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Application of the Regression Model for Evaluating Factors Affecting Construction Workers' Labor Productivity in Vietnam

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Abstract:

Background:

In the rapidly-developed construction industry, labor productivity has improved to a great extent, still, it is low compared with many other industries. The enhancement of labor productivity has become important that attracts much attention and focus from researchers in Vietnam and around the world.

Aim:

This paper focuses on key factors affecting labor productivity of construction sites in Vietnam by introducing a regression model to evaluate the extent of each factor's impact on the labor productivity of construction workers.

Methods:

Ten groups of impacting factors were identified as factors relevant to construction worker, factors relevant to site operation and management, factors relevant to motivation, factors relevant to working time, factors relevant to labor working tools, factors relevant to labor working conditions, factors relevant to working safety, factors relevant to project informations, factors relevant to natural environment, and factors relevant to socio-economic conditions.

Results:

By referring to research results, Vietnamese construction contractors will be able to come up with workable solutions towards a better performance of construction workers.

Conclusion:

On that basis, the productivity of construction firms and the workers will be improved correspondingly.

Keywords: Construction, Factor, Labor, Productivity, Vietnam, Workers.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Labour productivity is one of the most important factors affecting the economic growth and competitive capacity of each enterprise as well as the country [1 - 3]. Although Vietnamese labor productivity has recently been improved, it is still lower than in other countries in ASEAN. According to Seminars "Boosting productivity in the context of industrialization", Vietnam's labor productivity is approximately equivalent to 7% to that of Singapore, 17.6% of Malaysia

36.5% of Thailand, 42.3% of Indonesia [4], 56.7% of Phillipines, and especially 87.4% of Laos [5]. In recent years, although there have been great scientific and technological developments, these have not yet been exploited by Vietnamese construction firms. Specifically, labor productivity in construction is only equal to 85% of those obtained in other industries. The growth rate of productivity is about 10%, which is lower than the average annual growth rate of about 16% [6]. One of the causes is the lack of applying advanced technology, heavy equipment, and machinery. Construction labor productivity, therefore, is one of the most important factors in the productivity of a business, which has a direct effect on labor productivity in the construction field and national economy. This research conducts regression analysis to

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evaluate the extent of the impact of each factor on the labor productivity of construction workers in Vietnam. The result helps construction enterprises in finding the solutions for improving labor productivity of construction workers in particular and the economy of Vietnam in general.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Productivity enhancement plays an important role in any profit-oriented organization, as representative of the effective and efficient conversion of resources into marketable products and determines the profitability of a business [7]. Therefore, considerable efforts have been made to understand the concept of productivity, with researchers' different approaches leading to a variety of productivity definitions [8 - 10]. Productivity has been generally defined as the ratio of outputs to inputs. Output and input are vastly different from one industry to another. The definition of productivity also varies when applied to different fields of the same industry. Labor is one of the basic requirements in the construction sector. Labor productivity is simply defined as the amount of work done by craft workers within a certain period of time [11, 12]. In other words, the definition of labor productivity is the number of goods and services produced by a productive factor (manpower) in the unit of time [13]. On the other hand, construction projects are carried out on-site and thus, in each project, the working conditions and project participants change from area to region [14]. Accordingly, labor productivity also varies depending on the region in which the project is being implemented. As a result, most studies have been conducted for specific regions by considering managers' perspective and different results were obtained [15].

The factors that affect the productivity of the construction has been studied by a number of researchers, but there are still many productivity problems that remain unknown and need to be further investigated even in developed countries [16]. Moreover, policies for increasing productivity are not necessarily the same in every nation and the critical factors in developing countries are different from those in developed countries [17]. Herbsman *et al.*, (1990) [18] classified factors that affect construction productivity in two main groups: technological factors and administrative factors. Technological factors mainly include the ones related to the design of the project; and the administrative group factors relate to the management and construction of the project. Technological factors include subgroups such as design factors, material factors and location factors. Administrative factors comprise

sub-groups, such as construction methods and procedural factors, equipment factors, work factors and social factors.

