

EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS ON SERVICE DELIVERY IN SOUTHWEST NIGERIA: A POLICY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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Abstract

This research assesses the impact of local government reforms on the delivery of services in Southwest Nigeria by examining policy outcomes, stakeholder perception, and challenges of implementation. Mixed-methods research framed the study by bringing together quantitative surveys (n = 400, calculated through Yamane's formula) and qualitative interviews within twelve purposively sampled Lagos State's and Oyo/Ogun/Osun/Ondo/Ekiti States' chosen Local Government Areas (LGAs) to gain an in-depth perspective. A questionnaire on the Likert scale of 4 captured staff and citizen perception, and interviews among policymakers, civil society leaders, and citizens unearthed contextual information. Quantitative data analysis occurred through descriptive and inferential statistical measures (SPSS), and the qualitative evidence underwent thematic analysis. Modest gains occurred within healthcare and sanitation delivery and deterioration within education and accountability reforms. Regression analysis established fiscal decentralization ($\beta = .325, p < .01$) and administrative restructuring ($\beta = .241, p < .01$) to enhance improved service delivery with citizen participation reforms also significant. Main challenges remain the lack of funding among other political interferences and institutional incapacity along with low involvement among citizens. Furthermore, the perception on reforms is more positive among policymakers and staff compared to citizens to indicate the perception gap between institutional agents and users. Recommendations emanate to enhance fiscal autonomy and digital accountability platforms with increased voice on governance through the voice among the partnership between civil society and private sector actors aimed at closing the capacity and the resource gap. This research yields the policy impact study aggregating statistical outcomes with the experience among the various stakeholders to submit evidence-informing recommendations to ensure the convergence between the local government reforms and the delivery of services to citizens within the Niger delta region and other developing democracies.

Keywords: Local government reforms; Service delivery; Policy impact assessment; Fiscal decentralization; Governance effectiveness; Southwest Nigeria

1. Introduction

Decentralized local government systems are the most localized system of governance and the hubs through which key public goods and services are delivered to citizens. Across the world, decentralization has been adopted as an agenda for reducing accountability and improving citizen involvement and responsible delivery of services (Shah, 2021). At the developed end, where the Nordic region is located, decentralized local governments are responsible for the provision of inclusive and effective and efficient services to enhance the confidence citizens have in institutions (Vabo & Røiseland, 2022). At the Asian and Latin American regions, local reforms improved fiscal accountability and enhanced the voices and checks the citizens had on the budget and delivery of services (Lee & Chang, 2023).

In Africa, however, the output by the local governments has been mixed. While decentralization reforms implemented by Kenya, Ghana, and South Africa have generated moderate enhancements to infrastructure and learning outcomes, the problems of corruption, elite capture, and fragile institutional arrangements have vitiated the sustainability of these reforms (Faguet, 2021; Khaemba, 2022). Nigeria is an especially telling example due to the entrenchment by the Constitution to the third level of governance the 774 local government councils. They are required by the 1999 Constitution to enhance the development and delivery of services at the grassroots. Despite various reform efforts by successive governments, however, the local governments remain the “weak link” within the governance structure of Nigeria (Arowolo, 2022).

Since independence, reforms to the local governments in Nigeria have gone through various phases, from administrative reorganization in the 1976 Reform to fiscal decentralization efforts, the introduction of joint state–local government accounts, to the latest calls to digitalize and embrace e-governance. All these reforms aimed to improve the level of autonomy, enhance accountability, and ensure the delivery of services. Despite decades of implementation, the results do not translate to sustainable development outcomes. Researchers observed that the following challenges persist: dependence on state governments for finances, political meddling, mismanagement of finances, and lack of strong human capacity (Owolabi & Adeyemi, 2022; Ojo & Aluko, 2023). Public confidence has thus remained weak among the public since citizens view reforms initiatives more as elite-made projects that hardly touch on the deficits in the delivery of services.

