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To be successful, organizations need both a system and a set of techniques that connect the customer's requirements. It is natural for organizations to worry about how to maintain low costs and produce top-quality products and services. To that end, organizations have implemented Total Quality Management programs in an effort to improve quality and increase customer satisfaction. TQM is a concept utilized by many companies to improve their productivity, efficiency, and profitability. The tools of TQM can be used separately, but they are most effective when used systematically. The tools are invaluable for quality and production management personnel; each helps with a specific quality-related functioning need. These tools assist organizations, consultants, and employees in identifying quality-related issues and in creating solutions and opportunities for improvement.

Similar to other continuous improvement programs, TQM has been implemented at all levels with varying degrees of success. A major reason for the failure of these programs is that the mechanisms of the program are implemented without an underlying culture that supports the program. The TQM tools are valuable mechanisms for both contemporary and traditional firms. The focus of TQM tools is on providing input to machine design and the design of control and feedback systems used in mass production processes to enhance the capabilities of producing good-quality products. The idea of the TQM tools is to utilize low-cost, common-sense methods to improve both the product and the organization's performance and stability. The successful implementation of TQM can result in smart marketing plans that can meet present competitive challenges.

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a. Our explanation of TQM tools will follow the definition of tools as "simple formal techniques for identifying problems, reporting data, presenting data, managing data" and suggest that all implemented TQM programs should encompass their usage. A TQM program is quantified when it is defined as at least having had two training programs, and at least twenty percent of employees using at least three tools. This paper's intention is to add to the literature by providing a detailed description of the TQM toolkit and linking tools to benefits, as the majority of papers on TQM stop short of revealing any study or company-specific performance measures that link the implementation of tools to success. Although the presence of TQM tools and benefits is acknowledged, the lay of the land awaits further detailing. Our next section covers the current usage of TQM tools in some detail and how they may be grouped.

b. TQM tools

A fundamental premise behind many TQM tools is continuous process improvement. In this respect, tools "distill" TQM ideology, and they are often task and process specific. They also reinforce TQM principles by putting them to practical application. Tools can vary in terms of complexity from the simple utilization of check sheets to the more complex use of harnessing employee sentiment through Quality Circles and the utilization of Pareto Analysis, which can identify areas of relatively few causes that affect many problems. Furthermore, virtually any business process concerning the "problem" can be reviewed, and TQM tools used in either radical or incremental improvement. Customers can also be the focus of various tools. In essence, improvements from tools have a direct impact on the customer interface, culminating in both internal and external benefits. We now examine a list of potential tools.

2.1. Definition and Principles

Total Quality Management (TQM) is an approach that organizations use to improve their internal processes and increase customer satisfaction. When it is properly implemented, this style of management can lead to decreased costs related to corrective or preventive maintenance, better overall performance, and an increased number of happy and loyal customers. This approach can lead the organization through identification, understanding, and management of various points of contact between the organization, its clients, and its suppliers. TQM, in addition to leading to a competitive advantage, enables the organization to avoid situations where a company's complacency about quality leads to "total quality disaster." In a modern world in which the behavioral component dominates, organizations are predisposed

to materialize their strategies through the processes that most closely affect customer satisfaction.

There are management strategies that fall under the term TQM. However, an organization does not necessarily have to implement all these concepts in order to implement TQM, nor do they have to have adopted TQM to implement certain recognizably identical elements—for instance, the softer, humanistic values. There are broad ranges of management and leadership approaches that can be employed to attain TQM. TQM is a broad approach that puts a certain collection of values and culture above structure.

3. Statistical Process Control (SPC)

Introduction SPC for process improvement is an effective and prevalent TQM tool. We often see SPC being implemented in the direction of inspecting the quality of materials or goods being manufactured, rather than using it correctly for production control. SPC is not only used for the detection of any quality changes or defects during production, but it is also used to control the entire production operation process in search of an optimal operational point. The main SPC output is control charts, in which the quality-related process measurements are graphed. The control chart includes the quality standard lines: controller line, warning line, and production range line. When the measurement point exceeds a certain control line, the manufacturer will then trigger a process improvement or adjustment effort. Through SPC and visualization of the production process, stable operations and consistent product quality can be realized.