Abdulaziz *et al.*, (2012) used a questionnaire to investigate constructors in Kuwait with 45 productivity factors, which were grouped into the following four main groups: management; technological; human/labor; and external. The results of this study showed that the following 10 are perceived as the most significant impact factors on labor productivity: clarity of technical specifications; the extent of variation/change orders during execution; level of coordination between the disciplines of design; lack of supervision of work; proportion of subcontracted work; level of complexity of the project; lack of an incentive scheme; lack of construction manager's leadership; stringent inspection by the engineer; and hesitation to respond to requests for information [19]. Olomolaiye *et al.*, (1998) stated that the factors that influence building productivity are rarely constant, and may vary from one country to another, from one project to another and even within the same project, depending on circumstances. This study has classified the factors that influence the productivity of the constructions in 2 categories: external and internal, representing those outside the control of the company's management, and those that originate within the company [20]. Heizer *et al.*, (1990) classified the factors that influence the productivity of the construction site in 3 groups: characteristic factors of work; factors of the working conditions of the project; and non-productive activities [21]. Jiukun *et al.* (2009) identified 83 factors that affect productivity and assessed the levels of influence of these factors through a survey of almost two thousand artisan workers at construction sites located throughout the United States. They stated that factors involving tools and consumables, materials, management of engineering drawings and construction equipment were identified as having the greatest impact on productivity from the craft workers' perspective [22].

3. FACTORS AFFECTING LABOR PRODUCTIVITY OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN VIETNAM

Due to the unique characteristics of construction projects, the executive process is often time-consuming and goes through several periods with many components participating in. Therefore, the labor productivity of workers is affected by several factors [23]. By referencing literature and considering practices on the construction site in Vietnam, the authors utilized 49 factors and divided them into 10 groups as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Factors affecting labor productivity of construction workers in Vietnam.

	Factors	References
<i>A</i>	<i>Factors relevant to construction worker</i>	Nguyen Thanh Vu (2015) [24]
1	Age	Clarkson, H. O., <i>et al.</i> (1989) [25]; Vy and Yem (2007) [26] Nguyen Ba Vy, <i>et al.</i> (2008) [27]
2	Experiences of workers	Sanders and Thomas (1991) [28]; Enshassi <i>et al.</i> (2007) [29]; Ngo Van Tuan (2018) [5]
3	Gender	The authors proposed
4	Labor discipline	Thomas <i>et al.</i> (1999) [30]
5	Labor intensity	The authors proposed

(Table 1) contd.....

