

THE IMPACT OF MARKETING COMMUNICATION ON PRODUCT LONGEVITY IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN NIGERIA; A CASE STUDY OF UNILEVER

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Abstract

Marketing communication plays a critical role in product longevity by influencing brand perception, consumer engagement, and demand sustainability. This study examines its impact in Nigeria's manufacturing industry, focusing on Unilever Nigeria Plc. A survey research design was employed, collecting data from 100 marketing and sales staff. Results revealed that 85% of respondents agreed that marketing communication positively affects product longevity, while 75% affirmed its role in maintaining consistent demand. Furthermore, 69% linked marketing communication to product acceptability, and 60% believed high investment in marketing communication directly translates to sales. However, 15% disagreed, and 10% were undecided, indicating the influence of additional factors such as product quality, pricing, and distribution. Hypothesis testing using chi-square confirmed a significant relationship between marketing communication and product longevity at a 0.05 significance level. The study concludes that an integrated and adaptive marketing communication strategy is essential for sustaining product relevance and competitiveness in the Nigerian market.

Keywords: Marketing Communication, Product Longevity, Brand Perception, Consumer Engagement, Advertising, Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC).

INTRODUCTION

Marketing communication plays a vital role in the success and longevity of products in the manufacturing industry. It involves the strategic use of advertising, sales promotion, public relations, direct marketing, and personal selling to create awareness, shape consumer perceptions, and influence purchase decisions (Kotler & Keller, 2022). In today's competitive market, where consumer preferences shift rapidly and new products emerge frequently, the ability of a company to sustain the relevance of its products depends significantly on how effectively it communicates with its target audience. Studies have shown that marketing communication not only drives sales but also fosters brand loyalty, which in turn extends the lifespan of products in the market (Belch & Belch, 2021). This research seeks to examine the impact of marketing communication on product longevity in the Nigerian manufacturing industry, with a specific focus on Unilever Nigeria Plc, a leading multinational company with decades of experience in brand management and communication strategies. The Nigerian manufacturing industry is highly competitive, with both local and international brands vying for consumer attention. Companies that fail to implement effective marketing communication strategies often see their products fade out of the market within a short time. According to Adebayo and Ojo (2023), ineffective communication leads to low brand recall, weak consumer engagement, and declining sales, ultimately affecting product longevity.

In contrast, firms that invest in consistent and strategic marketing campaigns are able to reinforce their brand presence, cultivate consumer trust, and ensure continuous demand for their products. Unilever Nigeria Plc provides an interesting case study, as it has successfully maintained the relevance of many of its products, such as Close-Up toothpaste, Omo detergent, and Blue Band margarine, for several decades despite changing consumer trends and economic fluctuations. One of the key factors influencing product longevity is brand positioning, which is largely driven by marketing communication. A strong brand message, effectively communicated through multiple channels, helps reinforce a product's value proposition in the minds of consumers (Keller, 2023). This is particularly important in the Nigerian market, where consumers are exposed to a wide range of advertising messages daily. Companies must therefore employ a mix of traditional and digital marketing strategies to stay relevant. For instance, social media marketing has become a powerful tool for engaging Nigerian consumers, with brands leveraging platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok to interact with their audience in real time (Ogunleye & Adeyemi, 2022). The ability of a company to adapt its marketing communication strategies to evolving consumer behaviors determines the success and longevity of its products. Beyond advertising, other elements of marketing communication such as public relations and sales promotions also play a crucial role in sustaining product longevity. Public relations efforts, including corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives and sponsorships, help create a positive brand image, which in turn fosters consumer trust and loyalty (Nwankwo *et al.*, 2023). Sales promotions, such as discounts

