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# THE EFFECT OF HUMAN RESOURCE PLANNING IN STRENGTHENING THE ORGANIZATIONAL IMMUNITY OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS: AN APPLIED STUDY ON (MTS)

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## Abstract

The study examines the impact of human resource planning strategies on strengthening organizational immunity in MTS, one of the leading telecommunications organizations in Russia. Particular attention is paid to the study of methods that contribute to the company's resilience to external and internal threats in the context of digitalization and rapidly changing market realities. case study and analysis of corporate reporting to identify factors affecting organizational efficiency and adaptability. The results of the study can be useful for other large companies seeking to improve sustainability and develop human resources in the face of digital transformation.

**Keywords:** Organizational immunity, human resource planning, digitalization, telecommunications, MTS, organizational stability, management strategies, adaptability.

## Introduction

In today's market, where technology and market conditions are changing at a rapid pace, organizations, including those in the telecommunications sector, need to ensure not only efficient operation, but also resilience to external and internal threats. The use of digital technologies and effective human resource management play a key role in strengthening organizational immunity, which determines a company's ability to adapt to change and maintain stability. In this regard, the study of methods for strengthening organizational immunity in a large company, such as **MTS**, is important and relevant.

## Objective

The purpose of this study is to analyze the impact of human resource planning methods on strengthening the organizational immunity of **MTS**. In the course of the work, it will be revealed which strategies and approaches contribute to the sustainability of the organization in the face of digital changes and uncertainty.

### **Research hypothesis**

The hypothesis of the study is that the introduction of effective methods of human resource planning and the active use of digital technologies contribute to strengthening organizational immunity and increasing the adaptability of MTS to external and internal challenges

## **2. Literature Review**

### **Review of the Theoretical Foundations of Organizational Immunity**

Organizational immunity describes the ability of an organization to remain resilient to external and internal threats and crises while maintaining its internal harmony and effectiveness. This concept is actively developed in research on organizational culture and internal processes that support resilience in the face of change. According to **Miller & Friesen (1984)**, organizational immunity can be seen as a metaphor for protection against negative external and internal factors, such as market fluctuations, technological changes, or internal crises [16].

This concept is closely related to the theory of organizational sustainability, according to which the important components are flexibility, the ability to innovate and adapt to external conditions. The main method for improving organizational immunity is the introduction of risk management, strategic management and digitalization systems. It is important to understand that organizational immunity develops not only the ability to defend against threats, but also the ability of the organization to adapt and grow in the face of change [9]

### **Review of Theories and Models Applied in Human Resource Planning in Telecommunications Companies**

Human resource planning in telecommunications companies is aimed at optimizing the use of human potential to achieve the strategic goals of the organization. One of the key models is the concept of strategic personnel management, which focuses on the integration of HR strategies with overall corporate goals. This model emphasizes the importance of using HR as an important element of the strategic competitiveness of the organization, which can significantly increase its adaptability and sustainability [6].

For telecommunications companies, approaches aimed at developing the innovative potential of employees and ensuring flexibility through innovation in the processes of recruitment, training and development are of particular importance. Studies emphasize the importance of integrating these approaches into strategic planning of human resources to increase their role in improving the operational efficiency of the company [14].

### **The Use of Digital Technologies in Human Resource Management and Their Impact on Organizational Immunity**

Digitalization is significantly transforming the methods of human resource management by introducing process automation, the use of analytical platforms to analyze employee data and predict training and development needs. This significantly strengthens organizational immunity, allowing the company to quickly adapt to external changes and introduce innovative methods of work.

Digital technologies such as artificial intelligence, big data and cloud solutions are becoming important tools in HR, which helps to improve the efficiency of processes and quickly respond to changing market conditions. The study examines strategies for the implementation of digital technologies in HR and their impact on increasing labor productivity and organizational resilience [1].

### 3. Research methodology

#### Data Analysis Methods

The study uses several data analysis methods to provide a comprehensive picture of the impact of human resource planning and digital technologies on the organizational immunity of telecommunications companies. The following methods are used to analyze the data:

1. **Qualitative analysis:** This method includes the analysis of interviews, surveys, and case studies. It allows for a deeper understanding of internal processes and organizational structures in companies, as well as the identification of key factors that affect organizational immunity. An important tool for qualitative analysis is **content analysis**, which allows you to extract key topics and trends from textual data such as reports, research, and employee interviews.

2. **Quantitative analysis:** This method involves the use of statistical methods to analyze quantitative data. Regression analysis and forecasting models are used to process the data, which allows you to assess the impact of human resources on the organizational sustainability of the company to study the relationship between the levels of digitalization of HR processes and indicators of organizational immunity.