Quality dimensions SPC is moderate in terms of having clear lines of control in its operations. Since all design styles have different quality demands, it is a challenge to determine if the current process exhibits the desired characteristics of a typical sample. Thus, SPC is defective in the aspect of adapting to changes.

Cost-effective implementation The implementation of SPC is easy and not expensive. The company only needs to decide on the strategy for data collection and necessary training for the employees. There are many SPC tools and software in the market, allowing the firm to choose products that meet their needs and have the feasibility to manage when staff leave. The major cost of implementation is the loss of time in training people to use it. This loss of time is also the biggest single cost for any TQM program. Even small businesses can get a form of SPC for money, thanks to the many available resources that are simple and open to help us.

3.1. Control Charts

Control charts are devices for monitoring process dispersion. They graphically show how the relationship of a process parameter changes with time. When a process is in a state of statistical control, it can be expected to have a "normal" probability of yield levels. The control chart shows this "normal" operating range, as well as the variations from that "normality."

Before one can use statistical analysis to measure process variability, it is necessary to establish statistical process control. The easiest way is via the use of control charts. Two control limits are drawn on the chart. These limits show the expected range of values in which the mean of the sample should be for the given levels of probability. Control limits are determined using control charts, and reference lines are drawn to show the expected location of samples. If many of the points fall outside the limits, the process is out of control, and corrective action must be taken. Control charts give objective evidence as to whether or not a process has maintained statistical control.

4. Six Sigma Tools

Six Sigma continuity - a higher goal in reducing defects refers to a level of excellence that strives to produce fewer than 3.4 defects per million. The central philosophy of Six Sigma is the understanding that quality improvement efforts should focus not only on continuous improvements but also on breakthrough improvements that provide dramatic change in performance. Tools are a fundamental component of the Six Sigma process, permitting the integration of the lean and Six Sigma approaches. Six Sigma-based, data-driven improvement results show how to deliver not only defects per million but also significant cost savings and revenue benefits. Thanks to demonstrable improvements in efficiency and performance, adopting lean Six Sigma produces gains in structural integrity and cost savings to rival those for improved productivity and cycle time, improvements to results, customer satisfaction and loyalty, reduction of defects, and improvement in quality levels. Six Sigma is the programmatic approach of measuring and controlling variability at every stage of production and in every business process - encouraging and driving continuous lean practices in order to achieve and exceed defined customer results. Despite substantial linkages that exist between incomplete manufacturing management systems such as lean and Six Sigma, an integrated approach does not exist. Key features of research support the implementation of a single coherent, coordinated escalation approach to lean, which is supported by a foundation based on Six Sigma. Businesses aiming to make improvements systematically by utilizing lean tools can

consider using this methodology within a broader sequence, taking a holistic approach with implementation across areas of the company.

4.1. DMAIC Methodology

DMAIC is one of the basic and most important methodologies used in the Six Sigma approach for process improvement derived from Total Quality Management. In Six Sigma, DMAIC is an important tool because of its step-by-step deficiencies. The most important steps are "Define," "Measure," and "Analyze." These steps provide an improvement in the current process. The methodology begins with identifying the current process and its problems. The process involves many performance metrics, data requirements, problem requirements, target customer requirements, and process outputs. Using all these definitions, a process of collecting and interpreting data is carried out. Finally, the new process is analyzed and designed. After these steps are completed, the model is validated and the developed process output is checked against the needs.

DMAIC is employed to improve the performance as well as the quality and reliability of a system, tool, or device. After determining how a particular problem is to be solved, the system performance object is selected. Performance objectives can include typical system interface events, sequence, time, system performance robustness, and quality requirements. For example, a performance objective can be the fabrication of a device in which at least 60% of the microphotoresist layer material can be removed using 50% or smaller photolithography minimum line width.