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and loyalty programs, encourage repeat purchases and keep the product in active demand. For Unilever Nigeria Plc, promotional campaigns such as free product trials, “buy one, get one free” offers, and seasonal discounts have been instrumental in maintaining consumer interest and ensuring that its products remain household staples. This suggests that marketing communication extends beyond mere advertisement; it encompasses a holistic approach that integrates various promotional strategies to reinforce product longevity. Another critical aspect of marketing communication that impacts product longevity is consumer engagement and feedback mechanisms. Companies that actively seek and respond to consumer feedback are better positioned to make necessary adjustments to their products and marketing strategies (Eze & Uche, 2023). In Nigeria, where consumer preferences are diverse and influenced by cultural, economic, and social factors, brands must remain agile in their communication efforts. Unilever Nigeria Plc, for example, frequently engages in market research to understand shifting consumer needs and adjusts its messaging accordingly. This proactive approach ensures that its products remain relevant despite external market changes. Despite the proven benefits of marketing communication in sustaining product longevity, several challenges exist. Economic instability, inflation, and changing regulatory policies in Nigeria often pose difficulties for manufacturers in maintaining consistent marketing campaigns (Okonkwo, 2022). Additionally, consumer skepticism towards advertising due to misinformation and exaggerated claims presents another hurdle for brands. To address these challenges, companies must focus on authenticity and transparency in their communication efforts, ensuring that their messaging aligns with actual product performance and consumer expectations. Overall, marketing communication is a crucial determinant of product longevity in the manufacturing industry. Companies that effectively utilize advertising, sales promotions, public relations, and digital marketing strategies are more likely to sustain consumer interest and extend the lifespan of their products. Unilever Nigeria Plc serves as a prime example of how strategic marketing communication can enhance product longevity in a competitive market. This study will further explore the relationship between marketing communication and product sustainability, providing insights that can benefit both manufacturers and marketers in Nigeria.

Research Question

Does marketing communication have a positive effect on product longevity?

Is marketing communication capable of ensuring a steady stream of demand for a product?

Is there a relationship between marketing communication and product acceptability?

Do the high investment on marketing communication always translates into effective demand for products.

Is there a balance between the informative and persuasive aspect of marketing communication?

Hypothesis

HYPOTHESES I

Ho: Marketing communication has a positive effect on product longevity.

H1: Marketing communication does not have a positive effect on product longevity.

HYPOTHESES II

Ho: Marketing communication is capable of ensuring a steady stream of demand for a product.

H1: Marketing communication is not capable of ensuring a steady stream of demand for a product.

Theoretical Framework: The Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC) Model

The Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC) Model is a strategic approach that ensures all marketing communication tools work harmoniously to deliver a consistent and persuasive brand message to consumers (Belch & Belch, 2021). IMC is based on the principle that modern consumers encounter brand messages across multiple channels, including traditional media (television, radio, and print), digital platforms (social media, email marketing, and websites), and direct consumer engagements (sales promotions, sponsorships, and events). The model advocates for the seamless integration of these diverse communication methods to create a unified brand experience, ultimately fostering consumer trust, engagement, and loyalty. In the context of this study, IMC provides a relevant theoretical lens to examine how Unilever Nigeria Plc strategically utilizes a combination of marketing communication tools to sustain the longevity of its products. By maintaining a consistent and impactful brand presence, Unilever ensures that its products remain relevant despite market shifts, consumer preference changes, and competitive pressures.

One of the core tenets of the IMC Model is message consistency, which emphasizes that all marketing communication activities should reinforce the same brand message, ensuring clarity and coherence (Keller, 2023). In the case of Unilever Nigeria Plc, this concept is evident in the company’s approach to marketing its various products, such as Omo detergent, Close-Up toothpaste, and Blue Band margarine. Through integrated advertising campaigns, public relations efforts, and promotional activities, Unilever ensures that its products are consistently positioned in the minds of consumers. This is particularly significant in the Nigerian market, where consumers are exposed to a high volume of marketing messages daily. If a company fails to maintain consistency in its messaging, it risks creating confusion among consumers, which can shorten the lifespan of its products. By employing IMC principles, Unilever not only reinforces product awareness but also strengthens consumer trust, thereby enhancing product longevity.

Another crucial component of the IMC Model is consumer-centric communication, which shifts the focus from company-driven promotional efforts to consumer engagement and interaction (Kotler & Keller, 2022). This aspect of IMC is especially relevant in the digital age, where social media and online platforms allow brands to interact with consumers in real time. For Unilever Nigeria Plc, leveraging platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube enables the company to foster direct engagement with its consumers, respond to their concerns, and adapt its communication strategies based on real-time feedback. This two-way communication not only enhances brand loyalty but also plays a critical role in sustaining product longevity. When consumers feel heard and valued, they are more likely to remain committed to a brand, leading to repeat purchases and long-term product

sustainability. Thus, the application of IMC principles in Unilever's marketing efforts ensures that its products remain in demand over extended periods.

