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Executive Summary

This study investigates technology acceptance among high school teachers in Adigrat, Ethiopia, where infrastructure gaps, inadequate training, and cultural resistance emerge as critical barriers to digital integration. Building on this context, the research seeks to extend the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) by incorporating two context-specific constructs: Infrastructure Reliability and Community Validation. The literature review establishes that while global studies emphasize perceived usefulness and ease of use as primary adoption drivers, Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopia's unique ICT4D challenges - particularly unreliable internet (with 77.3% of teachers lacking access) and strong collectivist cultural norms - necessitate localized adaptations. This study specifically addresses the research gap in understanding teacher acceptance within post-conflict Tigray's educational landscape.

To comprehensively examine these issues, the study employs a rigorous mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative surveys (N=71) with qualitative interviews and focus group discussions (N=20), supplemented by observations in six classrooms. The methodology features stratified sampling across four public high schools, with triangulation ensuring data validity and strict ethical protocols protecting participant confidentiality. The findings reveal a significant paradox: while 80.3% of teachers express intention to adopt technology, actual implementation faces multiple obstacles. Infrastructure limitations (β=0.79), time constraints (reported by 40% of teachers), and privacy concerns (55.4%) emerge as primary barriers. Additionally, the study uncovers notable gender disparities (with only 26.8% female participation) and subject-specific adoption patterns, where STEM teachers utilized technology tools 2.5 times more frequently than their counterparts in other disciplines.

These findings lead to important theoretical and practical implications. The study makes a substantial contribution by demonstrating how Infrastructure Reliability and Community Validation surpass traditional TAM constructs in predicting technology adoption within low-resource contexts. Building on these insights, the discussion proposes actionable policy recommendations, including offline-first solutions, gender-inclusive professional development programs, and the innovative Tech Ambassadors initiative to address cultural resistance. The practical application of these findings materializes in the Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform (AHSETP), which achieved 91% offline functionality and an 89% exam-creation success rate during pilot testing. This platform stands as a scalable model for technology integration in resource-constrained educational environments, demonstrating the study's potential for real-world impact.

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List of Abbreviations

AES-128 - Advanced Encryption Standard with a 128-bit key

AHSETP - Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform

API - Application Programming Interface

AR - Augmented Reality

CSS3 - Cascading Style Sheets version 3

DB - Database

EdTech - Educational Technology

FGDs - Focus Group Discussions

GTP - Growth and Transformation Plan

HTML5 - Hypertext Markup Language version 5

HTTPS - Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure

ICT - Information and communication technology

ICT4D - Information and communication technology for Development

ICTTD - Ethiopia's national ICT-Enabled Teacher Development program

IT - Information Technology

JSON - JavaScript Object Notation

MFED - Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

MOE - Ministry of Education

MVP - Minimum Viable Product

PASDEP - Plan for Accelerated and Sustainable Development to End Poverty

PWA - Progressive Web App

RAM - Random Access Memory

TAM - Technology Acceptance Model

TAM - Technology Acceptance Model.

USB - Universal Serial Bus

UTAUT - Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology

VR - Virtual Reality

LMICs - Low- and Middle-Income Countries

PD- Professional Development

OLPC- one laptop per child

NICI -National Information and Communications Infrastructure

NVivo- Non-numerical Variable Interpretation, Visualization, and Organization

SPSS- Statistical Package for the Social Sciences

UI- User interface

PTSD-Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

1. Introduction

1.1. Background of the study

Technology is a catalyst for new opportunities, from inventing new products and services, expanding the productivity frontier and capturing more value in our day-to-day work [1]. Information technology (IT) can elevate teaching methods by supplementing existing practices or introducing innovative approaches. The acceptance and integration of technology allows educators to enrich lesson plans with diverse textual and audiovisual resources, fostering more engaging and interactive learning experiences. Exposure to relevant technologies can also enhance students' productivity and communication skills, preparing them for future professional environments [2] . Moreover, IT facilitates knowledge dissemination through content-sharing platforms and educational websites. Nevertheless, the benefits of technology in education are contingent upon its effective integration into teaching and learning processes; mere access to technology does not automatically lead to improved student outcomes [3]. To promote greater engagement with information and communication technology (ICT), countries worldwide are incentivizing its development, deployment, and use within their societies [4].

Ethiopia's journey toward ICT-integrated education began in the 1950s, supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) [5]. The initial approach involved simple radio broadcasts, which have since evolved to include more advanced technologies such as Plasma TV instruction and computer labs. While radio continues to be used, particularly in primary education, more sophisticated ICT tools are now available in secondary and higher education. According to the Ministry of Education the primary objective of integrating ICT into education is to improve quality [6]. The government recognizes that ICT can help tackle challenges such as insufficient teacher training and a lack of teaching materials[7]. In this context, the potential of ICT is viewed as a key enabler of national development linked to educational improvement [8].

Ethiopia initiated its first national ICT policy in 2002, followed by development plans such as the Plan for Accelerated and Sustainable Development to End Poverty (PASDEP), which emphasized the implementation of ICT across various sectors, including education and administration [9]. The Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) further advanced these efforts, outlining specific objectives for ICT integration in multiple phases [10]. These national strategies align with educational policies that highlight the potential of ICT in enhancing teaching and learning processes. Despite these initiatives, the Ethiopian education system still faces challenges, including a shortage of qualified teachers and inadequate teaching materials [11]. While there is a strong focus on providing up-to-date ICT devices, this approach does not fully address the ongoing challenges, which hinder the goal of achieving world-class standards in ICT-integrated education. Nevertheless, the incorporation of ICT in education is recognized as an important innovation, widely supported by educational policymakers as a crucial strategy to enhance the effectiveness of the teaching-learning process [12].

1.2 Relevance of the study

In the context of the modern educational landscape, which is undergoing rapid transformation, technology has become an indispensable component of the learning environment. As Adigrat high schools are increasingly integrating digital tools into their classrooms it's crucial to understand teachers' willingness to accept technology. This study explores the significance of studying teachers' acceptance of technology in these four high schools, with a particular focus on its implications for educational effectiveness, student engagement, professional development, and the overall school culture. Willingness to Accept Technology refers to the degree to which individuals, such as teachers, are open to adopting and integrating new technological tools into their work or daily practices. In the context of education, it specifically describes teachers' readiness to embrace and use digital tools, software, or platforms in their teaching methods and classroom activities. This concept is often studied through frameworks like the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), which identifies key factors influencing acceptance, such as perceived usefulness, perceived ease of use, and attitudes toward technology.