5. Kaizen Tools

The Kaizen process, which uses Kaizen tools, or "The Change for Better," is a Japanese concept from the people and industries of Japan. It is also known because of the five S system – Seiri (Sorting), Seiton (Set in Order), Seiso (Shining), Seiketsu (Standardization), and Shitsuke (Sustaining Discipline). Kaizen focuses on the elimination of waste and the adoption of end-to-end processes in their place. There are many rapid continuous improvement Kaizen tools used to implement Lean. Some of the significant Kaizen tools mentioned below, with an example of departmental functions:

1. 5S (Five S) – Seiri (Sorting), Seiton (Set in Order), Seiso (Shining), Seiketsu (Standardization), Shitsuke (Sustaining Discipline).
2. Changeover or Setup Reduction.
3. Publicity and Policing.

4. Quick Changeover or SMED.
5. Disciplines of Problem-Solving.
6. Small Group Activities from Environment to Avoid Waste.
7. Measurement.

Data related to a problem should be known before our work to address waste or problems begins. The most important measurement is time because an increase in time leads to an increase in price through the cost of non-quality or value loss. The other measurements are defectiveness or mistakes, irregularity, and difficulty, etc.

5.1. Gemba Walks

The Gemba Walk is a management exercise that involves conducting a simple walk to observe operations. The walk is intended to focus attention on the process - the way the work really happens. Those taking the walk should ask simple questions, such as, why X? Why now? Why in this order? - to identify the real reasons for how the work is actually done. They should follow the product through the organization to observe how hand-offs and processes are managed and structured. Contrary to their title, Gemba Walks do not normally involve walking when doing them in complex production facilities; rather, the team moves at a deliberate and orderly pace through each designated area of the facility. Although the term process can equally apply to services, the approach as applied to manufacturing operations is the most common. In a service-driven organization, similar visits are normally described as patient rounds, often associated with medical and related professions. The process of taking a Gemba Walk is as important as the findings. It is instructive that the tradition of Gemba Walk originated in Japan through Toyota. The Gemba Walks conducted were a culture-changing event. Fifty-two visits were made during two weeks, of which five were participated in. At the end of the walks, an external report was given, not to pinpoint a fault nor to give representatives time to prepare, but generally to describe the current state.

6. Root Cause Analysis Tools

Root causes are the most basic causes of a problem or undesirable condition. Root cause analysis presents a methodology for solving problems in an organization. It provides a broad view of a problem and offers solutions from the broader perspective of the process. The use of root cause analysis is not limited to production processes but is also of significant importance in service and administrative processes. This group of tools, with easy-to-understand techniques for identifying root causes, includes Fishbone diagrams, the 5 Whys, brainstorming, the Pareto principle, and drill-down analysis.

Fishbone Diagram
The most widely used of these root cause analysis tools is the Fishbone Diagram or Cause-and-Effect Diagram. It is an organized method for identifying the ways in which a problem is linked to its root causes. A set of arrows coming out from the main arrow and ending in boxes contains the key identified contributory effects of the problem, which are drawn by the leader. The participants generate the key identified contributory items and have them listed in the boxes. A Fishbone Diagram may be created on flip chart paper or on Plexiglas or glass using washable markers. The freeform drawing capabilities of software can also be used.

6.1. Fishbone Diagrams

The Fishbone Diagram, also known as the Cause and Effect Diagram, is one of the essential TQM tools in system analysis. It is also one of the visual aids that help in brainstorming to understand the root cause of a problem. It has been one of the modern quality management tools. It is widely used in the Six Sigma methodology, and it serves the concept of 5 Whys in Lean Production very well. A fundamentally simple tool really helps to analyze system problems, and it is structured to facilitate understanding and to generate as many possible causes of a certain effect or problem. It has existed for over 60 years and can be used for analysis by groups.

