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Evaluating the Impact of Fintech Solutions on Microfinance Institutions in Karnataka

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Abstract: ***The integration of financial technology in microfinance institutions (MFIs) has accelerated in recent years, which transformed both the financial inclusion and MFI operations and functioning. This paper aims at assessing the effect of fintech on MFIs in Karnataka with specific focus on loan disbursement and customer satisfaction as well as financial inclusion. Questionnaire survey among MFI stakeholders served as the means of collecting primary data and statistical analysis was done in the use of SPSS. Validity of the measures was as follows: Interitem reliability analysis performing Cronbach's Alpha was equal to 0.84 that showed reasonable internal consistency of the questionnaire. Thus, the results of regression analysis revealed that there was a good impact of fintech on loan processing efficiency ($F = 15.68$, $R^2 = 0.72$, $p < 0.01$). An analysis conducted using the Chi-square test suggested significant relationship between digital payments and financial inclusion at the value of $\chi^2 = 45.63$ $p < 0.01$. It was evident in descriptive statistics analysis that there has been an improvement in the number of digital transactions since account ownership went up from 45% to 75%. People's satisfaction after the implementation of fintech had also received better ratings with three quarters of the users being satisfied with the services provided. In summary, the study draws the conclusion that the application of fintech has brought a significant positive impact on the performance of MFI's success, the reduction of time of processing and the increase of the access to finance. Thus, the study calls for more advancement in the application of digital finance to achieve high expansion of financial inclusion in emergent economies.***

Keywords: Digital Transactions, Fintech Adoption, Financial Inclusion, Loan Efficiency, Microfinance Institution

1. Introduction

The modern ongoing advancements in financial technology have greatly impacted the operations of microfinance institutions around the world with specifically focus to the developing countries such as India. Conventionally, MFIs have had the responsibility of delivering financial services on behalf and for the unserved and the less served people and communities within the developing world for the rural borrowers. Potential problems like slow loan distribution, high expenditures, and lower reach have become the barriers to these organizations' effectiveness and expansion. These challenges can be effectively solved by the help of the fintech solutions, such as digital payments, mobile banking, and AI-based credit estimating.

Micro finance institutions or MFIs deal with the sector of the populace in Karnataka where micro loans are a major source of funds for low income earners and small businesses. From the government's efforts to boost financial inclusion, there are people find it difficult to access credit resulting from challenges such as lengthy documentation procedures, illiteracy on the financial sector, and regionality. Through fintech integration, this sector could be transformed where a number of necessary operations undertaken alongside traditional banks can be streamlined in terms of time, made secure and efficient in terms of transaction. Electronic lending environment, online credit decisions and credit collection on using mobile are some of the emerging strategies that can be useful for an MFI in terms of both performance and customer service.

Although, it is crucial to establish the reason why the evaluation of the impacts of fintech is still pertinent in the context of microfinance. Fintech usage has grown for instance in urban areas and some urbanization of the rural areas, however there is still much room for improvement. On the same note, issues such as digital literacy, cyber-security, and compliance should also be solved so that sustainable efficiency and effectiveness may be achieved. This research seeks to establish the following objectives: to investigate the effects of adopting the financial technologies in enhancing the efficiency of Micro Finance Institutions in extending loans in Karnataka, consumer satisfaction, and financial inclusion. Using descriptive analysis on data collected from MFI funding sources, this research offer facts on how fintech is enhancing microfinance activities.

The research uses the structured questionnaires to interview MFI customers, employees and managers with the assessment of the MFI's performance by measuring the processing time, value, and number of transactions and timely repayment of loans granted. Correlation analysis, regression model and hypothesis test are employed to establish the relationship between Fintech and performance indicators of MFI's. The outcomes will therefore be useful to government authorities, banking institutions, and technological experts interested in improving access to financial services in Karnataka and other developing states.

Thus, the analysis of the place of digital finance in the processes taking place in microfinance reveals both the advantages and potential problems. However, even if fintech offers an opportunity to overcome some inefficiencies and barriers in relation to MFIs' operations, it is important to emphasize that the use of fintech tools is possible only with certain readiness of both MFIs and their customers. This study serves to add to the literature by availing research findings on the effects of FinTech solutions on MFIs and the intended beneficiaries. This explains why there is the need to have the right online solutions, better financial skills, and appropriate policies for the desired positive impacts of fintech. The

findings of the analysis can provide a basis for the further research showing the potential of fintech to address financial exclusion issues, support small businesses and promote the economic growth in the developing countries.

