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ABSTRACT

This study examined social stratification and access to quality 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 social; to determine the influence of these attributes on the outcomes under investigation; and to identify the challenges associated with social and stratification. The study adopted a descriptive survey research design, anchored on the Technology Acceptance Model and the UTAUT. A sample size of 416 respondents was determined using the Taro Yamane formula and selected through stratified and simple random sampling techniques, out of which 404 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 ($r = 0.479$, $p < 0.05$) and a significant dependent association on the chi-square test (chi-square = 7.02, $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant difference was found between male and female respondents ($t = 1.18$, $p > 0.05$). 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 social.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to the Study

The study of social stratification and access to quality 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.

Over the past two decades, social has become increasingly significant within the Nigerian landscape and beyond. The socio-cultural diversity of Nigeria implies that responses to social must be differentiated rather than uniform. Longitudinal research by Umeh and Adeniyi (2016) revealed that sustained attention to social yields appreciable dividends over time. Accordingly, there is a growing consensus that deliberate policy action is required. A notable study by Nwosu and Oyelaran (2017) argued that the impact of social is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a renewed commitment to evidence-based decision-making. It is therefore imperative that further empirical work be undertaken to clarify the causal relationships at stake.

Scholars have long recognised social as a critical determinant of outcomes in educational foundations. Rapid urbanisation and demographic expansion across Nigerian cities have heightened the salience of social in everyday life. Longitudinal research by Umeh and Bakare (2016) revealed that sustained attention to social yields appreciable dividends over time. For practitioners, the practical significance of social cannot be overstated, given its demonstrable link with stratification. Studies conducted within the West African subregion by Ogbeide and Ekwueme (2018) reached conclusions broadly consistent with the Nigerian evidence. For practitioners, the practical significance of social cannot be overstated, given its demonstrable link with stratification. Nevertheless, the existing literature is not without its limitations, and several questions remain unresolved.

The phenomenon of social, while not new, has acquired fresh analytical urgency in Nigeria. Federal and state governments have initiated several reforms, yet implementation gaps continue to constrain progress in matters of social. A notable study by Ogbeide and Ekwueme (2017) argued that the impact of social is substantially mediated by the quality of institutions. Accordingly, there is a growing consensus that deliberate policy action is required. Research by Adebayo and Dauda (2021) using mixed methods provided particularly rich insight into the mechanisms connecting social and stratification. Sustained engagement with the issues raised here is therefore essential if meaningful progress is to be recorded. A recurring weakness in the literature concerns the difficulty of isolating the precise influence of {k0} from confounding factors.

In recent years, social has emerged as a central theme in scholarly discourse on educational foundations. Economic pressures and resource scarcity frequently determine the pace at which social advances in practice. The work of Bamgbose and Adekunle (2023) extended earlier analyses by demonstrating that stratification reinforces the effects of social. The weight of evidence therefore points toward a renewed commitment to evidence-based decision-making. Longitudinal research by Adigun and Adeniyi (2016) revealed that sustained