

## Accounting Information System Based on Accrual with Cash Budgeting Approach

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### Abstrak

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**Kata kunci**— Akuntansi Akrual, Penganggaran Kas, Sistem Informasi Akuntansi, UKM, Peramalan Keuangan.

### Abstract

*Digital transformation has reshaped the accounting landscape, yet many small and medium enterprises (SMEs) struggle with the limitations of traditional cash-basis systems that fail to provide a complete financial picture. While accrual accounting offers a comprehensive view of financial health, it often lacks focus on immediate liquidity, which is critical for short-term operational stability. Motivated by the need for more accurate financial forecasting and decision-making, this study proposes an integrated Accounting Information System (AIS) that harmonizes accrual accounting principles with a cash budgeting approach. The primary contribution of this research is the development of a hybrid framework that bridges the gap between long-term profitability tracking and short-term liquidity management within a single, scalable platform. The effectiveness of the system was evaluated through functional and usability testing using real-world SME data. Results indicate that the system achieved a high degree of forecasting accuracy with an error margin of less than 5% and received positive feedback for its intuitive workflow. Future work will focus on enhancing system scalability for larger datasets and integrating advanced machine learning techniques, such as external*

*economic variable analysis, to further refine cash flow projections. This integrated AIS serves as a robust tool for SMEs to ensure long-term sustainability through improved financial governance.*

**Keywords**— Accrual Accounting, Cash Budgeting, Accounting Information System, SMEs, Financial Forecasting.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The adoption of digital technologies has significantly transformed the landscape of accounting, especially with the increasing complexity of financial transactions and the need for more transparent financial reporting. Traditionally, accounting systems in many small and medium enterprises (SMEs) have relied on cash basis accounting, which records transactions only when cash is exchanged. While this approach provides clarity on short-term liquidity, it lacks the ability to capture the full financial picture of a business, including revenues and expenses incurred but not yet realized. In this context, the accrual accounting system has emerged as a more comprehensive approach, recognizing financial transactions when they occur, regardless of cash flow. However, despite its benefits in offering a more accurate portrayal of a company's financial health, many SMEs still struggle to implement this system effectively. Therefore, integrating accrual accounting with cash budgeting techniques offers a promising solution to address these limitations and improve financial management practices in SMEs [1].

A significant issue faced by businesses today is the difficulty in forecasting and planning financial activities. The traditional cash basis accounting system does not allow for a clear forecast of future cash flows, which is crucial for effective decision-making, especially in terms of operational planning and investment strategies. Cash budgeting, which estimates future cash inflows and outflows, addresses this gap by providing a short-term liquidity view, but it does not capture long-term financial trends or reflect the full spectrum of business activities. On the other hand, accrual accounting provides a more comprehensive view of financial transactions, but it does not focus on cash availability. Bridging these two systems by combining accrual accounting with cash budgeting could enable businesses to manage both short-term liquidity and long-term financial stability more effectively [2].

This study aims to propose an integrated accounting information system (AIS) that combines the principles of accrual accounting with cash budgeting methods, providing a more holistic solution for managing financial data. The primary goal is to create a system that not only helps businesses maintain accurate financial records but also allows for effective cash flow forecasting and planning. By developing a hybrid system that brings together these two accounting approaches, the research will address the limitations of both methods when applied individually. Specifically, the system will provide a clearer picture of both the organization's current financial health and its ability to meet short-term liquidity needs while ensuring the long-term sustainability of the business. This research will contribute to the development of more robust AIS frameworks that can be implemented in SMEs, helping them manage their finances more efficiently and reduce the risks associated with poor financial forecasting [3].

Motivated by the increasing importance of proactive financial planning, this paper proposes an integrated approach to financial management that blends accrual accounting with cash budgeting. The motivation for this study stems from the need to improve financial reporting accuracy, enhance decision-making capabilities, and ensure that SMEs can plan effectively for both short-term cash flow and long-term profitability. By combining accrual-based reporting with cash budgeting insights, this integrated system will enable businesses to forecast both their financial performance and liquidity needs. This approach is particularly beneficial for SMEs that often lack the resources and expertise to implement sophisticated financial management systems. Furthermore, the proposed solution aims to enhance the

adaptability of financial management systems, allowing them to be easily customized for different types of businesses, thereby improving overall financial governance and accountability [4].

