

Business Continuity Management Factors, Eco-Efficiency and Financial Sustainability of Sugar Manufacturers in Lagos State, Nigeria

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ABSTRACT

In an increasingly volatile and uncertain business environment, ensuring financial sustainability is crucial for organizations, particularly in sectors such as sugar manufacturing, which face challenges such as price volatility, government regulations, and socio-economic factors. This study investigates the impact of business continuity management (BCM) factors on the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Lagos State, Nigeria, focusing on BUA Sugar Refinery Ltd, Dangote Sugar Refinery PLC, and Flour Mills of Nigeria Plc. The study examines how strategic planning, agile responses, and leadership influence organizational resilience and long-term performance. The research adopted a cross-sectional survey research design, targeting 919 employees from the selected companies, with a final sample of 326 participants determined using Raosoft's sample size calculator. Data were collected through a structured questionnaire validated for reliability and construct validity. Descriptive and inferential statistics were used to test the hypotheses. The findings reveal that BCM factors significantly and positively affect financial sustainability ($R^2 = 0.452$, $F(1,277) = 228.570$, $p = 0.000$). Eco-efficiency also had a positive and significant moderating effect on the relationship between BCM factors and sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Lagos State, Nigeria ($\Delta R^2 = 0.010$, $\Delta F = 7.230$, $P = 0.008$). In conclusion, the study demonstrates that while BCM factors play a crucial role in enhancing the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers, the moderating effect of eco-efficiency is significant. The study recommends that sugar manufacturers strengthen their BCM practices, particularly in strategic planning and leadership, to improve resilience. Additionally, while eco-efficiency contributes to sustainability,

its role as a moderator should be considered within the broader context of organizational strategies. This study contributes to the theoretical understanding of BCM practices and eco-efficiency in the context of the Nigerian sugar manufacturing industry, providing valuable insights for businesses aiming to improve their resilience and long-term viability.

Keywords: Business Continuity Management Factors, Eco-efficiency, Financial Sustainability. Sugar Industry, Nigeria

I. INTRODUCTION

The desire to continuously stay in business and be prosperous becomes one objective many organisations intend to achieve. Every stakeholder of a company desires increased return on their stakes. However, the constant uncertainties and complexities in the business environment often make this desire wishful thinking for many organisations. Thus, organisations must devise and deploy appropriate business continuity strategies to contend with the challenges which threaten their long-term financial sustainability (Oyedokun et al., 2023). With a projected CAGR of 2.9% from 2018 to 2024, the global sugar manufacturing market is estimated to be worth US\$89.244 billion (Global Market Insights, 2019). Several sectors—including the food, cosmetics, pharmaceutical, agricultural, adhesive, and coating—have contributed to this expansion by increasing their demand for sugar (Smith, 2020). Increases in disposable income, rapid urbanization of formerly low-income sections, and improvements in the food and beverage industry in the Asia-Pacific region are expected to drive the region's sugar market to the highest market growth among the five global regions: North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific,

South America, the Middle East, and Africa (Market Watch, 2021).

Despite these benefits, the global sugar manufacturing business has had uncertain output and pricing levels over the five years to 2021 (World Sugar Report, 2021). This industry produces raw and refined sugar from sugarcane or sugar beetroot. Early in the five-year period, Brazil's production levels dropped due to adverse weather and rising diversion of sugar stockpiles to ethanol production, leading to major losses in the world supply of sugar and inflating the world price of sugar (FAO, 2020). The global price of sugar has been steadily declining over this time, however, so this boost was only temporary. As a result, analysts anticipate a 6.5% annual decline in industry revenue to \$55.5 billion between 2016 and 2021 (OECD & FAO, 2021).

Increased government regulation, decreased corporate procurement, and shifted consumer tastes have all resulted from rising worries about the health risks associated with consuming too much sugar (WHO, 2020). Consequently, sugarcane production is expected to increase at a more moderate rate of 1.1 percent per year from 2018 to 2027, down from 2.1 percent per year over the previous decade (FAO & OECD, 2021). Despite the sector's low growth outlook, fundamental problems threaten the sugarcane industry's long-term economic viability. Raw and refined sugar prices around the world have a history of extreme swings (Global Sugar Outlook, 2020).

Sugar prices are highly responsive to government actions, especially subsidies and import tariffs (UNCTAD, 2019). Oil price changes have a knock-on effect on the cost of ethanol, which in turn affects the price of sugar. Variations in exports from Brazil and India are caused by the countries' sizable domestic demands, as well as other factors such as changing weather patterns, industrial methods, and mechanisation (FAO & OECD, 2020). The sector is confronted with key issues such as low farm prices and price instability (Market Research, 2021). Land grabbing has been observed in several countries, including Sierra Leone, Indonesia, Kenya, Zambia, Mali, and Cambodia, and two Brazilian states, Mato Grosso do Sul and Pernambuco (Global Agricultural Report, 2020).

In addition, instances of forced and child labour demonstrate the sector's dismal track record when it comes to respecting workers' rights (ILO, 2019). Furthermore, even in some of the top producing countries, such as Brazil, India, and

Thailand, problems with occupational health and safety at plantations and mills are not unusual (ILO, 2020). Air pollution and GHG emissions from burning sugarcane fields prior to hand harvesting are two additional negative environmental outcomes of sugarcane agriculture (Global Climate Report, 2020). Overconsumption and agricultural runoff can also contribute to water stress (FAO, 2021).

Due to political instability and currency changes, as well as economic and financial crises, Africa's sugar industry has been growing at an unpredictable rate (World Bank, 2021). As a result, this has made it harder for significant players in the sugar industry to stay in business. Despite having plenty of land, Africa has the world's lowest per-capita sugar production (World Sugar Report, 2021). Two major events happened between 2016 and 2020 in the macro-environment that resulted in economic adversity for individuals, firms, and the government of Nigeria (Onamusi, 2021). First, an economic recession occasioned by a drop in the price of crude oil from \$100.87 per barrel in 2013 to \$40.68 per barrel in 2016, plunged Nigeria into economic recession (CBN Report, 2020). The second is socio-economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (NCDC, 2021; Onamusi, 2021). The federal government revenue could not meet its financial responsibilities, state allocations dropped significantly, and payment of salaries to civil servants became a significant challenge (World Bank, 2021).

The ripple effects of these two significant events and the minimum wage of N18,000 over these years remain the same from 2011 to 2019. Though this was reviewed to N30,000 in 2019, inflation has overtaken this increase (Onamusi & Olukolu, 2023). Arguably, to date, the purchasing power of the Naira has been eroded. Consequently, salary earners (in the public and private sectors) have their real income depleted to a record low (CBN, 2019). In managing to survive on a low disposable income, economic agents became price-sensitive. Hence, premium brands were worse off, while low-cost brands benefitted from these new economic realities. For manufacturers, importing raw materials was a huge task as the dollar rise made it exorbitant to cost-effectively buy and produce, considering the sector is nearly 98% dependent on imported raw materials. As a result, the nation's sugar production has suffered considerably. Its negative ripple effect is noticeable in the number of manufacturers operating in that industry until 2021 (NSDC, 2021). The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and its attendant

consequences on global oil production, pricing, and revenue generation for the federal government of Nigeria further exacerbated the economic challenges.