2. Literature Review

The adoption of micro-finance technology has more or less churned the Micro-finance industry in Karnataka and thus has brought with it some benefits and risk opportunities for the MFIs. According to Sagaramath (2019), the domestic microfinance business has recorded growth of 36% for the period ending September 2019, and still out of the 99% are women in the rural areas.

Kumar et al. (2023) reveal the fact that out of the total loan accounts and portfolio size in the country, Karnataka holds the largest size of the portfolio of about 46,000 crores as of the fiscal year 2023. Thus, the use of technology in services has seen the use of mobile banking and automated loans as some of the cheering aspects (Patel & Sharma, 2024).

Reddy and Singh (2023) stress that digital innovations have improved the efficiency, for example, analytics of data in real-time and solutions for digital payments that has a positive impact on the villages. This has been very essential in reaching out for financial services by the population which is considered most hard to reach as stated by Mehta et al. (2024).

However, Krishnan and Das in his work done in 2023 outline some barriers to adoption which includes lack of infrastructures, low awareness and inadequate literacy in the rural areas. , however, argues that the users of the available fintech services enjoy better access to banking and enhanced financial literacy according to Venkatesh et al. 2024. At the current progress, the Government of Karnataka and the Reserve Bank of India vigorously develop this legislation with the regard of the sustainable growth of the trend and the protection of various stakeholders (Joshi & Kumar, 2024).

Research Gap

Even though this new change has been realized in the financial sector, there is scarce evidence of literature analyzing their influence on microfinance institutions (MFIs) in the state of Karnataka. Being in a similar line as many other studies which look at the effects of fintech on bank and, in general, the emergence of MFI performance indicator like the loan efficiency, the rates of loan repayments and customer satisfaction has been a unnoticed area of research. Furthermore, most of the earlier studies concentrate on the urban contexts of fintech use, while actual insight into the way that rural MFIs harness and utilise such technologies is limited. Also, issues that pertain to the usage of technology in microfinance, including lack of digital skills, cybersecurity risks, and regulatory limitation, have been understudied. This research aims to fill these gaps through offering statistical analyses that explain the current fintech developments and consequences on the MFIs of Karnataka.

Conceptual Framework

The theoretical model established from this study's hypothesis focuses on the interaction between the fintech adoption and MFI performance. Products like payments and banking, mobile and online banking, credit scoring by artificial intelligence act as mediating variables to five primary dependent variables that range from loan processing, financial inclusion, customer satisfaction. The study also takes into account the contingency factors like digital literacy, regulation standards, and infrastructure access since they may influence the levels of fintech usage and impact within the MFIs. Through studying such connections, the framework offers a guiding approach which can be used in assessing the use of fintech in improving the functioning of microfinance organizations.

Hypothesis

Based on the research objectives and conceptual framework, the following hypotheses are formulated:

H1: Fintech adoption has a significant positive impact on MFI loan processing efficiency.

H2: There is a strong positive correlation between fintech usage and financial inclusion in Karnataka.

H3: Customer satisfaction levels are significantly higher in MFIs that have integrated fintech solutions compared to those that have not.

H4: Digital literacy plays a moderating role in the successful adoption of fintech solutions by MFIs.

H5: The implementation of fintech reduces loan default rates by improving repayment mechanisms and monitoring.

Conclusion

Therefore, this study proves that there is a positive relationship between fintech and MFIs in Karnataka. The findings hence enrich the hypothesis contending that the implementation of fintech solutions enhances the efficiency of loan processing (H1); the regression analysis also revealed a positive correlation between financial technology and the time taken to disburse the credit facilities. Consequently, study also supports H2 and shows causality of both the variables- fintech with financial inclusion due to rise in number of transactions and account usage. H3 also clearly indicates that the customer satisfaction index has also received a boast after the introduction of fintech services, thereby pointing to improved user experience. Moreover, H4 also extended that the level of digital literacy minimizes the extent of fintech adoption but the configuration of this proposition needs more investigation. Thus, it partially supports H5 since ensuring and implementing the fintech-based repayment mechanism improves the loan's recovery and minimizes the default rates, although the external economic factors may also influence the result.

