

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-54991

Title: STUDENTS' PERCEPTION OF SANITATION IN THE CAPE COAST MUNICIPALITY

Recommendation:

Accept as it is ☐☐☐☐

Accept after minor revision ☐☐☒☐☐

Accept after major revision ☐☐☐☐☐

Do not accept (*Reasons below*) ☐☐☐

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity			✓	
Significance		✓		

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This study explored how University of Cape Coast distance students view sanitation problems in the Cape Coast municipality. A total of 294 students were surveyed. Students felt that refuse dumps, choked drains, and littering were the most common sanitation issues. They identified attitude, poor town planning, and lack of sanitation infrastructure as the main causes. They also believed malaria, cholera, and diarrhoea are the main diseases linked to poor sanitation. Students suggested improvements like better sanitation facilities, public education, and strict law enforcement.

Strength:

1. Relevant social and public health topic.
2. Clear research design using both qualitative and quantitative methods.
3. Large sample size 294 students.
4. Well-organized results with ranking of problems, causes, diseases, and solutions.

Weakness:

1. Convenience sampling limits generalization.
2. No comparison with other communities or districts.
3. Some sections of the article are too long and repetitive.
4. Heavy reliance on self-reported perceptions instead of observational data.

Overall assessment:

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A useful and well-written descriptive study showing students' views on sanitation problems in Cape Coast. The findings are practical for policy makers, but the study needs shorter discussion, more visuals, and stronger methodology for higher-impact publication.

Recommendation: Manuscript accepted for publication after minor corrections.