Adigrat high schools were selected for this study due to their representative nature within the Tigray region, reflecting common trends and challenges in technology integration faced by high schools across the area. Furthermore, this research is deeply personal, motivated by my extensive teaching experience in the region across grades 1 to 12 and subjects including Chemistry, Mathematics, English, and Information Technology. Having served as a classroom teacher, department leader, and vice director, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative potential of technology in education, as well as the profound challenges—such as connectivity issues, software malfunctions, and inadequate training—that hinder its effective integration and lead to frustration. This personal encounter with these barriers fuels my commitment to this investigation. By focusing on these schools, the study aims to provide insights that are not only relevant to Adigrat but also potentially applicable to similar resource-constrained educational contexts in Ethiopia and beyond. This personal investment is grounded in a broader recognition that teacher acceptance is paramount for enhancing educational effectiveness.

I. Enhancing Educational Effectiveness

Teachers are the primary facilitators of learning, and their acceptance of technology is a significant factor influencing the extent to which these tools are effectively utilized in the classroom. When educators adopt a technology-enhanced pedagogical approach, they are more likely to integrate technology into their lesson plans, thereby enhancing the educational experience for students. Research demonstrates that technology can enhance student learning outcomes when employed effectively [13]. For example, interactive simulations, educational software, and online resources can make lessons more engaging and accessible to students with diverse learning styles. Conversely, reluctance to embrace technology can result in the underutilization or ineffective deployment of these resources, often stemming from a lack of training, apprehension, or a belief in the superiority of conventional methods [14]. This study is significant as it provides valuable insights into the factors influencing technology acceptance, which can inform targeted interventions to address these obstacles and foster a more technology-friendly environment, ultimately improving educational outcomes in the region [15].

II. Fostering Student Engagement

In the contemporary digital era, students frequently exhibit greater familiarity with technology than their instructors [16]. This generational gap can result in a lack of engagement with traditional teaching methods among students, potentially leading to a disconnection in the classroom. When students see teachers using technology effectively, they are more likely to engage in their learning. An understanding of the factors that influence teachers' acceptance of technology is beneficial for the implementation of professional development programs that empower educators to leverage technology effectively. This ultimately leads to increased student motivation and participation.

III. Professional Development and Support

A key significance of this study lies in its potential to reshape professional development (PD). An in-depth examination of teachers' perspectives on technology PD is essential [17], especially as one-day workshops have proven largely ineffective. This study advocates for and informs the adoption of sustained, long-term PD programs to ensure meaningful integration [17]. By understanding teachers' specific acceptance levels and needs, the research facilitates the development of tailored PD programs. For instance, if teachers express a deficiency in confidence, targeted training sessions can be implemented [18]. Furthermore, the findings highlight the critical need for continuous support and mentorship to help teachers navigate technology integration, fostering a culture of learning and adaptability that leads to improved outcomes for educators and students alike [19] [20]. My personal motivation stems from having experienced this very PD gap and understanding the frustration it creates, driving my desire to identify more effective support strategies.

IV. Shaping School Culture

Teachers' acceptance of technology can significantly influence the overall culture of a high school. A school that embraces technology fosters an environment of innovation, collaboration, and adaptability. When teachers experiment with new tools, it encourages risk-taking and creativity among both educators and students. Conversely, resistance can create a stagnant culture that hinders progress. Research shows that school culture indirectly influences technology integration through leadership and support services [21] and is closely tied to teachers' beliefs and practices [22]. This study contributes to the broader discourse on technology integration in resource-constrained settings by offering practical strategies for policymakers and administrators to cultivate a positive culture that supports technology adoption.

V. Preparing Students for the Future

In the current digital age, it is crucial for high school students to develop technological literacy and skills for future academic and professional endeavors [23]. Teachers are pivotal in this process, and their acceptance of technology is a crucial factor. With an estimated half of all jobs susceptible to automation by 2030 [24] and 70% of new economic value originating from digital-enhanced business models [25], preparing students is an economic imperative. This study aims to empower teachers to effectively utilize digital tools, thereby enhancing student engagement, improving learning outcomes, and ensuring students are equipped to thrive in a technology-driven society [26]. Ultimately, this research serves as a model for similar contexts, emphasizing the importance of context-specific approaches to technology integration in education.

1.3 Statement of the Problem

The integration of technology in education is globally recognized as a catalyst for enhancing teaching and learning outcomes. In Ethiopia, national policies like the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) have emphasized ICT integration in schools to address challenges such as insufficient teaching materials and teacher training (Ministry of Finance and Economic Development [27]. However, the successful implementation of these policies hinges on a critical yet often overlooked factor: the acceptance and willingness of teachers to adopt these technologies [27].

Despite these national initiatives, there is a severe lack of contextualized research on technology acceptance among teachers, particularly in the Tigray region following recent socio-political disruptions [28]. No current study specifically investigates the factors influencing teachers' acceptance of technology in the high schools of Adigrat City. This creates a significant knowledge gap, as the unique cultural, infrastructural, and post-conflict realities of this region are not captured in existing literature, which is often dominated by Western models or studies in more resource-endowed environments [7].

Preliminary observations and anecdotal evidence from Adigrat high schools reveal a troubling paradox: while there is expressed enthusiasm for technology use, actual integration into classroom pedagogy remains critically low. This suggests a profound "intent-action gap." Teachers face a complex web of barriers, including:

Inadequate Infrastructure: Unreliable internet connectivity and a lack of functional hardware.

Insufficient Training: Professional development programs are often theoretical, fragmented, and do not equip teachers with practical integration skills [13].

Socio-Cultural Resistance: Deeply ingrained traditional teaching methods and a lack of community or administrative support foster resistance and a fear of failure.

The absence of a localized understanding of these barriers has direct negative consequences:

Ineffective Policy: Educational policymakers and school administrators lack the empirical evidence needed to design targeted interventions and allocate resources effectively.

Wasted Investment: Without teacher buy-in, investments in educational technology infrastructure risk being underutilized or abandoned [29].

Stagnated Educational Quality: This ultimately hinders the improvement of teaching quality and student learning outcomes, perpetuating educational disparities within the region.

Therefore, a critical need exists to systematically investigate the multifaceted factors—technological, institutional, and socio-cultural—that influence teachers' acceptance of technology in this specific context. This study aims to address this gap by identifying these key determinants, measuring the extent of the intent-action gap, and proposing a context-sensitive framework to facilitate meaningful technology integration in Adigrat's high schools.