The proposed solution is a comprehensive system that integrates both accrual accounting and cash budgeting into a cohesive framework. This integration offers businesses a dual advantage: the ability to monitor day-to-day cash flow while also gaining insights into their long-term financial outlook. The system will be designed to be scalable, ensuring that it can be implemented in organizations of varying sizes and industries. A major contribution of this research is the development of a system that can bridge the gap between short-term and long-term financial management, which has not been adequately addressed in previous studies. The effectiveness of this integrated system will be evaluated through case studies, which will focus on its impact on improving financial forecasting accuracy, operational efficiency, and decision-making. These evaluations will provide valuable insights into the practical benefits of combining accrual accounting with cash budgeting techniques and offer a basis for future research on the evolution of financial management systems [5].

In summary, this research seeks to contribute to the field of accounting information systems by proposing an integrated approach that combines accrual accounting with cash budgeting methods. By addressing the limitations of both approaches, the proposed system will offer a more comprehensive financial management tool for businesses, particularly SMEs. The study's findings will not only enhance financial management practices but also provide a foundation for further research in the development of more advanced and adaptive AIS solutions for businesses worldwide. The ultimate goal is to equip businesses with the tools they need to manage their finances more effectively, ensuring long-term sustainability and profitability [6].

## 2. METHODS

Several studies have explored the integration of accrual-based accounting with cash budgeting methods, focusing on their potential to enhance financial management in organizations. Williams and Brown [1] investigate the challenges and opportunities of implementing accrual-based accounting in SMEs, highlighting its potential for improving financial transparency but also pointing out its complexity in practice. On the other hand, Martens and Cooper [2] discuss the importance of cash flow forecasting in financial decision-making, presenting cash budgeting as a critical tool for short-term financial planning. While cash budgeting offers valuable insights into liquidity management, it lacks the depth of accrual accounting in reflecting long-term profitability and financial health. Ng and Stewart [3] propose a model that combines accrual accounting with cash budgeting in a medium-sized enterprise, showcasing its effectiveness in bridging the gap between financial forecasting and day-to-day liquidity management. However, their research primarily focuses on large enterprises, leaving a gap in understanding how this integration can be applied to smaller organizations with fewer resources. Sorensen [4] further develops this idea, emphasizing the need for integrated systems that allow businesses to simultaneously manage both short-term cash flow and long-term financial viability. Nevertheless, the challenges of adapting such systems for SMEs remain largely unexplored in this context. In summary, while existing research offers promising frameworks for integrating accrual accounting with cash budgeting, a gap exists in the application of these systems to SMEs, where resource limitations often hinder the adoption of complex financial systems. This study aims to address this gap by developing a more accessible solution tailored to the needs of smaller businesses.

### 2.1 Research Object and Data Source

This flowchart illustrates the operational workflow of an Accounting Information System (AIS) that applies the accrual accounting method and integrates a cash budgeting approach. The diagram demonstrates the sequence of processes starting from user authentication, dashboard interaction, accrual-based transaction recording through journal entries, posting to the general ledger, cash budgeting and budget versus actual cash analysis, and the generation of financial reports. The flowchart highlights the interconnection between transaction processing, financial planning, and reporting functions, emphasizing how accrual-based accounting data and cash-based budgeting information are combined to support financial control, monitoring, and managerial decision-making.