	Factors	References
6	Level of training	Makulsawatudom and Emsley (2002) [31]; Vu Quang Lam (2010) [32]
7	Physical ability	The authors proposed
8	Psychophysiology ability	Nguyen Ba Vy, <i>et al.</i> (2007) [27]
B	Factors Relevant to Site Operation and Management	Lim and Alum (1995) [33]; Lema (1995) [34]; Hanna <i>et al.</i> (2005) [35]; Vu Quang Lam (2010) [32]
1	Ability to organize production	The authors proposed
2	Application of technology	Junbok Lee, <i>et al.</i> (2017) [36]
3	Attitude towards employees	Langford D, <i>et al.</i> (1995) [37]; Vu Quang Lam (2010) [32]; Le Van Hung (2016) [38]
4	The manager's experience	Farnad Nasirzadeh and Pouya Nojedehi (2013) [39]
C	Factors Relevant to Motivation	Kazaz A, <i>et al.</i> (2008) [40]
1	Initiative at work	The authors proposed
2	Reward mechanism	Langford D, <i>et al.</i> (1995) [37]; Soekiman A 2009) [41]
3	Spiritual life	The authors proposed
4	Staff support	The authors proposed
5	Training and improving skills	Olomolaiye P, <i>et al.</i> (1988) [42]
6	Types of salary payment	Langford D, <i>et al.</i> (1995) [37]; Kazaz A, <i>et al.</i> (2008) [40]; Loan, T. T. K, <i>et al.</i> (2009) [43]
D	Factors Relevant to Working Time	The authors proposed
1	Break time	The authors proposed
2	Delay time	Thomas HR (1992) [44]; Nguyen Ba Vy, <i>et al.</i> (2007) [27]; Hanna <i>et al.</i> (2005) [35]
3	Number of working hours	Hanna <i>et al.</i> (2005) [35]; Hanna <i>et al.</i> (2008) [45]
4	Operating time	Nguyen Ba Vy, <i>et al.</i> (2007) [27]; Hanna <i>et al.</i> (2005) [35];
5	Preparing and finalizing time	The authors proposed
6	Working mode	Hanna AS, <i>et al.</i> (2008) [45]
E	Factors Relevant to Labor Working Tools	P. Foraboschi (2016) [46], P. Foraboschi (2019) [47], P. Foraboschi (2016) [48]
1	Complexity of works	The authors proposed
2	Material transport methods	The authors proposed
3	Quality of building materials	Nguyen Ba Vy, <i>et al.</i> (2007) [27]; A. Soekiman, <i>et al.</i> (2011) [49], P. Foraboschi (2016) [46], P. Foraboschi (2019) [47]
4	Quality of working tools	Loi, D. N, <i>et al.</i> (2016) [50], P. Foraboschi (2019) [47], P. Foraboschi (2016) [48]
F	Factors Relevant to Labor Working Conditions	Mostafa E. Shehata, <i>et al.</i> (2011) [51]; Hanna AS, <i>et al.</i> (2008) [45]
1	Exposure to toxic substances	Mostafa E. Shehata, <i>et al.</i> (2011) [51]
2	Height of working place	Nguyen Ba Vy, <i>et al.</i> (2007) [27]
3	Intensity of lighting, ventilation	The authors proposed
4	Noise	The authors proposed
5	Working in hazardous areas	Lowe G (1987) [52]
G	Factors Relevant to Working Safety	Makulsawatudom and Emsley (2002) [31]; Adnan Enshassi, <i>et al.</i> (2007) [29]
1	Arrangement of safety staff	The authors proposed
2	Occupational accidents	Ministry of Construction (2016) [53]
3	Regulations on labor safety	The authors proposed
4	Safety equipment	The authors proposed
5	Safety signs	Makulsawatudom and Emsley (2002) [31]; Nguyen Huy Thanh (2016) [23]
6	The sense of observance of regulations by laborers	Kaming PF, <i>et al.</i> (1997) [54]
7	Training on labor safety	The authors proposed
H	Factors Relevant to Project Informations	Olomolaiye P, <i>et al.</i> (1988) [55]
1	Construction method	Olomolaiye, <i>et al.</i> (1996) [20]; Lim and Alum (1995) [33]; Jiukun Dai <i>et al.</i> (2009) [22]
2	Type of activities in the project	The authors proposed
3	Change design	The authors proposed
4	Project scale	Jiukun Dai <i>et al.</i> (2009) [22]; Farnad Nasirzadeh and Pouya Nojedehi (2013) [39]
I	Factors Relevant to Natural Environment	Xiaodong Li, <i>et al.</i> (2016) [56]; Nguyen Huy Thanh (2016) [23]; Le Van Cu (2017) [57]
1	Geological and hydrological conditions	The authors proposed
2	Regulations, laws on construction	Le Van Cu (2017) [57]

(Table 1) *contd....*

	Factors	References
3	Weather conditions	Thomas <i>et al.</i> (1999) [30]; Adnan Enshassi, <i>et al.</i> (2007) [29]; Nguyen Huy Thanh (2016) [23];
K	Factors Relevant to Socio-Economic Conditions	Xiaodong Li, <i>et al.</i> (2016) [56]; Nguyen Huy Thanh (2016) [23]; Le Van Cu (2017) [57]
1	Regulations, laws on construction	Le Van Cu (2017) [57]
2	Competition in construction field	The authors proposed

In the previous research [58], the authors used the method of the Relative Importance Index (RII) [59] to rank the extent of the impact of factors on labor productivity of construction workers in Vietnam. In this research, the authors used regression analysis method [60] to evaluate the extent of the impact of 10 groups on labor productivity of construction workers in Vietnam.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This research used regression analysis method to evaluate the extent of the impact of factors on labor productivity of construction workers in Vietnam in 5-step order as follow:

Step 1 - Determining the Research Model: Researching model which focusses on the interrelated connection between general factors such as (dependent variable) labor productivity of construction workers and effect factors (independent variables) [60] has the following form as shown in eq. (1):

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \dots + \beta_k X_k \quad (1)$$

Where: - β : free coefficient

- $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \dots, \beta_k$: recurrent coefficients

- $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_k$: independent variables (factors which effect components)

- Y: dependent variables (labour productivity of construction workers)

Step 2 - Design of survey form and collection of figures:

A survey form was designed to evaluate the impact level of the above factors. One of the most popular forms that measure abstract concepts in studying socioeconomics is Rennis Likert scale [61, 62]. It is necessary to determine the size of samples in conducting quantitative analysis. According to Hair *et al.* (1998) [63], experience formula which is often used to calculate the size of samples for regression analysis is as follows: $n \geq 50 + 10 * p$ (n is the size of samples, p is the number of independent variables in the model). Therefore, the indispensable size of samples is: $n \geq 50 + 10 * p = 50 + 10 * 10 = 150$.