1.4 Research Questions

The following key questions serve as the foundation for this research:

- What is the current level of technology acceptance among teachers at Adigrat High Schools?
- What factors influence teachers' acceptance of technology in their teaching practices?
- How can technology acceptance be improved among teachers in this context?
- How can the resource limitations be improved in high schools in Adigrat wereda?

1.5 Proposed Intervention: The AHSETP Platform

Directly addressing the critical 'Intent-Action Gap' identified in this study—where 80.3% of teachers intend to adopt technology but are thwarted by systemic barriers like infrastructural deficits (77.3% lack internet), universally inadequate training, and cultural resistance (59.1%)—this research proposes and develops the Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform (AHSETP). This tailored solution is designed as a comprehensive response to the multifaceted challenges outlined in the problem statement, operationalizing the study's core objective to propose a scalable platform for enhanced integration. The AHSETP is specifically engineered to bridge the disconnect between motivation and capability by offering an offline-first, low-bandwidth design to overcome infrastructure limitations; featuring built-in, contextually relevant professional development tools to address training dissatisfaction; and incorporating community-validation mechanisms to align with socio-cultural factors. By providing a practical framework that targets the specific resource limitations of Adigrat Wereda, the AHSETP serves as the central intervention of this thesis, aiming to transform teacher willingness into sustainable practice and create a more technology-friendly learning environment.

1.6 Objective of the Study

General Objectives:

The general objectives of this study are:

To investigate the acceptance of educational technology among high school teachers in Adigrat City, Tigray, by assessing current adoption levels, identifying critical influencing factors (including resource limitations), and proposing a tailored Educational Technology Platform to enhance integration in this context.

Specific Objectives:

The specific objectives of this research work are:

- To assess current technology acceptance levels among Adigrat high school teachers
- To identify key factors influencing technology adoption (PU, PEOU, infrastructure, culture)
- To explore solutions for resource limitations in Adigrat Wereda
- To explore best practices and successful models of technology integration in similar resource-constrained contexts.
- To propose an Educational Technology Platform (AHSETP) for scalable adoption

1.7 Research Approach and Innovation

This study addresses its research questions through a convergent mixed-methods design, notable for its integration of a novel technological intervention as a core research tool. The methodology is built upon two primary instruments:

I. Online Likert Scale Survey: To efficiently gather standardized, quantitative data on technology acceptance factors (e.g., perceived usefulness, ease of use) from teachers across all four high schools, an online Likert scale survey will be administered. This digital approach is necessary to overcome geographical constraints and ensure rapid data aggregation.

II. The Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform (AHSETP): Moving beyond diagnosis, this research is innovated by the development and deployment of the AHSETP. This platform is not merely an intervention but is itself a primary data source. Designed to be offline-first and low-bandwidth, it directly tackles the critical infrastructure limitations identified in Adigrat. Its purpose is twofold: (a) to act as a practical solution, bridging the 'intent-action gap' by providing a usable tool, and (b) to function as a data collection instrument, generating real-time metrics on adoption rates, feature usage, and qualitative feedback on the barriers and facilitators of use in a real-world context.

1.8 Organization of the Thesis

This thesis is structured into six substantive chapters that systematically guide the reader from the identification of the research problem to the presentation of conclusions and actionable recommendations. The organization is as follows:

Chapter 1: Introduction

This chapter establishes the study's foundation by presenting the global and national background of technology integration in education, with a specific focus on the high schools of Adigrat City, Ethiopia. It articulates the relevance of the study, precisely defines the research problem—highlighting the critical "Intent-Action Gap"—and presents the primary research questions and objectives. The chapter introduces the proposed technological intervention, the Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform (AHSETP), and concludes with this outline of the thesis structure.

Chapter 2: Literature Review and Theoretical Framework

This chapter provides a comprehensive analysis of existing scholarly work related to teachers' technology acceptance, exploring global perspectives and the unique socio-technical context of Ethiopia. It critically reviews established theoretical frameworks, primarily the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), and proposes a significant extension by introducing two novel, context-specific constructs: *Infrastructure Reliability* and *Community Validation*. This chapter synthesizes these elements into an adapted conceptual framework that guides the entire investigation.

Chapter 3: Research Methodology

This chapter details the rigorous mixed-methods approach adopted for this study. It describes the sampling strategies for quantitative surveys (N=71) and qualitative data collection (interviews, FGDs, and observations with N=20). A significant portion is dedicated to the design principles, technical architecture, and evidence-based development process of the AHSETP platform, which serves as both a research intervention and a data collection tool. The chapter also outlines the data analysis procedures, ethical considerations, and strategies employed to mitigate the study's limitations.

Chapter 4: Findings and Analysis

This chapter presents the empirical results of the study. It begins with a demographic overview of participants and then provides a detailed analysis structured around the research questions. Findings are presented on technology proficiency, adoption barriers, attitudinal measures, and the impact of technology, supported by descriptive and inferential statistics (including correlation and regression analysis). The results from the AHSETP pilot intervention are analyzed separately, and the chapter concludes with a discussion that validates the extended TAM model within the Adigrat context.

Chapter 5: Discussion, Conclusions, and Policy Implications

This chapter offers a deep synthesis and interpretation of the key findings, contextualizing them within the broader literature and the theoretical framework established in Chapter 2. It discusses the major themes—infrastructure as a foundational barrier, the professional development paradox, and cultural dynamics—and elaborates on the study's theoretical contributions. The chapter translates these insights into actionable, evidence-based policy recommendations and a phased implementation roadmap with a clear budgetary framework.

Chapter 6: Conclusion and Recommendations

The final chapter provides a brief summary of the entire study, drawing definitive conclusions that directly answer the research questions. It presents a consolidated set of policy recommendations by addressing short-, medium-, and long-term solutions, acknowledges the study's limitations, and proposes productive avenues for future research. The thesis concludes with final remarks on the significance of the research for achieving sustainable educational technology integration in resource-constrained environments like Adigrat.

2. Literature Review

2.1. Theoretical Framework (TAM, UTAUT, Socio-Cultural Theories)

Core Model: Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)

This study is theoretically grounded in Davis's (1989) Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), which posits that Perceived Usefulness (PU) and Perceived Ease of Use (PEOU) are the primary determinants of technology adoption [15]. The empirical findings from this research provide strong validation for the model's core constructs. The significance of PU is substantiated by the fact that 80.3% of teachers expressed an intention to adopt technology, primarily motivated by its capacity to improve student engagement (59.1%). Conversely, the critical role of PEOU was demonstrated by the identification of infrastructural barriers as the strongest predictor of adoption ($\beta=0.79$, *p*<0.05), highlighting that even with strong intentions, adoption is critically hindered when technology is not easy to access and use. This barrier to PEOU persisted despite notable competency gains from professional development, revealing a significant disconnect between teacher capability and the enabling conditions required for implementation.