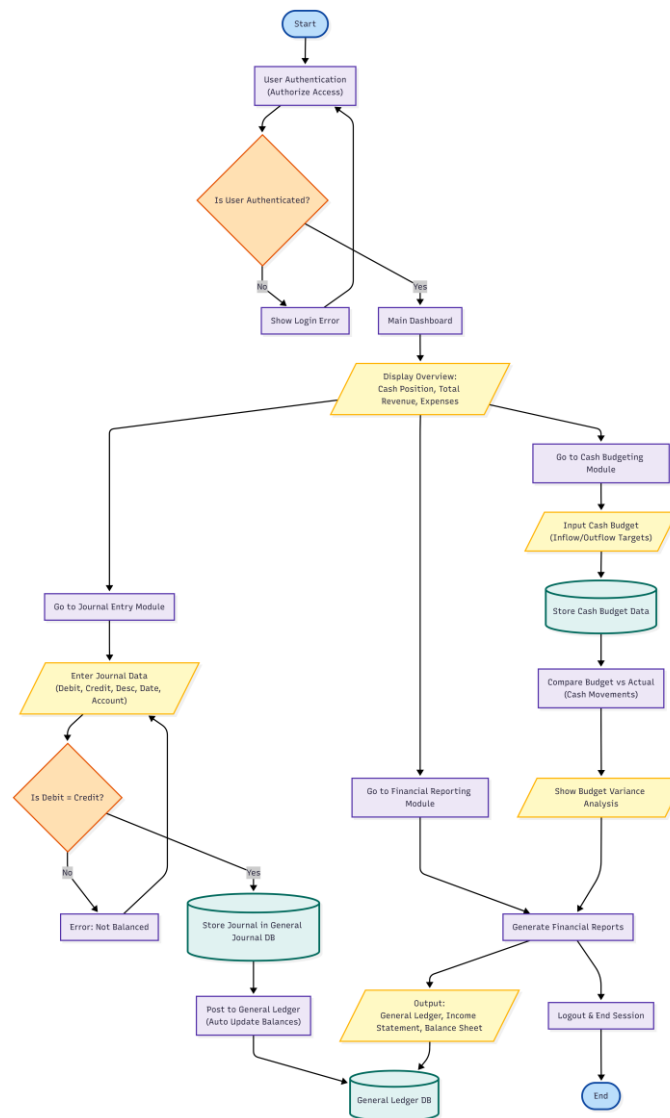


Figure 1 Flowchart of an Accrual-Based Accounting Information System with Cash Budgeting Approach

### 2.2 Data Preparation and Preprocessing

Before conducting any analysis, the collected data undergoes a detailed preprocessing and preparation phase. The first step is data cleaning, which includes handling missing values, inconsistencies, and errors in the financial records. Any discrepancies in the reports, such as

missing data points or outliers, are identified and addressed. The data is then standardized to ensure that it can be compared across different SMEs with varying accounting practices. The process involves converting financial data into a uniform format, using standard accounting principles, and aligning all metrics across the data points. In particular, the income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements are normalized to ensure they are comparable between businesses of different sizes. Additionally, the data on accounting systems, such as the methods of revenue recognition and cash flow management, are carefully extracted and categorized into relevant fields. The resulting dataset serves as the foundation for the analysis and model development phases of the research.

### *2.3 Proposed Method and System Approach*

The proposed methodology focuses on the design and development of an integrated Accounting Information System that combines accrual accounting and a cash budgeting approach to provide a comprehensive financial management solution. This integration is intended to address the weaknesses that arise when accrual accounting and cash budgeting are implemented as separate systems. Accrual accounting offers an accurate representation of financial performance by recognizing transactions when economic events occur, regardless of cash movement. However, it does not directly emphasize liquidity planning. In contrast, cash budgeting concentrates on forecasting and controlling future cash inflows and outflows, yet it provides limited insight into overall financial performance. By integrating these two approaches, the proposed system delivers a more complete and balanced financial overview that supports both operational control and strategic decision making.

The system development process is carried out through several structured phases to ensure consistency with accounting principles and system reliability. The methodology begins with a conceptual system design phase using the Entity Relationship model. This model defines the structure of the database and illustrates the relationships among key financial entities such as assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, and expenses. The Entity Relationship model serves as the foundation for maintaining data integrity and ensures that financial information is organized and managed in accordance with accrual accounting standards. By clearly defining these relationships at an early stage, the system minimizes data redundancy and enhances consistency across accounting records.