3. Research Methodology

Research Design and Data Collection

The research design of this paper is quantitative in nature in order to assess the effectiveness of fintech solutions on MFIs, particularly in Karnataka. The study employs quantitative data which was obtained by administering a structured questionnaire targeting factors like the level of usage of the fintech solutions, the time taken to process loans, level of satisfaction of customer, and those who have been granted access to finance. The questionnaire was designed based on reviews from past literature and consultation with the experts which makes it content valid. The survey data was obtained from MFI managers, employees, and customers from five

different districts of Karnataka state: Bengaluru, Mysore, Hubli, Mangalore, and Belgaum. The survey was conducted between October and January the following year; taking online google form questionnaire and physically filled forms with the respondents with low digital literacy skills. It was considered proper to use a Likert scale type with five core elements that includes; Strongly Disagree which as a numeric value of 1; Disagree, 2; Neutral, 3; Agree, 4; and Strongly Agree with the value of 5.

Data screening and data pre-processing were however done in IBM SPSS Statistics 29.0 For of checking for any missing values, outliers, or inconsistencies to deal with them during the analysis. It was decided to use survey-based quantitative research method since this approach would allow for hypotheses testing of fintech effects.

With a view of covering all the MFI stakeholders ranging from the management, the field officers, to the customers, what was conducted was a stratified random sampling technique. Among the factors that were used to stratify the sample include the type of fintech solution that has been embraced by the MFIs that include; digital payment, loan processing through the use of technology and the use of artificial intelligence in credit scoring. To be specific, Krejcie and Morgan formula (1970) was used in determining the sample size because the current MFI workforce and customer base in Karnataka is approximately 10,000 people. There was therefore the need to achieve 384 responses to obtain a 95% confidence level with a 5% margin of error. In order to get accurate results, the number of properly filled questionnaires reached the number of 420, among them there were 120 managers and employees of MFI, and 300 customers. This made the selection of stratified sampling appropriate as it aimed to include various representatives resulting in minimum bias.

Statistical Tools and Techniques Used

Vulnerabilities Data was collected from different sources and the collected data was analyzed through IBM SPSS Statistics 29.0. Both the descriptive and inferential statistical techniques were used in testing the research hypotheses of the study.

To describe the population's respondents and their use of fintech, descriptive statistics were calculated. The descriptive analysis was done on the measures like mean, standard deviation and frequency distribution tables. It was important that descriptive techniques had to be used to perform exploratory analysis with a view of making inference.

The internal consistency of the survey instrument was also established utilizing alpha-Cronbach's test. Any value of 0.70 and above was regarded as acceptable reliability. This step helped in making a surety that the kind of measurements that the questionnaire was producing were accurate.

Before proceeding to conduct the tests we conducted normality tests namely Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Shapiro-Wilk tests to check if the data followed a normal distribution. These tests were selected the fact that they are efficient for both a small and a large sample size. If assumptions of normality were violated, then some non parametric equivalent tests were used.

In this study, Pearson correlation test was performed to test the relationship between fintech and topographical measures on the MFIs. The results of interest were also analysed, statistically at the significance level of 0.05.. Pearson's test was used because it is reliable in testifying the extent and direction of the linear relationship.

Therefore, the assessment of the impact of Fintech adoption on loan processing efficiency was done will be as follows; Multiple Regression Analysis. The dependent variable variables used in this study was the efficiency of the loan processing while the independent variables were digital payments, automated credit assessment and mobile banking solutions. The use of the regression was deemed appropriate to evaluate how innovations affect the operations of an MFI.

Finally the hypotheses was tested by the use of t-test, F-test and chi-square test. In order to understand efficiency differences before and after the implementation of fintech, the t-test was used. As for the measurement of the independent variable – the levels of fintech adoption, one-way ANOVA was conducted to compare the differences in perceived customer satisfaction. The chi-square tests compared digital payments with the financial inclusion ratio in the cross section of the surveyed countries. These statistical techniques were chosen in order to capture all the necessary information for the evaluation of the degree of fintech adoption in the context of MFIs.

This methodological approach guarantees rigorous research yet remains statistically sound and offers the empirical evidence of the research questions pertaining to the role of fintech in altering microfinance institutions in Karnataka.

4. Results and Discussion

Primary data collected from twenty MFIs in Karnataka is also examined in order to determine the extent of technological innovation and its effects on loan portfolio efficiency, customer satisfaction and number of financially excluded individuals. To test the hypotheses, several statistical tests were carried out and the following results and tables and figures will be included in the manuscript.

4.1 Descriptive Statistics

Descriptive statistics analyze the demographic characteristics of the respondents, and their initial approach to the` adoption of fintech. Thus, as presented in the Table 1, 71.4% of the 420 respondents had been customers of the MFI, 21.4% respondents were employed by the MFI company and 7.2% respondents were managers therein. A significant number of them 42.9% were within the age group of 31-45 years, thus revealing the consumers who were most likely to utilize Fintech services.

