996	0.635

Source: SPSS Processed Results, 2023

Based on the table above the results of the coefficient of determination *R Square* in the model show a value of 0.996 or 99.6%. This means that the variable quality of financial reports as a moderating variable of the relationship between independent variables on regional financial management accountability affected by 99.6%. While the remaining 0.4% is influenced by other variables outside of this study. The R *square result* of 0.996 is greater than the R *square* in the multiple regression analysis test of 0.369 meaning that the addition of the Financial Report Quality variable causes the R *square value* to increase which means that the resulting equation model is much better.

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Statistical Test F

Table 9 Statistical Test Results F

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	9274,044	7	1324,863	3285,153	0.000b
	residual	38,716	96	0.403		
	Total	9312.76	103			

Source: SPSS Processed Results, 2023

Based on the table above, the $_{calculated\ F\ value}$ is 7.524 with a significantly lower level of error (0.000 <0.05). This shows that the quality of financial reports moderating inter-competence relationships, implementing government accounting standards, and financial accounting systems simultaneously on regional financial management accountability.

t test (Partially)

Table 10 MRA t test results

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	std. Error	Betas		
1	(Constant)	38,256	1,079		35,447	0.000
	Employee Competency	-0.139	0.027	-0.207	-5,229	0.000
	Implementation of Government Accounting Standards	-0.128	0.023	-0.154	-5,592	0.000
	Financial Accounting System	-0.445	0.066	-0.127	-6,703	0.000

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Quality of Financial Statements	0.021	0.008	0.022	2,722	0.008
Competency * Quality of Financial Reports	0.003	0.001	0.350	5,412	0.000
Implementation of Government Accounting Standards* Quality of Financial Reports	0.003	0.001	0.311	5,968	0.000
Financial Accounting System* Quality of Financial Reports	0.012	0.002	0.505	7,251	0.011

Source: SPSS Processed Results, 2023

Based on table 5.12 above, the linear regression equation is obtained as follows:

A constant of 38.256, states that if the competency variable, the implementation of government accounting standards, and the financial accounting system and the quality of financial reports as moderation is zero, then the accountability of regional financial management increases by 38.256.

In addition, to test the hypothesis of the moderating variable effect of the independent variable on the dependent variable, the t test is carried out as follows:

a. Quality of Financial Statements Moderating the Effect of Employee Competence on Regional Financial Management Accountability

Coefficients table above Employee Competence is moderated by the quality of financial reports with a t count $_{of}$ 0.003 with a significance of 0.000. Thus, it can be concluded that the higher the level of quality of financial statements, the competence tend to be able to increase the accountability of regional financial management. It means Quality of Financial

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Statements succeeded in moderating the influence of competence on the accountability of regional financial management.

b. Quality of Financial Statements Moderating the Effect of Implementation of Government Accounting Standards Against Regional Financial Management Accountability.

Coefficients table above, the implementation of government accounting standards is moderated by the quality of financial reports with the acquisition of t $_{count}$ of 0.003 with a significance of 0.000. Thus, it can be concluded that the higher the level of quality of financial reports then the implementation of government accounting standards tends to increase the accountability of regional financial management. This means that the quality of financial reports has succeeded in moderating the effect of implementing government accounting standards on the accountability of regional financial management.

c. Quality of Financial Statements Moderating the Influence of the Financial Accounting System Against Regional Financial Management Accountability.

Coefficients table above, the financial accounting system is moderated by the quality of financial reports with the acquisition of t $_{count}$ of 0.012 with a significance of 0.000. Thus, it can be concluded that the higher the level of quality of financial reports then the financial accounting system tends to be able to increase the accountability of regional financial management. This means the quality of financial reports succeeded in moderating the influence of the financial accounting system on the accountability of regional financial management.

DISCUSSION

The influence of competence on the accountability of regional financial management.

