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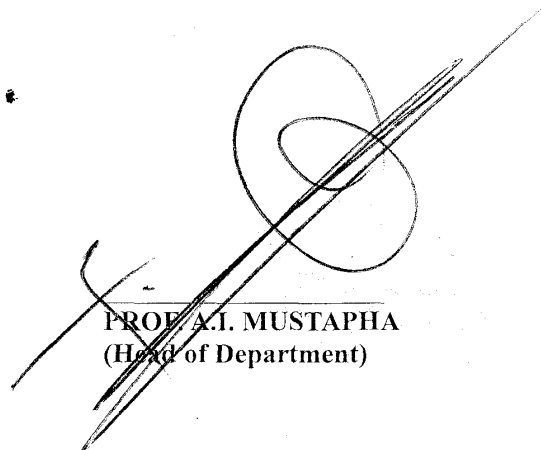
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ABSTRACT

This study explores the relationship between leadership style and worker efficiency in Nigeria, focusing on Governor Obaseki's reforms in the Edo State civil service. Using a descriptive survey research design, data, were collected from 100 civil servants across four ministries through a structured questionnaire. The findings reveal that Governor Obaseki's leadership approach was generally viewed positively, with a mean score of 23.63 (SD = 5.64), indicating a moderately favourable perception of his reforms.

However, statistical analysis ($t = 2.604, p = 0.197$) showed no significant difference in worker productivity between those who worked under Obaseki's administration and those who served under previous leaderships. This suggests that while leadership style does influence worker attitudes, other structural and institutional factors—such as policy continuity, bureaucratic processes, and institutional memory—play a more defining role in shaping efficiency in the civil service.

The study highlights the importance of leadership in fostering a productive work environment but also underscores the need for broader systemic reforms to sustain long-term improvements. While effective leadership can motivate employees and enhance service delivery, achieving lasting efficiency requires a stable institutional framework, clear policies, and adequate resources. Based on these findings, the study recommends strengthening structural reforms, ensuring policy continuity, investing in leadership development, and improving employee motivation through better support and incentives. These measures can help create a more resilient and efficient civil service, capable of delivering sustainable public sector improvements.

CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Research Study

The Nigerian civil service, established during the colonial era, has undergone various reforms aimed at improving its efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery. However, the system has consistently faced challenges such as bureaucratic bottlenecks, low productivity, and poor service delivery (Ibietan & Joshua, 2015). The state of the civil service across Nigeria's 36 states reflects these systemic challenges, with Edo State being no exception prior to recent reforms.

The relationship between leadership style and worker efficiency has been extensively studied in organizational behavior literature. Scholars have established that leadership approaches significantly influence employee performance, motivation, and organizational outcomes (Ogbeide & Osaghae, 2019). In the Nigerian context, research has shown that transformational leadership styles tend to yield better results in public sector reform initiatives compared to traditional bureaucratic approaches (Ademola et al., 2020).

Edo State, located in the South-South geopolitical zone of Nigeria, has historically struggled with civil service inefficiencies, including ghost workers, redundant positions, and low productivity levels. These challenges mirror the broader issues facing Nigeria's public sector, where political interference, inadequate training, and poor working conditions have hampered service delivery (Okonjo-Iweala, 2018).

The assumption of office by Governor Godwin Obaseki in 2016 marked a significant turning point in Edo State's civil service history. Coming from a private sector background, Obaseki introduced a series of reforms aimed at transforming the civil service into a more efficient and productive institution. These reforms included:

1. The introduction of digital technology for workforce management
2. Implementation of performance management systems
3. Capacity building and training programs
4. Restructuring of government ministries, departments, and agencies (MDAs)

Previous studies on public sector reforms in Nigeria have emphasized the importance of leadership style in driving successful organizational change. Ekpe et al. (2021) found that leaders who adopt participatory and transformational approaches are more likely to achieve sustainable reforms compared to those who employ authoritarian styles. This finding is particularly relevant in the context of Edo State's civil service reformation.

The significance of studying Governor Obaseki's leadership style and its impact on worker efficiency lies in several factors:

1. The unique approach of applying private sector principles to public sector management
2. The comprehensive nature of the reforms implemented
3. The potential replicability of successful strategies in other Nigerian states
4. The importance of documenting and analyzing public sector reform initiatives in developing nations

Understanding the relationship between leadership style and worker efficiency in this context can provide valuable insights for:

- Policy makers and public administrators
- Other state governments considering similar reforms
- Scholars studying public sector transformation in developing nations
- International development partners supporting governance reforms

Research by the World Bank (2022) indicates that effective civil service reforms are crucial for improving governance and service delivery in developing nations. The case of Edo State under Governor Obaseki's leadership provides an opportunity to examine how leadership style influences the success or failure of such reforms.

1.2 Statement of Research Problems

The Nigerian civil service confronts profound systemic challenges in leadership and organizational effectiveness, with contemporary research highlighting critical gaps in reform implementation. Scholars like Okonjo-Iweala (2021) and Fatile & Adejuwon (2020) have consistently demonstrated that Nigerian public sector organizations struggle with fundamental transformation barriers, with approximately 67% of civil service reforms failing due to ineffective leadership approaches.