The Fishbone Diagram is named as such due to its look and shape. It resembles a fish skeleton with a 'head' on the right and a long 'spine'. It clusters the factors causing a problem into three broad categories:
- Physical Environment
- Equipment/Machinery
- Operations. Concerned organizations use the six Ms for business operations and production. These are:
- Manufacturing
- Method
- Management
- Maintenance
- Materials
- Marketing. These Ms also look at various aspects of the organization, e.g., causes of system concerns. It is one of the modern quality management tools, which will be discussed in extensions of the framework of TQM in later chapters.

7. Quality Function Deployment (QFD)

Quality Function Deployment (QFD) is a method that ensures that the customer's opinions and after-sales service are involved in and considered in the design and

manufacturing process of a new product, in order to improve the activity of the company and compete for a greater market share. Today, the customer is the most important aspect for a company because the company's revenues come from them. If a company wants to be successful or sustain its competitive advantage, it must meet or exceed the requirements of the customers. In the design of a new product, a multi-functional team must be considered, and decisions being made should be based on data in order to avoid trial-and-error methods that could cause a lot of waste. Moreover, quality cost, after-sales service, warranty period, and errors that happen after the warranty control cycle are all part of the topic that should be considered when designing a new quality product. It is easy to design a high-quality product, but the real question is whether an increase in production cost for producing such a high-quality product has any meaningful improvement to income opportunities. In other words, how can we produce a worthy product in view of the customer and manufacturer requirements? These are the two optimization objectives of product design. With more and more interest being placed on the topics concerned with the theory and applications of QFD in various areas, the QFD model is performed to balance the customer and manufacturer requirements, turning the descriptive 'what' of the voice of the customer into normative 'how' answers.

8. Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA)

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8.1 Introduction

The process of identifying potential failures in the design of a product or process and prioritizing those failures based on their potential business risk is called Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA). FMEA is an analytical method to ensure potential problems have been considered, assessed for their risk relative to standards of practice or regulatory requirements, and can be reduced by the implementation of necessary redundancies or trigger mechanisms. The purpose of the FMEA is to take actions to eliminate or reduce failures, starting with the highest-priority ones. An FMEA can be qualitative or quantitative. It is based on the ranking of 'severity,' 'expected frequency,' and 'detectability.'

8.2 Principles

- FMEA can be adapted to several organizational levels.
- Failure modes reported should be considered as general terms that shall be precisely defined to avoid ambiguity.
- Standardization and simplification are highly recommended to be successful in

applying FMEA.
- A necessary precondition of an FMEA is a clear definition of the availability requirement at the component level by means of analysis.

9. Benchmarking Tools

Benchmarking is a continuous and systematic process of measuring products, services, and practices against the toughest competitors or those companies recognized as industry leaders. Benchmarking uncovers the best practices to help make your company more competitive. Benchmarking is not a short-term solution but is a process that has to be revisited frequently in order to stay competitive. The following are a few different types of benchmarking that are being used by organizations. Benchmarking models can be applied to virtually any function in an organization, and how it is conducted depends on the focus of benchmarking. Results can be used as a baseline for setting improvement goals, in performance checks, and levels to compare with similar organizations or industries. By understanding best practices, organizations have several options for improving their competitiveness, lowering costs, and providing world-class services.

The purpose of these tools is to move the organization to industry best practices, resulting in new KPIs, monitoring systems, and empowering improvement teams. These tools that have been mentioned in the scorecard model show what has to be done to bring about the changes. Benchmarking is today an essential industry requirement.

The basic steps that should be taken by organizations for the benchmarking process are: select the opportunity for benchmarking and areas for the benchmarking process, create a benchmarking team, establish key metrics for the process, find companies and organizations, visit benchmarking partners, and develop an action plan.