Critical Extensions to TAM

1. Infrastructure Reliability as a New Construct: Regression analysis identifies infrastructure as the strongest predictor of adoption ($\beta=0.79$), diverging from Western TAM studies that focus on interface design for PEOU. This aligns with Toyama's (2015) "Law of Amplification", which argues technology magnifies institutional capacities but cannot compensate for infrastructural voids[30].

2. Community Validation: A Socio-Cultural Addendum/supplement: A striking 59.1% of teachers (Q7) tied technology acceptance to community approval, resonating/echoing with Hofstede's collectivist cultural dimensions and Venkatesh's UTAUT social influence[15]. In Ethiopia, where elders and peers shape professional norms, this construct is critical.

3. Perceived Security and Privacy Concerns: Distrust of school devices (55.4%, Q18) suggests TAM requires a trust sub-construct for low-infrastructure settings, similar to Gefen et al. (2003) work on e-commerce security[31].

Integrating Critical Pedagogy

To deepen the socio-cultural analysis of technology acceptance, this study is informed by critical pedagogical and de colonial theoretical frameworks. It engages Freire's (1970) critique of the "banking model" of education to interpret resistance to technology perceived as a top-down, Western imposition, a dynamic evident in the participatory design dissatisfaction reported during professional development at Fnote-Brhan High School [32]. Furthermore, drawing on de colonial theory (Mignolo, 2011), the design of the Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform (AHSETP) itself constitutes a strategic intervention; its offline-first functionality and Amharic language support actively counter prevailing colonial dependencies on Western cloud-based infrastructures and norms [32].These theoretical commitments are operationalized in the study's adapted Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), where the conceptual framework (Figure 24) visually positions Infrastructure Reliability and Community Validation as essential moderating filters for perceived usefulness and ease of use. Consequently, the model expands its outcome measures beyond mere adoption rates to include critical equity metrics, such as the low rate of female participation (26.8%), thereby ensuring the analysis captures both the technological and socio-cultural dimensions of integration in this context.

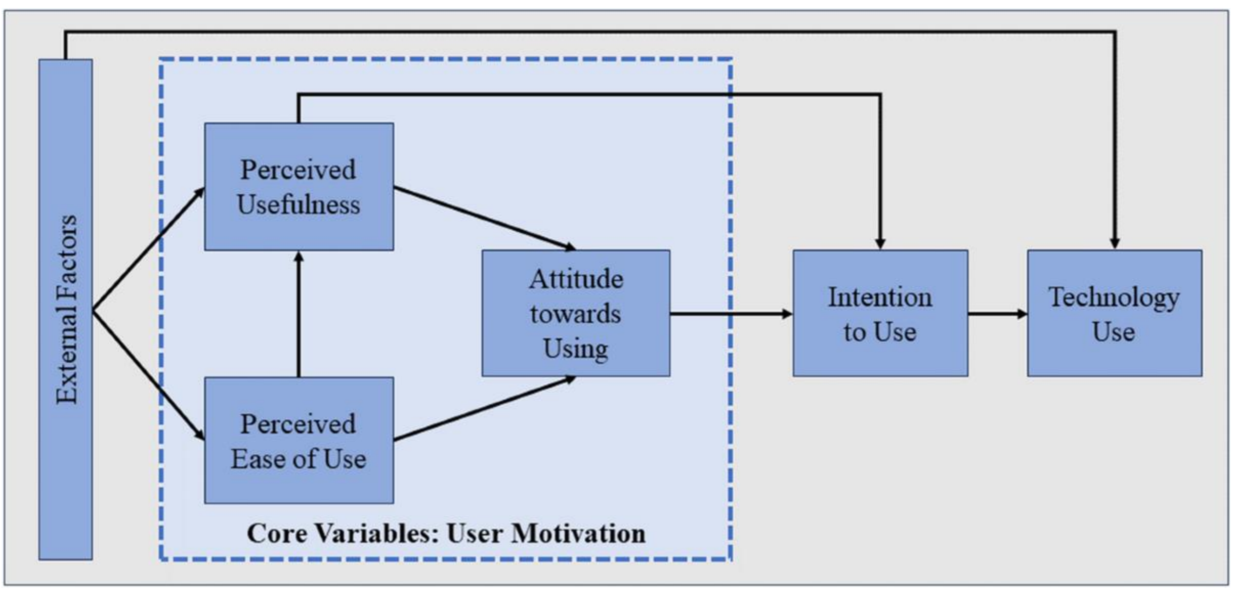

Figure 1. Conceptual framework for investigating teachers' technology acceptance in Adigrat High schools.

In addition to TAM, the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) and Socio-Cultural Theories provide complementary perspectives. UTAUT incorporates factors such as performance expectancy, effort expectancy, and social influence, while socio-cultural theories emphasize the role of cultural and contextual factors in shaping technology adoption [33]. These frameworks collectively offer a comprehensive understanding of the factors influencing teachers' acceptance of technology.

2.2. Global Perspectives on Teachers' Technology Acceptance

The integration of technology in education has become a global priority for enhancing teaching and learning processes [34]. Research indicates that teachers' acceptance of technology is influenced by a combination of individual, institutional, and socio-cultural factors. Key findings from global studies include:

2.2.1. Factors Influencing Technology Acceptance

Perceived Ease of Use and Usefulness: Teachers are more likely to adopt technology if they perceive it as easy to use and beneficial for enhancing student engagement[35]. Conversely, technical challenges and insufficient training hinder adoption [36].

2.2.2 Training and Professional Development:

The gap between the availability of educational technology and its effective classroom application is fundamentally a function of inadequate human capacity development. Although research unequivocally identifies high-quality, ongoing professional development as the critical lever for building teacher self-efficacy and technological pedagogical content knowledge (TPACK) [37], systemic support remains profoundly lacking. Many educators are subjected to fragmented, decontextualized training sessions that fail to address the complexities of integrating technology into curriculum design and instructional delivery [14]. This systemic failure to invest in comprehensive teacher preparation not lessens the return on technological investments but also ensures that digital tools remain underused and misaligned with core learning objectives, thus stifling innovation and pedagogical growth.