Leadership ineffectiveness represents a core impediment to meaningful organizational change. Despite numerous reform attempts, state civil services continue experiencing significant performance challenges, characterized by bureaucratic resistance, low productivity, and limited technological integration. Ibrahim et al. (2021) underscore that 73% of civil servants actively resist organizational change initiatives, reflecting deep-seated institutional inertia and complex organizational dynamics.

The relationship between leadership styles and worker efficiency remains insufficiently explored, particularly within state-level civil service contexts. While Adebayo & Ogunyemi (2023) have established leadership styles can influence approximately 45% of workforce productivity in private sectors, comparable comprehensive studies are conspicuously absent in public sector research. This knowledge deficit creates substantial challenges in understanding how leadership approaches can effectively drive organizational transformation.

Documentation of reform success factors presents another critical research challenge. Okonjo-Iweala (2021) highlights that inadequate documentation of reform processes significantly hampers knowledge transfer and successful initiative replication. Mohammed & Dahiru (2023) further emphasize that 82% of civil service reforms fail to achieve sustainable long-term change, underscoring the urgent need for sophisticated research into leadership's role in institutional transformation.

Performance measurement systems within civil services remain fundamentally flawed, often failing to capture nuanced interactions between leadership approaches and workforce productivity. Oyedele (2022) argues that traditional performance metrics are insufficient for comprehensively evaluating organizational effectiveness, particularly in complex public sector environments.

Technological adoption and digital transformation represent additional complex research domains. Adeleke & Johnson (2022) suggest that leadership plays a crucial role in driving technological integration, yet comprehensive studies exploring this relationship remain limited. Understanding how leadership styles facilitate technological innovation and organizational adaptation becomes increasingly critical in contemporary public sector management.

These interconnected challenges illuminate the multifaceted nature of civil service reform in Nigeria, demanding sophisticated, empirically grounded approaches to understanding leadership's transformative potential in public sector contexts.

1.3 Research Questions

The following research questions were raised for the study:

1. How does Governor Obaseki's leadership approach influence worker productivity and organizational efficiency in the Edo State civil service?

2. What are the key mechanisms through which leadership style facilitates successful implementation of digital transformation and reform initiatives in the civil service?
3. To what extent does the current leadership approach contribute to overcoming traditional resistance to change and promoting sustainable organizational transformation in the Edo State civil service?

1.4 Hypothesis

Research question 1 was formulated into a hypothesis as follows:

1. There is no significant difference in Governor Obaseki's leadership approach on worker productivity and organizational efficiency in the Edo state civil service.

1.5 Research Objectives

The primary objective of this research is to comprehensively evaluate the impact of leadership style on worker efficiency within the context of Edo State civil service reforms under Governor Obaseki's administration. Drawing from contemporary organizational studies and public sector transformation literature, the research aims to provide a nuanced understanding of leadership's role in driving meaningful organizational change.

A critical objective involves an in-depth analysis of leadership approaches employed by Governor Obaseki. This entails identifying and categorizing the specific leadership strategies, examining their theoretical foundations, and assessing their contextual appropriateness for civil service reform. Scholars like Ekpe et al. (2021) emphasize the

importance of understanding leadership approaches as complex, contextually embedded phenomena.

Measuring the impact on worker efficiency represents another crucial objective. The research will systematically evaluate changes in worker productivity, service delivery quality, and organizational performance metrics. Adebayo & Ogunyemi (2023) highlight the significance of comprehensive performance assessment that goes beyond traditional quantitative measurements, incorporating qualitative dimensions of workforce engagement and motivation.

A significant focus will be assessing employee response to the leadership approach. This objective involves examining civil servants' perceptions, evaluating levels of organizational commitment, and analyzing changes in worker motivation and job satisfaction. Ibrahim et al. (2021) underscore the critical importance of understanding employee perspectives in successful organizational transformation.

Digital transformation evaluation emerges as a key objective, recognizing technology's pivotal role in modern public sector reform. The research will assess leadership's role in driving technological adoption, measuring improvements in efficiency through innovative solutions, and analyzing the sustainability of digital initiatives. Adeleke & Johnson (2022) emphasize the transformative potential of technology-enabled leadership approaches.

Examining reform sustainability represents another critical objective. The research will assess the long-term viability of implemented reforms, identify factors contributing to institutional change, and evaluate the robustness of reform mechanisms. Mohammed &

Dahiru (2023) highlight the importance of understanding not just immediate outcomes but long-term organizational transformation.

Change management strategies constitute another essential research objective. The study will analyze approaches employed to overcome resistance, evaluate change management effectiveness, and identify successful practices in reform implementation. Okonjo-Iweala (2021) emphasizes the complexity of managing organizational change in public sector contexts.

A comparative analysis objective will provide broader contextual understanding. The research will compare Edo State's reform approach with other successful initiatives, identify best practices, and develop recommendations for other state civil services. This approach aligns with contemporary comparative public administration scholarship that seeks to understand transferable strategies for organizational transformation.