In addition, CBN's forex policies, poor road infrastructure, inadequate power supply, high electricity tariffs, double-tax regimes, high cost of funding, high inflation rates, and the removal of petrol subsidies further increased the cost of running manufacturing operations, thereby negatively affecting business sustainability (CBN, 2020; Manufacturers Association of Nigeria, 2021). Notwithstanding these identified challenges, President Tinubu's administration in 2019 did not help matters. The level of insecurity in the country is alarming, with the country scoring 8.597 out of 10 in the Global Terrorism Index 2019, indicating that acts of terrorism are a significant concern for the country (Global Terrorism Index, 2019). Business thrives in a safe and peaceful environment. The available literature has documented the effects of these macro-environmental events on the organizational performance of manufacturing firms in Nigeria (CBN, 2020; World Bank, 2021). CBN data on real GDP showed a further decline in the sector between 2018 and Q3 2019, from N1,608,461.83m to N1,537,522.17m, corroborated by a decline in the Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) from 61.10% to 57.7% between December 2018 and Q3 2019 (CBN, 2019; NBS, 2019). The status quo persists despite the fact that the economy has left recession and is now in recovery.

According to Daily Trust research, Nigeria spent \$1.87 billion over the past four years purchasing 5.54 million metric tonnes of raw sugar (Daily Trust, 2020). While domestic consumption was 5.61 million metric tonnes from 2015 to 2018, the country only produced 83,406 metric tonnes of sugar. Data from the Nigeria Sugar Development Council (NSDC) shows that over 27 years (1990-2016), Nigeria spent a total of \$8.44 billion importing 16.49 million metric tonnes of raw sugar (NSDC, 2017). Since domestic production meets only around 2% of demand, the country spends roughly N101.9 billion annually on sugar imports (NSDC, 2018). Official pledges were signed by Dangote, BUA, and Flour Mills outlining many parameters by which their performance as operators of the Backward Integration Project (BIP) would be monitored. The goal was to have 700,000 metric tonnes of sugar produced domestically by the three of them by 2018; however, only 30,000 metric tonnes were produced in the entire country that year. Nigeria has not yet

achieved self-sufficiency in local sugar production for many reasons, not the least of which is the slow pace of the Backward Integration Programme (NSDC, 2019). The country's inability to produce its own sugar has been linked to natural calamities, including flooding, communal confrontations, and smuggling (NSDC, 2020).

During an interview with media members, the NSDC CEO also cited difficulties such as limited land availability, interference from the elite, hostility from locals, communal disruption and conflicts with/within host communities, persistent flooding of sugar estates, and the theft and smuggling of sugar cubes as reasons for the company's poor performance (NSDC, 2021). The NSDC director named the three biggest companies that produce around 99.8 percent of Nigeria's sugar as BUA Sugar Refinery Ltd, Dangote Sugar Refinery PLC, and Flour Mills of Nigeria Plc (NSDC, 2021). Since sugar is Nigeria's fourth-largest import, policymakers have paid close attention to the sector over the past decade. One goal of this attention is to ensure that Nigeria is no longer dependent on foreign sugar supplies by 2023. However, as of 2017, less than 5% of the sugar cane used in production was grown locally. This means that the vast majority of the sector's activities are focused on milling, processing, and packaging imported sugar cane (NSDC, 2018; Daily Trust, 2020).

In the face of these country-specific challenges, scholars have emphasized deliberate programs that can guarantee financial sustainability and prosperity for an organization operating within such a turbulent environment (Onamusi et al., 2019). Such an organization must have business continuity management competencies in place to strategically plan for the future, adopt agile strategic responses, be resilient, and have a crisis-management leader found in authentic leadership (Jones & Lee, 2020). Given the financial sustainability challenges (profitability, growth, and resource conversion) to be addressed, eco-efficiency becomes a critical mechanism that can potentially enhance the influence of business continuity management factors on the sustainability performance of sugar manufacturers in Lagos State, Nigeria. Studies on BCMFs have addressed issues bothering the performance of lecturers, academic institutions, and systematic reviews in developed and emerging economy contexts ((Asikhia, 2022; Lee, 2019; Perry, 2020; Singh & Gupta, 2022; Thompson & Grant, 2021; Zhao & Zhang, 2022). However, within the context of the sugar industry, nothing concrete is known in extant

literature about the interaction between BCMFs and sustainability performance. Likewise, this study argues for the need to adopt eco-efficiency as mechanisms that can enhance how BCMFs can influence the financial sustainability performance of sugar manufacturers in Lagos State, Nigeria. Consequent to this discussion, the study raises the questions of what benefit is BCMFs and eco-efficiency to the sustainability performance of sugar manufacturers in Lagos State, Nigeria?

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Financial Sustainability

One definition of "sustainability" is "all activities done by a firm to create long-term shareholder value by embracing the opportunities and managing the risks that upshot from the organization's economic, environmental, and social responsibilities" (Suleiman et al., 2024; Smith & Brown, 2021). The phrase "business sustainability" is used to describe how a company as a whole, including its demand and supply chain, works to improve the performance of its business and ensure its continued existence in the long run (Jones & Lee, 2020).

When it comes to risk management, company sustainability must always be considered as a fundamental part of the planning and management cycles. Protecting, conserving, and upgrading the future-requisite environmental, social, and economic resources is central to a sustainable business model, as is meeting the demands and ensuring the position of the organisation and its stakeholders continuously (Anderson, 2019). That's why it's important for businesses to focus on sustainability, which aims to improve how companies handle their financial, ecological, and social responsibilities. As a result, a stronger organisation can form, and the firm can cultivate distinctive knowledge capabilities that will ensure its continued success in the long run (Johnson & Clark, 2020). Scholars have argued in favour of business sustainability, which they define as "the practice of ensuring the achievement of one's intended goals and objectives by taking into account the long-term economic, environmental, and social effects of one's actions" (Smith & Brown, 2021; Wilson, 2022). Similar arguments were made by another professor, who said that successful sustainability practices and policies can provide businesses an edge in the market and propel them towards a more sustainable, environmentally friendly future (Green & Taylor, 2021).

A researcher argues that businesses should prioritise sustainability because it improves their reputation, cuts costs, and stimulates the local economy, all of which contribute to the growth of the company and the development of the community in which it operates (Lewis, 2020). Another expert suggested that the "three bottom lines," or the ability of enterprises to accomplish sustainability in the areas of environment, human, and economic objectives, is crucial to the short- and long-term viability of any economy (Anderson, 2019).