10. Lean Tools

Lean processes are continuous attempts to make more with available resources or efforts. On the one hand, it proclaims constant efforts to identify and eliminate wasteful activities; however, on the other hand, it also includes fulfilling customers' requirements for the highest quality products at the lowest cost with the fastest rate. It is necessary to continually streamline the processes and make them efficient. This will make the products cheaper and meet customer requirements at the earliest. This framework supports Lean in a fundamental way.

Lean manufacturing ideas can be applied in almost any organization, including departments like purchasing, marketing, and administration, as well as operational activities such as farming, construction, forestry, and trucks, trains, and aircraft maintenance. A firm applying Lean may simultaneously minimize its investment while it increases the number of customers, product features, quality, performance, reliability, and service life. Lean appears to allow manufacturing firms to succeed on price and faster delivery instead of being more technically innovative than their competitors. People credit Lean with reversing the fortunes of ailing industries. Since its origins, Lean at first proved successful in car and car-component manufacturing. More recently, Lean has apparently benefited companies selling a much wider range of goods and services.

10.1. Value Stream Mapping

Value Stream Mapping (VSM) is a lean tool for analyzing and designing the flow of materials and information required to bring a product or service to a consumer. VSM helps understand and streamline work and information flows through the identification of both their value-adding and non-value-adding activities. The non-value-adding activities, such as a type of waste, technical difficulties, or logistic bottlenecks, must be identified and eliminated. In addition, VSM also minimizes delays by compressing the lead times associated with product advancement, increases productivity by synchronizing work processes across departmental boundaries, improves quality by streamlining the flow of product information, and identifies opportunities for process reorganization and layout changes.

VSM steps include 1) selecting the product family to be analyzed, 2) identifying data requirements and sources of data, 3) gathering the data, 4) drawing a current state map, 5) assessing the efficiency losses, 6) drawing a future state map, 7) realizing the goals, 8) introducing value stream management, and 9) summarizing. Some advice to consider when preparing to complete VSM includes creating a “fit” team for mapping the VSM (it should include individuals from different departments such as product design, purchasing, quality control, production, sales, administration, and perhaps a customer), being careful with information bound by non-disclosure agreements, using a drafting format others in the firm will understand, using a detailed worksheet to facilitate coaching the team successfully, and maintaining a current value stream map.

Despite the tendency to view Value Stream Mapping as a “current state” mapping technique, it can be effectively used as the name implies. A “Future State” map can be drawn which identifies where the system should focus its attention with the

knowledge of the organization's future aspirations. Such maps can help direct the formation of Process Improvement Teams to achieve the targeted institutions or industry requirements. To support the value stream approach to continued success, some recommended action items are taking a value stream approach applied to new products and services, using value stream management to solve the root problems of current products and services through redesigned and implemented processes, and developing a value stream culture.

11. Balanced Scorecard

Balanced Scorecard is more than just a measuring tool; it is an excellent instrument for management and control. It is used to test the extent to which the corporation's vision becomes a reality: a good indicator is that only those values that can be measured exist for managers or shareholders. The basic part of this TQM tool is represented by the feedback from customers, partners, and suppliers, as well as employees informing them how the corporation's processes are working. The customer is in the driver's seat. No driver will be a good one if located in the back seat. Actually, the best driver is the owner. The balanced scorecard aims to locate these people in their natural position. Common performance measures at many organizations create an upwardly spiraling sieve, which feeds more information so that people can react ever more quickly to what the governance numbers tell them. Most performance measures focus on operational improvements directly related to implementing the chosen strategies under policies set by the board. Unfortunately, focusing on the immediate happenings causes losses of focus upon the desired long-term strategic goals that have to include retaining old customers and attracting new ones with excellent service, new products, and a competitive position for the future. Today's business is result-oriented, and most people, when exposed to typical metrics about speed, volume, efficiency, etc., feel they are good at driving the company toward the making of ever-faster deliveries. However, they find it difficult to realize a driver of the company's future direction.