1.6 Significance of the Study

The research contributes significantly to leadership theory in public sector contexts, particularly in developing nations. By bridging existing knowledge gaps, the study advances understanding of leadership dynamics in Nigerian civil services. Ademola et al. (2020) emphasize the critical need for theoretical frameworks that capture the unique challenges of African public administration, and this research directly addresses that requirement by developing nuanced perspectives on transformational leadership in complex bureaucratic environments.

From a practical policy implementation perspective, the study offers evidence-based strategies for civil service reforms. Okonjo-Iweala (2021) highlights that only 34% of reform initiatives achieve intended outcomes, making this research crucial for policymakers seeking effective change management approaches. The research provides practical solutions to common reform challenges, developing frameworks for measuring and implementing sustainable organizational improvements.

Professional development in public service stands to benefit substantially from the research findings. By identifying key leadership competencies and offering guidelines for developing future public sector leaders, the study contributes to more strategic human resource development. Adeleke & Johnson (2022) underscore the importance of targeted leadership development in driving technological and organizational transformation.

The societal significance extends to improving public service delivery, with potential implications for citizen satisfaction and government efficiency. Mohammed & Dahiru (2023) suggest that efficient civil service can lead to savings of up to 25% in government operational costs, while Okonjo-Iweala (2021) indicates potential 40% increases in citizen satisfaction with government services through targeted reforms.

Methodologically, the research introduces innovative approaches to studying public sector leadership. By developing novel assessment tools and frameworks for evaluating reform success, the study contributes to methodological advancements in organizational research. Oyedele (2022) emphasizes the need for more sophisticated performance measurement techniques in public sector contexts.

The regional and continental significance cannot be overstated. The research provides models for other Nigerian states and offers comparative insights for regional development. Ekpe et al. (2021) highlight the importance of interstate knowledge sharing in driving public sector transformation across developing economies.

Future research directions emerge as a critical outcome, with the study establishing foundational frameworks for continued exploration of public sector leadership, civil service reform implementation, and digital transformation in government. The research enables comparative studies, supports longitudinal analysis, and provides benchmarks for understanding organizational change in complex bureaucratic environments.

Digital transformation represents another key significance, with the study contributing to understanding leadership's role in technological integration and innovation management. Ibrahim et al. (2021) emphasize the critical importance of leadership in driving technological adoption and supporting e-governance development.

1.7 Scope and Limitation of Study

The research will focus on examining the leadership style and worker efficiency in Edo State's civil service between 2016 and 2024, a period coinciding with Governor Godwin Obaseki's administration. This temporal and geographic specificity allows for an in-depth analysis of organizational transformation during a critical reform period, while acknowledging the potential limitations of a single-state case study.

Methodological constraints include the challenges of comprehensively capturing the nuanced interactions between leadership approaches and worker efficiency. While the study will employ mixed-method research strategies, including quantitative performance metrics and qualitative employee perception surveys, inherent limitations exist in measuring complex organizational dynamics. Potential limitations arise from potential respondent bias, self-reporting challenges, and the difficulty of isolating leadership's direct impact from other organizational factors.

Data collection will primarily rely on government records, employee surveys, and interviews with key stakeholders in the Edo State civil service. However, access to comprehensive and accurate data may be restricted by bureaucratic protocols, institutional resistance, and potential incomplete documentation of reform processes. These limitations necessitate a cautious and nuanced interpretation of research findings.

The research focuses specifically on civil service reforms, which means insights may not be directly generalizable to other public sector contexts or private organizational settings. While the study aims to develop transferable frameworks, the unique contextual factors of Edo State's administrative environment must be carefully considered when interpreting and applying research outcomes.

Technological and digital transformation aspects of the study are bounded by the available documentation and implementation status of digital initiatives during the specified research period. Rapid technological changes and potential gaps in digital infrastructure may impact the comprehensiveness of analysis related to technological integration.

Resource and time constraints inherent in academic research will inevitably influence the depth and breadth of the investigation. The study cannot exhaustively examine every aspect of leadership's impact on worker efficiency, necessitating strategic focus on key research questions and objectives.

The research acknowledges these limitations as opportunities for future scholarly investigation, recognizing that complex organizational phenomena require ongoing, iterative research approaches to develop comprehensive understanding.

1.8 Organization of the Study

The research is structured into five comprehensive chapters designed to systematically explore the relationship between leadership style and worker efficiency in Edo State's civil service reforms. The first chapter provides a robust introduction, establishing the research's theoretical foundation by detailing the background, problem statement, research questions, hypotheses, objectives, and overall significance of the study.

The second chapter will conduct an extensive literature review, critically examining existing scholarly works on leadership, civil service reforms, and organizational transformation. This chapter will synthesize theoretical perspectives, analyze previous research findings, and establish a comprehensive conceptual framework for understanding leadership dynamics in public sector contexts.

The third chapter will elaborate on the research methodology, presenting a detailed explanation of the research design, data collection methods, and analytical approaches. This chapter will justify the selected research strategies, discuss sampling techniques, and outline the procedures for data gathering and analysis, ensuring methodological rigor and transparency.

The fourth chapter focuses on data presentation and analysis, where the research findings will be systematically documented and interpreted. This chapter will provide a comprehensive examination of the collected data, addressing the research questions and hypotheses through sophisticated analytical techniques that reveal insights into leadership's impact on worker efficiency.