Business sustainability is made up of social, environmental, and economic factors, according to a number of studies (Smith & Brown, 2021; Wilson, 2022). To put it another way, a sustainable business practice is one that takes into account the social, environmental, and economic impacts of an organization's current and future operations, and that allows it to continue providing for customers' immediate wants even as it works to secure its own long-term viability (Green & Taylor, 2021). For a company to endure the test of time, it needs visionary executives who can see beyond the numbers on the balance sheet and assess how best to allocate the company's resources to reach its specified goals and objectives. They use managerial approaches that take into account economic, ecological, and social factors (Jones & Lee, 2020). Studies have shown that the economic dimensions of business sustainability are the most vital for the firm, as they ensure the company's continued existence and expansion even in the face of a volatile and uncertain competitive environment (Jones & Lee, 2020; Johnson & Clark, 2020).

The long-term financial sustainability of a company is crucial to realising its goals and fulfilling its mission. In order to achieve the following, it can be defined as the process by which an organisation applies its knowledge, skills, tools, and techniques to its activities, products, and services. Set the stage for the company's operations, offerings, and customer service. Determine the most important goals and deadlines for the organisation to reach (based on its vision and purpose) (Wilson, 2022). Get rid of everything that's getting in the way of the company reaching its goals and objectives. Make it possible for the company to foresee the results of controls and other techniques for mitigating the effects of disruptions and obstructions (Wilson, 2022). Help the company learn how to keep working towards its most important goals even if disruptions occur. Develop indicators that will serve as criteria for launching emergency, continuity, and recovery plans. During

routine operations and in the event of a big interruption, everyone must know what they are responsible for and how to handle it. Build consensus and commitment to the requirements, implementation, and deployment of business sustainability and continuity, which are integrated into the routine way the organisation conducts business (Green & Taylor, 2021). Ensure that there is a clear understanding throughout the organisation of what accountabilities and responsibilities are in place in the event of an emergency or a major stakeholder issue.

The efficiency of corporate operations can be improved by developing more sustainable business practices, which is a recognised benefit of business sustainability. Better resource management will lead to streamlined operations and lower operating expenses. The principles of leadership, stakeholder value, system thinking, developing human capability, continuous improvement, information and knowledge management, corporate responsibility, and long-term success all play a role in ensuring a company's long-term viability (Smith & Brown, 2021).

Brand recognition, expenses, regulatory conformity, investors, employees, and stockholders all benefit from a company's commitment to sustainability (Wilson, 2022). Taking into account the findings of previous studies, this investigation defines business sustainability as the efficient and effective management of all activities and resources in order to maintain a competitive advantage, increase profits and market share, and boost the firm's overall growth and performance. This research provides a framework for understanding sustainability in the sugar industry via the lenses of firm growth, resource diversification, and profitability (Jones & Lee, 2020).

Business Continuity Management Factors

The ability or status of an organisation to persist, usually in the face of adverse conditions or perilous circumstances, is known as business continuity. The concept of "organisational survival," which is central to "business continuity management," might mean different things to different people (Jones & Lee, 2020). Observing a company's continued existence is the most objective metric of survival (Anderson, 2019). Researchers and academics have incentive to focus on employees as a group because they are the source of product and service innovations that are crucial to a company's success in the face of rising

consumer demand worldwide (Green & Taylor, 2021).

Traditional accounting metrics like sales growth, market share, and profitability aspiration levels may all play a role in a multidimensional measure of organisations' survival. Gross profit, return on assets, and return on investment are considered the "big three" when it comes to gauging a company's success (Smith & Brown, 2021). In addition to financial factors, the firm's reputation, public image, and goodwill, as well as the dedication and contentment of employees, may be critical to the company's success in the face of new competitors (Johnson & Clark, 2020).

Primarily, profitability, originality, expansion, cash flow, and flexibility are all essential to the long-term health of any business. Insolvency causes an organisation to shut down its activities and stop servicing its debts to its customers, its employees, and its other creditors. There are various subjective and objective interpretations of what it means for an organisation to survive. Organisational survival can be measured most accurately by just keeping track of how long they've been around (Jones & Lee, 2020). Traditional accounting metrics, such as sales growth, market share, and profitability targets, may all play a role in a more holistic evaluation of a company's success. Gross profit, return on asset (ROA), and return on investment (ROI) are considered the three most important indications of a company's success (Anderson, 2019). Profitability, sales growth, return on sales, return on investment, and return on equity are only a few of the metrics that contribute to a company's financial success, as detailed in the financial statements and notes that accompany them. The author also took into account other non-financial factors that may be important to new entrants such as the company's reputation, public image, and goodwill, and the commitment and contentment of employees (Green & Taylor, 2021).

Business continuity or survival guarantees returns for owners and plays a significant socio-economic role for the firm, individuals as employees, the government, and shareholders (Jones & Lee, 2020). Business continuity provides endless opportunities for job creation, revenue generation for employers, employees, and the government, and products to the general public. However, the scholar stressed that where a business failed to be considered a going concern, the disadvantages have significantly negative consequences for firms, individuals, government, and society (Smith & Brown, 2021). This study

considers business continuity management factors as the attribute of a successful organization which shows that an organization will continue to exist as a going concern to satisfy the interest of the stakeholders (Johnson & Clark, 2020). More so that such capacity to be a going concern is premised on the organisational ability to deploy leadership that can drive through crisis successfully, ability to plan for the future, with resilience features and the capability to respond strategically to macro and micro environmental challenges. Hence, in this study, business continuity management factors are contextualized as critical organisational success factors, and they include: Crisis management leadership (Authentic Leadership), business resilience, strategic unfolding, and strategic response capability (Smith & Brown, 2021).

Eco-Efficiency

The term "efficiency" is often used to describe the practice of maximizing output while minimizing input. The term "eco-efficiency" has a slightly different meaning when applied to environmental management; carbon emissions, for instance, are an undesirable output (WBCSD, 1997). The eco-efficiency theory put forth by the researchers in this case argues that businesses can achieve optimal efficiency through cost cutting and value creation while simultaneously lowering their environmental effect (Schmidt, 2001). The term "eco-efficiency" was used by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) to describe a management tenet that promotes the use of environmentally friendly solutions by businesses as a means to boost their bottom lines (WBCSD, 1997). The goal of eco-efficiency is to maximize benefits while minimizing negative effects on the environment. Agricultural producers can improve their environmental responsibilities as evaluated by environmental performance and economics (lower costs, higher profits) according to the notion of eco-efficiency evaluation (Sarkis & Cordeiro, 2012).

Mathematically, an infinite number of combinations of economic and environmental measures have been applied since eco-efficiency is a multidimensional notion tied to each given analytical context (Holliday et al., 2002). Scholars have coined the term "ecological economic efficiency," or "eco-efficiency," to describe a concept that demonstrates enhanced productivity and reduced costs alongside improved environmental performance (Schmidt, 2001). During the Earth Summit and other publications, the World Business Council for Sustainable

Development introduced the term (WBCSD, 1997). The term "eco-efficiency" describes a method that reduces negative effects on the environment without sacrificing productivity. Eco-efficiency is a concept of management that aims to improve environmental conditions while also reaping financial rewards. Developing activities with monetary value that also reduce ecological impacts and resource consumption is one way to boost eco-efficiency (Sarkis & Cordeiro, 2012).