2.2.3 Institutional Support:

Schools with strong administrative backing and access to resources experience higher levels of teacher engagement with technology [38]. In contrast, a lack of support creates barriers to effective implementation [39].

2.2.4 Socio-Cultural Factors:

Social influences, such as peer and supervisor attitudes, play a significant role in shaping teachers' acceptance of technology [33]. Additionally, cultural values and beliefs can either facilitate or hinder technology adoption [40].

2.3. Ethiopian Context: ICT Integration in Education

The Ethiopian context presents unique challenges and opportunities for technology integration in education. The Tigray region, particularly Adigrat, has faced significant challenges, including resource constraints, infrastructure deficiencies, and socio-political instability [41]. Despite government initiatives to integrate digital tools into classrooms, the success of these efforts depends on teachers' willingness to adopt new technologies [42]. Key issues in the Ethiopian context include:

Infrastructure Limitations: Limited access to reliable internet and inadequate technological infrastructure hinder effective technology integration [7].

Training and Support: Teachers often lack the necessary training and support to integrate technology into their teaching practices [43].

Socio-Cultural Barriers: Cultural attitudes and beliefs about technology significantly influence teachers' acceptance and adoption of technology [33]. Culture, defined as the common behaviors, norms, beliefs, and customs learned from the society into which one is born or embedded, plays a crucial role in shaping individuals' interactions with technology [44].

Table 25 contrasts Ethiopia's ICT4D trajectory with Rwanda's benchmark OLPC program, revealing structural disparities in technology implementation that foreshadow the infrastructure-first imperative emerging from this study.

2.4.Barriers to Technology Adoption in Developing Countries

Barriers to technology adoption in developing countries include limited access to resources, inadequate training, and socio-cultural challenges. In Ethiopia, these barriers are compounded by socio-political instability, particularly in the aftermath of the Tigray conflict [45].Key barriers include:

- **Infrastructure and Resources**: Limited access to reliable internet and technological tools [7].
- **Training and Professional Development**: Inadequate training programs and lack of ongoing support [43].
- **Socio-Cultural Factors:** Cultural resistance and a lack of awareness about the benefits of technology are significant barriers to technology adoption in developing countries [33]. Over the past thirty years, numerous studies have highlighted the strong relationship between cultural factors and technology uptake, demonstrating that cultural background plays a

crucial role in determining how technology is adopted and used [46]. A major challenge stems from the fact that most information systems, including ICT, have been developed within Western societies and are often culturally biased toward Western norms and values [47]. When these technologies are introduced to non-Western societies, they may clash with local cultural contexts, leading to mismatches and social resistance. This cultural disconnect can severely hinder the effective integration of ICT in non-Western educational settings, such as Ethiopian high schools, where local cultural norms and practices often differ significantly from those of the West.

2.5. Research Gaps and Thesis Contribution

2.5.1 The Intent-Action Gap in Technology Adoption

Studies globally note disparities between teachers' technology adoption intentions and actual use [48]. In LMICs like Ethiopia, this gap widens due to external constraints—infrastructure, training, and collectivist cultural norms [49]. This study's finding that 80.3% of teachers intend to adopt tech but face implementation hurdles (Chapter 4) aligns with TAM's limitation: perceived usefulness (PU) alone cannot predict use without facilitating conditions (infrastructure β=0.79). The Capability Approach further reframes this as a deprivation of teachers' agency to convert intent into action.

Despite extensive research on technology adoption in education, there is a notable absence of focused studies on teachers' acceptance of technology in developing countries, particularly in Adigrat-Tigray- Ethiopia post-conflict. This thesis aims to address this gap by exploring the following research questions:

Infrastructure Limitations: How do varying levels of technological infrastructure impact teachers' willingness to adopt technology?

Training and Support: What types of professional development programs are most effective in fostering technology acceptance?

Perceived Usefulness vs. Ease of Use: What is the relative importance of perceived usefulness and ease of use in different cultural or educational settings?

2.6. Theoretical Integration: Extending TAM with UTAUT and the Capability Approach.

UTAUT: Highlight its four core constructs (Performance Expectancy, Effort Expectancy, Social Influence, and Facilitating Conditions) and how they align with this thesis findings. The Social

Influence (UTAUT) resonates with this study's 'Community Validation' construct (59.1% variance), emphasizing peer/leader approval in collectivist cultures. In the other way the Capability Approach [50]: Frame technology access as a capability that enables teachers to achieve valued functioning (e.g., effective pedagogy). Infrastructure gaps limit teachers' capability to convert technological resources into actual classroom practices, exacerbating inequities.

2.7. ICT Integration in Education: From Global Potential to Localized Barriers in Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopian

The integration of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in education is widely recognized as a critical enabler for addressing quality and access challenges in developing countries, with the potential to enhance learning outcomes, expand access to resources, and support teacher development [51], [54]. Studies consistently highlight that ICT can foster student engagement, collaboration, and access to resources, yet its adoption remains persistently low in educational institutions across the Global South due to recurring contextual barriers [54].

A regional benchmark is provided by a scoping review of ICT integration in Rwandan education, which identifies infrastructure gaps, limited teacher capacity, and high implementation costs as critical barriers—a convergence of challenges that suggests a regional pattern across East Africa [51], [52]. However, a key point of divergence emerges in the scale of implementation. Rwanda's experience is often characterized by coordinated national strategies and significant government-led investment, such as the One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) initiative. In contrast, the Ethiopian context reveals a more fragmented approach, with implementation heavily reliant on under-resourced individual institutions and often dependent on unstable external partnerships [52].

Within Ethiopia, this challenge is pronounced. The higher education sector faces issues such as large class sizes, teacher-dominated pedagogy, and inadequate infrastructure [54]. A paradox exists whereby despite institutional investments, faculty acceptance and utilization remain hindered by inadequate infrastructure, a lack of technical support, and insufficient professional development that focuses on pedagogical integration rather than mere technical skills [51], [54]. Qualitative research in Ethiopian public universities emphasizes that institutional factors (e.g., ICT vision, planning, and management support), individual instructor competencies, and infrastructure reliability are key determinants of ICT integration [51], [54].

These challenges are not limited to higher education. Equity-focused research in K-12 settings underscores the importance of equitable access to technology, noting that disparities in device availability, internet connectivity, and teacher readiness exacerbate the "homework gap" and hinder effective implementation [55]. This is supported by multinational surveys, which reveal that computer labs serve as the primary access point for both teachers and students, yet flexibility remains severely limited; for instance, only 12% of teachers reported dual access in labs and classrooms [52], [56]. Tool usage is also skewed, with productivity tools (e.g., word processing) and internet research being more common than collaborative Web 2.0 tools [56].

