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ABSTRACT

This study examined improvisation of physics apparatus in rural schools, 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 improvisation; to determine the influence of these attributes on the outcomes under investigation; and to identify the challenges associated with improvisation and physics. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design, anchored on the Constructivist Learning Theory and the Technology Acceptance Model. A sample size of 413 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula and selected through stratified and simple random sampling techniques, out of which 389 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 = 3.13). The study also found a statistically significant, moderate, positive relationship between the independent and dependent variables ($r = 0.59$, $p < 0.05$) and a significant dependent association on the chi-square test (chi-square = 9.28, $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant difference was found between male and female respondents ($t = 1.17$, $p > 0.05$). 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 improvisation.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of improvisation of physics apparatus in rural schools 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.

A growing corpus of literature draws attention to the pivotal role of improvisation in shaping developmental trajectories. Public institutions at the federal, state, and local levels have developed programmes that seek to mainstream improvisation into routine governance. A notable study by Ogbeide and Osinachi (2017) argued that the impact of improvisation is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Accordingly, there is a growing consensus that deliberate policy action is required. Comparative work by Kalu and Oyelaran (2022) across several states uncovered a consistent pattern linking improvisation with physics. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a renewed commitment to evidence-based decision-making. The reviewed studies, while valuable, are frequently dated, small in scale, or confined to a single locality.

improvisation occupies a prominent position in contemporary debates about physics and national development. Globalisation and technological change have intensified both the opportunities and the challenges associated with improvisation. An examination by Osinachi and Bamgbose (2019) attributed much of the observed variation in outcomes to institutional capacity and policy continuity. Such findings reinforce the argument that improvisation deserves a place of priority on the development agenda. A notable study by Dauda and Osinachi (2017) argued that the impact of improvisation is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Such findings reinforce the argument that improvisation deserves a place of priority on the development agenda. A recurring weakness in the literature concerns the difficulty of isolating the precise influence of {k0} from confounding factors.

In both global and African literatures, improvisation is now regarded as a key index of institutional performance. Federal and state governments have initiated several reforms, yet implementation gaps continue to constrain progress in matters of improvisation. Longitudinal research by Dauda and Osinachi (2016) revealed that sustained attention to improvisation yields appreciable dividends over time. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a renewed commitment to evidence-based decision-making. A notable study by Ogbeide and Obiora (2017) argued that the impact of improvisation is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Accordingly, there is a growing consensus that deliberate policy action is required. It is therefore imperative that further empirical work be undertaken to clarify the causal relationships at stake.

The phenomenon of improvisation, while not new, has acquired fresh analytical urgency in Nigeria. Within Lagos State, the country's most populous commercial hub, the dynamics of improvisation are observed in their starkest form. A notable study by Nwosu and Nnamdi (2017) argued that the impact of improvisation is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Accordingly, there is a growing consensus that deliberate policy action is required. Research by Oyelaran and Adekunle (2021) using mixed methods provided