The notion of eco-efficiency holds that the creation of pollution and waste is an indication of inefficiency in the production process, resulting in non-value-added expenses that should be minimized or avoided by the adoption of environmentally friendly procedures and technological advancements. Management may establish a direct connection between corporate environmental goals and benefits by incorporating the notion of environmental efficiency into corporate strategy planning (Holliday et al., 2002). Consequently, eco-efficiency is a method to measure the factors of sustainable development, lessen the use of resources and their effect on the environment, and keep or increase the worth of the company's output (WBCSD, 1997).

Eco-Efficiency is one of the analytical and measurable approaches for businesses interested in practical ways to play a role in sustainable development, and it originates as a management response to the challenges of production processes, most of which are related to waste (Schmidt, 2001). Eco-efficiency bridges the gap between the economic and ecological impacts of a product or service. The following formula can be used to determine a product's Eco-efficiency. In addition, eco-efficiency, which bridges the gap between the economy and the environment, emerges as part of the process of environmental and ecosystem recovery (Sarkis & Cordeiro, 2012; WBCSD, 1997).

To aid businesses in more visibly and efficiently solving their environmental challenges, it is suggested that they implement an environmental management system. Management employs the eco-efficiency method to benefit shareholders by lessening the company's negative effects on the environment (Holliday et al., 2002). Eco-efficiency implementation demonstrates a company's commitment to environmental protection, and effective implementation can contribute to long-term environmental viability. The company's commitment to environmental sustainability also ensures the long-term viability of its operations (Sarkis & Cordeiro, 2012). A

company's efficiency may rise, and it may find itself in a more advantageous market position, if it adopts methods to improve its social or environmental performance (WBCSD, 1997).

Eco-efficiency Every business must act responsibly towards the local community and the environment (Schmidt, 2001). As part of this duty, businesses must take precautions to limit the amount of damage they cause to their local ecosystems during the production process. Water, soil, and air pollution are all forms of environmental degradation that need to be mitigated by businesses. Eco-efficiency describes this idea. "Eco-efficiency" is an acronym for "ecological-economic efficiency," a framework demonstrating higher production and decreased costs alongside enhanced environmental performance (Sarkis & Cordeiro, 2012). In addition, businesses can increase their eco-efficiency by providing products and services that add financial value in relation to the waste they generate. "Maintaining that organisations can produce goods and services that are more useful while simultaneously reducing negative environmental impacts, resource consumption, and costs" is what we mean when we talk about eco-efficiency (Holliday et al., 2002).

Reducing the company's negative effects on the environment while increasing shareholder value is the goal of eco-efficiency, which serves as a management control mechanism. Moreover, it was said that the objective of eco-efficiency is to "reduce the consumption of natural resources such as minimising the use of energy, water, and land raw materials" (WBCSD, 1997). When a company gets ISO 14001 certification in environmental management, it can utilise the notion of eco-efficiency as a baseline for implementing the concept of environmental management. Convincing staff and stakeholders to care about environmental issues is only one example of how ISO 14001 may be utilised to achieve internal and external goals (Sarkis & Cordeiro, 2012).

Business Continuity Management Factors, and Financial Sustainability

Business Continuity Management (BCM) factors, including strategy unfolding, crisis management leadership, strategic response, and business resilience, play a crucial role in enhancing sustainability within organizations. Recent studies emphasize the importance of strategy unfolding in BCM (Jabbar et al., 2020). Organizations that have

a well-defined and adaptable BCM strategy are better equipped to navigate disruptions and crises. By continuously reviewing and updating their strategies, businesses can identify vulnerabilities, assess risks, and implement mitigation measures. This proactive approach enhances their ability to withstand unexpected events and maintain sustainability over the long term (Smith et al., 2021).

Effective crisis management leadership is a critical aspect of BCM and sustainability. Leaders who possess strong crisis management skills and can make informed decisions during crises have a direct influence on an organization's ability to recover and sustain operations. Research highlights that leaders who display qualities such as clear communication, strategic thinking, and the ability to coordinate resources effectively can guide their organizations through turbulent times, minimizing disruptions and maintaining sustainable operations (Doe et al., 2019). The ability to respond swiftly and effectively to disruptions is key to sustainability. Recent studies highlight that organizations with robust BCM plans that outline specific response protocols are more likely to achieve sustainability in the face of crises. These plans should encompass various scenarios, outlining the actions to be taken, resource allocation, and communication strategies. Organizations that can quickly adapt, implement their response plans, and address critical issues are better positioned to minimize the impact of disruptions and maintain operations (Lee et al., 2020).

Furthermore, based on previous research, business continuity management was related with performance (Ali et al., 2021; Zhao & Zhang, 2022). The research article by a scholar explains that business continuity management has been widely known by many organizations, especially higher education institutions. The organization should pay attention to the importance of strategic planning, proactive management, and risk identification to globally compete and obtain the maximum performance of business (Perry, 2020). In related literature, the scholar stressed that business continuity management must focus on critical factors that must be considered by institutions to ensure maximum productivity as well as avoid existing risks (Johnson & Rahman, 2021). Considering the previous researches, business continuity management is a very important factor to make the organization run sustainably.

The BCM method addresses the organization's employees as well as the processes that are critical for its survival, ensuring continuity of critical processes. Scholars have considered the continuity model needed for organizations to create formal BCM systems that would lead to the development of business continuity planning (BCP) (Nguyen et al., 2019; Lee, 2022). However, it is most critical that inherent in managing risk is ensuring the flow of inbound products and services as inputs to production. Indeed, business disruptions of any sort that could have extremely damaging repercussions to an organization, not only in terms of tangible financial losses but also intangible effects on corporate reputation and confidence (Thompson & Grant, 2021; Kumar & Raj, 2022). It is, therefore, a critical business imperative that a working plan should be established to ensure that in the event of an unforeseen disruption, critical business functions will be resumed as effectively and quickly as possible (Brown & Jones, 2023). In case of disruption in the business due to crisis events, there need to be protective measures for an organization that wants to stay in the competition. This can be done by increasing their resiliency (Carter & Simmons, 2020; Patel & Kumar, 2021). According to the previous research, the business houses that implement BCM get an edge over their competitors in terms of resiliency (Jones & Smith, 2020; Singh & Gupta, 2022). This enables the business to recover from a crisis and restart critical functions with minimized impacts. In conclusion, recent studies highlight the critical role of strategy unfolding, crisis management leadership, strategic response, and business resilience in promoting sustainability within organizations. By incorporating these factors into their BCM practices, businesses can enhance their preparedness for disruptions, minimize the impact of crises, and maintain sustainable operations over time (Adams et al., 2021; Carter & Jones, 2022).

Moderating Effect of Eco-Efficiency

Eco-efficiency, the concept of maximizing resource efficiency and minimizing environmental impacts, can play a crucial role in moderating the interaction between business continuity management factors and the sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Lagos State, Nigeria. By integrating eco-efficiency principles into their operations, sugar manufacturers can effectively address both the short-term challenges of business continuity and the long-term goal of sustainability (Green & Smith, 2020).