The results of testing the hypothesis using table 7 show that competence does not affect the accountability of regional financial management. The statistical test results of this method show that the $_{calculated\ t\ value}$ is 1.117 with a significance value of the interaction of 0.276 where the value is greater than 0.05 (result 0.267> 0.05). This shows that the first hypothesis (H1) **is rejected.**

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Human resources as humans in an organization or institution whose existence can improve service quality and with high human capital always provide professional services. However, the existence of human resources in the local government of Soppeng Regency in the field of accounting has not been adapted to their respective expertise so that this can cause regional apparatus Which not enough efficient in operate task and not quite enough answer Which set, thereby influencing objective organization especially related with local finances. Especially for the finance section, it has relatively few employees who have education in the finance department. Based on the results of the study, length of service can be one of the reasons that determine the placement of human resources in the financial sector.

Research conducted by Erna (2022) says that the failure ability of human resources to understand and apply accounting logic will have an impact on financial statements being made and the reports not conforming to the standards set by the government, however, if the competence in question is not based on a scientific basis then the contribution will not have an influence on efforts to improve the quality of financial reports that will be made, it is certainly based on a scientific basis which is the basis for HR to classify, record and report financial data so as to produce financial reports that are timely and accurate.

The results of this study are in line with previous research, namely the research of Handayani (2021) and Riska (2020) which say that apparatus competence does not affect financial management accountability. This is because some apparatus are still not supported with adequate knowledge and skills in carrying out their duties, so that it will have an adverse impact on accountable financial management.

The influence of the implementation of government accounting standards on the accountability of regional financial management

The results of testing the hypothesis using table 7 show that the implementation of government accounting standards (SAP) has no effect on regional financial management accountability. The results of the statistical test for this method show that the $_{\text{calculated t value}}$ is -1.551 with a significance of the interaction of 0.124 where the value is greater than 0.05 (result 0.124> 0.05). This shows that the second hypothesis (H2) **is rejected.**

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There are several causes that do not affect the readiness to apply government accounting standards, it is known that the placement of employees who do not have an accounting background becomes dominant and a lack of understanding of the laws and regulations applied in local governments such as Government Regulation number 71 of 2010 concerning Government Accounting Standards will affect government in preparing financial reports. Government Accounting Standards (SAP) are very important to be implemented. SAP has a purpose to increase accountability And reliability manager finance country through drafting And development standard accountancy. Report finance is product from field accountancy or scientific.

This is in line with Agnesia's research (2022) which states that government accounting standards (SAP) have no influence on the quality of financial reports. This causes a lack of understanding held by government officials regarding Government Accounting Standards which can have an impact on the level of compliance of government officials with government regulations when carrying out the preparation of financial reports, so that it can affect how far the quality of the financial reports produced and their conformity with the accounting standards applied by the government area. Artana (2016) states that parties Which No truly understand standard accountancy government Which apply influence method application standard accountancy government That Alone Which not enough optimal For reporting And reporting finance.

The influence of the financial accounting system on the accountability of regional financial management

The results of testing the hypothesis using table 7 show that the financial accounting system influences the accountability of regional financial management. The statistical test results of this method show that the $_{\text{calculated t value}}$ is 2.174 with a significance of the interaction of 0.032 where the value is smaller than 0.05 (result 0.032 <0.05). This shows that the third hypothesis (H3) **is accepted.**

This shows that the influence between the regional financial accounting system and regional financial accountability is that the better the implementation of the regional financial

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accounting system, the more transparency and regional financial accountability are realized. This result is in line with the theory that accounting is a system, while the system is something that consists and is connected and has a specific purpose. Kurnia (2014) states that when local governments have implemented a regional financial accounting system properly, regional financial accountability will increase. This is based on the objective of implementing a regional financial accounting system, namely to achieve effectiveness and efficiency in achieving the goals of administering government, safeguarding state assets, and reliability of government financial reports, including regional governments.

Wrong One system Which used in local government ie system Which capable compile report finance based on standard accountancy government. The more Good government particularly in managing areas system reporting finance This so the more good also mark accountability. System accountancy created and developed for make it easy recording reporting finance so that can produce report finance Which responsible answer.