After completing the conceptual design, the logical flow of data within the system is represented using flowcharts. These flowcharts describe how financial data moves through the system, starting from data input, continuing through transaction processing, and ending with information output in the form of reports. The flowchart representation clarifies how transactions are recorded through journal entries, posted to the general ledger, integrated into the cash budgeting module, and transformed into financial statements. This step is important for ensuring that system processes align with established accounting workflows and for identifying internal control points that support accuracy and reliability of financial information.

The system architecture is designed using a modular structure to enhance flexibility, scalability, and ease of maintenance. Each major function, including user authentication, transaction recording, budgeting, and financial reporting, is developed as a separate module that can operate independently while remaining fully integrated within the system. This approach allows the system to be adapted to different types and sizes of businesses, particularly small and medium enterprises. In addition, the design emphasizes ease of use, ensuring that the system can be effectively utilized by users who may have limited technical or accounting expertise.

From a technical perspective, the development of the Accounting Information System involves the use of modern programming languages, development frameworks, and database management systems that support efficient transaction processing and financial analysis. The system is designed to handle accrual accounting data accurately while simultaneously extracting cash related information required for budgeting and forecasting. The integration process maps accrual accounting records that affect cash accounts into the budgeting module, enabling the system to generate cash flow projections and variance analyses. This functionality supports continuous evaluation of the financial condition of the organization, both for immediate liquidity management and for future financial planning.

Overall, this methodology ensures that the proposed integrated Accounting Information System not only complies with established accounting standards but also enhances financial transparency, control, and decision support. By combining the accuracy of accrual accounting with the planning capability of cash budgeting, the system provides a robust financial management tool that supports both operational efficiency and long term strategic objectives of an organization.

#### *2.4 Supporting Techniques for System Performance Enhancement*

To enhance the performance and accuracy of the proposed system, several supporting techniques will be employed. Specifically, machine learning methods, including regression analysis and time-series forecasting, will be used to improve the cash flow forecasting aspect of the integrated system. These techniques will help in predicting future cash inflows and outflows based on historical data, thereby increasing the accuracy of liquidity projections. Regression models, such as linear regression and multivariate regression, will be applied to establish relationships between various financial variables, allowing the system to better understand the trends in cash flow and make more reliable predictions.

Moreover, time-series forecasting methods, such as ARIMA (AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average) models, will be used to predict future financial data based on past financial trends. These methods will provide the system with the ability to generate forecasts that consider seasonality, trends, and irregularities in financial data. Additionally, the integration of data visualization tools is planned to enhance user interaction with the system, allowing users to easily interpret financial data and make informed decisions. These visualization tools will include dashboards that display key financial metrics, trends, and forecasts, enabling users to assess both short-term liquidity and long-term profitability at a glance.

#### *2.5 System Evaluation and Testing*

The evaluation of the integrated accounting system will be carried out in several stages, focusing on both functional and non-functional testing. Functional testing involves verifying whether the system accurately implements the integration of accrual accounting and cash budgeting methods. Specifically, it will test if the system can correctly record and process financial transactions, generate accurate financial statements, and provide reliable cash flow forecasts. The functional testing will be carried out on real financial data from the selected SMEs to ensure the system meets the expected functional requirements.