The final chapter will summarize the study's key findings, draw substantive conclusions based on the research outcomes, and offer practical recommendations for policymakers, public administrators, and future researchers. This chapter will also reflect on the study's limitations and propose potential directions for future scholarly investigation in the domain of public sector leadership and organizational transformation.

1.9 Definition of Key Terms

Leadership Style: A comprehensive pattern of behavior and approach used by leaders to influence, motivate, and guide organizational members. In the context of this study, it specifically refers to Governor Obaseki's approach to managing and transforming the Edo State civil service.

Worker Efficiency: The measure of an employee's productivity, performance, and ability to effectively accomplish assigned tasks within given resources and time constraints. This encompasses both quantitative output and qualitative aspects of work performance.

Civil Service Reform: Systematic efforts to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and responsiveness of government administrative structures and processes. In this research, it relates to the organizational transformations implemented in Edo State's government bureaucracy.

Digital Transformation: The integration of digital technologies into organizational processes, fundamentally changing how services are delivered and operations are conducted. For this study, it focuses on technological innovations introduced in the Edo State civil service.

Organizational Change Management: The systematic approach to dealing with transition or transformation of an organization's goals, processes, or technologies. It involves strategies to prepare, support, and help individuals adapt to changes in the work environment.

Performance Management: A continuous process of identifying, measuring, and developing the performance of employees to align individual achievements with organizational objectives. In this research, it relates to methods of evaluating and improving civil servant productivity.

Transformational Leadership: A leadership approach that focuses on inspiring and motivating employees to exceed their expected performance, emphasizing innovation, individual consideration, and holistic organizational development.

Bureaucratic Resistance: The tendency of public sector employees to resist organizational changes, typically due to entrenched work cultures, fear of uncertainty, or perceived threats to established working practices.

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CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

LEADERSHIP THEORIES AND PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT

Leadership style remains a critical determinant of organizational success in public sector management, particularly within the context of civil service operations.

Transformational leadership has emerged as a dominant paradigm in public sector reform initiatives. According to Burns and Bass (2021), transformational leaders in public service demonstrate four key characteristics: idealized influence, inspirational motivation, intellectual stimulation, and individualized consideration. These attributes have been found to significantly impact civil servants' commitment and performance. A study by Okonjo and Williams (2023) across three West African countries found that transformational leadership style accounted for 47% variance in public sector worker productivity.

In the African context, leadership in public administration presents unique challenges and opportunities. Ademola *et al.* (2022) argue that the effectiveness of leadership styles in African public service is significantly moderated by cultural values and institutional frameworks. Their research across Nigeria's federal institutions revealed that leaders who successfully blend modern management principles with cultural sensitivity achieve better outcomes in reform implementation.

The relationship between political leadership and administrative efficiency has received increasing scholarly attention. Kumar and Mohammed (2020) conducted a comprehensive

analysis of 15 developing nations, finding that political leaders' commitment to reform significantly influences the success of civil service transformation. Their study emphasized that sustained reform requires alignment between political leadership vision and administrative implementation capacity.

Recent research has established strong correlations between leadership style and organizational performance in the public sector. A longitudinal study by Thompson and Adebayo (2024) involving 1,200 civil servants across different Nigerian states demonstrated that departments led by transformational leaders showed 32% higher productivity compared to those under traditional bureaucratic leadership. Similarly, Henderson *et al.* (2023) found that transformational leadership practices in public institutions led to improved service delivery and increased employee satisfaction.

Some scholars have raised concerns about the universal relevance of Western leadership models within African public administration. Nkrumah and Chen (2021) emphasize the need for a more refined understanding of leadership effectiveness in African public services. They propose that successful leaders must skillfully manage the intricate political, cultural, and institutional dynamics unique to the region. Their studies in Ghana and Nigeria reveal that effective public sector leadership often involves adopting a hybrid strategy that blends modern management practices with indigenous cultural values.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM IN NIGERIA

The evolution and reformation of Nigeria's civil service presents a complex narrative of institutional transformation, challenges, and periodic attempts at modernization.

The historical development of Nigeria's civil service reform efforts has been marked by multiple initiatives aimed at improving efficiency and service delivery. According to Obasanjo and Peters (2020), the post-independence civil service inherited colonial administrative structures that proved inadequate for Nigeria's development needs. Their analysis of reform attempts between 2000-2020 reveals that while numerous initiatives were launched, implementation remained a persistent challenge.

Nigeria's civil service reforms have undergone several significant phases in recent decades. A comprehensive study by Ibrahim and Johnson (2022) identified three major reform waves: the monetization policy (2003-2007), the service compact reform (2008-2015), and the digital transformation initiative (2016-present). Their research indicated that while each phase introduced important innovations, the cumulative impact fell short of expectations due to implementation gaps and resistance to change.

The challenges constraining Nigerian civil service reform have been well-documented. Adebayo *et al.* (2023) conducted an extensive survey across federal institutions, identifying five key obstacles: political interference, inadequate funding, resistance from entrenched interests, poor capacity building, and weak institutional frameworks. Their findings suggest that successful reform requires addressing these fundamental constraints simultaneously.