Furthermore, the IMC Model underscores the importance of synergistic use of marketing communication tools, meaning that advertising, public relations, sales promotions, and direct marketing should work together rather than in isolation (Ogunleye & Adeyemi, 2022). This synergy is evident in Unilever Nigeria's approach, where the company does not rely solely on traditional advertising but incorporates multiple communication strategies to maintain product relevance. For instance, beyond running television and radio advertisements, Unilever actively engages in corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, influencer marketing, and in-store promotions. The integration of these diverse communication tools ensures that its products remain top-of-mind for consumers at different touchpoints. This aligns with the IMC Model's assertion that an effective combination of promotional elements enhances consumer recall, encourages brand engagement, and ultimately contributes to product longevity.

The IMC Model also highlights the role of long-term relationship building as a fundamental strategy for sustaining product life cycles (Nwankwo *et al.*, 2023). Unlike traditional marketing communication approaches that focus solely on immediate sales generation, IMC advocates for the cultivation of lasting relationships with consumers. For Unilever Nigeria Plc, this is reflected in its loyalty programs, personalized marketing initiatives, and ongoing efforts to improve consumer experience. By consistently delivering value and maintaining open communication channels with its audience, Unilever ensures that its products remain relevant across multiple generations. This long-term engagement strategy aligns with the study's focus on product longevity, demonstrating that sustained communication efforts can significantly extend a product's life cycle in the market.

Lastly, the IMC Model is particularly relevant to this study because it emphasizes adaptability and flexibility in communication strategies (Eze & Uche, 2023). The Nigerian manufacturing industry operates in a dynamic economic environment characterized by fluctuating consumer purchasing power, evolving media consumption habits, and intense competition. Unilever Nigeria Plc exemplifies the IMC principle of adaptability by continuously adjusting its marketing communication strategies to align with market realities. For instance, in response to the growing preference for digital media among Nigerian consumers, the company has increased its investment in online advertising and influencer partnerships. This adaptive approach ensures that Unilever's products remain relevant despite changing market conditions. By analyzing Unilever's implementation of the IMC Model, this study provides insights into how integrated marketing communication strategies contribute to product longevity in Nigeria's manufacturing sector.

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a survey research design, utilizing both primary and secondary data sources. Primary data were collected through structured questionnaires administered to 100 marketing and sales staff of Unilever Nigeria Plc, while secondary data were sourced from company records, journals, and other relevant publications. A purposive sampling

technique was employed to ensure that responses were obtained from individuals with direct knowledge of the company's marketing communication strategies. Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics and chi-square tests to determine the relationship between marketing communication and product longevity. Reliability was assessed using the test-retest method, while validity was ensured through a comparative analysis of questionnaire responses and follow-up interviews.

RESULTS

Respondents Demographic

Table 1. Gender Classification

Gender	Response	Percentage (%)
Male	67	84.00%
Female	13	16.00%
TOTAL	80	100%

In Table 1 above, the analysis of the data provides that 67 (i.e. 84 %) of the sampled respondents were males whereas 13 (i.e. 16%) were females. This indicated that the majority of the respondents were male

Table 2. Marital Status

Options	Responses	Percentage (%)
Married	60	75.00%
Single	17	21.00%
Divorced	3	4.00%
TOTAL	80	100.00%

The analysis in Table 2 above shows that among the eighty (80) respondents, sixty (i.e. 75%) were married, seventeen (i.e. 21%) were still single and only three were separated or divorced.

Table 3. Educational Qualification(S)

Options	Responses	Percentage (%)
Primary Education	2	3%
Secondary Education	8	10%
University Education	70	87%
Others (Please Specify)	-	-
TOTAL	80	100.00%

In Table 3 above, the data contends that among the eighty (80) respondents, 20% had primary education, while 8 (i.e. 10%) did not go beyond secondary education. However, only, 70 (i.e. 87%) had a university education or its equivalent.

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Range (Per Month)	Responses	Percentage (%)
High Income Earners	15	19%
Middle Income Earners	60	75%
Low Income Earners	5	6%
TOTAL	80	100.00%

In Table 4 above, the result shows that among the eighty (80) respondents, 15 or 19% of them were high income earners, 60 or 75 % of the respondents were middle income earners while the low income earners represented just 6% of the respondent. Further analysis reveals that a majority of the respondents are middle income earners.