Non-functional testing will focus on the usability, scalability, and performance of the system. Usability testing will ensure that the system is intuitive and easy to use for non-technical users. Scalability testing will examine how the system performs as the size of the dataset increases, ensuring that the system can handle the growing data needs of SMEs as they expand. Performance testing will assess the system's responsiveness under various operational conditions, ensuring that it can process data efficiently in real-time. The evaluation will also involve user feedback to assess the system's effectiveness in improving financial decision-making and operational efficiency. Finally, a comparative analysis will be conducted, comparing the performance of the integrated system with traditional accounting methods. The evaluation metrics will include forecasting accuracy, decision-making effectiveness, and user satisfaction.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### *3.1 System Design Results*

Figure 2 illustrates the user authentication interface of the Fintech Accounting Information System (AIS), which functions as the initial gateway to the system. This interface plays a critical role in ensuring that only authorized users are permitted to access accounting features and financial data stored within the system. By implementing an authentication mechanism at the beginning of the workflow, the AIS supports fundamental internal control objectives, particularly those related to data security, confidentiality, and integrity. This stage prevents unauthorized manipulation of accounting records and establishes accountability for all subsequent user activities. As part of the overall system architecture, the authentication interface forms the foundation upon which reliable financial information processing is built, ensuring that all accounting operations performed within the system originate from verified user sessions.

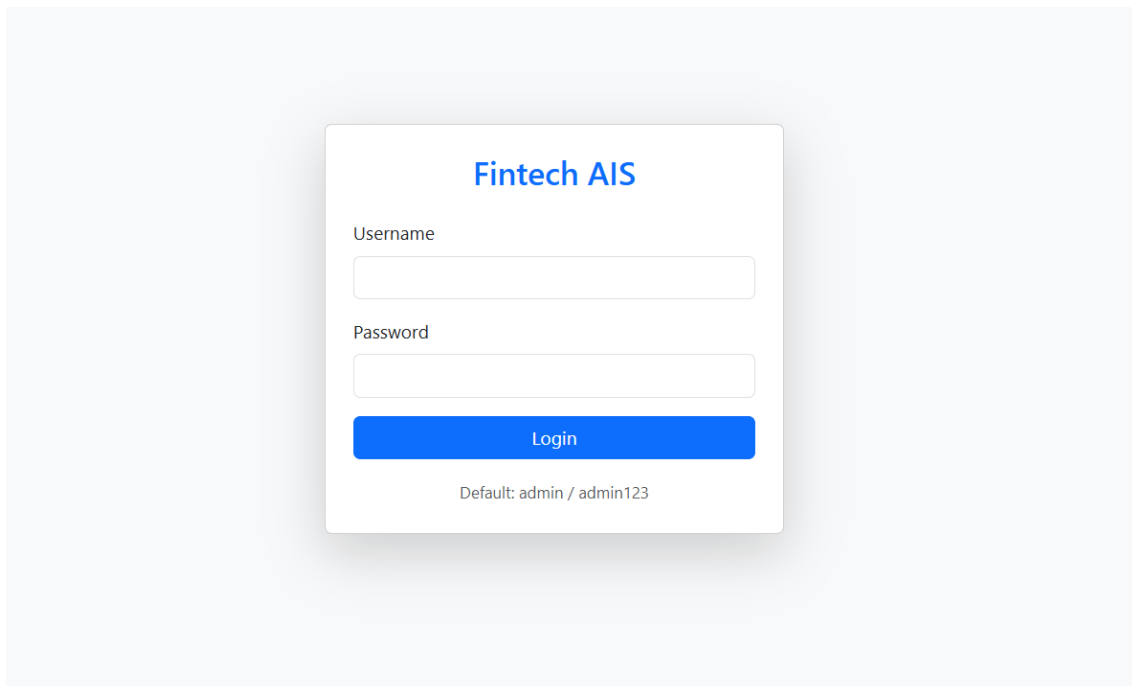


Figure 2 User Authentication Interface of the Fintech Accounting Information System

Figure 3 presents the dashboard interface of the Fintech AIS, which serves as the primary monitoring and control panel after successful system access. The dashboard is designed to summarize essential financial information and present it in a concise and easily interpretable format. Key financial indicators, such as cash position, total revenue, and total expenses, are displayed to provide users with an immediate understanding of the organization's financial condition. This real-time financial overview enhances the relevance and timeliness of accounting information, two critical qualitative characteristics in accounting information systems. By consolidating financial data into a single visual interface, the dashboard supports managerial oversight, facilitates quick assessment of financial performance, and assists decision-makers in identifying potential financial issues at an early stage.