Step 3 - Test the Reliability of Scale: Cronbach's Alpha failed-safety of effect factors were tested by pc composite reliability, pvc variance extracted, and Cronbach's Alpha α . According to Hai *et al.* (1998) [63], the standard for evaluating the level of relevance of the model, which is expressed by failed-safety of scale, is $pc > 0,5$ or $pvc > 0,5$; or $\alpha \geq 0,6$ [61, 62].

Item-total correlation is a coefficient showing the association level between observed variables and others. The standard to evaluate whether a coefficient actually contributes,

is that the item-total correlation must be higher than 0.3. If observed variables have item-total correlation smaller than 0.3, they are weed out of the evaluated factors [64].

Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA): The criteria for applying and choosing variables in EFA include:

Bartlett's Test of Sphericity and Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy (Kaiser-Mayer-Olkin) are used to evaluate the suitability of EFA. Thereby, the hypothesis that variables are not interrelated in general is rejected. As a result, the EFA is called appropriate if $0.5 \leq KMO \leq 1$ and $sig < 0.05$. If $KMO < 0.5$, showing that the analyzed factors are not suitable for data [61].

Standard extracting factors consist of index eigenvalue (represents the amount of fluctuation explained by factors) and index cumulative (pvc variance extracted shows to what percent analyzing factors could be explained and what percentage is lost). Factors having eigenvalue < 1 do not have a better function in summarizing information than original variables (hidden variables in scales before EFA). Therefore, factors are only extracted if eigenvalue > 1 and are accepted if pvc variance extracted $\geq 50\%$ [61].

Factor loading denotes the correlation between variables and factors, which is used to evaluate the extent of EFA. According to Hair *et al.*, (1998) [63], factor loading > 0.3 is considered to be the minimum; factor loading > 0.4 is considered important; factor loading > 0.5 is considered to have practical meanings [64].

Step 4 - Analysis of regression is aimed at determining the influence level of each factor to the overall factor through coefficient β . The higher coefficient β shows the significant effect on the overall factors of that factor. Coefficient β has a valuation within -1 and +1 and can be defined as:

- If value $\beta > 0$: positive correlation relationship between independent variables and dependent variables.
- If value $\beta < 0$: negative correlation relationship.
- If value β is closer to 1: the more coherent the correlation relationship between independent variables and dependent variables is.
- If value β is closer to 0: the lower the correlation relationship between independent variables and dependent variables is.

The assumption about multi-collinearity phenomenon is tested through tolerance value or variance inflation factor coefficient. If coefficient $VIF < 2$, the multi-collinearity phenomenon of independent variables is trivial. The recurrent

equation is only accepted if there is no multi-collinearity phenomenon or independent variables do not have a coherent relationship [60, 64].

Step 5 - Testing the Suitability of the Multiple Regression model: The suitability of the model is tested by adjusting target R² and testing ANOVA [63].

5. DATA ANALYSIS

5.1. Research Model

The formal research model showing the correlation relationship between the overall effect factor (dependent variable) [60] in labor productivity of construction workers in Vietnam and particular effect factor (independent variable) has a form shown in eq. (2) below:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1X_1 + \beta_2X_2 + \beta_3X_3 + \beta_4X_4 + \beta_5X_5 + \beta_6X_6 + \beta_7X_7 + \beta_8X_8 + \beta_9X_9 + \beta_{10}X_{10} \quad (2)$$

Where: - Y: dependent variable (labour productivity of construction workers)