In Southwest Nigeria, the reform paradox is especially pronounced. While the region is commonly considered the educational and economic capital of Nigeria and has led innovative reforms involving public-private partnerships on waste management, insurance policies on healthcare, and budgetary allocations through citizen participation in selected local governments, the outcome on service delivery is patchy. Rural local governments lament lack of adequate healthcare delivery, poor infrastructure delivery, and limited accountability mechanisms (Adebanjo & Olabisi, 2023). While Lagos State has been praised to have used reform to enhance

waste management effectiveness, other state instances like Osun and Ekiti remain challenged by funding constraints and institutional inefficiencies. This disparity calls for regionally centered impact assessments beyond the scope of anecdotes to survey reforms through evidence.

Academic disagreements also demonstrate discrepancies. Firstly, most writings on reforms at the local government level in Nigeria are descriptive and normative and more process-driven and less outcome-oriented. Secondly, not many studies have objectively connected reforms to observable increments in delivery of services. Thirdly, although some review emphasizes institutional performance and overlooks the voice of citizens—the targets whom the reforms purportedly intend to serve and satisfy—the inclusivity of the policy review is constrained. Last but not least, available appraisal is mainly fiscal and neglects the multi-faceted nature of the reform including administrative redesigning, accountability frameworks, civic involvement, and building capacity.

Such gaps call for more comprehensive policy effect observation that combines quantitative evidence on the outcomes of delivery of services and qualitative observations by stakeholders. With its diversity among the urban-rural areas, socio-economic diversity, and the history of experiments on reforms, the Southwest Nigerian region provides the perfect case study. Placing the reforms within the latter allows this study to come up with an informed analysis about the effectiveness and constraints of the reforms.

Reforms within local governments in Nigeria have long been advocated as measures to further decentralize governance, enhance accountability, and enhance service delivery at the grass roots. Nonetheless, with decades of reforms under the belt, the local governments still commonly rank the weakest level of governance due to the constraint caused by finance dependence, political intervention, corruption, and lack of institutional strength (Arowolo, 2022; Owolabi & Adeyemi, 2022). Within Southwest Nigeria, the results remain patchy: mean-while Lagos State has achieved moderate success with waste management and the financing of health care, other state jurisdictions still suffer through the lack of infrastructure, underfinanced councils, and lackadaisical citizens' involvement (Adebanjo & Olabisi, 2023). This contradiction evidences the gap between the intention to reform and the results. Existing research also mirrors this incongruity. Most studies on the reforms of the Nigerian local government are processual and descriptive and emphasize past trajectories more than quantifiable outcomes. Empirical evaluations tend to favor administrative and fiscal reforms over the wider aspects of citizen involvement and the quality of services. Furthermore, the perspectives of citizens the end-users of reforms their voices are also not adequately represented more often than not. And thus the outcomes of reforms remain poorly captured and the disconnect between official accounts and the realities on the ground continues to be rampant (Ojo & Aluko, 2023). Against this backdrop, the present study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of local government reforms on service delivery in Southwest Nigeria. It seeks to examine the scope of reforms implemented in the region, assess their impact on key service

delivery sectors, and identify persistent challenges that hinder reform success. Equally important, the study explores stakeholder perceptions—drawing on the perspectives of policymakers, officials, civil society actors, and citizens—to capture both institutional and grassroots realities. To guide this inquiry, the study addresses five questions: What reforms have been implemented, and what is their scope? To what extent have these reforms improved service delivery? What challenges constrain reform implementation? How do stakeholders perceive reform effectiveness? And what policy recommendations can strengthen local governance performance?

2. Literature Review

Local government is often described as the level of governance nearest to the people and set up to provide basic services and enhance grass-roots involvement in development (Shah, 2021). For the Nigerian setting, the 1999 Constitution places local governments on the spot for primary education, healthcare delivery, sanitation, rural infrastructure, and market operations. Nevertheless, the distance between these statutory obligations and actually doing them is large. Service delivery used in the context of governance is the physical provision of public goods such as healthcare delivery, waste management, safe water, education, and infrastructure (OECD, 2023). Reforms, on the other hand, are calculated policy or institutional adjustments aimed at making local government more efficient, autonomous, and accountable (Lee & Chang, 2023).

Practically, reforms usually aim at four related areas: administrative redesign, decentralization of finances, mechanisms for citizen involvement, and building institutional capacities. Though these areas be the fundamentals of governance reforms worldwide, results are subject to contextual considerations involving political culture, institutional strength, and availability of resources (Venkatesh et al., 2023). Reforms in Nigeria usually begin on the centre but experience hurdles in the state–local linkage and hence the patchy results witnessed at the regional levels.