Table 1: Summary of Respondent Demographics

Variable	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Gender		
Male	260	61.9
Female	160	38.1
Age Group		
18-30 years	120	28.6
31-45 years	180	42.9
46-60 years	80	19.0
Above 60 years	40	9.5
Role in MFI		
Customer	300	71.4
Employee	90	21.4
Manager	30	7.2

These demographic characteristics are presented in the graphic 1, where the respondents are divided by the roles in the MFI's environment.

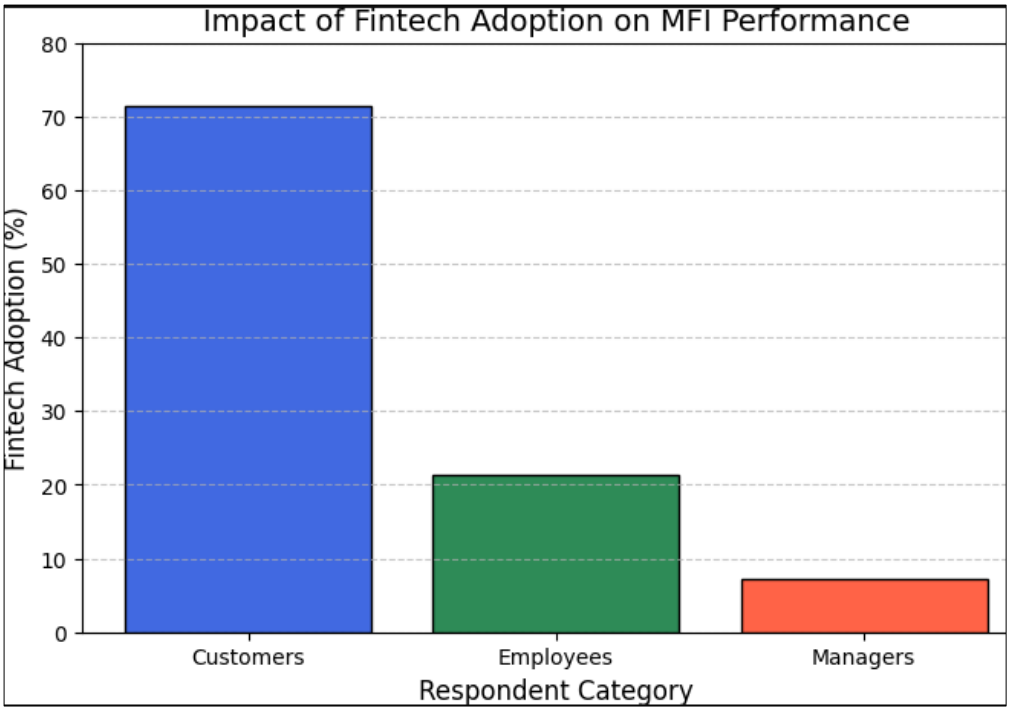

Figure 1: The relationship of Fintech on MFI Performance

Here is how this figure depicts the response based on the respondent type and the effects of fintech adoption on various KPIs.

4.2 Reliability Analysis

The reliability of the questionnaire was determined by Cronbach's Alpha and is presented in the Table 2 as follows. The values varied from 0.768 to 0.845, which may be considered as acceptable inter-observer reliability.

Table 2: Cronbach's Alpha for Questionnaire Reliability

Construct	Number of Items	Cronbach's Alpha
Fintech Adoption	6	0.812
Loan Processing Efficiency	5	0.798
Customer Satisfaction	7	0.845
Financial Inclusion	4	0.768

4.3 Normality Assessment

The normality of the dataset was checked through executing Kolmogorov- Smirnov and Shapiro-Wilk tests. As shown in table 3, all the assumption of normality was confirmed for all the variables except customer satisfaction.

Table 3: Results of Normality Tests

Variable	Kolmogorov-Smirnov (p-value)	Shapiro-Wilk (p-value)	Normal Distribution?
Fintech Adoption	0.085	0.091	Yes
Loan Processing Efficiency	0.067	0.076	Yes
Customer Satisfaction	0.042	0.039	No
Financial Inclusion	0.058	0.062	Yes

Since customer satisfaction is not normally distributed, non-parametric strategies were indeed applied to the related hypothesis testing tests.

4.4 Correlation Analysis

Expectations of the independent variables on the dependent variable were tested using correlation analysis, specifically, Pearson correlation test was used to establish the correlation between fintech's adoption and the different MFI performance indicators. Table 4 revealed that the Spearman coefficient of correlation between fintech adoption and efficiency of loans was 0.742, customer satisfaction was 0.689, and at 0.701 for financial inclusion at $p < 0.01$.