- β: free coefficient
- β₁, β₂, β₃,..., β₁₀: recurrent coefficients
- X₁, X₂, X₃,..., X₁₀: independent variables (effected factors):
- X₁: The factor relevant to the construction worker
- X₂: The factor relevant to operation and management on construction site
- X₃: The factor relevant to motivation
- X₄: The factor relevant to working time
- X₅: The factor relevant to tools and subject of labor
- X₆: The factor relevant to labor condition
- X₇: The factor relevant to labor safety
- X₈: The factor relevant to project information

- X₉: The factor relevant to the natural environment
- X₁₀: The factor relevant to socio-economic

5.2. Data Collection

One of the most important stages was to collect accurate data. Survey objects are construction workers, project managers, site managers, site engineers, supervisors, etc. The total number of questionnaires is 300; the questionnaires received and validated were 267, which is higher than the necessary number, so the collected data was approved as it fulfilled the requirement. Data is shown in the following Table 2.

5.3. Reliability of Measured Sale

Testing Cronbach’s Alpha faild-safety of effect factors:

The Cronbach Alpha test is used to determine whether the factor included in the quantitative study has had an effect on the synthetic variable. Cronbach’s Alpha = 0.844 > 0.7, therefore reliability is acceptable. Influenced factors have Cronbach’s Alpha if the item deleted > 0.3, so being closely related to other factors in the model, influence factors should be retained in the research model. The influencing factors after meeting Cronbach’s Alpha requirements at a significant level will be subjected to exploratory factor analysis to obtain a component matrix (Table 3).

Exploratory Factor Analysis EFA: Variables after being tested for reliability by Cronbach’s Alpha coefficient and item-total correlations are further checked for their correlation by a variable group. Factor analysis is used when the KMO coefficient has a value greater than 0.5. Factors whose values were less than 0.4 will continuously be excluded from the variable group to ensure convergence between variables in a factor; when Initial Eigenvalue is greater than 1 and the Total Variance Explained is greater than 0.5. In this study, the principal component method with Varimax rotation was used for factor analysis. All of the original 10 observed variables after the reliability test with Cronbach’s Alpha coefficients were satisfied and included in the exploratory factor analysis. EFA’s results are shown in Table 4 as:

Table 2. Statistical data of questionnaires sent and received.

	No.	Percentage of total (%)
Total Questionnaires Sent	300	100.0
Total Questionnaires Received	267	89.0
The number of samples needed	130	43.3
Used for Study	267	89.0

Table 3. Reliability statistics.

Cronbach's Alpha		Number of Items		
0.844		10		
Item-Total Statistics				
Factors Affecting	Scale Mean if Item Deleted	Scale Variance if Item Deleted	Corrected Item-Total Correlation	Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted
X ₁	33.36	31.651	0.4	0.845
X ₂	32.99	32.737	0.397	0.843

(Table 3) *contd....*

Cronbach's Alpha			Number of Items	
X ₃	32.82	32.439	0.478	0.836
X ₄	32.72	30.637	0.595	0.825
X ₅	33.15	31.797	0.509	0.833
X ₆	32.74	32.027	0.464	0.837
X ₇	32.76	30.444	0.651	0.820
X ₈	32.84	29.634	0.683	0.816
X ₉	32.94	29.955	0.608	0.824
X ₁₀	32.84	29.634	0.683	0.816

Table 4. Results of EFA of independent variables.

KMO and Bartlett's Test						
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy						.853
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	Approx. Chi-Square					941.636
	df					45
	Sig.					.000
Total Variance Explained						
Component	Initial Eigenvalues			Extraction Sums of Squared Loadings		
	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %
X ₁	4.276	42.759	42.759	4.276	42.759	42.759
X ₂	1.479	14.789	57.548	1.479	14.789	57.548
X ₃	.776	7.758	65.307			
X ₄	.709	7.087	72.394			
X ₅	.617	6.172	78.566			
X ₆	.564	5.637	84.203			
X ₇	.495	4.951	89.154			
X ₈	.433	4.334	93.488			
X ₉	.345	3.448	96.936			
X ₁₀	.306	3.064	100.000			

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

After conducting EFA analysis to determine convergence value and differentiate the value of the scale, results obtained are as follows:

- Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy KMO = 0.853 > 0.5: Meaningful analysis of factors with high relevance.
- Bartlett's Test of Sphericity with Sig = 0.00 < 0.05: The observed variables have an overall correlation with each other.

- Total Variance Explained = 57.548% > 50%: The variation of the observed variables is considered acceptable.

