



# Bayesian Hierarchical Model Evaluation for Municipal Water System Adoption Rates in Rwanda: A Theoretical Framework

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## Abstract

Bayesian hierarchical models are increasingly being used to analyse complex systems in environmental science, particularly for understanding adoption rates of municipal water systems across different regions. A Bayesian hierarchical model will be used, which incorporates prior knowledge through hyperparameters and allows for the estimation of uncertainty around parameters using robust standard errors. The theoretical framework presented offers a robust method for assessing the adoption rates of municipal water systems in Rwanda, providing insights into factors influencing adoption and identifying areas requiring further investigation. Future research should consider validating these findings with real-world data from various regions within Rwanda to ensure the model's applicability across different contexts. The empirical specification follows  $Y = \beta_{0+\beta}^{-1} p X + \text{varepsilon}$ , and inference is reported with uncertainty-aware statistical criteria.

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