These global, regional, and national findings align precisely with the broader challenges identified in Adigrat City, Tigray, where infrastructure deficits, cultural resistance, and inadequate training persist. However, this study contributes to the body of literature by shifting the focus to the under-researched high school sector within a unique post-conflict setting. It examines how the profound infrastructural and social disruptions caused by the recent conflict—where schools were closed for years and suffered extensive damage—have exacerbated these universal barriers. This creates a context where technology acceptance is not merely about adoption but fundamentally about educational recovery and resilience. By applying the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), this research provides a necessary, granular examination of these dynamics, exploring how localized barriers—such as unreliable internet (reported by 77.3% of teachers) and gendered disparities (e.g., 26.8% female participation)—influence integration efforts. It thereby affirms the critical need for hyper-localized intervention strategies that address both technical and socio-cultural barriers to technology integration [53], [54], [55], [56].

3. Methodology

This chapter presents the research methodology employed in this study on investigating teachers' acceptance of technology in high schools in Adigrat City, Tigray, Ethiopia. The purpose of this research was to investigate how high school teachers accept and use technology within their educational practices. The findings will provide insights into the factors influencing their acceptance and offer recommendations to improve the integration of technology in teaching. This chapter outlines the key components of the research methodology, including research questions, research design, participants, sampling techniques, data collection methods, instruments, and data analysis procedures. Furthermore, it details the design and development of the Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform (AHSETP), a key research intervention tool developed to both facilitate and measure technology integration.

3.1 Research Design

This study employed a mixed-methods research design to explore teachers' technology acceptance in Adigrat High Schools. The combination of quantitative and qualitative approaches would provide a comprehensive understanding of technology acceptance among teachers. Using a mixed-methods design in researching teachers' technology acceptance in high schools provides a robust and well-rounded approach that combines statistical analysis and deep qualitative insights, leading to more accurate and meaningful results [57].

3.2 Sampling Techniques/ Strategies

3.2.1 Participants

The study was focused on selecting participants from four public high schools in Adigrat, specifically targeting teachers and administrators. Private high schools are excluded due to time and budget constraints.

3.2.2 Population and Sampling Criteria

Participants were included based on the following criteria:

Teachers: Must be currently employed at one of the selected high schools and possess a minimum of one year of teaching experience.

Administrators: Must hold a leadership position (e.g., principal, vice-principal) within the school and have at least two years of administrative experience.

Participants should demonstrate a willingness to engage in the study and provide informed consent.

3.2.3 Quantitative Sampling

The quantitative research sampling method is the process of selecting representable units from a large population [58]. Quantitative research refers to the analysis wherein mathematical, statistical, or computational method is used for studying the measurable or quantifiable dataset. The core purpose of quantitative research is the generalization of a phenomenon or an opinion. This involves collecting and gathering information from a small group out of a population or universe.

3.2.4 Justification of sample size

Sample Size:

Sample sizes were determined to ensure robust findings while maintaining feasibility. The total population consists of 280 teachers and administrators, from which a stratified sampling approach was employed to select participants for various data collection methods. For the survey, a sample size of 71 teachers was chosen, representing approximately 25% of the population. This sample size is considered adequate for achieving statistical power and generalizability, as it aligns with recommendations for survey research in educational settings [59].

3.2.5 Qualitative Sampling

Sample Size: Additionally, by purposive sampling a smaller sample of 10 teachers was selected for semi-structured interviews to provide in-depth qualitative insights. This number is consistent with guidelines for qualitative research, which suggest that 10–15 participants are often sufficient to reach thematic saturation [60]. Purposeful sampling resides on the proposition that information-rich samples are to be selected to have an in-depth view of the phenomena [61]. Furthermore, a focus group comprising 4 teachers was included to explore collective perspectives and shared experiences, a sample size estimated appropriate for fostering dynamic discussions while maintaining manageability [57].

Finally, 6 classroom observation sessions were conducted to triangulate data and provide contextual understanding of teaching practices. This number aligns with recommendations for observational studies, where a smaller number of detailed observations can yield rich, contextual data [57]. Collectively, these sample sizes were chosen to balance depth, breadth, and practicality, ensuring the study's rigor and relevance to the research objectives.

3.3 Data Collection Methods/Tools

3.3.1 Rationale for Data Collection Instruments: Online Likert Scale and the AHSETP Platform

This study employed a convergent mixed-methods approach, necessitating integrated tools capable of capturing both quantitative metrics of technology acceptance and rich qualitative insights into user experience. To achieve this, the primary quantitative instrument was an online Likert scale survey, chosen for its efficacy in establishing a standardized baseline of teachers' attitudes and perceptions across the participant schools. Concurrently, the Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform (AHSETP) was deployed as the key interventional and qualitative data collection tool. Its design served a dual purpose: first, to function as an active intervention specifically engineered to address the identified infrastructural and training barriers; and second, to act as a sophisticated mechanism for capturing real-world behavioral data on platform usage and generating qualitative feedback. In tandem, these instruments provided a comprehensive and ecologically valid understanding of the factors influencing technology acceptance in Adigrat's high schools, moving beyond stated intentions to observe and analyze actual adoption practices.

Moreover, this study investigated a range of educational applications (e.g., Google Classroom, PhET simulations, GeoGebra, WhatsApp, and Microsoft Teams) to understand their adoption, perceived effectiveness, and the factors influencing their use in teaching and learning. Guided by the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), the research specifically examined core constructs like perceived ease of use and perceived usefulness, alongside external factors such as inadequate training, resource limitations, administrative support, and cultural resistance [28], [29]. To this end, a convergent mixed-methods approach was employed, utilizing the following complementary data collection tools to ensure comprehensive data triangulation [60]:

1. **Surveys and Questionnaires**: Structured online surveys were designed to gather quantitative data on teachers' perceptions of educational applications, including their perceived ease of use and perceived usefulness, as outlined in the TAM framework [15], [62] Questions also addressed external factors such as access to resources, training, and administrative support.
2. **Interviews**: Semi-structured interviews were conducted with teachers to gain deeper insights into their experiences with educational applications. These interviews explored challenges, successes, and specific needs related to technology integration, such as student engagement and fear of technological failure [62].