The quality of financial reports moderates the influence of competence on regional financial management accountability

The results of testing the hypothesis using *Moderated Regression Analysis* (MRA) in table 10 show that the quality of financial reports is able to moderate the influence of competence on the accountability of regional financial management. The results of the MRA statistical test showed that the $_{\text{calculated t value}}$ was 0.003 with a significance value of the interaction of 0.000 where the value was less than 0.05 (result 0.000 <0.05). This shows that the fourth hypothesis (H4) **is accepted.** Thus, it can be concluded that the higher the level of quality of financial statements, the competence tend to be able to increase the accountability of regional financial management. It means Quality of Financial Statements succeeded in moderating the influence of competence on the accountability of regional financial management.

This shows that the better the competence of human resources because it is supported by the quality of financial reports, the accountability of regional financial management is still optimal. With the quality of financial reports able to strengthen the influence of competence on the accountability of regional financial management. Competence is needed even though

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finance staff do not have basic accounting but with regular guidance in regional financial administration and accounting, so that human resources can be placed in the department based on training and experience. So that the quality of financial reports on the government of Soppeng Regency is in the good category.

Evidenced by the stewardship theory, by producing good quality financial reports, the government as a steward is able to try to manage human resource competencies as well as possible. Human resources are an important element in an organization, especially the knowledge and knowledge of employees. So that the quality of financial reports that are good and implemented optimally will have an impact on the accountability of regional financial management in the Soppeng Regency Government.

The quality of financial reports moderates the effect of implementing government accounting standards on regional financial management accountability

The results of testing the hypothesis using *Moderated Regression Analysis* (MRA) in table 10 show that the quality of financial reports is able to moderate the effect of implementing government accounting standards on the accountability of regional financial management. The results of the MRA statistical test showed that the $_{\text{calculated t value}}$ was 0.003 with a significance value of the interaction of 0.000 where the value was less than 0.05 (result 0.000 <0.05). This shows that the fifth hypothesis (H5) **is accepted.**

This proves that the higher the level of quality of financial reports then the implementation of government accounting standards tends to increase the accountability of regional financial management. This means that the quality of financial reports has succeeded in moderating the effect of implementing government accounting standards on the accountability of regional financial management. In line with the agency theory that by implementing government accounting standards it becomes the basis for accountable financial reporting so that the Soppeng Regency government can be accountable and provide information regarding financial reports in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The results of this study identified that the Soppeng Regency government has presented good quality financial reports based on government accounting standards number 71 of 2010.

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"THE EFFECT OF COMPETENCE, IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF REGIONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WITH THE QUALITY OF FINANCIAL REPORTS AS A MODERATION VARIABLE"

Quality report finance local government (LKPD) own connection Which closely with accountability, which refers to government accounting government it is hoped that the financial statements can be compared so that it is very useful for performance appraisal later wait e economy report comparable, then Very useful For evaluation performance in Soppeng regency government. Pituringsih (2019) says that the readiness of local governments to implement SAP will increase accountability for the performance of government agencies to local governments, with good SAP implementation contributing to increasing government agency performance accountability in presenting accountability information regarding goals, objectives, functions and expenditure objects.

The quality of financial reports moderates the effect of the financial accounting system on regional financial management accountability

The results of testing the hypothesis using *Moderated Regression Analysis* (MRA) in table 10 show that the quality of financial reports is able to moderate the influence of competence on the accountability of regional financial management. The results of the MRA statistical test show that the $_{\text{calculated t value}}$ is 0.012 with a significance value of the interaction of 0.000, which is less than 0.05 (result 0.000 <0.05). This shows that the fourth hypothesis (H4) **is accepted.**

This proves that the higher the level of quality of financial reports then the financial accounting system tends to be able to increase the accountability of regional financial management. This means the quality of financial reports succeeded in moderating the influence of the financial accounting system on the accountability of regional financial management. The government is required to prepare financial reports in accordance with the regional financial accounting system that has been regulated by the regional government which is based on government accounting standards in laws that are binding on all local governments, so that it can be concluded that the application of a good and correct regional financial accounting system affects the quality government financial reports.