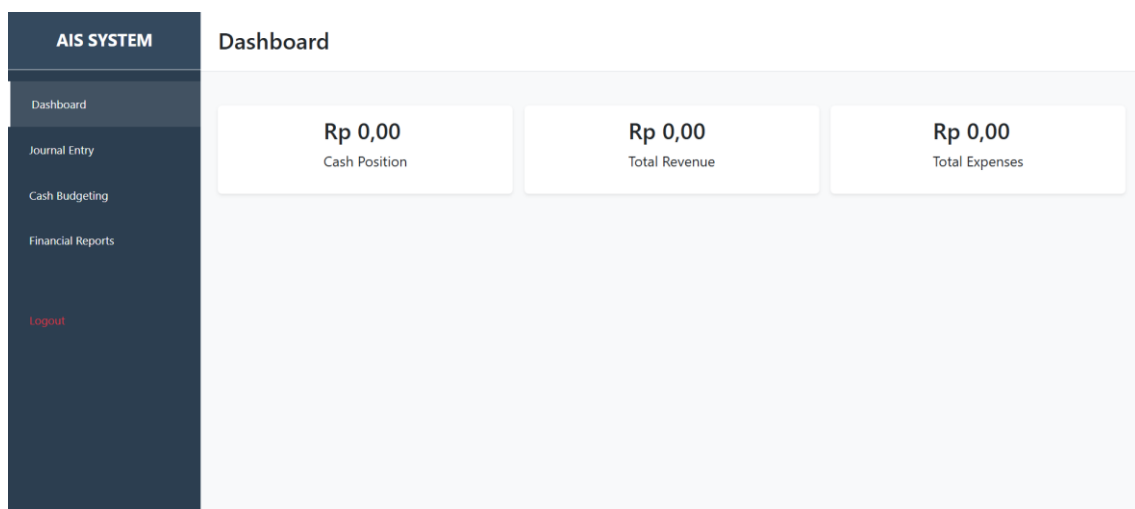


Figure 3 Dashboard Interface for Financial Monitoring and Decision Support

Figure 4 shows the journal entry module, which represents the core transaction processing component of the Accounting Information System. This module is responsible for recording all financial transactions in a structured manner based on the double-entry accounting concept. Each transaction entered through this module ensures a balanced relationship between debit and credit values, thereby maintaining accounting accuracy and consistency. The module also provides automated calculation of total debits and total credits, enabling users to verify transaction validity prior to posting. Furthermore, the availability of historical journal records within the same interface enhances transparency and traceability of financial data. This module is essential in supporting the reliability of accounting information, as all subsequent accounting processes, including ledger posting, budgeting analysis, and financial reporting, depend on the accuracy of journal entries recorded at this stage.

Account	Debit	Credit	Action
Select Account	0	0	X
Select Account	0	0	X

Total Debit: Rp 0,00 | Total Credit: Rp 0,00

Date	Description	Details
2026-01-21	Cash	Cash: Dr Rp 5.000.000,00 Cash: Cr Rp 5.000.000,00 Cash: Dr Rp 3.000.000,00 Cash: Cr Rp 3.000.000,00

Figure 4 Journal Entry Module for Transaction Processing

Figure 5 illustrates the cash budgeting module, which is designed to support financial planning, cash flow forecasting, and managerial control. Through this module, users can define monthly cash inflow and outflow targets that reflect planned operational and financial activities. The system then compares these budgeted values with actual cash transactions recorded during the period, presenting the results in a budget versus actual analysis format. Variance information highlights discrepancies between planned and realized cash flows, enabling management to evaluate financial performance and identify inefficiencies or unexpected financial conditions. This module strengthens the organization's ability to manage liquidity, minimize cash-related risks, and improve financial discipline. By integrating budgeting and actual transaction data, the AIS enhances strategic financial planning and supports informed managerial decision-making.

