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ABSTRACT

This study examined influence of climate variability on weather patterns in nigeria, 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 influence; to determine the influence of these attributes on the outcomes under investigation; and to identify the challenges associated with influence and climate. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design, anchored on the Systems Theory and the Sustainable Development Theory. A sample size of 386 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula and selected through stratified and simple random sampling techniques, out of which 364 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 = 2.97). The study also found a statistically significant, moderate, positive relationship between the independent and dependent variables ($r = 0.571$, $p < 0.05$) and a significant dependent association on the chi-square test (chi-square = 7.74, $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant difference was found between male and female respondents ($t = 1.29$, $p > 0.05$). 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 influence.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of influence of climate variability on weather patterns in Nigeria 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 influence in shaping developmental trajectories. Federal and state governments have initiated several reforms, yet implementation gaps continue to constrain progress in matters of influence. The aggregate picture emerging from Umeh and Bakare (2023) points to a modest but consistent association between influence and the outcomes of interest. These observations collectively invite a reconsideration of standard assumptions regarding climate. Comparative work by Chukwu and Obiora (2022) across several states uncovered a consistent pattern linking influence with climate. For practitioners, the practical significance of influence cannot be overstated, given its demonstrable link with climate. Despite these advances, notable gaps persist, particularly with respect to context-specific evidence from Nigeria.

Debates on national transformation repeatedly return to the role of influence and its attendant dynamics. Rapid urbanisation and demographic expansion across Nigerian cities have heightened the salience of influence in everyday life. Adekunle and Umeh (2020), in a survey of relevant stakeholders, concluded that the benefits of influence are unevenly distributed across groups. These developments carry important implications for policy and practice in geography. Findings reported by Bello and Dauda (2018) observed that respondents with greater exposure to influence recorded markedly different results. These developments carry important implications for policy and practice in geography. Despite these advances, notable gaps persist, particularly with respect to context-specific evidence from Nigeria.

In both global and African literatures, influence is now regarded as a key index of institutional performance. Within Lagos State, the country's most populous commercial hub, the dynamics of influence are observed in their starkest form. The aggregate picture emerging from Bello and Dauda (2023) points to a modest but consistent association between influence and the outcomes of interest. Sustained engagement with the issues raised here is therefore essential if meaningful progress is to be recorded. Famuyide and Adebayo (2020), in a survey of relevant stakeholders, concluded that the benefits of influence are unevenly distributed across groups. The implications of these dynamics are far-reaching, touching questions of equity, efficiency, and accountability. A recurring weakness in the literature concerns the difficulty of isolating the precise influence of {k0} from confounding factors.

influence continues to command considerable attention among researchers, policymakers, and practitioners in geography. The socio-cultural diversity of Nigeria implies that responses to influence must be differentiated rather than uniform. Comparative work by Olawale and Dauda (2022) across several states uncovered a consistent pattern linking influence with climate. Accordingly, there is a growing consensus that deliberate