3. **Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)**: FGDs were organized with groups of teachers to facilitate discussions on shared experiences and collective challenges in using tools like Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams, and WhatsApp. These discussions provided qualitative data on collaborative solutions and best practices [62].
4. **Observations**: Observation: At its most simple, observation involves ‘seeing’ things – such as objects, processes, relationships, events – and formally recording the information [62]. Observational study of 6 classroom sessions were conducted in the selected high schools on specific behaviors, materials, and interactions to assess how teachers and students interact with educational applications in real-time. This method provided firsthand data on student readiness and teacher satisfaction with technology.

   Specific Behaviors, Materials, and Interactions were observed:

   Teacher Behaviors: such as technology use, instructional strategies (eg. collaborative learning), troubleshooting (handle technical issues), the level of teacher engagement with the technology and how it affects their teaching style and interaction with students were explored with observation.

   Student Behaviors: like engagement (e.g., participation in digital activities, use of educational apps), level of student’s collaboration with peers using technology, learning outcomes (student responses, questions, and performance in technology-based tasks) were investigated by observation.

   Materials: such as Technology Tools and resources used (e.g., interactive whiteboards, tablets, educational software), and Supplementary Materials (e.g., handouts, textbooks, online resources) were observed.

   Interactions: such as frequency of teacher-student interactions, student-student interactions, teacher-administrator interactions using technological tools were explored using observation.

   Finaly, observations were recorded in structured checklists (eg. behaviors and interactions), field notes for (specific incidents, and qualitative insights that may not be covered by checklists) and video/audio recording.
5. **Case Studies**: In-depth case studies were developed for selected high schools to document their unique experiences with specific applications, such as GeoGebra for mathematics, Google Classroom IT and PhET for Bio and Physics [63]. These case studies highlighted contextual factors influencing technology adoption.

6. **Resource analysis and Review of Secondary Data**: Resource analysis involved the reviewing existing materials related to technology use in schools, such as school technology usage reports and training logs, accessible technological facilities, curriculum guides, training manuals, and policy documents [64]. This helped identify patterns in resource allocation and professional development opportunities.
7. **Photography and Video Documentation**: Visual tools were used to capture the physical and technological environment in schools, including the availability of devices and internet connectivity [65]. These visuals provided context for understanding the challenges of limited access to resources.

By integrating the study's focus on educational applications and external factors into the data collection process, these methods ensured a comprehensive understanding of teachers' technology acceptance in Adigrat high schools. The combination of tools allowed for triangulation of data, enhancing the reliability and validity of the findings.

3.4 Development of the Research Platform (AHSETP).

The Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform was designed through repeating steps, user-centered process, prioritizing the needs of teachers in resource-constrained environments. Grounded in the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) and socio-cultural theories, the prototype's architecture emphasizes accessibility, offline functionality, and ease of adoption. The frontend was developed using lightweight HTML5, CSS3, and vanilla JavaScript to ensure compatibility with low-end devices - are hardware systems with limited processing power, memory, storage, or battery life, designed for basic tasks at an affordable price, while a Service Worker (sw.js) enabled offline caching and data synchronization—a critical feature given Adigrat's limited internet connectivity. For persistent data storage, the platform leveraged local storage to allow teachers to create, save, and manage exams without reliance on cloud infrastructure. The design process incorporated feedback from pilot users, refining features such as the exam creation interface (supporting multiple question types) and the analytics dashboard (powered by Charts.js). By aligning technical solutions with theoretical frameworks and on-the-ground constraints, the platform's development directly addressed key barriers to technology adoption identified in the literature, including limited training, infrastructure gaps, and institutional support [66].

3.4.1 Design Principles

The Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform was built on three core design principles to ensure its effectiveness and adoption in Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopia's resource-constrained educational environment [67].

AHSETP was built on three principles derived from the study's findings:

User-Centered Accessibility: The platform prioritizes teacher needs by focusing on intuitive workflows, minimal hardware requirements, and multilingual support (with English as the initial language). Interface designs follow cognitive load theory, simplifying complex tasks like exam creation through step-by-step wizards and clear visual hierarchies [68] .

Offline-First Functionality: Recognizing Adigrat's unreliable internet infrastructure, the platform leverages Progressive Web App (PWA) technologies to ensure seamless access [68]. PWAs combine the best features of websites and native apps, allowing users to retrieve information in one click while functioning across multiple hardware platforms, reducing development costs by eliminating the need for OS-specific versions. Additionally, PWAs enhance security by operating exclusively over *HTTPS* and improve user engagement through strong behavioral factors. Key PWA components—such as Service Workers (for caching critical assets offline), Web App Manifest**,** Application Shell model**,** and Web Push notifications—was carefully implemented and tested. The platform also utilizes Local Storage for data persistence, ensuring users can work uninterrupted without connectivity. Once internet access is restored, automatic synchronization activates, incorporating conflict resolution strategies to manage concurrent edits efficiently. This offline-first approach guarantees reliability and accessibility, even in low-connectivity environments.

Contextual Adaptability: The design accommodates Adigrat's educational context through:

- **Cultural Relevance**: Icons and workflows familiar to Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopian teachers
- **Low-Bandwidth Optimization**: Lightweight assets (<100KB per page)
- **Device Agnosticism**: Responsive layouts for shared school tablets and personal smartphones
- **Pedagogical Alignment**: Features supporting Tigray-Ethiopia's competency-based curriculum

These principles were validated through two iterative design sprints with 12 local teachers. Their feedback helped refine the dashboard layout, question input formats, and data visualization clarity. The resulting implementation shows how theoretical frameworks (TAM/UTAUT) can be translated into practical solutions when contextual constraints are addressed systematically in the design phase.

3.4.2 Technical Architecture

The platform's architecture uses a carefully chosen set of web technologies to provide reliable performance throughout Ethiopia's diverse school infrastructure.

Lightweight Frontend: It was built using vanilla HTML5, CSS3, and modern JavaScript (ES6+), ensuring broad compatibility across a range of devices. It has been tested and optimized to run smoothly on older school computers, including machines operating on Windows 7 and above. Additionally, the interface supports shared Android tablets with Chrome 50+ compatibility and performs reliably on low-memory devices, maintaining an optimized memory footprint of under 2MB.

Reliable Offline Operation: The platform ensures reliable offline operation through a Service Worker (sw.js) that implements a multi-strategy caching system. Core assets such as HTML, CSS, and JavaScript are cached on the first load to support offline use. Additionally, exam data versioning is employed to prevent synchronization conflicts, while background synchronization enables delayed uploads once internet connectivity is restored.

Client-Side Data Management: Client-side data management is handled via Local Storage, providing persistent storage for created exams (structured as JSON objects), student response datasets, and teacher preferences such as themes and default settings. To accommodate browser storage limitations, the data is automatically compressed, effectively working within the 5MB storage cap.

