

# Review of: "Financial Autonomy: Panacea for Improved Service Delivery in Imo State Local Government System"

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## **Abstract:**

Logically, before you arrive at results and conclusions, one must have carried out some form of research. The expectation is that the method adopted in this study ought to come before the conclusions.

## **Introduction:**

**Correct the sentence:** Apart from the allocations from the federal allocation from the Federation Account and IGRs from the states, other revenue potentials need to be tapped in many local governments.

I feel the selected period of 2012, 2013, and 2014 is dated. That's over a decade ago.

You may wish to cite this claim that "Funds available to it are always limited" or provide the basis for this claim. How much do the LGs need versus what is available will add clarity. Otherwise, simply cite.

I expected to see here the number of LGAs in Imo State, their structure, allocations accruing to them over a specified period from FAAC, IGR, and so on. This information will lay a solid background for the purpose of the paper as readers will clearly understand the context wherein this study was carried out. I also feel the linkage between funding and performance needs to be stronger and kept that way across the entire paper.

## **Methodology**

What is the research design? How did you arrive at the sample size of 10 out of 27? What form of content analysis did you carry out on the literature you mentioned? Were the interviews structured or unstructured, and how many stakeholders were interviewed? And how did you analyse the data gathered?

## **Results**

What were the questions asked, and what were the responses from the stakeholders? It will help if you select quotes from the interviews and cite them in the document. This will enhance the validity of the study.

## **Discussion**

This section is too brief. If copious quotes were extracted from the interviews, interrogating such quotes would have

facilitated a richer discussion.

### **Other comments**

I must commend the writing style, the logical flow of the paper, which makes it easy to read, and the good use of the English language.