This analysis is grounded on two central frameworks: Decentralization Theory and Public Choice Theory. Decentralization theory assumes that the decentralization of power and resources to subnational governments improves responsiveness and efficiency by bringing the decision-making arena closer to the citizens (Rondinelli, 1981). Wherein local governments have fiscal and administrative discretion, they can better localize services and nurture accountability. Nevertheless, some critics believe that unqualified decentralization can formalize local elite grabbing and consolidate inequalities (Faguet, 2021). Public Choice theory, by its turn, perceives the officials to be self-interested agents whose choices do not necessarily represent the common interest (Ostrom, 1990). Reforms are thus required to make incentives more aligned, soften rent-seeking behaviors, and introduce accountability via mechanisms including citizen monitoring, transparency over finances, and performance systems. With the two theories working together, decentralization foregrounds the potential on reforms and public choice the pitfalls of

inefficiencies and corruption absent strong accountability mechanisms.

International research reports mixed but teachable results of local government reforms. In Spain, Martínez-Ruiz and Gutiérrez (2023) identified that leadership-focused and infrastructure investment-driven reforms sustained improved performance in the delivery of higher education services. In South Korea, Lee and Chang (2023) observed that institutional motivators like the transparency framework and performance audit increased citizens' confidence in the local governments. Likewise, studies conducted in Kenya showed that fiscal devolution increased the accessibility of healthcare services but inequalities still existed between the counties (Khaemba, 2022). These examples indicate that reforms can produce improved results but only if sustained by strong institutional mechanisms.

Mavhunga and Dzimbo (2023) in Zimbabwe cited resource limitations and political intervention as key challenges to the success of reforms and hence uneven uptake of ICT-informed service delivery reforms. Decentralization reforms in Ghana enhanced infrastructure in the rural areas but were compromised by elite Capture and poor financial management systems (Frempong, 2021). Contradiction is also observed with the case of South Africa where the reforms increased the accessibility to social services and houses but governance challenges among them corruption and lack of monitoring reduced the effectiveness (Nkuna & Sebola, 2022). Such studies highlight the fact that reforms are not automatic but very much dependent on political will and funding and also the involvement of citizens.

In Nigeria, the empirical evidence invariably supports the reform paradox. Akinwale (2022) identified that the fiscal decentralization efforts undertaken by Oyo and Lagos raised internally generated revenue but did not yield corresponding gains within the delivery of services. Ojo and Aluko (2023) identified the potential of ICT-enabled reforms within Nigerian tertiary institutions but also realized that the adoption is still constrained by the lack of adequate infrastructure and limited capacities. political inference by state governments continues to be the individual biggest prohibitor to the implementation of reform efforts, and the local councils tend to be discovered extortionaries to the state government. Adebajo and Olabisi (2023) went further to state that Lagos has realized small gains within the reform-inspired waste management system but the remaining Southwest state still realized under-funded local councils and eroded citizens' trust. All together, the evidence suggests three key insights. First, reforms can enhance the delivery of services where these are supported by fiscal autonomy, institutional protection, and leadership will. Second, political interference is the biggest challenge, followed by bottlenecks to funding and weak institutional strength—the latter replicated time and again among the African nations. Third, the majority of the studies on Nigeria are descriptive and disjointed, with limited systematic connection between reforms and observable delivery outcomes on the ground, especially from the view of the citizen. This identifies the need for the

policy impact study reported here to combine quantitative outcomes with the perception of the stakeholders.

