

Peer Review

Review of: "Higher Education Institutions' Preparedness for the Digital Era: Lessons from COVID-19 in South Africa"

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The paper is interesting but may be improved. Please consider the following

Detailed methodology — Include sample size, participant demographics, selection criteria, coding/analysis process, and ethics approval information.

Deeper analysis — Compare institutional support systematically, link disparities to systemic/historical factors, highlight best-practice models.

Show raw data context — Provide counts alongside percentages; clarify representativeness.

Update literature — Add recent (post-2020) African and global studies on hybrid learning and mobile connectivity.

Sharpen recommendations — Use specific digital literacy frameworks (e.g., UNESCO), propose clear funding/partnership models, prioritize by feasibility/impact.

Tighten writing — Remove redundancies, keep terminology consistent.

Overall, the paper is very good and relevant

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.