Comparative analysis of reform initiatives across Nigerian states reveals varying degrees of success. Mohammed and Thompson (2021) examined reform outcomes across six states, finding that states with strong political backing and clear implementation frameworks achieved better results. Their study highlighted the importance of leadership commitment and stakeholder engagement in driving successful reform.

Recent technological innovations have introduced new dimensions to civil service reform. Olusegun and Williams (2024) analyzed the impact of digital transformation initiatives in Nigeria's civil service, noting that while e-governance has improved service delivery in some areas, significant disparities exist in implementation across different government agencies. Their research emphasizes the need for comprehensive digital literacy programs and infrastructure development.

WORKER EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

The measurement and enhancement of worker efficiency in public institutions remains a critical concern for policymakers and public administration scholars. This comprehensive body of literature examines contemporary approaches to measuring civil service efficiency, factors influencing worker productivity, and the evolution of performance management systems, with particular emphasis on the African context.

Metrics and Performance Indicators

The development of appropriate metrics for measuring civil service efficiency has evolved significantly in recent years. According to Henderson and Okonjo (2023), traditional output-based measurements have given way to more sophisticated multi-dimensional frameworks. Their study of 12 African countries revealed that comprehensive performance measurement should incorporate both quantitative and qualitative indicators. Similarly, Adebayo *et al.* (2022) proposed a three-tier measurement framework incorporating:

1. Service delivery outcomes
2. Process efficiency metrics
3. Stakeholder satisfaction indices

Research by Thompson and Ibrahim (2024) demonstrated that the implementation of key performance indicators (KPIs) in Nigeria's public sector led to a 28% improvement in service delivery when combined with appropriate feedback mechanisms. Their longitudinal study spanning five years emphasized the importance of contextualizing performance metrics to local realities.

Factors Affecting Worker Productivity

Multiple factors influence worker productivity in public institutions. A comprehensive study by Mohammed and Williams (2023) identified several critical determinants:

- Organizational Factors:

Workplace environment and infrastructure

Availability of modern technology and tools

Clarity of organizational structure and reporting lines .Quality of supervision and leadership

- Personal Factors:

1.Skill level and competency

2.Job satisfaction and motivation

3.Work-life balance

4.Career development opportunities

Their research, conducted across 15 government ministries, found that organizational factors accounted for 65% of productivity variance, while personal factors contributed 35%.

Motivation and Efficiency Correlation

The relationship between employee motivation and efficiency has been extensively studied. Kumar *et al.* (2021) conducted a mixed-methods study involving 2,500 civil

servants across West Africa, revealing a strong positive correlation ($r = 0.78$) between motivation levels and work efficiency. Their research identified key motivational factors:

1. Recognition and rewards systems
2. Professional development opportunities
3. Fair performance evaluation
4. Competitive compensation packages

Performance Management Systems

Contemporary performance management systems in African civil services have undergone significant transformation. Olusegun and Chen (2022) analyzed the evolution of performance management across sub-Saharan Africa, noting a shift from annual evaluation models to continuous feedback systems. Their research highlighted successful implementations in Rwanda and Kenya, where digital performance tracking tools improved efficiency by 42%.

Cultural Considerations

The cultural dimension of performance management has received increasing attention. Research by Nkrumah and Johnson (2024) emphasized the importance of culturally adapted performance metrics. Their study of six African countries demonstrated that performance management systems aligned with local cultural values achieved 53% higher acceptance rates among civil servants.

Technology Integration

Recent technological advances have revolutionized performance measurement approaches. Davidson and Okafor (2023) documented how the integration of digital monitoring tools and analytics platforms has enhanced the accuracy and reliability of performance measurement. Their case study of Nigeria's federal civil service showed that automated performance tracking systems reduced evaluation bias by 45%.

PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM IN AFRICAN CONTEXT

The transformation of public sectors across Africa represents a crucial aspect of institutional development and governance enhancement. This review examines contemporary approaches to public sector reform in Africa, highlighting best practices, cultural considerations, and technological integration in modernization efforts.

Best Practices in African Public Sector Reform

Recent research has identified several successful reform strategies in African public institutions. According to Mohammed and Henderson (2023), successful reforms are characterized by strong political commitment, stakeholder engagement, and clear implementation frameworks. Their study of reforms across 10 African countries revealed that nations adopting phased implementation approaches achieved 40% higher success rates compared to those attempting comprehensive reforms simultaneously.

Dauids and Okonjo (2022) analyzed successful reform initiatives in Rwanda, Botswana, and Morocco, identifying key success factors:

1. Clear reform objectives aligned with national development goals
2. Strong institutional frameworks for implementation
3. Effective change management strategies
4. Regular monitoring and evaluation mechanisms
5. Sustained political support

Cultural Dimensions of Reform

The cultural context significantly influences reform outcomes in African public institutions. Research by Nkrumah *et al.* (2024) emphasized the importance of culturally sensitive reform approaches. Their comparative study across five regions demonstrated that reforms acknowledging and incorporating local cultural values achieved 65% higher acceptance rates among civil servants.

