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### ORIGINAL (EMPIRICAL) RESEARCH

Use the following format if your research falls under this category. Original research generates new data through observation, experimentation, surveys, interviews, or other primary data collection methods. This includes original empirical studies using quantitative, qualitative, mixed-methods, experimental, survey, or case study research designs.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Authors should prepare a concise, evidence-driven summary suitable for newspaper graphic publication. Submissions must include the following sections.

#### 1) EXTRACT

Recommended Length: 100–150 words

#### 2) RESEARCH PROBLEM

Clearly explain the issue or challenge being investigated, why it matters to your country, Africa or the global community, the knowledge gap the research addresses, and the study's objectives or research questions.

Recommended Length: **150-200 words.**

#### 3) METHODS

Describe the research design, study population or participants, sample size, study location(s), data collection methods, analytical techniques, and ethical approval (where applicable). The methods should be presented in language understandable to both specialists and non-specialists. **Recommended Length: 200-250 words**



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## 4) KEY FINDINGS

Present the most significant findings using concise, evidence-based language. Summarize the major statistical or thematic findings, significant relationships or trends, unexpected discoveries, and, where appropriate, support the findings with percentages, effect sizes, confidence intervals, charts, graphs, tables, or other relevant statistical measures and illustrations. Authors are encouraged to highlight three to five major findings.

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## 5) PRACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Explain why the findings matter and how the research contributes to science, policy, practice, or society. Discuss the real-world implications of the findings, provide evidence-based recommendations for policymakers, practitioners, educators, healthcare professionals, businesses, communities, or other relevant stakeholders, and identify opportunities for future research, policy development, or practical implementation. Focus on practical impact rather than academic discussion. **Recommended Length: 250–300 words.**

## 6) RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide clear, evidence-based recommendations arising directly from the study findings. Recommendations should be practical, actionable, and directed, where appropriate, to policymakers and government agencies, practitioners and professionals, educators and academic institutions, healthcare professionals, businesses and industry, community leaders and civil society organizations, development partners and non-governmental organizations, and researchers for future studies. **Recommended Length: 150–200 words.**



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## FORMATTING STYLE

- 1) **Language:** English (clear, concise, and reader-friendly).
- 2) **Length:** Approximately **1,000–1,500 words maximum**, excluding references.
- 3) **Font:** Times New Roman, 12-point.
- 4) **Spacing:** Single line spacing with 2.5 cm (1-inch) margins.
- 5) **Headings:** Use the prescribed section headings exactly as provided.
- 6) **Writing Style:** Use short paragraphs, active voice, and plain language suitable for both specialists and non-specialists.
- 7) **Figures and Tables:** Charts, graphs, photographs, tables, and infographics may be included where they enhance understanding of the findings.
- 8) **References:** Include **5–10 key references** cited in the original research. References should be listed at the end of the submission using the journal's prescribed citation style.
- 9) **File Format:** Submit the manuscript in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx).