

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

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1. The abstract is informative and provides a clear overview of the study's objectives, methods, findings, and implications.
2. The introduction is quite long and contains numerous details. It could be condensed for conciseness. Breaking it into smaller paragraphs would enhance readability.
3. The introduction mentions the lack of studies in rural secondary schools but does not explicitly state the research gap that this study aims to address. Providing this context would enhance the clarity of the study's purpose.
4. The intro section effectively highlights the importance of WASH but does not explicitly state the specific research gap this study aims to address. It's essential to connect this literature review to the study's objectives.
5. The use of both purposive and stratified-systematic random sampling is appropriate for this study. However, it would be helpful to explain the rationale behind selecting specific schools and the choice of the 40% sample size from the form four student population.
6. The use of questionnaires, interviews, and secondary data is appropriate for a comprehensive assessment of WASH in schools. However, the section could benefit from a brief explanation of the content of the questionnaires and interview guides, as well as how they were developed or adapted for this specific study.
7. It's important to briefly mention the reliability and relevance of the secondary data sources used in the study. Were they up-to-date and pertinent to the research questions
8. The section mentions that the survey was carried out in the winter season. It might be useful to briefly discuss if this season could have any potential impact on the findings, especially in terms of water availability and hygiene practices.
9. Consider including a section for recommendations or future directions. What actions can be taken based on the results of your research? What are the policy implications?
10. Discussion part missing