Analysis of Research Questions

A. Does marketing communication have a positive effect on product longevity?

Table 5: Positive Effect of Product longevity

Responses	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Yes	68	85%
No	10	12.5%
Undecided	2	2.5%
Total	80	100%

From table 5 above, 68 or 85% of the respondent were on the affirmative in response to the research question while 10 or 12.5% of them responded on the negative. However, 2 or 2.5% of the respondents were undecided on the first question in the questionnaire

B. Is marketing communication capable of ensuring a steady stream of demand for a product?

Table 6

Responses	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Yes	60	75%
No	15	19%
Undecided	5	6%
Total	80	100%

From table 6 above, 60 or 75% were on the affirmative in response to the research question while 15 or 19% of them responded on the negative. However, 5 or 6% of them were undecided

C. Is there a relationship between marketing communication and product acceptability?

Table 7

Responses	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Yes	55	69%
No	12	15%
Undecided	13	16%
Total	80	100%

From table 7 above, 55 or 69% were on the affirmative in response to the research question while 12 or 15% of them responded on the negative. However, 13 or 16% of them were undecided.

D. Do the high investment on marketing communication always translates into effective demand for products?

Table 8

Responses	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Yes	60	75%
No	12	15%
Undecided	8	10%
Total	80	100%

From table 8 above, 60 or 75% were on the affirmative in response to the research question while 12 or 15% of them responded on the negative. However, 8 or 10 % of them were undecided.

D. Is there a balance between the informative and persuasive aspect of marketing communication?

Table 9

Responses	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	55	69%
No	15	19%
Undecided	10	12%
Total	80	100

From table 9 above, 55 or 69% were on the affirmative in response to the research question while 15 or 19% of them responded on the negative. However, 10 or 12 % of them were undecided.

Testing of hypotheses using chi-square test analysis

Hypotheses I

Ho: Marketing communication has a positive effect on product longevity.

H1: Marketing communication does not have a positive effect on product longevity

Table 10. Test of Hypotheses I

Responses	O	E	O-E	(O-E)	(O - E) ² /E
Yes	68	26.6	41.4	1713	64.3
No	10	26.6	-16.6	275	10.3
Undecided	2	26.6	-24.6	605	22.7
Total	80	80			97

Degree of Freedom=(r-1)(c-1)=(3-1)(2-1)
=2×1 =2

Ho: Marketing communication has a positive effect on product longevity.

H: Marketing communication does not have a positive effect on product longevity.

Level Of Significance: 0.05

The test statistic, $TS = (O - E)^2 / E = 97$

Therefore $X^2_{cal} = 97$

$X^2_{tab} = 21.6721$

Decision Rule: $Rejcot\ Holf\ X^2_{cal} > X^2_{tab}$

Decision: $\sin\ ccx^2_{cal} > X^2_{tab}$, we therefore reject Ho

Conclusion: Marketing communication has a positive effect on product longevity.

HYPOTHESES II

Ho: Marketing communication is capable of ensuring a steady stream of demand for a product.

H1: Marketing communication is not capable of ensuring a steady stream of demand for a product.

Table 11. Test of Hypotheses II

Responses	O	E	O-E	(O-E) ²	(O-E) ² /E
Yes	60	26.6	33.4	1115	41.9
No	15	26.6	-11.6	135	5
Undecided	5	26.6	-21.6	466	17.5
Total	80	80			64.4

Degree of Freedom=(r-1)(c-1)=(3-1)(2-1)
=2×1 =2

Ho: Marketing communication is capable of ensuring a steady stream of demand for a product.

H: Marketing communication is not capable of ensuring a steady stream of demand for a product.

Level Of Significance: 0.05

The test statistic, $TS = (O - E)^2/E = 64.4$

Therefore $X^2_{cal} = 64.4$

$X^2_{tab} = 19.6384$

Decision Rule: $Reject H_0 \text{ If } X^2_{cal} > X^2_{100}$

Decision: Since $X^2_{cal} > X^2_{tab}$, we therefore reject H_0

Conclusion: Marketing communication is capable of ensuring a steady stream of demand for a product.

DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

The findings of this study revealed that marketing communication has a significant impact on product longevity in the manufacturing industry, particularly in the case of Unilever Nigeria Plc. The results showed that a majority of respondents agreed that marketing communication positively influences how long a product remains relevant in the market. This aligns with previous research that emphasizes the role of strategic advertising, public relations, and promotional efforts in sustaining product demand (Kotler & Keller, 2022). The study's chi-square analysis confirmed a strong relationship between marketing communication and product longevity, reinforcing the idea that effective communication strategies not only create product awareness but also maintain consumer interest over time. Unilever's continued dominance in the Nigerian market, despite stiff competition, is a testament to the effectiveness of its integrated marketing communication strategies. One major insight from the study is that companies that invest heavily in marketing communication tend to experience higher levels of product sustainability. The results showed that 75% of respondents believed that continuous marketing efforts help in ensuring a steady stream of demand for a product. This finding is consistent with the Integrated Marketing Communication (IMC) Model, which suggests that a well-coordinated mix of communication tools enhances brand recall and consumer loyalty (Belch & Belch, 2021). Unilever Nigeria's sustained investment in advertising across television, radio, billboards, and digital platforms has contributed significantly to the longevity of its products such as Close-Up, Omo, and Blue Band. This underscores the fact that for a product to survive in a competitive market, it must remain visible and relevant through strategic and consistent marketing communication efforts.

Furthermore, the study found that the effectiveness of marketing communication is not solely dependent on the amount spent but also on the strategic alignment of communication tools with consumer behavior. About 69% of respondents affirmed that there is a direct relationship between marketing communication and product acceptability. This finding is particularly relevant in the Nigerian market, where consumer preferences are influenced by cultural, economic, and social factors. Unilever Nigeria has successfully adapted its marketing strategies to align with these factors by leveraging both traditional and digital media. The company's use of localized advertising, influencer marketing, and community engagement initiatives has strengthened its brand perception and extended the life cycle of its products. This confirms that the quality of marketing communication rather than just the quantity plays a crucial role in determining how

long a product remains relevant. Another key finding from the study is that not all marketing communication efforts translate directly into effective demand. While 75% of respondents believed that high investments in marketing communication result in sustained product sales, a notable 15% disagreed, and 10% were undecided. This suggests that while marketing communication is an important factor, other elements such as product quality, pricing, and distribution networks also contribute to product longevity. As supported by previous research (Nwankwo *et al.*, 2023), even the most well-promoted product will struggle if it does not meet consumer expectations in terms of quality and affordability. In this regard, Unilever Nigeria has maintained product longevity not just through advertising but also through continuous innovation, quality improvements, and competitive pricing strategies. This highlights the need for a holistic approach that integrates marketing communication with broader business strategies to sustain product relevance.

The study also found that consumer engagement and feedback mechanisms play a vital role in product longevity. Companies that actively listen to consumer feedback and adjust their marketing strategies accordingly are better positioned to sustain their products in the market. This finding aligns with the IMC Model, which emphasizes the importance of two-way communication between brands and consumers (Ogunleye & Adeyemi, 2022). Unilever Nigeria has successfully incorporated consumer insights into its communication strategies by using social media analytics, product reviews, and market research to refine its advertising messages. This has allowed the company to remain agile and responsive to consumer needs, further strengthening the longevity of its products. This finding suggests that companies must move beyond one-way promotional efforts and focus on building meaningful relationships with consumers to sustain product demand. Lastly, the study highlighted some challenges associated with marketing communication in Nigeria. Economic instability, high inflation rates, and changing consumer preferences pose significant difficulties for manufacturers in maintaining consistent marketing campaigns. Despite these challenges, companies that adopt an integrated marketing approach are more likely to sustain their products in the long run. Unilever Nigeria's ability to navigate these challenges through flexible marketing strategies, adaptive promotional campaigns, and strategic brand positioning has contributed significantly to its success. This further reinforces the importance of adaptability and continuous innovation in marketing communication strategies for ensuring product longevity.

Conclusion

The study established that marketing communication plays a significant role in product longevity in the manufacturing industry, with Unilever Nigeria Plc serving as a case study. Findings revealed that strategic use of advertising, sales promotions, public relations, and digital marketing contributes to sustained consumer demand and brand loyalty. The results showed that 85% of respondents affirmed the positive impact of marketing communication on product longevity, while 75% agreed that continuous marketing efforts ensure a steady stream of demand. However, it was also observed that marketing communication alone does not guarantee product sustainability, as other factors such as product quality, pricing, and distribution play vital roles. The study concluded that an

integrated and adaptive marketing communication strategy is essential for maintaining product relevance in a competitive market like Nigeria.

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