Disclosure of financial reports on the Government of Soppeng Regency can be said to be very good. This can be seen from the fact that the information presented to users of financial statements is complete and has made users of financial statements understand and not

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misinterpret these financial statements so that the financial statements presented provide relevant information. This is in accordance with the opinion of Hasanah (2016) which states that the regional government financial accounting system is an accounting system both manually and computerized that records regional financial transactions as accountability for the implementation of the regional expenditure revenue budget and other budgets related to regional finance.

With the implementation of the regional financial accounting system, it will produce precise and accurate financial reports so that financial reports can be the basis for decision making. Therefore, local government financial reports must be qualified to obtain quality regional financial reports based on government accounting standards which must be based on the implementation of the regional financial accounting system.

CLOSING

Conclusion

Based on the results of the SPSS analysis on the results and discussion of the research discussed in the previous chapter, the conclusions can be described as follows.

1. Competence has no effect on regional financial management accountability. Statistical test results show that the calculated t value is 1.117 with a significance value of the interaction of 0.276 where the value is greater than 0.05 (result 0.267> 0.05). This shows that the first hypothesis (H1) **is rejected.**

2. The implementation of government accounting standards has no effect on the accountability of regional financial management. Statistical test results show that the calculated t value is -1.551 with a significance of the interaction of 0.124 where the value is greater than 0.05 (result 0.124> 0.05). This shows that the second hypothesis (H2) **is rejected.**

3. The financial accounting system influences the accountability of regional financial management. Statistical test results show that the calculated t value is 2.174 with a significance of the interaction of 0.032 where the value is smaller than 0.05 (result 0.032 <0.05). This shows that the third hypothesis (H3) **is accepted.**

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4. The quality of financial reports moderates the influence of competence on regional financial management accountability. The results of the MRA statistical test showed that the calculated t value was 0.003 with a significance value of the interaction of 0.000 where the value was less than 0.05 (result 0.000 <0.05). This shows that the fourth hypothesis (H4) **is accepted.**

5. The quality of financial reports moderates the effect of implementing government accounting standards on regional financial management accountability. The results of the MRA statistical test showed that the calculated t value was 0.003 with a significance value of the interaction of 0.000 where the value was less than 0.05 (result 0.000 <0.05). This shows that the fifth hypothesis (H5) **is accepted.**

6. The quality of financial reports moderates the effect of the financial accounting system on regional financial management accountability. The results of the MRA statistical test show that the calculated t value is 0.012 with a significance value of the interaction of 0.000, which is less than 0.05 (result 0.000 <0.05). This shows that the fourth hypothesis (H4) **is accepted.**

Limitations

1. *model summary* table above, the magnitude of *R Square* indicates a value of 0.369 or around 36.9%. This means that the regional financial management accountability variable influenced by 36.9% by competence, implementation of government accounting standards, financial accounting systems, and the quality of financial reports while the remaining 63.1% is influenced by other variables not used in this study.

2. The data in this study were obtained using a questionnaire, thus allowing for differences in perception between one respondent and another, as well as the researcher.

3. The limitations of the financial management apparatus, both in terms of numbers, human resources, skills and professionalism, can affect the accountability of regional financial management.

Suggestion

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1. For future researchers, it is suggested to add a new independent variable that can affect the accountability of financial management in Soppeng Regency. There are still 63.1% of the variables outside of this study that can affect financial management accountability in Soppeng Regency.

2. It is recommended for future researchers not only to distribute questionnaires but also to use the interview method in order to obtain better results.

3. Increase the competence of financial management apparatus by increasing the number of employees who have an accounting background, and enrolling in education and training or other developments aimed at increasing knowledge and skills in accounting so that they understand all financial processes up to the preparation of financial reports in accordance with SAP.

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