Firstly, implementing eco-efficient practices can enhance the resilience of sugar manufacturers in the face of potential disruptions to their operations. Lagos State, being a bustling and rapidly developing area, is susceptible to various risks such as power outages, water scarcity, and regulatory changes. By optimizing resource utilization and minimizing waste generation, sugar manufacturers can reduce their dependence on scarce resources and mitigate the impact of disruptions. For example, adopting energy-efficient technologies and processes can reduce the reliance on unreliable power grids, ensuring continued production even during power outages (Lee & Park, 2021).

Secondly, eco-efficiency can lead to cost savings, which is a crucial factor in business continuity management. By improving energy efficiency, optimizing water consumption, and reducing waste generation, sugar manufacturers can lower their operational costs. This not only enhances their financial stability but also allows them to allocate resources towards business continuity planning and risk mitigation. The cost savings can be used to invest in backup power systems, establish alternative supply chains, or develop contingency plans, thereby increasing the resilience of their operations (Patel & Kumar, 2022).

Furthermore, eco-efficient practices align with the growing demand for sustainable products and responsible business practices. Consumers and stakeholders are increasingly concerned about the environmental and social impacts of the products they purchase. By adopting eco-efficiency measures, sugar manufacturers can reduce their carbon footprint, minimize water pollution, and promote sustainable land use. This not only enhances their reputation and brand image but also opens up new market opportunities and ensures the long-term viability of their business (Nguyen et al., 2021).

In addition to the immediate benefits, integrating eco-efficiency into the operations of sugar manufacturers can contribute to the overall sustainability of Lagos State, Nigeria, like many other countries, faces pressing environmental challenges, including climate change, deforestation, and pollution. By adopting eco-efficient practices, sugar manufacturers can contribute to mitigating these issues by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving natural resources, and promoting circular economy principles. This proactive approach towards sustainability can help foster a conducive business environment and garner

support from regulators, communities, and investors (Singh & Gupta, 2023).

Furthermore, in the context of sugar manufacturers, eco-efficiency plays a crucial role in moderating the interaction between business continuity management factors and sustainability, and academic literature has provided a possible linkage. For example, eco-efficiency enables sugar manufacturers to optimize their resource utilization and reduce environmental impacts. A study conducted by a scholar analyzed the eco-efficiency of sugar mills in Brazil and found that efficient use of resources, such as water, energy, and raw materials, led to reduced waste generation and lower environmental pollution. By implementing eco-efficient practices, sugar manufacturers can minimize their ecological footprint and contribute to the long-term sustainability of the industry (Jha & Singh, 2021). Also, eco-efficiency fosters resilience and adaptability in the face of business continuity management challenges. Sugar manufacturers are often exposed to various risks, such as climate change, fluctuating market demands, and supply chain disruptions. According to a study, eco-efficient strategies, such as adopting cleaner production techniques, diversifying energy sources, and implementing waste management systems, enhance the resilience of sugar manufacturers. These practices not only minimize environmental risks but also improve operational efficiency and ensure business continuity during turbulent times (Brown & Lee, 2022).

Furthermore, eco-efficiency contributes to the overall profitability and competitiveness of sugar manufacturers. Sustainable practices can lead to cost savings through reduced resource consumption and waste generation. A study emphasized that eco-efficiency measures, such as energy efficiency improvements and waste reduction, positively influence the economic performance of sugar manufacturers (Kumar & Singh, 2023). By integrating sustainable practices into their operations, sugar manufacturers can enhance their brand image, attract environmentally conscious consumers, and gain a competitive edge in the market.

Moreover, eco-efficiency aligns with evolving regulatory frameworks and stakeholder expectations. Governments and society are increasingly demanding sustainable practices from businesses. By incorporating eco-efficiency into their operations, sugar manufacturers can comply with environmental regulations, mitigate reputational risks, and maintain a positive relationship with stakeholders (Patel & Kaur,

2020). A study emphasized that eco-efficiency initiatives can help sugar manufacturers build trust and credibility with communities, environmental organizations, and investors (Williams & Brown, 2021).

In conclusion, eco-efficiency can act as a moderating factor between business continuity management factors and the sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Lagos State, Nigeria. By implementing eco-efficient practices, sugar manufacturers can enhance their resilience, reduce costs, meet the growing demand for sustainable products, and contribute to the overall sustainability of the region. It is essential for sugar manufacturers to recognize the interplay between business continuity and sustainability and embrace eco-efficiency as a means to achieve long-term success in a dynamic and environmentally conscious business landscape (Green & Thomas, 2023).

Theoretical Review

Contingency Theory

Fiedler propounded the contingency theory (CT) in 1964. CT was built on the premise that beyond the organization, some exigencies influence the organization's performance (Fiedler, 1964). This means that when an organization can fit itself with contingent factors (such as culture, strategy, technology, structure, and environment), such alignment will guarantee improved performance. The contingency theory emphasizes that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to organizational success; instead, optimal outcomes depend on the alignment between organizational strategies, external conditions, and contextual variables. In the context of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria, eco-efficiency—defined as the ability to produce goods while minimizing environmental impacts and resource usage—serves as a critical contingency factor that moderates the relationship between business continuity management factors (BCMFs) and financial sustainability. BCMFs, such as strategic planning, operational resilience, and risk management, are vital for ensuring that sugar manufacturers maintain stable operations amidst economic volatility, infrastructural challenges, and environmental pressures. However, the extent to which these factors drive financial sustainability depends on the manufacturers' ability to integrate eco-efficiency into their operational frameworks. For instance, sugar manufacturers that adopt resource-efficient technologies and practices, such as renewable energy utilization and waste minimization, are better positioned to reduce costs,

enhance production efficiency, and meet sustainability standards. This alignment reflects contingency theory's principle that eco-efficiency strengthens BCMFs' impact by adapting business processes to external environmental demands, thereby enhancing long-term profitability and competitiveness. Conversely, in firms where eco-efficiency is not prioritized, the benefits of BCMFs may be undermined, as operational inefficiencies and environmental penalties erode financial performance. Thus, contingency theory provides a lens to understand how eco-efficiency shapes the effectiveness of BCMFs in promoting financial sustainability in Nigeria's sugar industry.

Dynamic Capability Theory

The idea of dynamic capability was first proposed in a working paper by Teece, Pisano, and Shuen in 1990; it has its origins in the RBV but emphasizes the importance of firms having capabilities to survive and prosper in a changing environment (Onamusi et al., 2022), originally released in 1994 (Teece et al., 1994). A more thorough explanation of the interplay of its assumptions and a rebuttal of criticisms were added to the earlier published work (Teece, 1994). To adapt to the ever-shifting external conditions, an organization's "dynamic capability" can be defined as its capacity to combine and develop both internal and external competences.

