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## Abstract

{ "background": "Technology-assisted legal representation (TALR) programmes have emerged as a promising intervention to address disparities in access to justice for marginalized populations, particularly women in rural areas. In Zimbabwe, such programmes are designed to empower women by providing them with the skills and resources necessary to navigate complex legal systems.", "purposeandobjectives": "The purpose of this study is to examine the adoption rates of TALR programmes among rural women in Zimbabwe and their impact on empowerment outcomes. The objectives include understanding the factors influencing the uptake of these programmes, assessing the effectiveness of TALR in enhancing women's legal knowledge and confidence, and identifying areas for improvement in programme design.", "methodology": "The research employed a mixed-methods approach involving both quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews with participants from TALR programmes. A total of 200 rural women were surveyed, with an additional 15 in-depth interviews conducted to explore the experiences and perceptions of those who participated in TALR.", "findings": "Among the survey respondents, 78% reported adopting a TALR programme. The findings indicate that factors such as perceived usefulness (64%), availability of resources (32%), and support from community leaders (50%) significantly influenced their adoption decisions. Participants expressed significant improvements in legal knowledge (85%) and confidence levels (91%).", "conclusion": "This study contributes to the literature by providing empirical evidence on the uptake and effectiveness of TALR programmes among rural women in Zimbabwe, offering insights into successful programme design elements.", "recommendations": "Based on our findings, it is recommended that future TALR initiatives should prioritise community outreach efforts and tailor their content to address specific legal needs identified by participants. Additionally, ongoing support and training for facilitators are essential to ensure sustained engagement with the programmes.", "keywords": "Technology-assisted Legal

Representation Programmes, Rural Women Empowerment, Zimbabwe, Adoption Rates, Empowerment Outcomes", "contributionstatement": "This study offers novel

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