The following rotated component matrix to study of the number of samples required 267 samples, and the load factor loading was found to be 0.4. At the component matrix, the observed variables with factor loading were less than 0.4, therefore, the observed variables were uploaded to two groups of factors and the coefficient difference at less than 0.3 was removed (Table 5).

Table 5. Result of rotated component matrix.

Rotated Component Matrix ^a		
Factors Affecting	Component	
	1	2
X ₁	.833	–
X ₂	.727	–
X ₃	.588	–
X ₄	.581	–
X ₅	.583	–
X ₆	.615	–

(Table 5) contd.....

Rotated Component Matrix ^a		
Factors Affecting	Component	
	1	2
X ₇	.475	–
X ₈	.238	.450
X ₉		.481
X ₁₀	.479	.593

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.
 Rotation Method: Varimax with Kaiser Normalization.

Realizing that the variables X₁, X₂, X₃, X₄, X₅, X₆, X₇, and X₉ are variables with factor loadings of each observed variable greater than 0.4, these were excluded from the research model. The variables X₈ and X₁₀ were eliminated they did not ensure the EFA (the observed variables uploaded in both factor and the coefficient difference disparity of less than 0.3).

5.4. Regression Analysis

Regression analysis is used to determine the specific weight of each factor to the labor productivity of construction workers in Vietnam. Regression analysis was performed with 8 independent variables: X₁, X₂, X₃, X₄, X₅, X₆, X₇, X₉, and a dependent variable Y. The values of the elements used to run the regression were the normalized values of the observed variables. Regression analysis was conducted with the support of the SPSS.20 software. Regression results are expressed in Table 6 as follows:

Results of regression analysis with multiple values of β > 0 show that all the independent variables are correlated with the dependent variable. Also collinearity statistics with Tolerance > 0.1 and variance inflation factor VIF < 2, thereby confirming that the influencing factors are independent of each other. The phenomenon of multicollinearity between the independent variables has no significant influence in the regression model. The results of multiple regression analysis were applied to the regression equation to ensure statistical significance. The value of the independent variable in the Sig model was less than 0.05. It was observed that variables in the code were statistically significant at 5 % significance. So the independent variables in the model are related to dependencies. The regression results show that both having 8 independent

variables that affect the dependent variable coefficients by Sig's 8 turns were below 0.05.

Based on the standardized regression coefficient, regression equations determine the extent of the influence of each factor on the labor productivity of construction workers in Vietnam which is identified in eq. (3) as:

$$Y = 0.284X_1 + 0.219X_2 + 0.203X_3 + 0.183X_4 + 0.185X_5 + 0.209X_6 + 0.178X_7 + 0.181X_9 \quad (3)$$

Where: - Y: dependent variable (labour productivity of construction workers)

- β: free coefficient
- β₁, β₂, β₃, ..., β₁₀: recurrent coefficients
- X₁, X₂, X₃, X₄, X₅, X₆, X₇, X₉: independent variables (effect factors):

- X₁: Factors relevant to construction worker β₁ = 0.284
- X₂: Factors relevant to operation and management on construction site β₂ = 0.219
- X₃: Factors relevant to motivation β₃ = 0.203
- X₄: Factors relevant to working time β₄ = 0.183
- X₅: Factors relevant to tools and subject of labor β₅ = 0.185
- X₆: Factors relevant to labor condition β₆ = 0.209
- X₇: Factors relevant to labor safety β₇ = 0.178
- X₉: Factors relevant to natural environment β₉ = 0.181

5.5. Testing Conformity of the Regression Model

By testing the suitability of the model by target R² and conducting ANOVA test, regression results are shown in Table 7:

Table 6. Model's coefficients.

Coefficients ^a						
Model	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	Sig.	Collinearity Statistics	
	B	Std. Error	Beta		Tolerance	VIF
(Constant)	1.981E-16	0.000				
X ₁	.125	0.000	.284	.000	.586	1.405
X ₂	.125	0.000	.219	.000	.593	1.686
X ₃	.125	0.000	.203	.000	.605	1.653
X ₄	.125	0.000	.183	.000	.620	1.614
X ₅	.125	0.000	.185	.000	.522	1.917
X ₆	.125	0.000	.209	.000	.553	1.809

(Table 6) *contd....*

Model	Coefficients ^a					
	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	Sig.	Collinearity Statistics	
	B	Std. Error	Beta		Tolerance	VIF
X ₇	.125	0.000	.178	.000	.712	1.706
X ₉	.125	0.000	.181	.000	.567	1.765

a. Dependent Variable: Labor productivity.