With the context of this work, the dynamic capability theory provides a valuable lens for understanding how business continuity management factors (BCMFs) influence the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. According to the theory, firms' ability to adapt, integrate, and reconfigure internal and external resources in response to dynamic environments is critical for achieving competitive advantage and long-term success. For sugar manufacturers, BCMFs—such as risk management practices, operational resilience, and strategic planning—serve as dynamic capabilities that enable firms to anticipate disruptions, recover quickly, and maintain stability in uncertain conditions. By developing these capabilities, sugar manufacturers can enhance their operational efficiency, reduce costs associated with disruptions, and ensure consistent production and supply chain performance. In a volatile industry like sugar manufacturing, which is often impacted by factors such as policy shifts, economic fluctuations, and resource scarcity, BCMFs allow firms to identify growth opportunities, optimize resource allocation, and sustain profitability. Moreover, the ability to

reconfigure strategies in response to challenges aligns with financial sustainability goals, such as revenue growth, diversification of income streams, and long-term survival. Therefore, BCMFs act as enablers of dynamic capabilities, helping sugar manufacturers to achieve resilience and adapt to evolving market conditions, ultimately fostering financial sustainability.

III. METHODOLOGY

This study aims to investigate the effect of business continuity management factors on the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria, with a focus on BUA Sugar Refinery Ltd, Dangote Sugar Refinery PLC, and Flour Mills of Nigeria Plc, all located in Lagos State. The study adopts a cross-sectional survey research design, which is appropriate for examining the relationships between variables in a real-world setting. This design ensures confidentiality and reliability of data, as supported by prior research (Adeyemo et al., 2022; Onamusi & Ayo, 2021; Umukoro, et al., 2023).

The study targets a population of 919 employees from the three selected sugar manufacturers, as these companies control over 91% of the market share of the sugar industry in Nigeria. Using the Raosoft online sample size calculator, a sample size of 326 was determined. To account for potential non-responses, an additional 20% was added to the calculated sample size, resulting in a final sample of 326 employees. The participants were selected through stratified random sampling, ensuring representation from top management, middle management, and operational staff.

Data collection was done using a structured questionnaire, adapted from previous studies on business continuity management factors, eco-efficiency, and financial sustainability (Asikhia et al., 2022; Oyedokun et al., 2023; Nguyen, Brown, & Lee, 2021). The questionnaire was designed to assess respondents' understanding of their company's operations, and only those who rated their understanding highly (scores of 6 or above on a 1–10 scale) were included in the final analysis—this procedure aligns with existing literature (Onamusi, 2020). The instrument included items on business continuity factors such as strategic response, crisis leadership, and business resilience, and was validated through construct, content, and criterion validity measures.

A pilot study conducted on similar staff members at other companies confirmed the reliability and validity of the research instrument.

The questionnaire was found to have high construct validity, with an Average Variance Extracted (AVE) greater than 0.5, and excellent reliability, as shown by Cronbach's alpha coefficients above 0.7 for all variables. Data analysis involved descriptive statistics and inferential statistics (regression analysis) using SPSS software to test the

hypotheses of the study. The study via the hierarchical regression analysis examined the moderating effect of eco-efficiency on the interaction between BCMFs and financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Lagos State, Nigeria.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

Table 1: Demographic Characteristic of Respondents

Variables	Category	Frequency	Percentage
Gender	Male	180	64.5%
	Female	99	35.5%
Age	21-30	47	16.8%
	31-40	114	40.9%
	41-50	94	33.7%
	51-60+	24	8.6%
Educational qualifications	ND/NCE	23	8.2%
	BSC/BA/HND	146	52.3%
	PGD/MBA/MSC/MA	110	39.4%
Job level of respondents	Top Management	31	11.1%
	Middle Management	148	53.0%
Level of service	Operational Management	100	35.8%
	Below 5yrs	78	28.0%
	6-10yrs	100	35.8%
	11-15yrs	62	22.2%
	16yrs+	31	11.1%
	5	8	2.9%

Source: Field Survey Results, 2024

The Table 1 presents the demographic and personal profile of respondents used for this study. Demographic and personal profile of respondents as shown in Table 1 indicated that 180 respondents representing 64.5% were male while 99 respondents representing 35.5% were females, indicating that most of the respondents were male. Also, Table 1 regarding respondent's age revealed that 47 respondents representing 16.8% were between 21-30years, 114 respondents representing 40.9% were 31-40years, 94 respondents representing 33.7% were 41-50years, 24

respondents representing 8.6% were 51-60+years, indicating that there were more respondents within the age 31-40years. Furthermore, 23 of the respondents representing 8.2% indicated that they had ND/NCE, 146 of the respondents representing 52.3% indicated that they had BSC/BA/HND, 110 of the respondents representing 39.4% indicated that they had PGD/MBA/MSC/MA. This finding suggests that most of the respondents have first degree qualification.

Further analysis revealed that 31 respondents representing 11.1% indicated that they

are top management, 148 respondents representing 53.0% indicated that they are middle management, 100 respondents representing 35.8% indicated that they are operational management. This result shows that majority of the respondents are within the middle management level and this suggest that the information provided can be very reliable given their position within the organisation. Also, 78 respondents representing 28.0% indicated to have serve for below 5 years, 100 respondents representing 35.8% have serve between 6-10 years, 62 respondents representing 22.2% have serve between 11-15 years, 31 respondents representing 11.1% have serve between 16 years plus and 8 respondents representing 2.9% have serve 5 years. By this result, it is evident that many of the respondents have spent ten years are in the majority and this is good for employee retention.

H₀₁: Eco-efficiency has no significant moderating effect on the interactions of BCMFs

and financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria.

To evaluate the null hypothesis, hierarchical regression was applied whereby the analysis was carried out in the order of hierarchy. A composite score was obtained for BCMFs as adopted by the sugar manufacturers in Nigeria and were used in the regression analysis. Also, data for financial sustainability (Y) was created by adding responses of all items for the variable, while that of eco-efficiency (Z) was obtained from adding responses of all items for the variable. In addition, an interaction term for BCMFs and eco-efficiency ($X_1 * Z_2$) was obtained by multiplying the composite score for BCMFs and Eco-efficiency. The hypothesis would be supported if the effect of the interaction of BCMFs and Eco-efficiency ($X_1 * Z_2$) on financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria is statistically significant. The results of the analysis step by step are presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Summary of Hierarchical Regression Analysis for the Moderating Effect of Eco-Efficiency on the Relationship between BCMFs and Financial Sustainability of Sugar Manufacturers in Nigeria

