

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

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Issues relating to WASH in schools are of crucial importance for the health, well-being and dignity of those involved in the school world. It is the merit of the authors to address this question through a descriptive study in Rural Schools of Chegutu District, Mashonaland West Province, Zimbabwe

My observations:

## 1. Introduction and literature review

The introduction seems long to me and could be more concise because several informations contained in the introduction have been taken up in the second part relating to the Literature Background: Overview on Water and Sanitation

In the background literature, I suggest that the authors update the data with the indicators contained in the JMP report 2023. Also I think that the new classification in relation to the objectives of sustainable development must be taken into account in the literature review and in the background:

Water: safely managed, basic, limited, unimproved, surface water

Sanitation: safely managed, basic, limited, unimproved and open defecation

Hygiene: Basic, Limited, no facility

## 2. Methodology:

4 secondary schools have been selected: please provide criteria for selection

Sample size: how the sample size was calculated

Figure 4 this type of figure is not indicated for the variable described: prefer bar chart

Generally an original article has the following sections: Introduction material and method, results discussion and conclusion: I suggest that the authors draw inspiration from the strobe checklist for cross sectional studies <https://www.strobe-statement.org/checklists/> for cross sectional studies

I suggest that the author can reorganize the different parts of his manuscript according to this plan.

In conclusion

The subject of this manuscript is of capital importance.

However, the manuscript cannot be accepted as is.

I suggest that the author may consider the above-mentioned remarks before publishing this manuscript.