3. Methodology

This study adopted a mixed-methods research design that integrated quantitative and qualitative approaches to provide a comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness of local government reforms on service delivery in Southwest Nigeria. The population comprised both local government officials and residents across twelve purposively selected Local Government Areas (LGAs) drawn from Lagos, Oyo, Ogun, Osun, Ondo, and Ekiti States, chosen to reflect differences in population size, reform exposure, and urban-rural spread. Given the large population of potential respondents, the Yamane (1967) formula was applied at a 95% confidence level and 5% margin of error, yielding a sample size of approximately 400 respondents, which was proportionally distributed across the LGAs to ensure representativeness. A multi-stage sampling strategy was employed, beginning with purposive selection of LGAs, followed by stratification of the population into officials and citizens, and concluding with random sampling within each stratum, while purposive sampling was also used to identify 18 key informants including council chairmen, legislators, civil society leaders, and community representatives for the qualitative strand. Data were collected using a structured questionnaire designed on a 4-point Likert scale (Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree) covering demographic data, the scope and nature of reforms, service delivery outcomes, and reform challenges, alongside a semi-structured interview guide for eliciting in-depth perspectives on implementation and obstacles. The instruments were validated by academic experts in public administration and pilot-tested among 30 respondents outside the study areas, producing a Cronbach's alpha reliability coefficient of 0.82, which confirmed internal consistency. Questionnaires were administered in person by trained field assistants to ensure clarity and high response rates, while interviews were conducted face-to-face and virtually where necessary; secondary data, including reform documents, audit reports, and government policy papers, were also reviewed to triangulate findings. Quantitative data were analyzed using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS v.26), applying descriptive statistics such as frequencies, percentages, means, and standard deviations to summarize responses, and inferential statistics such as independent samples t-tests, one-way ANOVA, and multiple regression to test hypotheses on the relationship between reforms and service delivery. Qualitative interview data were coded and thematically analysed to discernment common themes and contextual rationales and the bringing together of the two strands of data by triangulation guaranteed that statistical regularities were augmented by stakeholder accounts and thereby the validity and strength of the study's inferences.

4. Results and Discussion

This section presents findings from the survey and interviews, integrating quantitative patterns with qualitative insights to assess the effectiveness of local government reforms on service delivery in Southwest Nigeria. Results are presented

thematically, followed by discussions that situate the findings within existing scholarship.

Table 1: Stakeholder Perceptions of Service Delivery Improvement

Statement	SA (%)	A (%)	D (%)	SD (%)	M	SD
Healthcare delivery has improved since reforms	38.5	32.1	19.3	10.1	2.99	0.88
Waste management services are more effective	42.7	30.2	16.0	11.1	3.05	0.91
Primary education quality has improved	34.9	29.7	21.8	13.6	2.86	0.93
Reforms improved accountability and transparency	31.4	35.2	21.0	12.4	2.86	0.87

Note. SA = Strongly Agree; A = Agree; D = Disagree; SD = Strongly Disagree; M = Mean. Scale: 1 (Strongly Disagree) – 4 (Strongly Agree).

Corroborate results indicate moderate gains within healthcare (M = 2.99, SD = 0.88) and waste management (M = 3.05, SD = 0.91), reflecting that reforms within these areas delivered satisfactory gains. Nonetheless, education (M = 2.86, SD = 0.93) and accountability (M = 2.86, SD = 0.87) remain behind due to entrenched institutional failures. Interviews also uncovered donor-funded initiatives within health and sanitation afforded reform opportunities, but political employment and lackadaisical funding stifled reforms within education. Results confirm Ojo and Aluko's (2023) finding where they provide an insight on the fact that reforms tend to yield sector-specific gains but wider institutional deficiencies remain unaddressed.

Table 2: Challenges Hindering Reform Implementation

Challenge	SA (%)	A (%)	D (%)	SD (%)	M	SD
Inadequate funding and financial mismanagement	56.0	25.4	11.2	7.4	3.30	0.83
Political interference from state governments	49.8	28.7	12.6	8.9	3.19	0.87
Weak institutional capacity of local governments	45.1	30.2	15.7	9.0	3.11	0.89
Low citizen participation and accountability	41.6	32.4	16.8	9.2	3.06	0.92

Results indicate that the greatest reform effectiveness impediments are financing/financial mismanagement ($M = 3.30, SD = 0.83$) and political interference ($M = 3.19, SD = 0.87$). Interviewees persistently highlighted the state government's contribution to subversion of local government autonomy, especially through common state–local government treasury accounts. Institutional inadequacy ($M = 3.11$) and weak citizen participation ($M = 3.06$) also featured significantly. This is consistent with the finding by Owolabi and Adeyemi (2022) that political capture and fragile institutional arrangements are system-wide measures inhibiting reform results in Nigeria. Qualitative interviews also validated these findings with some council officials expressing regret that “reforms are pronounced at Abuja but strangled within the state.”