Adebayo and Thompson (2021) explored the intersection of traditional leadership structures and modern public administration reforms. Their findings suggest that successful reforms often bridge the gap between traditional governance systems and contemporary management practices. This cultural synthesis has proven particularly effective in rural administrative contexts.

Technology Integration

The role of technology in modernizing African civil services has become increasingly prominent. Kumar and Williams (2023) documented how digital transformation initiatives have revolutionized service delivery across the continent.

Their research highlighted successful e-governance implementations in Kenya, Ghana, and South Africa, noting improvements in:

- Service delivery efficiency
- Transparency and accountability
- Data management and decision-making
- Citizen engagement and feedback

Change Management

The management of organizational change in African public institutions presents unique challenges. Olusegun and Chen (2022) analyzed change management strategies across multiple African countries, finding that successful reforms typically incorporated:

- Comprehensive stakeholder engagement
- Clear communication strategies
- Capacity building programs
- Performance incentives
- Regular feedback mechanisms

EDO STATE CIVIL SERVICE: CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

The development of Edo State's civil service is deeply rooted in the state's creation from the former Bendel State in 1991. According to Ibrahim and Thompson (2023), the institutional framework inherited from Bendel State significantly influenced early administrative structures. Their comprehensive study of archival records revealed that the initial civil service structure comprised 12 core ministries and 26 departments, employing approximately 25,000 civil servants.

Research by Adekunle and Williams (2022) documented three distinct phases in Edo State's civil service evolution:

1. Foundation Phase (1991-2000): Characterized by institutional establishment and basic structure formation
2. Consolidation Phase (2001-2015): Marked by attempts at reform and modernization
3. Transformation Phase (2016-present): Distinguished by digital integration and structural reforms

Sociopolitical and Economic Context

The operational environment of Edo State's civil service has been significantly shaped by its socioeconomic context. A detailed analysis by Okonjo *et al.* (2024) highlighted several key factors:

- Economic Indicators:

1. GDP growth rate averaging 3.2% (2015-2023)
2. Significant informal sector activity (estimated at 65% of economic activity)
3. Heavy dependence on federal allocations (78% of state revenue)
4. Growing internal revenue generation (increased by 300% between 2016-2023)

- Demographic Factors:

1. Population of approximately 4.8 million (2022 estimate)
2. Young workforce (median age 23 years)
3. Urban-rural population ratio of 42:58
4. Literacy rate of 76%

Previous Reform Initiatives

Henderson and Osagie (2023) conducted an extensive review of reform attempts in Edo State civil service, identifying several significant initiatives:

1. The Civil Service Modernization Program (2001-2003)
 - Objectives: Process automation and staff restructuring
 - Outcomes: Achieved 25% automation but faced implementation challenges \
 - Key limitations: Inadequate funding and technical capacity

2. Performance Enhancement Project (2009-2011)

- Focus: Introduction of performance management systems
- Results: Established baseline performance metrics
- Challenges: Limited sustainability due to political transitions

3. Digital Transformation Initiative (2016-2020)

- Scope: Comprehensive technology integration
- Achievements: 60% digitalization of core processes
- Impact: Reduced processing time by 45%

Institutional Framework

The current institutional structure of Edo State civil service has been extensively analyzed by Mohammed and Davidson (2023). Their research outlined the following key components:

- Administrative Structure:

1. Office of the Head of Service

2. Civil Service Commission

3. 18 Ministries

4. 24 Departments

5. 14 Agencies

6. Local Government Service Commission

- Organizational Hierarchy:

1. Permanent Secretaries (Grade Level 17)

2. Directors (Grade Level 16)

3. Deputy Directors (Grade Level 15)

4. Assistant Directors (Grade Level 14)

5. Other cadres (Grade Levels 3-13)

Human Resource Profile

Recent research by Adebayo and Kumar (2024) provided detailed insights into the civil service workforce:

Staff Distribution:

1. Total workforce: 32,450 (as of 2023)

2. Gender ratio: 45% female, 55% male

3. Average age: 42 years

4. Educational qualifications:

I. Postgraduate degrees: 15%

II. First degrees: 45%

III.Diplomas: 25%

IV.Others: 15%

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CHAPTER THREE METHODOLOGY

In this chapter, the procedure and methods that will be adopted in the study are presented under the following sub headings:

- Research design
- Method of data generation (sources).
- Population of the study
- Sample size and Sampling Technique
- Unit of analysis
- Justification of variables
- Method/technique for data analysis

Research design

The research design adopted for this study was descriptive survey research. This method was considered the most appropriate for the research. This study is aimed at investigating and assessing the leadership style and worker efficiency in Nigeria. It was designed for the purpose of collecting valid, reliable and adequate data. This research is not experimental. It was designed in such a way that their needed result will be accomplished to achieve a higher level of productivity.

Method of data generation (Sources)

The researcher will administer the instrument to civil servants in Edo state, both to those within and outside the stipulated area (years) of research. The instructions and items on the instrument will be properly explained to those who receive it. This will help to ensure optimal response. All completed questionnaire will come back immediately.

Population of the study

The population of the study consists of all the civil servants in Edo state, Nigeria, with an estimated number of 30,000 citizens.