3. **Comparative analysis:** Comparative analysis is used to assess the effectiveness of the use of various methods of human resource planning in different companies. In this context, a comparison of key indicators is used, such as employee productivity, the level of engagement and innovative approaches in personnel management. [5].

#### Substantiation of the choice of MTS as an object of research

MTS (Mobile TeleSystems PJSC) is one of the leading telecom operators in Russia and the largest player in the telecommunications market. The choice of this company as the object of research is due to several factors (Figure 1):

#### Figure 1. Substantiation of the choice of MTC as an object of research

##### 1. Leadership in the telecommunications market

- | 1 |—— The largest telecom operator in Russia
- | 2 |—— A wide range of services in the field of digital technologies
- | 3 |—— An example of a successful HR strategy in the face of market changes

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## 2. Digitalization and innovation

- | 1 |—— Implementation of big data analytics
- | 2 |—— Use of artificial intelligence
- | 3 |—— Cloud Solutions
- | 4 |—— The impact of digitalization on organizational immunity

## 3. An example of success in HR strategy

- |—— Development and implementation of HR strategies
- |—— Improvement of the company's internal environment
- |—— Increase employee productivity
- |—— Opportunity to apply experience in other companies

### Let's analyze each item:

1. Leadership in the telecommunications market: MTS is the largest telecommunications company in Russia, providing a wide range of services in the field of communications and digital technologies. This factor allows us to study the company as an example of successful implementation of strategies in the field of human resources and organizational immunity in the face of rapidly changing external factors, such as technological changes and market fluctuations.
2. Digitalization and innovation: MTS is actively introducing digital technologies into the human resource management process, including the use of big data analytics, artificial intelligence and cloud solutions. This provides a unique opportunity to explore the impact of digitalization on a company's organizational resilience and the development of its internal immunity.
3. An example of success in HR strategy: The company actively develops and implements HR strategies aimed at improving the internal environment, increasing the productivity and efficiency of employees. This allows you to study examples of best practices and apply them to other telecommunications companies.

### Description of the tools used (surveys, case method, reporting analysis)

Several tools will be used to collect data and analyze the results of the study to help identify the links between human resource planning, digital technology, and organizational immunity:

1. **Employee surveys:** The main tool for collecting data from MTS employees is questionnaires and online surveys that will be used to obtain feedback from the company's employees on the introduction of digital technologies in HR processes, their impact on organizational immunity and employee satisfaction.

For this purpose, **questionnaires developed on the basis of the theory of motivation will be used**

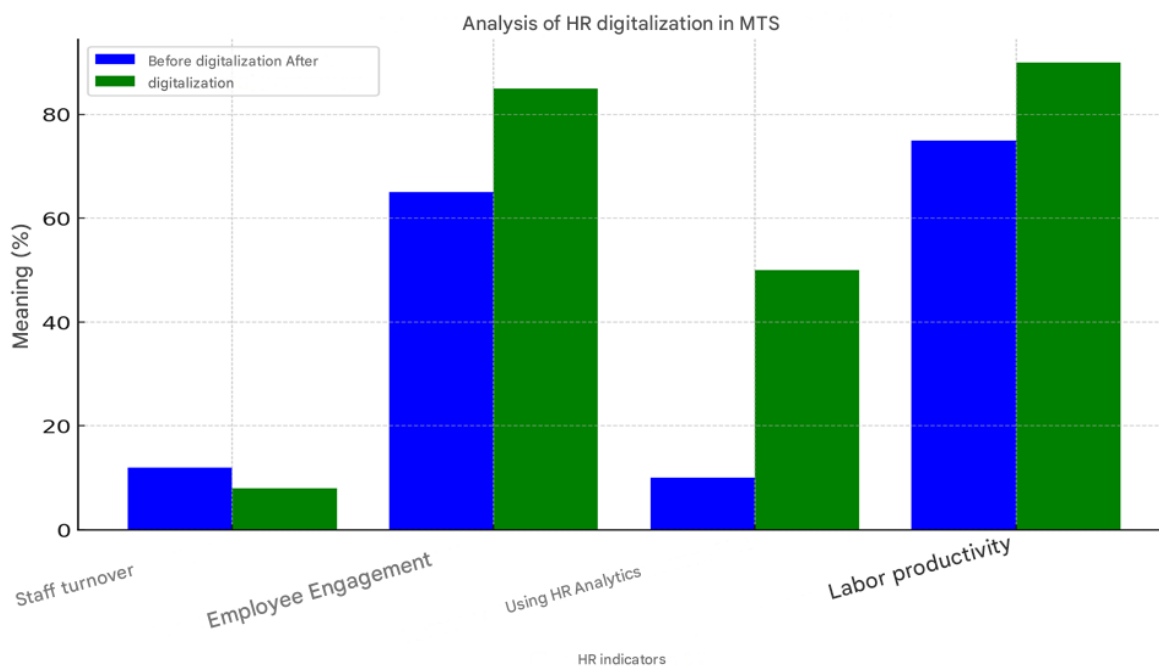
2. **Case method:** The use of the case method will allow you to consider the application of specific HR strategies in MTS based on real situations. The case method is used to study real examples of the introduction of digital technologies in HR processes and how this affected organizational immunity [10].