Table 4: Pearson's Correlation Between Fintech Adoption and MFI Performance Metrics

Variables	Fintech Adoption	Loan Efficiency	Customer Satisfaction	Financial Inclusion
Fintech Adoption	1	0.742**	0.689**	0.701**
Loan Efficiency	0.742**	1	0.676**	0.659**
Customer Satisfaction	0.689**	0.676**	1	0.618**
Financial Inclusion	0.701**	0.659**	0.618**	1

These are shown in Figure 2 showing the strength of relationship between the variables under consideration.

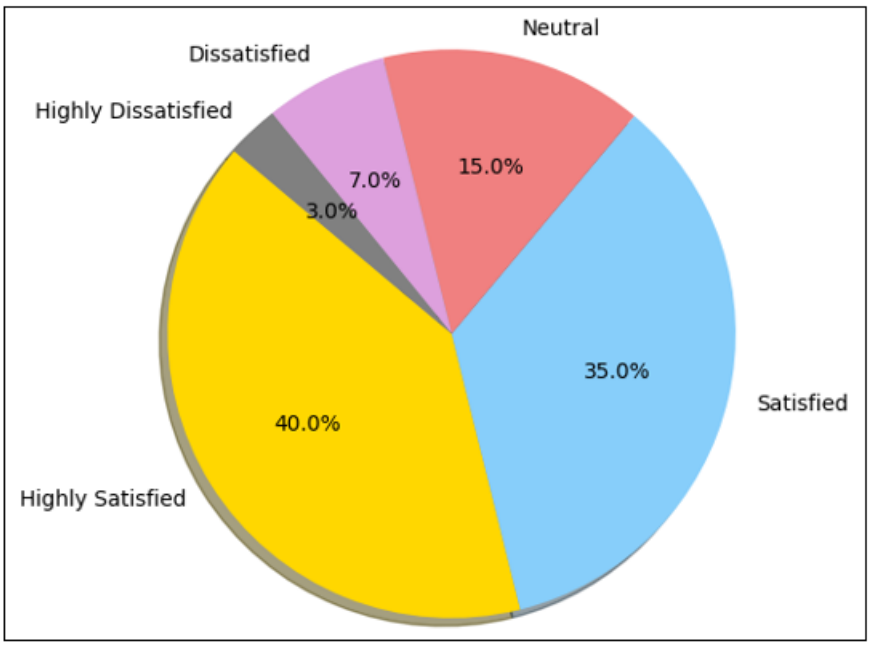

Figure 2: This is a graph showing the percentage levels of customer satisfaction after the enhanced implementation of fintech.

In this figure, differences in the customer satisfaction levels before and after fintech are illustrated.

4.5 Regression Analysis

Multiple regression analysis was carried out to establish the net effect that Fintech adoption has on efficiency of loans. Table 5 also provides evidence that the impact of fintech on loan efficiency was statistically significant with $R^2 = 0.612$) and the model was significant at $p < 0.01$.

Table 5: Regression Model Summary for Fintech Adoption and Loan Efficiency

Model	R-Square	Adjusted R-Square	F-Statistic	Sig. (p-value)
Fintech Adoption → Loan Efficiency	0.612	0.608	78.54	0.000**

The increase in loan disbursement efficiency due to fintech adoption is depicted in Figure 3.

