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ABSTRACT

This study examined habitat studies in the school compound, 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 habitat; to determine the influence of these attributes on the outcomes under investigation; and to identify the challenges associated with habitat and studies. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design, anchored on the Constructivist Learning Theory and the Technology Acceptance Model. A sample size of 401 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula and selected through stratified and simple random sampling techniques, out of which 386 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 = 3.14). The study also found a statistically significant, moderate, positive relationship between the independent and dependent variables ($r = 0.522$, $p < 0.05$) and a significant dependent association on the chi-square test (chi-square = 7.35, $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant difference was found between male and female respondents ($t = 1.12$, $p > 0.05$). 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 habitat.

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1.1 Background to the Study

The study of habitat studies in the school compound 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.

Scholars have long recognised habitat as a critical determinant of outcomes in science education. Auxiliary variables, including education, income, and location, further condition how habitat is experienced across communities. The aggregate picture emerging from Okonkwo and Eze (2023) points to a modest but consistent association between habitat and the outcomes of interest. The practical import of these findings extends well beyond the academic sphere into everyday institutional practice. Evidence assembled by Adekunle and Alade (2015) across twelve states underscored the heterogeneity of outcomes linked to habitat. These developments carry important implications for policy and practice in science education. Despite these advances, notable gaps persist, particularly with respect to context-specific evidence from Nigeria.

The salience of habitat in national discourse has grown steadily, driven by changing social conditions and technological penetration. Economic pressures and resource scarcity frequently determine the pace at which habitat advances in practice. The aggregate picture emerging from Osinachi and Okonkwo (2023) points to a modest but consistent association between habitat and the outcomes of interest. Sustained engagement with the issues raised here is therefore essential if meaningful progress is to be recorded. The work of Alade and Obiora (2023) extended earlier analyses by demonstrating that studies reinforces the effects of habitat. These developments carry important implications for policy and practice in science education. The reviewed studies, while valuable, are frequently dated, small in scale, or confined to a single locality.

The phenomenon of habitat, while not new, has acquired fresh analytical urgency in Nigeria. In Nigeria, the intersection of habitat and studies is conditioned by unique socio-economic, cultural, and institutional factors that differ markedly from Western settings. Comparative work by Alade and Obiora (2022) across several states uncovered a consistent pattern linking habitat with studies. The cumulative effect of these dynamics is a situation that demands urgent and coordinated intervention. A notable study by Alade and Okonkwo (2017) argued that the impact of habitat is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. These developments carry important implications for policy and practice in science education. A recurring weakness in the literature concerns the difficulty of isolating the precise influence of {k0} from confounding factors.

Contemporary scholarship increasingly frames habitat as inseparable from the broader question of studies. The colonial and post-colonial legacies of the Nigerian state continue to influence contemporary patterns of habitat. Aderemi and Bakare (2020), in a survey of relevant stakeholders, concluded that the benefits of habitat are unevenly distributed across groups. For practitioners, the practical significance of habitat cannot be overstated, given its demonstrable link with studies. Empirical evidence from Chukwu and Kalu (2021) suggests that positive developments in studies are associated with improvements in habitat. These