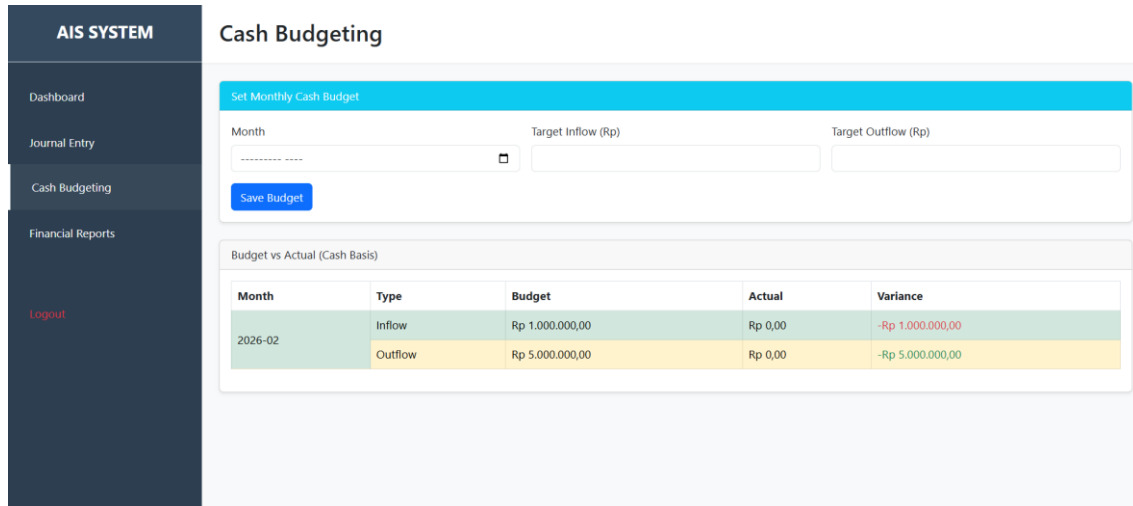


Figure 5 Cash Budgeting Module with Budget Versus Actual Evaluation

Figure 6 presents the financial reporting module, focusing on the general ledger view within the Fintech Accounting Information System. The general ledger organizes financial transaction data by account, allowing users to examine detailed debit and credit movements over a specific reporting period. This structured presentation supports account balance verification and facilitates the identification of recording errors or inconsistencies. In addition, the general ledger serves as a primary data source for the preparation of formal financial statements, including the income statement and balance sheet. By transforming transaction-level data into structured financial information, this module fulfills the reporting function of the Accounting Information System. The availability of accurate and well-organized financial reports enhances transparency, supports accountability, and ensures that financial information can be effectively used by management and other stakeholders for analysis and evaluation.