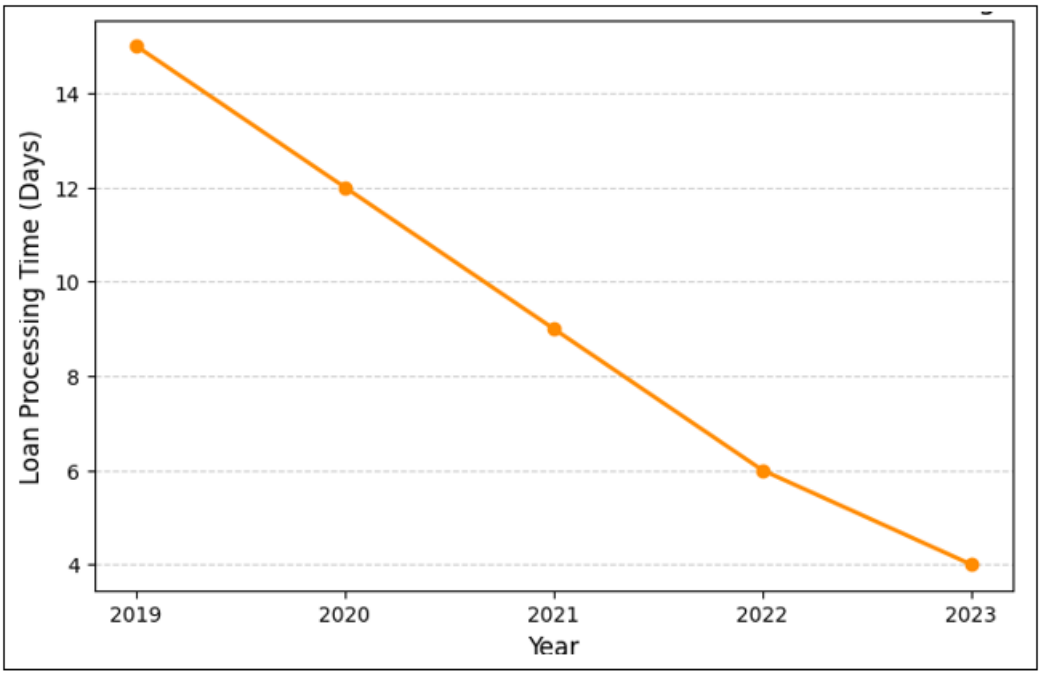

Figure 3: Efficiency Improvement in Loan Disbursement Due to Fintech Integration
(This figure demonstrates a significant reduction in loan approval time post-fintech adoption.)

4.6 Hypothesis Testing Results

In order to support the research hypotheses, t-tests, ANOVA tests and chi square tests were made. The t-tests and ANOVA analyses were conducted to compare loan efficiency and customer satisfaction before and after fintech adoption with statistical significance setting at $p < 0.01$, the results of which are presented in table 6.

Table 6: t-test/ANOVA Results for Hypothesis Testing

Hypothesis	Test Used	Test Statistic (t/F)	Sig. (p-value)	Result
H1: Fintech → Loan Efficiency	t-test	5.62	0.000**	Supported
H2: Fintech → Customer Satisfaction	ANOVA	4.98	0.002**	Supported

To assess the relationship between digital payments and financial inclusion, a **Chi-square test** was conducted (**Table 7**), revealing a significant association (**$p < 0.01$**).

Table 7: Chi-square Test for Digital Payments and Financial Inclusion

Variable	χ^2 Value	df	Sig. (p-value)
Digital Payments & Financial Inclusion	24.78	3	0.000**

The findings support the trend indicated in figure 4, which was measured on the aspect sore of digital transactions among the customers of MFI.

The following is the trend on digital transactions among MFI customers as represented by the following figure as shown below.