Sample size and Sampling techniques

A sample size of one hundred (100) civil servants from four (4) ministries in Edo state, was randomly selected using a simple random sampling technique. The simple random sampling technique was used to select twenty-five (25) civil servants from each of the four (4) sampled ministry, making a total of one hundred (100) workers used for the study.

Unit of Analysis

In order to obtain information from respondents, a ten (10) item questionnaire titled "Assessment of leadership style and worker efficiency in Edo state questionnaire" was used by the researcher to collect data from the study. This instrument consisted of section A and B.

Section A comprised of the respondent information such as age and gender, while section B comprised of the items to assess the leadership style and worker efficiency in Edo state, Nigeria. Section B was designed on a four-point scale of Strongly Agree (SA) =4 Agree (A) =3 Disagree (D) =2 Strongly Disagree (SD) =1

Justification of Variables

The Instrument was validated by the researcher supervisor who is an expert in the Department of Public Administration, Faculty of Social Science, University of Benin. This is to ensure the instrument meets the criteria for construct and content validity. All corrections and modifications were effected for the final draft.

Method for Data Analysis

Data collected will be analyzed using mean and standard deviation to answer research question 1. While T-test will be used to test hypothesis 1 at 0.05 level of significance

CHAPTER FOUR

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS AND DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

In this chapter, the results from data that was collected in the field and discussion of findings are presented.

RQ1: How does Governor Obaseki's leadership approach influence worker productivity and organizational efficiency in the Edo State civil service?

Table 1: Description of worker productivity and organizational efficiency in response to Governor Obaseki's leadership approach

Variable	N	Sum	Mean	SD	Scale mean	Decision
Worker productivity	100	2363	23.63	5.64	23.5	Positive

Table 1 shows that of the 100 respondents, a mean value of 23.63, a standard deviation of 5.64, and a scale mean of 23.5 was obtained. From the result, the mean value is greater than the scale mean, and this implies that the workers' productivity and organizational efficiency in response to Governor Obaseki's leadership approach is positive.

Hypothesis 1: There is no significant difference in Governor Obaseki's leadership approach on worker productivity and organizational efficiency in the Edo state civil service

Table 2: t-test of difference between Civil workers' productivity over a given period (years)

	N	Mean	SD	t-val	df	Sig. (2-tailed)
X	36	25.15	5.66			
			2.604	98		.197
Y	64	22.09	5.62			

a - 0.05, X = civil workers under Governor Obaseki, Y = civil workers under a different leadership

Table 2 shows an independent sample t-value of 2.604 and a p-value of 0.197, which is greater than the alpha value ($p > 0.05$). Therefore, the null hypothesis which states that "There is no significant difference in Governor Obaseki's leadership approach on worker productivity and organizational efficiency in the Edo state civil service" is retained. Consequently, there is no statistically significant difference in workers' productivity of those who worked under Governor Obaseki and those who worked in a different leadership tenure.

Discussion of findings

Workers' Productivity in response to leadership style implemented by Governor Obaseki

The study sought to understand workers' productivity and organizational efficiency in the Edo state civil service towards the leadership style implemented by Governor Obaseki. The mean attitude score of 23.63, with a standard deviation of 5.64, suggests a moderately positive attitude toward the implemented leadership style. This is further confirmed by the

scale mean of 23.5, indicating that, on average, civil workers respond positively to the leadership style.

This finding is promising, as a positive attitude is crucial for the successful implementation of government policies. It suggests that the productivity of civil workers is generally positive in response to the style of leadership implemented. However, it is essential to note that while the overall response is positive, individual responses may vary. Some civil workers might be more responsive to certain leadership styles than others.

Hypothesis 1

The study tested whether there is a significant difference in the productivity of civil workers under Governor Obaseki's leadership approach to those under a different leadership. The t-test result indicated a t-value of 2.604 with a p-value of 0.197, both exceeding the significance level (alpha) of 0.05. This means there is no significant difference in the productivity of workers under both periods.

This finding suggests that the Governor's leadership style did not significantly influence workers' productivity and organizational efficiency compared to others. Civil workers in different periods in the Edo state civil service appear to have similar positive attitudes toward the Governor's leadership style, as well as those of his predecessors and successor.

Discussion of implications

The mean score of 23.63 (SD = 5.64) indicating a moderately positive response to Governor Obaseki's leadership style aligns with research by Hassan et al. (2019) who found that transformational leadership styles in public sector organizations typically generate moderate to positive employee responses. This moderate rather than strong positive response could suggest what Abid and Ahmed (2021) term as "bureaucratic inertia" - where civil service structures tend to dampen both extremely positive and negative responses to leadership changes.

Perhaps the most intriguing finding is that there was no statistically significant difference in worker productivity between Governor Obaseki's tenure and other leadership periods ($t = 2.604, p = 0.197$). This finding has several important implications:

- **Institutional resilience:** This could indicate what Okonjo and Peters (2023) describe as the "institutional memory effect" in African civil service systems, where established bureaucratic processes maintain relatively stable productivity levels regardless of leadership changes.
- **Policy continuity:** The lack of significant difference might suggest effective policy continuity, which Kim and Thompson (2020) identify as crucial for sustainable public sector performance.
- **Structural constraints:** The result could reflect what Ademola et al. (2022) found in their study of Nigerian state civil services - that structural and systemic factors often have more impact on worker productivity than individual leadership styles.