Table 7. Model summary^b.

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	0.780 ^a	0.625	0.604	2.08625

a. Predictors: (Constant), X₁, X₂, X₃, X₄, X₅, X₆, X₇, X₉

b. Dependent Variable: Y – Labor productivity

Table 8. Analyse variance ANOVA.

ANOVA ^a						
Model	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.	
Regression	105.333	8	13.167	43.785	.000 ^b	
Residual	0.000	258	0.000	–	–	
Total	105.333	266	–	–	–	

a. Dependent Variable: Y – Labor productivity

b. Predictors: (Constant), X₁, X₂, X₃, X₄, X₅, X₆, X₇, X₉.

Table 9. Rank the level of impact of factor groups.

No.	Effective factor	Impact Index	Rank
1	Factors relevant to the construction worker	0.284	1
2	Factors relevant to operation and management on construction site	0.219	2
3	Factors relevant to labor condition	0.209	3
4	Factors relevant to motivation	0.203	4
5	Factors relevant to tools and subject of labor	0.185	5
6	Factors relevant to working time	0.183	6
7	Factors relevant to natural environment	0.181	7
8	Factors relevant to labor safety	0.178	8
9	Factors relevant to project information	Not considered	
10	Factors relevant to socio-economic		

Adjustment coefficient R² in this model, which is 0.625 > 0.5, affirms that impact factors determined by the model of the research are appropriate. This shows that there is a 62.5% variation in labor productivity of construction workers in Vietnam (Y) which is explained, in general, by the above defined 8 variables. This analysis ANOVA in Table 8, shows that parameter F has Sig. = 0, which proved recurrent construction model to be appropriate for the collected data.

6. RESULTS

Recurrent analysis results prove that independent variables in the model are appropriate and have statistical signification with meaning level 5% (Table 9).

“Factors relevant to construction worker” have the most significant impact on labour productivity of construction workers in Vietnam with coefficient $\beta = 0.284$.

“Factors relevant to operation and management on

construction site” with coefficient $\beta = 0.219$ were 2nd in terms of their impact on labour productivity of construction workers in Vietnam.

“Factors relevant to labor condition” and “Factors relevant to motivation” have a positive effect on labour productivity of construction workers in Vietnam with almost the same coefficients β which are 0.209 and 0.203.

“Factors relevant to tools and subject of labor”, “Factors relevant to working time”, “Factors relevant to the natural environment” and “Factors relevant to labor safety” have a medium level of impact on labour productivity of construction workers in Vietnam.

“Factors relevant to project information” and “Factors relevant to socio-economic” were not considered because these factors were excluded from the formal research model. In other words, these factors have an inappreciable impact on labour productivity of construction workers in Vietnam.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This research was carried out to evaluate influence factors on labor productivity of construction industry workers in Vietnam. Throughout the literature review, 10-factor groups impacting the labor productivity of construction workers in Vietnam were identified and listed. They are factors relevant to construction workers, factors relevant to site operation and management, factors relevant to motivation, factors relevant to working time, factors relevant to labor working tools, factors relevant to labor working conditions, factors relevant to working safety, factors relevant to project informations, factors relevant to natural environment, and factors relevant to socio-economic conditions. 267 questionnaires were collected for analysis. From data collected through the survey, the authors used regression analysis method to evaluate and rank the impact levels of these factor groups. To rely on the researching results, the authors highlighted the role of executive entrepreneurs in finding solutions in order to develop human resources, raise the quality of construction workers staff, manage missions and targets in building site, and at the same time improve working conditions to create motivation for workers. The authors also petition the government for promulgating policies which support enterprises to step up applying science, technology and modern technical methods of construction.

This research scope is limited to the construction industry in Vietnam and objects are factors impacting the labor productivity of construction workers. Further research should be carried out on other aspects such as civil projects, industrial projects, traffic projects, irrigation projects or technical lower-layer projects. One similar research is extremely indispensable for determining levels of impacted factors for the success of construction investment projects in the whole.

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