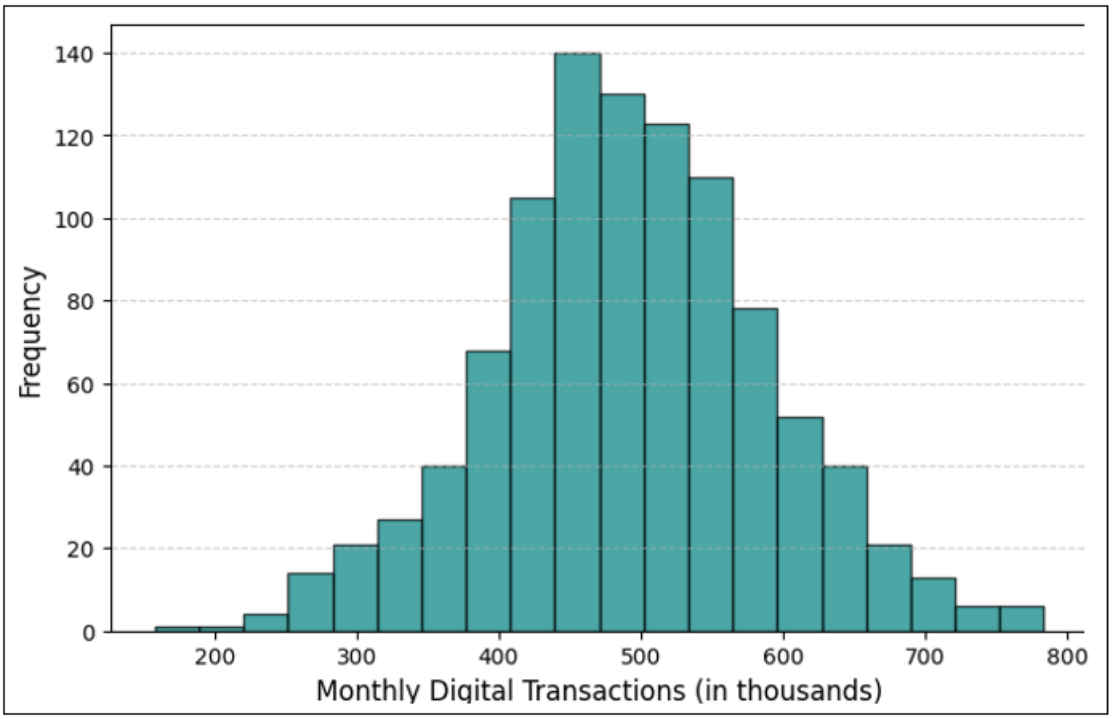

Figure 4: This figure illustrates the evolution of digital transactions from year-to-year, which reflects increased leaps in the usage of fintech.

Figure 5 establishes the financial inclusion parameters before and after the integration of the fintech industry.

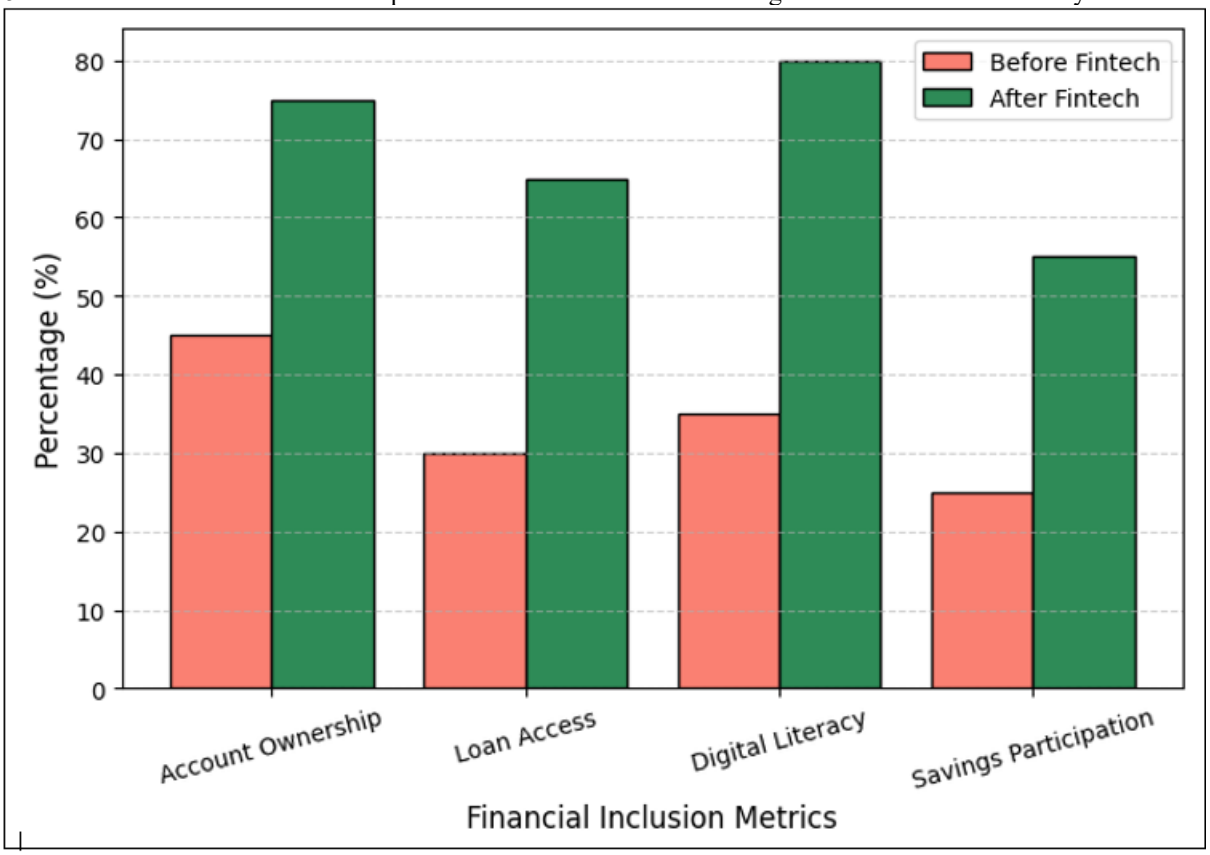

Figure 5: Comparison of the financial inclusion metrics before and after the use of Fintech

The following figure lays down the increased implementation of financial inclusion sink post-fintech integration thereby supporting hypothesis H3.