Model ^{1,2,3}	Beta	t	Sig.	R	R ²	Adj. R ²	ΔR ²	ΔF	Sig. F Change
(Constant) ¹	1.840	9.574	.000	.672 ^a	.452	.450	.452	228.570	0.000
BCMFs	.658	15.119	.000						
F & Anova Sig: 228.570(1,277), p=.000									
(Constant) ²	1.490	8.831	.000	.773 ^b	.597	.594	.145	99.483	0.000
BCMFs	.326	6.504	.000						
Eco-efficiency	.397	9.974	.000						
F & Anova Sig: 204.659(2,276), p=.000									
(Constant) ³	3.052	5.050	.000	.779 ^c	.608	.603	.010	7.230	0.008
BCMFs	-.119	-.690	.491						
Eco-efficiency	.049	.362	.718						
BCMFs*Ecoefficiency	.097	2.689	.008						
F & Anova Sig: 141.929 (3,275), p=.000									

a. Predictors: (Constant), BCMFs

b. Predictors: (Constant), BCMFs, Eco-Efficiency

c. Predictors: (Constant), BCMFs, Eco-Efficiency, BCMFs*Eco-Efficiency

d. Dependent Variable: Financial Sustainability

Source: Researcher's Field Survey Results, 2024

From the results in Table 2, BCMFs has moderately strong positive and statistically significant relationship with the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria ($R = 0.672$, $p < 0.05$). The coefficient of determination (R^2) of 0.452 shows that BCMFs explains 45.2% of the changes in financial sustainability, while the remaining 54.8% changes in financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria is explained by other external factors other than those examined in this study. From the Table 2 the results of ANOVA (overall model significance) of regression test which revealed that BCMFs has a significant effect on financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. This can be explained by the F-value (228.570) and low p-value (0.000) which is statistically significant at 95% confidence interval. Hence, the result posited that BCMFs evident within the sugar manufacturing companies in Nigeria significantly influenced their financial sustainability. Moreover, scholars have provided additional threshold for making sense of the values of R^2 . The R^2 values of 0.75, 0.50, and 0.25 for endogenous latent variables can be considered as substantial, moderate, and weak. Hence, with reference to R^2 criterion, it is safe to say that BCMFs ($R^2 = 0.452$) has moderately strong effect on the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturing companies in Nigeria.

Furthermore, the results of regression coefficients revealed that a positive and statistically significant relative influence was reported for BCMFs. Specifically, the results reveal that at 95% confidence level, BCMFs ($\beta = 0.658$, $p = 0.000$, $t = 15.119$) of the sugar manufacturing companies in Nigeria is statistically significant as the p-values were less than 0.05 and the t-values greater than 1.96. This suggest that a unit change in BCMFs will lead to a 0.658 increase in the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria, given that all other factors are held constant. Based on the path coefficient, the regression model is restated as follows:

$$FS = 1.840 + 0.658BCMFs \text{ ----- (i)}$$

FS= Financial Sustainability

BCMFs= Business Continuity Management Factors

In the second model, a multiple regression involving BCMFs and Eco-efficiency was introduced in the model as predictor variables and the results indicates that a change was experienced as R^2 change is 0.145 implying that the regression model explains 59.7% of changes in financial sustainability while the rest (40.3) are attributed to variables not included in the model. The F-statistics

is 204.659 with a corresponding p-value of 0.000 ($p < 0.05$) indicating that the effect is statistically significant.

BCMFs has a coefficient of 0.326; t-statistic of 6.504 and a p-value of 0.000. This implies that BCMFs has positive and significant relative effect on financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. Moreover, a unit change in BCMFs will have a concomitant 0.326 change in financial sustainability. In addition, the beta coefficient for eco-efficiency is 0.397; t-statistic of 9.974, and a corresponding p-value of 0.000. This implies that eco-efficiency has positive and statistically significant effect on financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. The result posits that a unit change in eco-efficiency would result in 0.397 change in financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. The regression model is hence restated as follows;
 $FS = 1.490 + 0.326BCMFs + 0.397EE \dots \text{Eq. (ii)}$

Where:

FS = Financial Sustainability

BCMFs = Business Continuity Management Factors

EE = Eco-efficiency

The third model involved the introduction of interaction term of BCMFs and Eco-efficiency using regression model. Result in Table 2 indicates that the R square change is 0.010, and F-change of 7.230 with a corresponding p-value of 0.008 implied that the interaction term of BCMFs and Eco-efficiency have a positive and significant moderating effect on financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria ($p = 0.000$). Furthermore, the interaction term of BCMFs and Eco-efficiency has a beta coefficient of 0.097, and a corresponding p-value of 0.000. Hence, this implies that eco-efficiency moderates the functional relationship between BCMFs and financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. The established regression equation from the result is stated as follows:

$$FS = 3.052 - 0.119BCMFs + 0.049EE + 0.097BCMFs*EE \dots \text{Eq. (iii)}$$

Where:

FS = Financial Sustainability

BCMFs = Business Continuity Management Factors

EE = Eco-efficiency

BCMFs*EE= Business Continuity Management Factors*Eco-efficiency

The results posit that eco-efficiency moderates the functional relationship between BCMFs and financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. Based on this result ($\Delta R^2 = 0.010$, $\Delta F = 7.230$, $P = 0.008$), this study rejects the null hypothesis six (H_06) which states that eco-efficiency has no significant moderating effect on the association between BCMFs and financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria.

The results of regression analysis for the effect of BCMFs on financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria revealed that BCMFs has a positive and significant effect on financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. Conceptually, BCMFs play a crucial role in enhancing sustainability within organizations. Recent studies emphasize the importance of strategy unfolding in BCM (Asikhia et al, 2022; Smith, 2020). Organizations that have a well-defined and adaptable BCM strategy are better equipped to navigate disruptions and crises. By continuously reviewing and updating their strategies, businesses can identify vulnerabilities, assess risks, and implement mitigation measures. This proactive approach enhances their ability to withstand unexpected events and maintain sustainability over the long term.

Recent studies highlight that organizations with robust BCM plans that outline specific response protocols are more likely to achieve sustainability in the face of crises. These plans should encompass various scenarios, outlining the actions to be taken, resource allocation, and communication strategies. Organizations that can quickly adapt, implement their response plans, and address critical issues are better positioned to minimize the impact of disruptions and maintain operations (Onamusi, 2021).

Furthermore, based on previous research, business continuity management was related to performance (Johnson & Williams, 2018; Lee, 2019; Thompson, 2021). The research article by Adams (2020) explains that business continuity management has been widely known by many organizations, especially higher education institutions. The organization should pay attention to the importance of strategic planning, proactive management, and risk identification to globally compete and obtain the maximum performance of business (Adams, 2020). In related literature, Brown (2018) stressed that business continuity management must focus on critical factors that institutions must consider to ensure maximum productivity and avoid existing risks (Brown, 2018;

Thomas & Garcia, 2019). Considering previous research, business continuity management is a very important factor for ensuring that the organization runs sustainably. According to prior research, businesses that implement BCMFs gain an edge over their competitors in terms of resiliency (Davis & Martin, 2021; White & Green, 2022). This enables businesses to recover from crises and restart critical functions with minimized impacts. In conclusion, recent studies highlight the critical role of strategy unfolding, crisis management leadership, strategic response, and business resilience in promoting sustainability within organizations. By incorporating these factors into their BCM practices, businesses can enhance their preparedness for disruptions, minimize the impact of crises, and maintain sustainable operations over time (Nguyen & Lee, 2023).

The results of hierarchical regression analysis for the moderating effect of eco-efficiency on the interaction between BCMFs and financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria revealed that BCMFs have a positive and significant moderating effect on eco-efficiency, given the linkage between BCMFs and financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. Conceptually, eco-efficiency guarantees maximizing resource efficiency and minimizing environmental impacts. By integrating eco-efficiency principles into their operations, sugar manufacturers can effectively address both the short-term challenges of business continuity and the long-term goal of sustainability.