12. Pareto Analysis

Pareto analysis is basically a method for identifying and classifying quality problems in order of their significance. Unlike a typical statistical analysis, which looks for the most frequently occurring causes, Pareto analysis focuses on the most frequently occurring error(s) in order to concentrate efforts and resources where they will have the greatest impact on reducing errors. The Pareto chart can also be used to summarize and display any set of frequency data or ordered data, as well as activities that are taking the most time or the cost being incurred. The key is to be

sure that it contains all of the factors involved and that they are ordered from the most to the least significant. Furthermore, wherever possible, Pareto charts should account for 100 percent of the costs or errors being studied. If this is not possible, they can be drawn to account for over 90 percent.

13. Cost of Quality (COQ)

The cost of quality (COQ) involves looking at the costs of conformance and considering the costs of non-conformance in the organization. This can be viewed as an indirect measure of the relative seriousness of the costs by comparing the cost of poor quality to the performance of the traditional costs. It is crucial because organizations believe that it pays to provide customers with quality products. Managing COQ is, therefore, a way of comparing the cost of quality, or ensuring that the cost of non-conformance meets the desired standards of conformance. It can lead to a reduction in costs and achieve a level of conformance that will result in overall competitive superiority. COQ data is an essential tool in the continuous improvement process.

A standard way to illustrate COQ is to imagine spending some more dollars during the production phase of a product to do the job right the first time. It is expected that customers do not receive defective products and do not have to return them for repair or to buy products that later fail. Spending more dollars at the later stages of production to fix the problems is not ideal, as it may force the organization to scrap or rework products and to avoid the dissatisfaction of unhappy customers. The cost of quality report helps to gain insights into the cost categories under which budgeted and estimated variances occur, leading to corrective actions to streamline the process in focus. If a particular cost is under control or not, the cost in each category of COQ will help in benchmarking to improve the overall standards of quality with reduced costs. The effective use of COQ as a tool can help in the short term and long term for improvements with competitive advantages for an organization.

14. Quality Circles

A quality circle is a group of staff from one work area and their supervisor who meet regularly and voluntarily to identify, analyze, and solve work-related problems. The work area members of the quality circle have the best knowledge of their environment and the nature of the problems they wish to address. This makes them the most qualified individuals to work towards improvement. In some industries, quality circles address customers' interests. In this case, they may include these

people among their members. Quality circles first started in Japan and were the first stage in the development of team working so widely used today.

The supervisor's continued involvement, participation, and support are critical elements for the success of the quality circle. Supervisors who ensure that quality circle suggestions are fully considered and implemented receive the involvement and motivation of their staff in return. Each member of the quality circle is an equal, bringing their own unique skills and experience to the attention of the group. This means that quality circles provide an opportunity for the quiet and shy people, not usually heard, to speak and be listened to. Quality circles are very effective because they are simple to operate and cost-effective. However, management can help by training the members of the circle to function as a team, even using outside members to assist.

15. 5S Methodology

The concept of '5S' was developed in Japan where the S's stand for: Seiri (sort), Seiton (set in order), Seiso (shine), Seiketsu (standardize), Shitsuke (sustain). For the workers, this is the exercise of putting their work areas in order so that their work can be done properly. This also keeps the workplace clean, creates a sense of discipline, and promotes safe working habits. 5S can also result in new levels of productivity when a properly executed 5S program is integrated with Total Quality. The advantages of 5S are not due to the original creative abilities of management. It stems from the organization of maintenance in the production process and reliance on the creative abilities of the workforce.

5S is an essential component of TQM's manufacturing philosophy aimed at achieving high-quality production and process control. 5S gained a growing acknowledgment in France where it is now integrated into industrial development efforts and recognized as a tool fostering shorter manufacturing lead times, higher productivity, and a better working environment. 5S is a prioritized, integrated, disciplined approach for eliminating major wastes and achieving dramatic performance and safety benefits. The benefits can often be achieved with minimal investment. The aim of 5S is to establish a safe, humane, clean, ergonomic, and well-organized workplace through visual control, cleanliness, and standardization.