Table 3: Regression Analysis of Reforms and Service Delivery Outcomes

Predictor Variable	β	t	p	Remark
Administrative restructuring	.241	3.82	.000	Significant
Fiscal decentralization	.325	4.92	.000	Significant
Citizen participation reforms	.198	2.91	.004	Significant
Capacity-building initiatives	.102	1.44	.151	Not Significant

Note. Dependent Variable = Service Delivery Outcomes.

The regression analysis shows that fiscal decentralization ($.325 = \beta, p < .01$) and administrative restructuring ($.241 = \beta, p < .01$) remain the most significant predictors of effective service delivery. Reforms in citizen participation also added positively but to a lesser effect ($.198 = \beta, p < .01$). Surprisingly, capacity building did not prove to be significant ($.102 = \beta, p > .05$), indicating that the programs have not been institutionalized appropriately nor connected to outcome measures. These findings are consistent with Akinwale (2022), who posited that the fiscal reforms boost the availability of resources but the efforts to build the capacity tend to flop due to discontinuity and spurious institutional settings.

Table 4: Stakeholder Perceptions of Reform Effectiveness

Stakeholder Group	% Agree Reforms Effective	% Disagree	M	SD
Local government staff	61.2	38.8	3.02	0.77
Citizens	48.7	51.3	2.71	0.92
Civil society leaders	53.4	46.6	2.89	0.84
Policymakers (chairmen, legislators)	68.1	31.9	3.15	0.72

Views on the effectiveness of reform differed among the stakeholders. Staff members ($M = 3.15, SD = 0.72$) and policymakers ($M = 3.02, SD = 0.77$) provided more positive

responses, whereas citizens became more skeptical ($M = 2.71, SD = 0.92$). Civil society leaders took intermediary stances ($M = 2.89, SD = 0.84$). This difference identifies an institutional actor vs. client perception gap, where citizens assess the reforms based on observable daily service delivery improvement versus procedural accomplishments by policymakers. Like Martinez-Ruiz and Gutierrez (2023) suggested, the reforms would need to internalize the mechanisms for participative evaluation to bridge the gap between the official version and client version.

Over the results, three overarching insights arise. First, reforms have brought sectoral gains, especially in healthcare and sanitation, but accountability and learning remain underperforming. Second, reform delivery is limited by structure constraints, particularly budget constraints, political intervention, and institutional deficiencies. Third, there is an apparent perception gap between citizens and policymakers that underscores the significance of participatory governance institutions to encapsulate the experience from the bottom. All these results walk in tandem with Decentralization Theory's assertion that responsiveness can be enhanced through reforms only where there is fiscal decentralization and civic involvement, and Public Choice Theory illuminates the resilience of inefficiencies where accountability mechanisms are not strong.

5. Conclusion and Recommendations

This research evaluated the success of local government reforms on the delivery of services in Southwest Nigeria and identified that although modest gains were observed on healthcare and sanitation, reforms on education, accountability, and transparency continue to be frail. Regression analysis validated that fiscal decentralization and administrative restructuring significantly contributed to the improvement in the delivery of services, whereas initiatives on building capacity did not have measurable impact. Implementation of reforms continues to be set back by limited funding, political intervention, and institutional incapacity, with sharp perception gap between the policymakers who cite achievement and citizens who remain unimpressed with the outcome of the reforms. Recommending how to confront these challenges, reforms should place the first principle on fiscal autonomy to the local governments, institutionalize performance-based budgeting and digital accountability, and standardize governance architecture across the federal and state and the third level. Similarly, reforms need to entrench citizen engagement on monitoring and evaluation, ensure that the funding is pegged on quantifiable outcomes on the delivery of services and make inclusiveness more comprehensive by zeroing down on the marginalized. Practically, the third-level governments should place more attention on the reforms on the delivery of education and transparency, make the capacity building subplot the institutional requirement and harness the partnership between the civil society and the private sector to fill the shortfall on limited resource. By undertaking these steps, reforms can transcend rhetoric to provide sustainable citizen-centered enhancements on the delivery of the public services and governance at the third level.

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