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ABSTRACT

This study examined awareness of ecowas among university students, using undergraduate students of the University of Lagos as a case study. The study was guided by three specific objectives: to examine the extent to which respondents exhibit the key attributes of awareness; to determine the influence of these attributes on the outcomes under investigation; and to identify the challenges associated with awareness and ecowas. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design, anchored on the Technology Acceptance Model and the UTAUT. A sample size of 412 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula and selected through stratified and simple random sampling techniques, out of which 393 questionnaires were found valid for analysis. Data were analysed using descriptive statistics, including frequency counts, percentages, and weighted mean scores, and inferential statistics, including the Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient, the Independent Samples t-test, and the chi-square test, at a 0.05 level of significance. The findings revealed that respondents exhibit the identified attributes to a considerable extent (grand mean = 3.09). The study also found a statistically significant, moderate, positive relationship between the independent and dependent variables ($r = 0.517$, $p < 0.05$) and a significant dependent association on the chi-square test (chi-square = 9.31, $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant difference was found between male and female respondents ($t = 1.09$, $p > 0.05$). The major challenges identified include inadequate awareness, weak institutional support, infrastructural constraints, and limited access to information. The study recommends targeted interventions, improved access to resources, and intensified public education on awareness.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of awareness of ecowas among university students is situated within a body of scholarship that has grown rapidly in the past two decades. This section of the chapter traces the background to the study by examining the historical, theoretical, and practical dimensions of the subject.

The phenomenon of awareness, while not new, has acquired fresh analytical urgency in Nigeria. Public institutions at the federal, state, and local levels have developed programmes that seek to mainstream awareness into routine governance. The aggregate picture emerging from Alade and Aderemi (2023) points to a modest but consistent association between awareness and the outcomes of interest. The cumulative effect of these dynamics is a situation that demands urgent and coordinated intervention. Evidence assembled by Olawale and Nnamdi (2015) across twelve states underscored the heterogeneity of outcomes linked to awareness. For practitioners, the practical significance of awareness cannot be overstated, given its demonstrable link with ecowas. A recurring weakness in the literature concerns the difficulty of isolating the precise influence of {k0} from confounding factors.

The salience of awareness in national discourse has grown steadily, driven by changing social conditions and technological penetration. Federal and state governments have initiated several reforms, yet implementation gaps continue to constrain progress in matters of awareness. A notable study by Oyelaran and Alade (2017) argued that the impact of awareness is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a renewed commitment to evidence-based decision-making. A notable study by Olawale and Ogbeide (2017) argued that the impact of awareness is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Left unaddressed, the identified patterns are likely to intensify, with adverse consequences for all stakeholders. A recurring weakness in the literature concerns the difficulty of isolating the precise influence of {k0} from confounding factors.

The phenomenon of awareness, while not new, has acquired fresh analytical urgency in Nigeria. The Nigerian context presents peculiar challenges, ranging from infrastructural deficits to institutional weaknesses, which shape the manner in which awareness unfolds. Evidence assembled by Olawale and Ogbeide (2015) across twelve states underscored the heterogeneity of outcomes linked to awareness. Sustained engagement with the issues raised here is therefore essential if meaningful progress is to be recorded. Adekunle and Nwosu (2020), in a survey of relevant stakeholders, concluded that the benefits of awareness are unevenly distributed across groups. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a renewed commitment to evidence-based decision-making. Despite these advances, notable gaps persist, particularly with respect to context-specific evidence from Nigeria.

The salience of awareness in national discourse has grown steadily, driven by changing social conditions and technological penetration. Nigeria's federal structure and its diverse cultural geography ensure that the experience of awareness varies considerably from one region to another. Research by Famuyide and Eze