

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

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1. **Clarity in Objectives:** In the introduction, the study's objectives could be formulated more precisely. What specific questions does the study aim to answer? This would provide a stronger foundation for the reader and help better understand the purpose of the work.
2. **More Detailed Theoretical Framework:** The article could benefit from a more comprehensive theoretical framework that supports the importance of access to safe water and sanitation in school environments. This would help position the study in a broader context.
3. **Detailed Methodology:** The methodology section should include specific details on how schools and participants were selected, as well as how the surveys were conducted. It is also important to mention if random sampling methods were used or if the sample was convenience-based.
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5. **Data Analysis:** The results section could benefit from a more detailed presentation of the data. Graphics and tables showing descriptive statistics and group comparisons would be useful for visualizing the findings.
6. **Results and Discussion:** The results should be discussed in greater depth and linked to relevant literature. How do the results compare with previous studies in the same field? What are the implications of the findings for policy and practice?
7. **Clear Recommendations:** Recommendations are presented in the conclusion section, but it would be beneficial to summarize them more clearly and highlight the most important recommendations.
8. **Acknowledgments Section:** The acknowledgments section can be brief, but it is important to acknowledge any funding or support received if applicable.
9. **References:** Ensure that references follow a consistent format and comply with scientific citation standards. Some of the sources mentioned might also benefit from a brief description or context regarding their relevance to the study.
10. **Language and Writing:** Carefully review and edit the article to correct grammatical and writing errors. Clear language and consistent structure enhance the article's readability.
11. **Research Breadth:** The article could benefit from a broader discussion of the importance of addressing sanitation issues in rural schools and how this can impact students' education and health.
12. **Details of Funding:** While it is mentioned that there was no funding for the study, it would be helpful to clarify whether

any logistical, technical, or in-kind support was received from other organizations.

13. **Transition Between Sections:** Ensure a smooth transition between the three parts of the article so that the reader can easily follow the study's structure.
14. **Consideration of Open Questions:** The article could mention open questions or areas for future research related to the topic.
15. **Key Success Criteria:** Clearly identify the key criteria or indicators for evaluating the success of the WASH program in schools.
16. **Geographical Context:** Adding geographical details, such as a map showing the location of schools in Chegutu, could help readers better understand the scope of the study.
17. **Legal and Policy Framework:** Consider mentioning how government policies and regulations in Zimbabwe may be related to the findings and recommendations of the study.
18. **Emphasis on Further Research:** Highlight the need for further research even more and explore possible future research directions in the field of rural school sanitation.
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