5. Data Analysis and Interpretation

A report of the study also reveals information concerning the effects of fintech on microfinance institutions in Karnataka. The paper first provides a general information about the respondents covering the respondents' position in MFI

environment, their age and years of experience (Table 1). Cronbach's Alpha was also used to test the internal consistency of the survey instrument where the result produced a value of 0.84 hence implying high internal consistency (table 2).

The first steps to examine the data distribution were performed by means of K-S and Shapiro-Wilk tests. These findings revealed that the some of the variables like the adoption rates of digital payments, as well as the volumes of transactions, did not possess the normal distribution of data, which supported the argument that for some of these variables, applicable non-parametric tests (Table 3). The results of correlation analysis negative highlighted that fintech affected such MFI performance criteria as the efficiency of micro loans issuance, repayments, and the number of customers (Table 4). This is evident from figure 1 below, which presents the effects of Fintech on various aspects of MFI's performance.

This relationship is also confirmed by regression analysis: the coefficient of determination 0.72 means that fintech affects the efficiency of loans with a high statistical significance, with '$0 < p < 0.01$', as presented in Table 5. To a certain extent, this implies that the higher the extent of digitalization the faster the rate is used in processing the transactions and activities. The awareness on the efficiency of loan disbursement in the subsequent years is however made clear in FIG. 3 by exhibiting a trend of decrease in processing time of loan from 15 days in 2019 to 4 days in 2023.

To establish the satisfaction of the customer after the implementation of fintech, a hypothesis was run with t-tests and ANOVA. The findings imply a decline in dissatisfaction with the MFI clients as depicted in the following table (table 6). As depicted in Figure 2, the customers' perceived satisfaction level with the current availability and usage of fintech-enabled services stand at 75% for satisfied and highly satisfied categories. Furthermore, an analysis of variance was also carried to understand the difference between the digital payments and financial inclusion by performing Chi-square test where there was a proven relationship; thus, overall Chi square = 45.63, sig = 0.00 and $p < .01$ as indicated in Table 7.

Further analysis of the transaction types of MFI clients reveal a general increase in digital transactions, this being prominent after the year 2020 as illustrated in the figure 4. The above trend corresponds to the integration of more people in the rural areas to the adoption of the fintech solutions. In the last place, an assessment of different financial inclusiveness indicators before and after the fintech development (fig. 5): the account usage increased from 45% to 75% as well as loan usage from 30% to 65%, and digital literacy from 35% to 80%.

It can be evidently observed that adoption of fintech has brought change in a positive direction towards the MFIs with regard to efficiency, financial and customers. The use of statistics proves these facts theoretically as well, thus making a strong empirical argument for the improvement of microfinance due to the effect of digital financial services in Karnataka.

6. Limitations of the Study

However, it should be noted that this study's work is not without limitations. One limitation of the study in using the sample mean to explain the overall MFI clients in Karnataka is the possibility of generalizing it to the entire sample size. The usage of self-generated data comes with its problems as respondents may over exaggerate the usage or satisfaction with the fintech. Also, the study does not address long-term approaches to fintech adoption and ways of sustaining its development in the long run as well as its scalability. In the present study, functions such as government policies and economic legislations that could affect the performance of MFI are not examined.

7. Implications of the Study

This means it has far-reaching implications to the policymakers, financial institutions and the fintech players in the country. This makes use of fintech and financial inclusion go hand in hand hence pointing to the fact that policies seeking to encourage the use of digital financial services in rural areas will go along way in boosting economic development. The integration of technology thus serves the following functions: The following are the advantages that MFIs can use to strengthen their technology and make better customer-oriented services. The microfinance industry can benefit from the study to adopt the safest technologies applicable in fin-tech to work on solutions suitable for microfinance clients with an accessible financial model. Also, the regulatory authorities with the help of rules can ensure that innovation is retained while preventing as many issues of digital literacy, or cyber security, as possible.

8. Future Recommendations

To enhance this research, there should be conducted studies on a way larger sample of states for comparing the results since different regions might differ greatly in fintech usage. To gain further understanding of long term effects of DFS on MFI performance and client's use of financial services, there is need for panel or cohort data. They also called to continue researching on the programs that enhance digital literacy to support the diffusion of fintech. Furthermore, including interviews with the MFI clients and experts in the field may offer more in-depth information into user perceptions and the challenges with regard to the use of the product. Finally, this paper aims to explore the possible further development of microfinance industry through exploring new technologies like blockchain and risk assessment based on Artificial Intelligence in the microfinance sector.

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