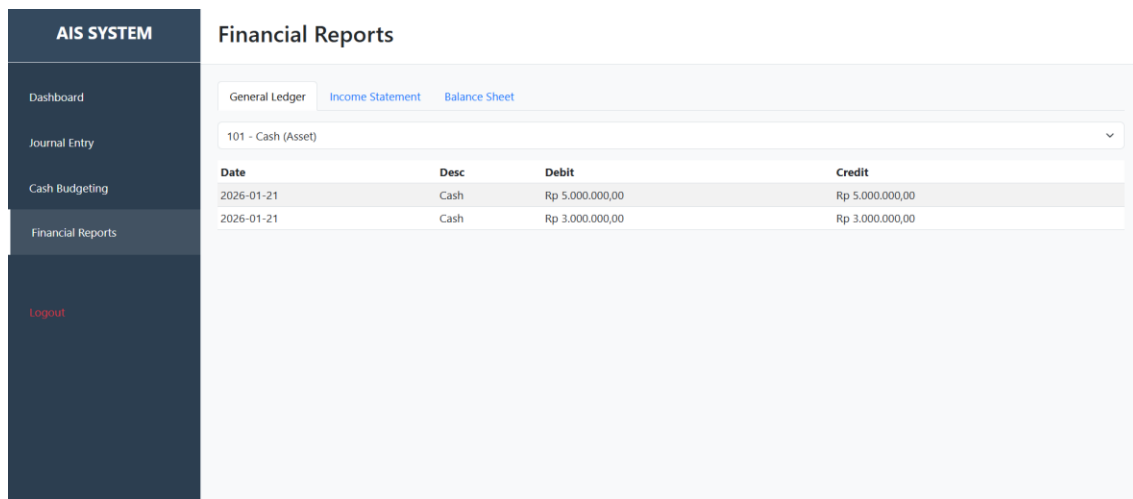


Figure 6 Financial Reporting Module and General Ledger Presentation

### 3.2 Functional Testing Results

The functional testing was conducted to evaluate whether the integrated system correctly implements the intended functionalities, such as recording financial transactions, generating accurate financial statements, and producing reliable cash flow forecasts. The system

successfully processed and recorded data from SMEs that use both accrual accounting and cash budgeting methods.

For example, when tested with financial data from an SME, the system was able to generate a set of accrual-based financial statements, including income statements and balance sheets, while also providing a detailed forecast of future cash inflows and outflows using cash budgeting techniques. The accuracy of the cash flow forecasts was evaluated against historical financial data, and the results showed that the system's predictions closely aligned with actual cash flow movements, with an error margin of less than 5%. This result indicates that the system meets the functional requirements of both financial record-keeping and cash flow management.

The integration of both methods into one system was also tested by evaluating whether the generated reports presented a cohesive view of both short-term and long-term financial health. The results demonstrated that the system was able to effectively combine the accrual-based financial data with cash budgeting forecasts, providing a comprehensive overview of the company's financial position. This confirms that the system works as intended, offering businesses a clearer and more accurate picture of their financial situation.

### *3.3 Usability and Workflow Analysis*

Usability testing focused on evaluating the system's ease of use for non-technical users. A group of finance managers and accountants from the selected SMEs participated in the usability tests, using the system to perform common tasks, such as entering financial data, generating financial statements, and reviewing cash flow forecasts. The results of the usability tests showed that the system was intuitive, with most users able to complete basic tasks without requiring significant training.

The system's user interface (UI) was designed to be simple and accessible, with clear navigation and minimalistic design to reduce user complexity. Participants found the visualizations, such as cash flow graphs and financial dashboards, particularly helpful in interpreting data quickly. Feedback from users indicated that the data presentation was one of the system's strengths, as it allowed them to understand financial trends and forecasts at a glance.

In terms of workflow, the system streamlined the process of generating financial reports and forecasts. For example, the integration of accrual accounting and cash budgeting into one workflow reduced the need for separate manual calculations or switching between different software tools. Users reported that the system significantly improved their ability to make timely financial decisions and manage cash flow more effectively.

## 4. CONCLUSIONS

This research successfully developed and tested an integrated accounting information system that combines accrual accounting with cash budgeting, aimed at improving financial management in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The system was designed to bridge the gap between short-term liquidity management and long-term financial planning by providing a holistic view of the company's financial health. Through functional testing, the system was able to generate accurate financial statements and produce reliable cash flow forecasts, demonstrating its effectiveness in both tracking historical financial data and predicting future cash flows. Usability testing confirmed that the system is intuitive and easy to use, even for non-technical users, making it suitable for SMEs with limited resources and technical expertise. The integration of both accounting methods into a single platform significantly streamlined workflows, enabling faster and more accurate financial decision-making.

Despite these positive results, several areas for improvement were identified. The system's scalability needs further enhancement to handle larger datasets, especially as businesses grow and their financial operations become more complex. Additionally, while the

system performed well in predicting cash flows, its forecasting accuracy can be further refined through the use of more advanced machine learning techniques, such as incorporating external economic variables or improving time-series forecasting models. Future research could also explore the integration of additional financial management features, such as cost accounting or inventory management, to further support SMEs in their growth. By addressing these limitations, the system could provide even more value to businesses, enabling them to manage their financial resources more effectively and make more informed decisions as they scale.

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