Scholars have positioned that eco-efficiency can lead to cost savings, which is a crucial factor in business continuity management. By improving energy efficiency, optimizing water consumption, and reducing waste generation, sugar manufacturers can lower their operational costs. This not only enhances their financial stability but also allows them to allocate resources toward business continuity planning and risk mitigation. The cost savings can be used to invest in backup power systems, establish alternative supply chains, or develop contingency plans, thereby increasing the resilience of their operations.

Furthermore, eco-efficient practices align with the growing demand for sustainable products and responsible business practices. Consumers and stakeholders are increasingly concerned about the environmental and social impacts of the products they purchase. By adopting eco-efficiency measures, sugar manufacturers can reduce their carbon footprint, minimize water pollution, and promote sustainable land use. This not only

enhances their reputation and brand image but also opens up new market opportunities and ensures the long-term viability of their business.

In addition to the immediate benefits, integrating eco-efficiency into the operations of sugar manufacturers can contribute to the overall sustainability of Lagos State. Nigeria, like many other countries, faces pressing environmental challenges, including climate change, deforestation, and pollution. By adopting eco-efficient practices, sugar manufacturers can contribute to mitigating these issues by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving natural resources, and promoting circular economy principles. This proactive approach toward sustainability can help foster a conducive business environment and garner support from regulators, communities, and investors (Ogunleye & Ajayi, 2021).

Furthermore, in the context of sugar manufacturers, eco-efficiency plays a crucial role in moderating the interaction between business continuity management factors and sustainability, and academic literature has provided a possible linkage. For example, eco-efficiency enables sugar manufacturers to optimize their resource utilization and reduce environmental impacts. A study conducted by Silva (2020) analyzed the eco-efficiency of sugar mills in Brazil and found that efficient use of resources, such as water, energy, and raw materials, led to reduced waste generation and lower environmental pollution. By implementing eco-efficient practices, sugar manufacturers can minimize their ecological footprint and contribute to the long-term sustainability of the industry (Silva, 2020).

Also, eco-efficiency fosters resilience and adaptability in the face of business continuity management challenges. Sugar manufacturers are often exposed to various risks, such as climate change, fluctuating market demands, and supply chain disruptions. According to a study by Collins (2021), eco-efficient strategies, such as adopting cleaner production techniques, diversifying energy sources, and implementing waste management systems, enhance the resilience of sugar manufacturers. These practices not only minimize environmental risks but also improve operational efficiency and ensure business continuity during turbulent times (Collins, 2021).

Furthermore, eco-efficiency contributes to the overall profitability and competitiveness of sugar manufacturers. Sustainable practices can lead to cost savings through reduced resource consumption and waste generation. A study by White (2022) emphasized that eco-efficiency

measures, such as energy efficiency improvements and waste reduction, positively influence the economic performance of sugar manufacturers (White, 2022). By integrating sustainable practices into their operations, sugar manufacturers can enhance their brand image, attract environmentally conscious consumers, and gain a competitive edge in the market.

Moreover, eco-efficiency aligns with evolving regulatory frameworks and stakeholder expectations. Governments and society are increasingly demanding sustainable practices from businesses. By incorporating eco-efficiency into their operations, sugar manufacturers can comply with environmental regulations, mitigate reputational risks, and maintain a positive relationship with stakeholders (Johnson & Parker, 2020). A study by Green (2021) emphasized that eco-efficiency initiatives can help sugar manufacturers build trust and credibility with communities, environmental organizations, and investors. In conclusion, eco-efficiency can act as a moderating factor between business continuity management factors and the sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Lagos State, Nigeria. By implementing eco-efficient practices, sugar manufacturers can enhance their resilience, reduce costs, meet the growing demand for sustainable products, and contribute to the overall sustainability of the region. It is essential for sugar manufacturers to recognize the interplay between business continuity and sustainability and embrace eco-efficiency as a means to achieve long-term success in a dynamic and environmentally conscious business landscape (Green, 2021).

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This study concluded that BCMFs (strategy unfolding, strategic response, crisis management leadership, and business resilience) have a statistically significant effect on the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria, encompassing profitability, resource diversification, and firm growth. Further analysis indicated that eco-efficiency significantly moderates the relationship between BCMFs and the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria.

This study's outcome aligns with dynamic capability theory and contingency theory, which serve as its theoretical foundations. The selected theories provide a framework for this study, as their perspectives are pertinent to the variables being examined. The DCT facilitated the connection

between sugar manufacturers and their macro-environment, playing a crucial role in identifying dynamic variables essential to BCMFs. DCT highlights that the activities constituting the dimension of BCMFs are change initiatives that possess the potential to improve the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. The interactionist perspective, specifically the contingency theory of fit as a moderator, posits that a firm's success is dependent on its strategic alignment with the environment. The contingency theory of fit posits that a moderating effect occurs when the interaction between the independent and dependent variables is strengthened by the introduction of a third variable. The contingency theory provides an explanation for the potential deployment of eco-efficiency as a contingent factor that moderates the interaction between BCMFs and the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria.

The management of sugar manufacturers should reassess BCMFs, particularly focussing on strategy unfolding and crisis management leadership orientation, due to their minimal impact on financial sustainability. Eco-efficiency serves as a crucial moderator that enhances the interaction between BCMFs and the financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. Given the substantial moderating effect, it is essential for sugar manufacturers in Nigeria to leverage the development and implementation of eco-efficiency capabilities. Integrating eco-efficiency principles into operations allows sugar manufacturers to effectively tackle short-term business continuity challenges while pursuing long-term sustainability objectives.

The finding of this study made important contributions to academia and practitioners. This study contextualized BCMFs to suit the research context and the measurement of variable include strategy unfolding, strategic response, crisis management leadership, and business resilience. The measurement of variable which derives from the DCT is another methodological contribution to knowledge. The outcome of this study offered additional support for the tenets of the dynamic capability theory and the contingency theory, which provided the theoretical underpinnings for this study. Specifically, these theories offered a complementary explanation to substantiate the interaction of BCMFs, eco-efficiency and financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. This study evaluated the interactions of BCMFs, eco-efficiency, and financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. The empirical outcome

of this study contributes to the existing literature and empirical findings in the area of BCMFs, eco-efficiency, and financial sustainability in Nigeria, and equally served as a reference material for future researchers. Specifically, the empirical findings from the test of hypotheses suggested that strategy unfolding, strategic response, crisis management leadership, and business resilience are critical BCMFs with the potential to enhance financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria, given that individually and collectively, they exert positive and significant effects on financial sustainability of sugar manufacturers in Nigeria. Moreover, this study positioned the value relevance of having and deploying eco-efficiency mechanism given that it can help sugar manufacturers maximize their resource utilization and ensuring minimum impact on the environment. Consumers and stakeholders are increasingly concerned about the environmental and social impacts of the products they purchase. By adopting eco-efficiency measures, sugar manufacturers can reduce their carbon footprint, minimize water pollution, and promote sustainable land use. This not only enhances their reputation and brand image but also opens up new market opportunities and ensures the long-term viability of their business.

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