



Developing and Evaluating Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicle Adoption in Rural Zambian Towns: A Methodological Approach

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Abstract

The adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in rural Zambian towns is limited by inadequate charging infrastructure and associated costs. A mixed-method approach combining quantitative surveys with qualitative interviews to assess potential demand and cost-effectiveness of EV charging stations in rural settings. Data indicates that 40% of respondents are willing to pay up to 2 per day for reliable EV charging, suggesting a viable market segment despite high initial investment costs. The $Y_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{it} + \epsilon_{it}$, with robustness checked using heteroskedasticity-consistent errors.

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