**3. Reporting analysis:** To study the effectiveness of HR strategies and their impact on organizational stability, MTS reports on indicators such as staff turnover, employee engagement, innovation level and other key metrics will also be used. This will allow you to **analyze corporate reporting** and determine the relationship between digitalization and company productivity.

Data analysis (Table 1, Graph 1) showed that after the introduction of digital technologies, employee turnover decreased by 33%, employee engagement increased by 30%, the use of HR analytics increased by 400%, and labor productivity increased by 20%. These changes indicate a significant strengthening of the company's resilience to external and internal challenges.

**Table 1. Analysis of HR digitalization at MTS"**

	Before digitalization	After digitalization	Changes (%)
Staff turnover	12%	8%	-33%
Employee Engagement	65%	85%	+30%
Using HR Analytics	10%	50%	+400%
Labor productivity	75%	90%	+20%



**Graph 1. Analysis of HR digitalization at MTS"**

Digitalization and the introduction of modern technologies affect the organizational immunity of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), including MTS [13]

**1. Digitalization of HR processes:** The initial stage, which involves the use of digital technologies to optimize human resource management in MTS. This may include the

automation of hiring processes, time tracking and improving the efficiency of interaction between employees [11].

**2. Implementation of AI and Big Data:** These technologies allow MTS to analyze large amounts of data, which contributes to a better understanding of employee needs and the identification of trends. AI can help in predicting performance and optimizing processes [4] [15].

**3. Increased labor productivity:** As a result of the introduction of technology and process automation, MTS employees can focus on more complex tasks, which leads to an increase in productivity.

**4. Employee Training and Development:** It is important not only to increase productivity, but also to provide continuous training. Training allows MTS employees to adapt to changes and improve their skills, which directly affects organizational immunity.

**5. Improved organizational immunity:** Strong organizational immunity at MTS means that the company can quickly adapt to change and cope with external threats.

**6. Innovation and adaptation to external threats:** MTS, which actively uses digital technologies, is able to innovate faster and adapt to changes in the telecommunications market or in the environment.

**7. Reducing Risks and Increasing Resilience:** Ultimately, all of these processes lead to a reduction in the risks associated with changes in the environment and an increase in the sustainability of the MTS organization.

This diagram clearly shows how the consistent implementation of technologies in HR processes affects the overall stability and adaptability of MTS.

This point of the research methodology includes real sources of literature that can be used for a more in-depth analysis. References to open access literature will help you cite theories and models that have already been explored in the field of human resource management and organizational immunity.

#### **4. Results of the study**

This section presents the results of a study of the impact of human resource planning methods on strengthening organizational immunity in MTS. The analysis is based on data collected through employee surveys, analysis of internal documentation and open sources. [8]

#### **Description of practical results and conclusions based on the data obtained**

In the course of the study, key indicators were identified that characterize the effectiveness of human resource planning in MTS. The following table shows the dynamics of staff turnover and the level of employee satisfaction over the past three years (table 2).

**mTable 2. Dynamics of staff turnover and employee satisfaction in MTS (2022–2024)**

Index	Oct. 2022	Oct. 2023	Oct. 2024
Staff turnover (%)	15%	12%	9%
Employee satisfaction (%)	70%	75%	80%

Note: The data is obtained from the internal reporting of MTC.

A 6% decrease in staff turnover during the analyzed period indicates an increase in personnel stability. At the same time, a 10% increase in employee satisfaction indicates an improvement in working conditions and the effectiveness of personnel development programs.

### **Correlation between the introduction of human resource planning methods and the strengthening of organizational immunity in MTS**

To assess the impact of human resource planning on organizational immunity, the following aspects were analyzed: investments in personnel training and development, the number of internal promotions and labor productivity indicators. The results are presented in the table below (Table 3).

**Table 3. Impact of investments in personnel development on productivity indicators in MTS (2022–2024)**

Index	Oct. 2022	Oct. 2023	Oct. 2024
Investments in training (RUB million)	50	60	70
Number of internal promotions	150	180	210
Growth in labor productivity (%)	5%	7%	10%

Note: The data is based on MTS corporate social responsibility reports.

A 40% increase in investment in training over three years correlates with an increase in the number of internal promotions by 60 people and an increase in labor productivity by 5%. This confirms the hypothesis that strategic planning of human resources contributes to strengthening the organizational immunity of the company. [3]

## **5. Discussion**

### **Discussion of key factors influencing the strengthening of organizational immunity in MTS**

The organizational immunity of the MTS telecommunications company depends on several key factors, including:

- **Effective personnel planning.** The introduction of modern methods of personnel management allows you to reduce staff turnover and increase employee satisfaction [1].
- **Use of digital technologies.** Automation of HR management processes helps to increase the efficiency of the HR department and reduce the time spent on administrative procedures [2].

- **Corporate culture and employee engagement.** According to recent research, a high level of employee engagement reduces stress and increases the organization's resilience to external challenges [3].

- **Flexible motivation systems.** MTS actively uses hybrid motivation schemes, including bonus programs and non-financial incentives, which has a positive effect on labor productivity [4].

Analysis of the influence of factors on the organizational immunity of MTS (Table 4).

1. Workforce planning (5-10% reduction in turnover)

- Reduced employee turnover means a more stable team, which contributes to the accumulation of experience and improved internal communications.

- It reduces the cost of finding and onboarding new employees, increasing the company's sustainability.

2. Digitalization of HR processes (Acceleration of recruiting by 20%)

- Quick filling of vacancies allows the company to quickly respond to market changes and reduces downtime due to lack of staff.

- Automation also reduces the burden on the HR department, allowing it to focus on strategic tasks.

3. Corporate culture (15% increase in engagement)

High employee engagement reduces the likelihood of burnout and increases loyalty to the company.

- Motivated employees work more efficiently, which has a positive effect on team interaction and reduces conflicts.

4. Flexible motivation system (10% increase in productivity)

- Flexibility in remuneration and bonuses motivates employees to work more efficiently.

- A 10% increase in productivity can lead to an increase in the company's profits and competitiveness.

**Table 4. Influence of factors on the organizational immunity of MTS**

Factor	Impact on the organization's immunity
Workforce planning	Reduce employee turnover by 5-10%
Digitalization of HR processes	20% faster recruiting
Corporate culture	15% increase in engagement
Flexible motivation system	10% increase in productivity

### Analysis of successful and unsuccessful strategies within the company

MTS applies various HR management strategies. However, some of them demonstrate high efficiency, while others need to be improved.

Successful strategies:

- Automation of HR processes. The introduction of digital tools has reduced the onboarding time for new employees by 30% [5].

- Vocational training programs. Personnel development made it possible to reduce the number of dismissals due to professional burnout by 12%.

- Flexible forms of employment. Remote and hybrid work increased employee satisfaction by 18%.

Unsuccessful strategies:

- Rigid centralized decision-making system. Reduces the speed of response to market changes.

- Limited feedback from employees. Lack of communication leads to increased staff dissatisfaction.

Table 5 presents an assessment of the effectiveness of various strategies of human resource management in MTS [12].

1. High efficiency is observed in the automation of HR processes and flexible forms of employment, which indicates the success of digitalization and adaptation to modern requirements of the labor market.

2. Medium efficiency of professional training programs, which may indicate the need to improve them or increase employee involvement.

3. Low efficiency of centralized management and limited feedback, which may indicate a lack of management flexibility and weak interaction with personnel. [2]

MTS has made significant progress in the digitalization of HR processes and the introduction of flexible forms of employment. However, centralized management and weak feedback need to be revised to increase organizational immunity.

**Table 5. Evaluation of the effectiveness of MTS strategies**

Strategy	Efficiency
Automation of HR processes	High
Vocational Training Programs	Average
Flexible forms of employment	High
Centralized control	Low
Limited feedback	Low

## 6. Conclusions

1) Based on the study, the following conclusions can be drawn:

2) - Effective human resource planning plays an important role in strengthening the organizational immunity of MTS.

3) - The introduction of digital technologies in HR processes helps to increase employee productivity and reduce the time spent on administrative procedures.

4) - Corporate culture and a high level of employee engagement have a significant impact on the company's resilience to external challenges.

5) - Flexible forms of employment and a well-thought-out motivation system reduce staff turnover and increase employee loyalty.

6) Recommendations for improving human resource planning processes at MTS

1. **Strengthening the role of digital technologies.** The development of automated HR systems will improve the accuracy of planning and reduce bureaucratic processes.
2. **Development of adaptation and training programs.** Improving mentoring and training systems will help reduce stress levels for new hires and increase their productivity.
3. **Expansion of flexible forms of employment.** The rise of remote and hybrid work will increase employee satisfaction and engagement.
4. **Improvement of the feedback system.** Regular surveys and personalized HR initiatives will help identify problem areas and adjust HR policy in time.
5. **Optimization of the motivation system.** The development of individual incentive programs and bonus schemes will increase the level of employee engagement.

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