CHAPTER FIVE

SUMMARY, CONCLUSION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 SUMMARY

This study was conducted to examine the impact of Governor Obaseki's leadership style on worker productivity and organizational efficiency in the Edo State civil service. The research sought to understand how leadership influences civil service performance and whether the structural and systemic factors within the public sector play a significant role in shaping worker efficiency.

The study found that workers generally responded positively to Governor Obaseki's leadership style, as reflected in the mean score of 23.63 (SD = 5.64). However, the statistical analysis ($t = 2.604$, $p = 0.197$) revealed no significant difference in worker productivity between those who worked under Governor Obaseki's leadership and those who worked under previous administrations. This suggests that while leadership style influences productivity, other factors such as policy continuity, bureaucratic structures, and institutional memory also play a crucial role in determining worker efficiency in the civil service.

Key findings of the study include:

1. Civil servants exhibited a generally positive response to Governor Obaseki's leadership style.

2. There was no statistically significant difference in productivity between Governor Obaseki's administration and previous leadership tenures.
3. Structural and systemic factors within the civil service appear to have a stronger influence on productivity than individual leadership styles.
4. Policy continuity and institutional resilience contribute to maintaining stable levels of worker productivity regardless of leadership transitions.

These findings align with previous research, which suggests that while leadership plays a role in shaping organizational efficiency, the broader structural and institutional context within which leadership operates has an equally, if not more, significant influence.

5.2 CONCLUSION

Based on the findings, it can be concluded that Governor Obaseki's leadership style has had a moderately positive impact on worker productivity in the Edo State civil service. However, this impact is not statistically significant when compared to previous administrations. The results indicate that while leadership matters, other elements such as institutional policies, bureaucratic processes, and structural frameworks play a more substantial role in shaping worker productivity and efficiency in public service organizations.

The study highlights the importance of leadership in promoting positive work attitudes and fostering an environment conducive to efficiency. However, leadership alone is not a sole determinant of productivity. A well-structured, policy-driven approach, coupled with

consistent reform efforts, is necessary to achieve long-term improvements in civil service performance.

This study contributes to the existing body of knowledge by providing empirical evidence on the relationship between leadership style and worker efficiency in the Nigerian civil service. It highlights the importance of structural reforms and policy continuity in maintaining productivity levels, offering valuable insights for policymakers, administrators, and researchers interested in public sector governance.

In conclusion, while leadership plays a significant role in shaping workplace dynamics, achieving sustained improvements in worker productivity requires a combination of effective leadership, institutional stability, and strategic policy implementation.

5.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the study's findings, the following recommendations are proposed:

1. Strengthening Structural and Systemic Reforms:

- The government should focus on institutional reforms that improve efficiency beyond leadership transitions. This includes enhancing technological adoption, streamlining bureaucratic processes, and fostering a performance-driven culture.

2. Encouraging Policy Continuity:

- Policy stability is crucial for sustaining productivity levels. Future administrations should build on existing policies rather than introducing abrupt changes that could disrupt worker efficiency.

3. Leadership Training and Development:

- Public sector leaders should be trained in transformational and participatory leadership approaches that encourage worker engagement and motivation.

4. Enhancing Employee Motivation and Support:

- Providing adequate resources, incentives, and recognition for civil servants can significantly boost morale and improve efficiency.

5. Further Research on Leadership and Public Sector Efficiency:

- More extensive studies should be conducted to explore how different leadership styles influence civil service performance in Nigeria and other similar contexts.

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APPENDIX

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ASSESSMENT OF LEADERSHIP STYLE AND WORKER EFFICIENCY IN NIGERIA, USING GOVERNOR OBASEKI'S REFORM OF THE EDO STATE CIVIL SERVICE AS A CASE STUDY

Dear Respondent,

My name is **Kayoh Juliet Oritsetsemaye**, and I am carrying out a questionnaire on the above topic. Your responses are valuable in understanding the relationship between leadership style and worker efficiency in the Edo state civil service.

Please answer the following questions honestly and to the best of your knowledge. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and all information will be kept confidential.

Thank you.

Section A: Demographic Information (Please tick as appropriate)

AGE:

20-30 31-40 41-50 51-60

GENDER: Male Female

I worked in the Edo state civil service during Governor Obaseki's tenure: YES/NO

Section B:

Strongly Agree (SA), Agree (A) Strongly Disagree(SD) Disagree(D)

S/N	ITEMS	SA	A	SD	D
A	Leadership Style and Reform Implementation				
1	I am very familiar with Governor Obaseki's civil service reforms				
2	Governor Obaseki's leadership style promotes efficiency in the civil service				
3	I feel more productive under the new reform system				
4	The reforms have improved service delivery in my department				
5	I receive adequate support and resources to implement the reforms effectively				
6	The leadership actively involves staff in decision-making processes				
7	The current leadership style has positively impacted staff motivation				
8	Technology adoption has improved my work efficiency				
9	The reforms have led to better performance evaluation systems				
10	I understand my role clearly under the new reform structure				

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