



Digital Literacy Training and Educational Impact: A Survey of Senegalese Village Teachers in Seychelles

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Abstract

Digital literacy has become a critical skill in contemporary education, particularly for teachers who play a pivotal role in preparing students for digital environments. In Seychelles, there is an increasing demand for educators to be proficient in utilising digital tools effectively. A survey was conducted with a sample of 120 Senegalese village teachers, utilising a structured questionnaire designed by the researchers. The survey covered aspects such as participants' current digital literacy levels, post-training improvements, and their perceptions regarding student engagement and academic outcomes. The findings indicate that after undergoing digital literacy training, there was an increase in students' participation rates from 45% to 60%, with a significant improvement in the average test scores by 12%. Teachers also reported enhanced confidence in using digital tools for teaching purposes. This study suggests that digital literacy training can significantly enhance both student engagement and academic performance, thereby supporting effective educational practices in Seychelles and beyond. Educators should be provided with ongoing support to maintain their digital skills, while policymakers could consider integrating digital literacy into teacher training programmes as a standard practice.

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