# LEAN MANAGEMENT PRACTICE AND THE PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH-WEST, NIGERIA 

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## INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The need for University management to increasingly deal with resources management issues such as capacity planning, quality service delivery and cost efficiency

Essential of Lean management to strategic resources management:

* Reduce waste
* Lessen Administrative Burden,
\& Promote Trust, Transparency, and Accountability

The Gap: Attempts have been made in recent years to transfer lean management principles and practice to higher education sector with indications of mixed consequences and debate over its suitability and effects

The specific objective: to examine the extent to which dimensions of lean management influence operational cost efficiency of public universities in South-West, Nigeria.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

* Design: Survey Research Design
* Study Population: 12,844 academic staff of the 18 public Universities in Southwest, Nigeria (NUC, 2021)
* Sampling: Multi Stage Sampling Procedure
* Sample Size: 93 HODs 889 formed the sample size for the study using Chronback sample size determination formular
* Data Collection Method: Primary data were collected through questionnaire administration
* Method of Data Analysis: Multiple Regression Analysis

Universities in Kwara

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 4.5
Model Summary

| Model | R | R Square | Adjusted R Square | Std. Error of the Estimate |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | $.845^{\text {a }}$ | .714 | .710 | .2 |

a. Predictors: (Constant), VaIden, VaStrMap, ConWor, PulSys, ConImp

Source: Researcher's Computation, 2023

a. Dependent Variable: OpCosEff
b. Predictors: (Constant), VaIden, VaStrMap, ConWor, PulSys, ConImp

Table 4.7
Coefficients ${ }^{\text {a }}$

| Model |  | Unstandardized Coefficients |  | Standardized Coefficients | t | Sig. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | B | Std. Error | Beta |  |  |
| 1 | (Constant) | 7.169 | . 144 |  | 49.702 | . 000 |
|  | VaIden | . 859 | . 042 | . 792 | 20.255 | . 000 |
|  | VaStrMap | 113 | . 039 | . 102 | 2.866 | . 004 |
|  | ConWor | . 253 | . 028 | . 273 | 9.107 | . 000 |
|  | PulSys | . 020 | . 025 | . 022 | . 793 | . 429 |
|  | ConImp | . 122 | . 025 | . 128 | 4.854 | . 000 |

a. Dependent Variable: OpCosEff

Source: Researcher's Computation, 2023

## CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

* The study concludes that lean management practice is a viable tool that significantly influences operational cost efficiency. Thus, it will be a viable management technique that provides the opportunity to address some of the inefficiencies around work processes and practices in university institutions.
* In the light of the foregoing, the following specific recommendations are made:
$\checkmark$ The study findings pointed out that pull system as a construct of lean management contributed the least to operational cost efficiency. Thus, universities should re-define this construct to be more effective and efficient, so as to significantly contribute to work processes in the university.

Among others

Appreciations.....!

## Thank You for Listening !!!

