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ABSTRACT

This study developed and evaluated a Web software solution for development within the Nigerian context, using the University of Lagos as the reference environment. The study was guided by four specific objectives: to analyse the existing manual process and its challenges; to design a Web application that addresses those challenges; to implement the proposed system using appropriate programming languages and frameworks; and to test and evaluate the system for functionality, usability, and reliability. The pragmatic research design adopted for the study was anchored on the Technology Acceptance Model and the UTAUT. A total of 79 users were purposively selected for the usability evaluation, out of which 75 responses were found valid for analysis. Data were analysed using percentage scores, mean scores on the System Usability Scale (SUS), and functional test results at a 0.05 level of significance. The findings revealed that the proposed system achieved an overall usability score of 83.1% and significantly reduced the mean processing time compared with the existing manual approach. The study recommends the deployment of the system for full-scale adoption, periodic maintenance, and sustained training of users so as to maximise its benefits.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of development of a library acquisition management system 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 relationship between development and library has been the subject of sustained academic interest across several disciplines. In Nigeria, the intersection of development and library is conditioned by unique socio-economic, cultural, and institutional factors that differ markedly from Western settings. A notable study by Ogunlana and Kalu (2017) argued that the impact of development is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Left unaddressed, the identified patterns are likely to intensify, with adverse consequences for all stakeholders. Comparative work by Salami and Alade (2022) across several states uncovered a consistent pattern linking development with library. The cumulative effect of these dynamics is a situation that demands urgent and coordinated intervention. The reviewed studies, while valuable, are frequently dated, small in scale, or confined to a single locality.

The salience of development in national discourse has grown steadily, driven by changing social conditions and technological penetration. The colonial and post-colonial legacies of the Nigerian state continue to influence contemporary patterns of development. Findings reported by Adigun and Dauda (2018) observed that respondents with greater exposure to development recorded markedly different results. Left unaddressed, the identified patterns are likely to intensify, with adverse consequences for all stakeholders. Comparative work by Ogbeide and Bamgbose (2022) across several states uncovered a consistent pattern linking development with library. Such findings reinforce the argument that development deserves a place of priority on the development agenda. Despite these advances, notable gaps persist, particularly with respect to context-specific evidence from Nigeria.

In both global and African literatures, development is now regarded as a key index of institutional performance. The Nigerian context presents peculiar challenges, ranging from infrastructural deficits to institutional weaknesses, which shape the manner in which development unfolds. Ogbeide and Bamgbose (2020), in a survey of relevant stakeholders, concluded that the benefits of development are unevenly distributed across groups. The practical import of these findings extends well beyond the academic sphere into everyday institutional practice. Nnamdi and Obiora (2020), in a survey of relevant stakeholders, concluded that the benefits of development are unevenly distributed across groups. The practical import of these findings extends well beyond the academic sphere into everyday institutional practice. Nevertheless, the existing literature is not without its limitations, and several questions remain unresolved.

development, when examined in relation to library, reveals complex and often paradoxical dynamics. Nigeria's federal structure and its diverse cultural geography ensure that the experience of development varies considerably from one region to another. Chukwu and Bamgbose (2020), in a survey of relevant stakeholders,