

Review of: "Examining Water Use and Sanitation Practices in Rural Schools of Chegutu District, Mashonaland West Province, Zimbabwe"

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Comments

The paper is well-written, and the author made good efforts to make it a smooth read as well. However, I made a few comments on the paper. I also managed to make some corrections to the paper, though it was a PDF document and challenging to work on.

1. What informed the choice of wards 11 and 29 and not the others?
2. You may add a little information about the study area: characteristics of the respondents that could contribute to them having WASH issues such as socio-economic situations, geography or geology, their major water sources, and sanitation types, etc. These could be brief, to give an idea of the possible background contributing to WASH challenges.
3. You mentioned that 81 questionnaires were used. Please justify the use of this number as a representation. You could also make a brief reference to other sources such as interviews, etc., strengthening the research.
4. You mentioned semi-structured interviews, etc. However, I could not see where these were clearly presented other than a brief mention. For example, there is no quotation of any interview transcript in the paper. You would have integrated the data from all the sources used to strengthen your argument (triangulation). This must not necessarily be a lot of write-up but just enough to incorporate other data even if briefly.
5. You presented some graphs vertically and some horizontally. Please make all of them vertically, then rephrase the axis titles to be shorter. You may wish to remove the horizontal lines across the bar graphs to make them neater (if you like, not a must).

I recommend that the work be published after the minor corrections.

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