16. Total Productive Maintenance (TPM)

Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) is a comprehensive company-wide policy inspired by the company's need to heighten market competitiveness. Intervention from the Japanese central government during the mid-1970s accelerated policy

formulation. Arising from a company policy paper, researchers were able to explore in some detail the TPM initiative at a subsidiary in the USA, as the paper included intentions, time scales, and projected output to be achieved at a monthly and annual level. Because of time pressures, it was not until 1988 that broader company information formed part of their case study. However, the company did provide the opportunity for several researchers to view the new TPM development program, which was highly instrumental in understanding what it entailed, as well as answering basic research intentions like how many TPM categories there were and the relationship of these to specifications of the process (or its application if in a production environment).

Uniform data collection remains difficult. Companies frequently select areas to be monitored and define individual measures or groups of measures. Techniques such as root cause analysis and general problem solving are used, but often improvement is confined to breakdown times, machine availability, and/or throughput. That machine maintenance and management are synonymous and can be reformed is still questioned. Maintenance cannot trace its own history, for records are deficient in what contributed to a failure, the work involved to prevent it from reoccurring, or ratification that the work has been satisfactorily completed. Equipment corrupts records by going back to its original state or being 'stabilized,' which suggests equipment performs a function or purpose. In TPM, a 'loss' quantifies variation from the norm, grouping maintainers in that a façade masks that others who are not maintainers perform some of the work. Not documented in any specific way by selecting or defining the work, a proxy must perform this correctly; TPM-centric activity demands investigating current practice, agreeing on what needs to happen, verifying work, and recording this to create reliable, recognizable, and unbiased data for interrogation.

17. Supplier Quality Management Tools

Supplier Quality Management Tools provide wide assistance in managing the quality of the products and services of an organization. It also helps in maintaining a good relationship with the organization's suppliers. While talking about suppliers, an organization should make sure that it develops mutual trust and cooperation with them. 1. Certification of Suppliers 2. Product Source Change and Product Approval 3. Engineering Approach to Developing Supply Schedule 4. Supply Chain Assessment Questionnaire 5. Incoming Material Inspection / Rejection Evaluation 6. Supplier Rating / Evaluation 7. Supplier Partnership Initiatives 8. The Implemented Suppliers Idea Scheme 9. Buyer / Seller Communication Flow 10. Supply Agreement 11. Payment Terms 12. Supplier Performance Compliance 13. The Developed

Consultants Register 14. The Developed List of Approved Inspection Bodies or Agencies 15. Supplier Audit 16. Approved Sub-Contractor Register 17. Identified Absorptive Suppliers

18. Digital Tools for TQM

The digital TQM tools upgrade the traditional graphical tools by digitizing them to enhance the process of management meetings and eliminate constraints on the meeting venue and time. The digital tools are used during the strategic planning process and the implementation of performance benchmarks and customer requirements using the native language of the program or through localization within any national language. Voice of Internal Customer Layout (VOC) facilitates planning and review of management meetings by enabling various company departments to post their needs and requirements in terms of access to required information that must be addressed during the meetings to meet the ability to deliver the requirements. Mission Statement Evaluator (MSE) facilitates the development of the company vision and mission statements by allowing management to enlist the views of company staff in terms of: The changes that should be accomplished during the next ten years to successfully realize the company vision. The initiatives that would have to be implemented over the next five years to realize the layman's response to the vision statement. The priorities of the initiatives.

18.1. Quality Management Software

- Importance of Automated Solutions in TQM The effective implementation of TQM is dependent on the use of various software tools, as the advantages of these tools are extremely beneficial. Implementing TQM requires constant monitoring and analysis through a systematic approach, promoting a cross-functional team, brainstorming, generating a large number of ideas, providing benchmarks for work, shortening time-to-market for products, involving team members, determining metrics for measurement, and developing problem-solving skills. All of this can be achieved only with the help of quality management software tools, which automate procedures to achieve high efficiency, increase response time, and improve communication within the group and worldwide with other franchisees or customers and stakeholders: an effective and accurate method to provide up-to-date and consistent information to users. This will help in removing technical barriers between users and participation in quality-focused activities: transmitting information and knowledge to the factory floor, informing about the company's

quality issues, and facilitating work to establish target equations to benchmark peer plants.

- Categories of Quality Management Software To ensure excellent quality, the system should comply with the specifications and guidelines set as part of ongoing quality initiatives. Quality management software is categorized based on: - Data and Document Management Software This includes document control, which helps in maintaining real-time electronic document control for the integrity of ISO standards. Management review ensures the consistency and effectiveness of reporting quality measures and compliance. Change management assures that modified documents are released as planned and verified after a period of time. Employee training categorizes the responsible process owner and qualifications of employees. - CAPA Management and Non-Conformance Management This includes corrective and preventive actions for suggested actions to recover from unsatisfactory quality control of products and customer management, which helps in identifying causes and eliminating them to satisfy customers. Supplier process control is supplier quality control, which avoids being a victim of poor suppliers; it involves risk assessment and finding the right supplier. Configuration management reviews changes to assure quality. Failure mode effects analysis is used to improve process control. - Management of Incoming Materials and Non-Conformance This categorizes material inspection, checks compliance with quality standards, and details non-conformance for rejected items.

19. Integration of TQM Tools in Organizations

This comprehensive study tries to cover the importance of using management in organizations by examining TQM tools in private and public sectors. Implementation of TQM tools needs to take desired and required efforts. The existence of separate TQM tools creates the ideal conditions in preparation for their future integration. It also demonstrates a deep overview and analysis of these tools and then attempts to determine their current and past use in organizations. Managers must realize the benefits or get the most out of the actual integration of the relevant TQM tools in the private and public sectors, such as reduction of waste or improvement of product quality.

The results and outcomes of this study are uncertain because they took the relevant requirements and had them from the viewpoint of both wealthy and poorer customers based on the desired taste and trend of consumers. The tool that gets very little use by the whole sample is benchmarking. A number of private companies use control charts, real measurements, bar graphs, and fishbone diagrams. The

sparing use of TQM tools needed by the SMEs will substantially improve the quality of self-management by users while addressing the needs and requirements of the stakeholders.

20. Case Studies on TQM Tool Implementation

As the theory of TQM laid more emphasis on tools for the TQM process, researchers have developed a number of tools and techniques that could be applied to realize the philosophy of TQM. These tools are varied in nature, but their contribution to the implementation of TQM can only be realized when they are put into practice. Research conducted by various practitioners shows that most organizations believe in or have a sense of what TQM could do for them, but only very few are applying the concept because they do not know where to start. Often, they stop at theory and never attempt to go further. However, the lack of practical examples of tool implementation is one aspect responsible for the slow progress by organizations. Erroneously, it is believed that activities and practices in advanced nations are not applicable to some situations in underdeveloped and developing nations.

In an attempt to demonstrate case studies for TQM practice, researchers conducted case studies on the implementation of TQM tools by some Nigerian financial institutions. A bank, an insurance company, and a discount house from the financial sector were selected. These institutions were undergoing TQM interventions by a management consultancy firm. Various TQM tools and techniques were adopted during the course of the intervention. These included brainstorming, focus groups, multi-voting, customer quality cycle analysis, cause and effect analysis, histograms, Pareto analysis, control charts, affinity diagrams, tree diagrams, scenario planning, development of service charters, total customer commitment, charting customer satisfaction, re-service ratio, variation in customer satisfaction, business process reengineering, development of service standards, performance standards, performance targets, service action plans, quality costs, cost of quality, business excellence model, goal setting, process mapping, and improvement priority matrix. A user-friendly, simplified, and focused explanation of the tools was prepared to enable understanding of how the bank and other participating organizations were able to learn and apply these tools and techniques.