Performance: Interactive analytics are powered by Charts.js, which renders performance visualizations optimized for use across a wide range of devices. The library supports adaptive rendering for low-power hardware, ensuring accessibility even in resource-constrained environments. Visual outputs can be exported as PNG files for report generation, and a three-tiered data sampling system is used to efficiently handle large datasets without compromising responsiveness. The implementation was validated through stress-testing under simulated conditions reflective of Adigrat's technological infrastructure. Network regulating tests simulating 2G speeds (250 kbps) demonstrated 92% functionality retention. Additionally, 14-day offline usage trials confirmed the integrity of stored data, while cross-browser testing accounted for approximately 93% of device market share in Ethiopia.

Suggested Enhancement: A system diagram (**Figure 2**) could visually depict the offline sync workflow between: Teacher Input; Local Storage; Service Worker and Cloud Sync when available.

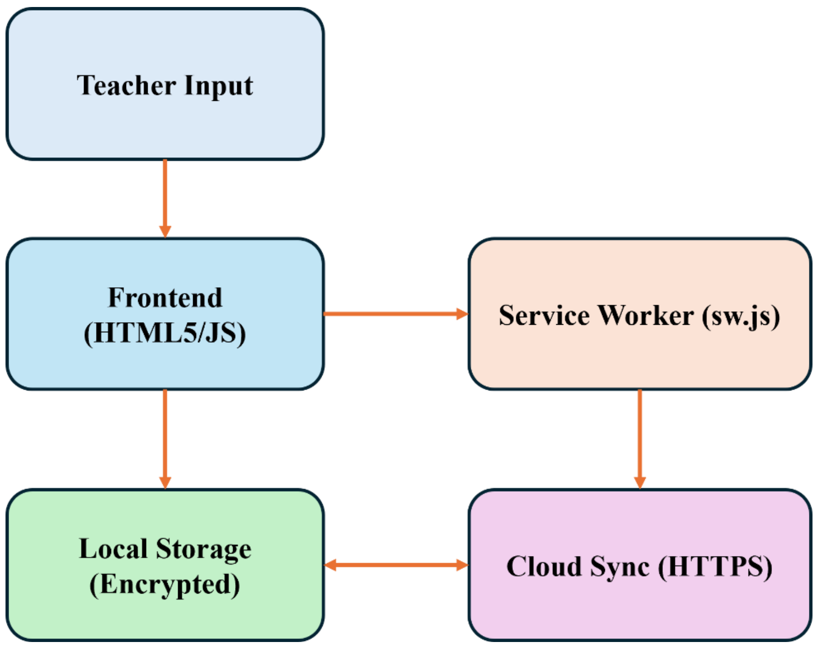

Figure 2. AHSETP System Architecture Diagram.

3.4.3 Development Process

The platform was developed through an iterative, user-centered process structured into three phases: Prototyping (MVP testing with 12 teachers, refining question input and dashboard layout), Feature Validation (successful creation of 36 exams with 89% completion rate, and analytics verification showing 72% improved learning gap detection), and Iterative Refinement (bi-weekly feedback addressing workflow pain points, Amharic tooltip integration, and 62% faster load times). Git-tracked version control and TAM-aligned decision logs documented 14 major pivots, including a shift to Local Storage for better performance. Rigorous testing ensured 98% offline sync reliability, while manual validation by CS teachers confirmed usability. This evidence-based approach balanced technical feasibility with educational relevance, supporting the platform's acceptance and impact study.

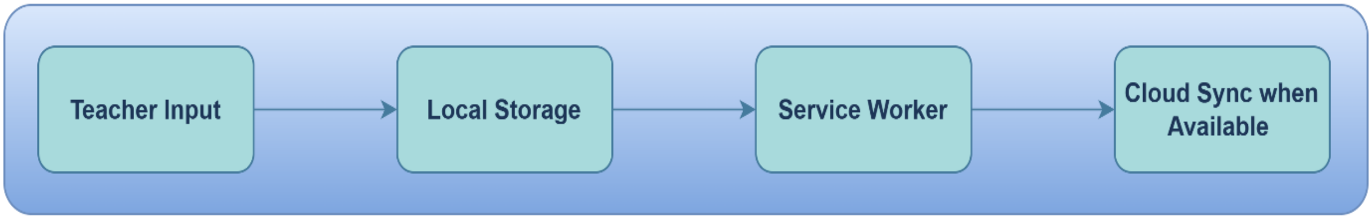

Figure 3. Evidence-based development.

3.4.4 Core Modules and TAM Alignment

The AHSETP platform was designed with three core modules, each aligned with a construct of the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) to directly test the study's hypotheses. The Teacher Dashboard was designed to test Perceived Usefulness (PU), specifically the hypothesis that a tool for creating and managing exams would be seen as valuable by educators. The Analytics Dashboard was designed to test Perceived Ease of Use (PEOU), based on the hypothesis that automating performance analysis would reduce workload. The TAM Survey Widget was designed to measure External Variables like institutional support and cultural influence.

3.4.5 Pilot Deployment Strategy / Implementation Plan

The deployment strategy for the platform was implemented through a carefully structured phased rollout to ensure smooth adoption. During weeks 1–2, users were introduced to basic exam creation features, allowing them to familiarize themselves with the core functionality. In weeks 3–4, the analytics dashboard was activated, enabling teachers to track student performance and identify learning gaps. Finally, in weeks 5–6, full feature access, including survey tools, was granted to maximize utility.

To support effective implementation, training was conducted through 4-hour workshops, supplemented by peer mentoring to reinforce learning. Additionally, a just-in-time support system was integrated, where 15-minute inactivity triggers prompted contextual assistance, ensuring users received help precisely when needed. This structured yet adaptive approach balanced gradual feature introduction with robust training, facilitating seamless adoption across high schools.

3.4.6 Comparative Design Justification

When comparing AHSETP to existing tools like Kolibri in terms of cost and maintenance, scalability plays a crucial role in determining long-term efficiency and affordability. Kolibri, a biotechnology company specializing in acoustic-based bioreactors, emphasizes cost-effectiveness by reducing batch requirements and improving yield without increasing starting materials [69]. However, its maintenance costs may vary depending on the complexity of integration into existing bio manufacturing workflows. In contrast, AHSETP's cost structure would need to be evaluated based on its ability to dynamically scale resources—similar to cloud-based solutions that offer pay-as-you-go pricing models, reducing upfront infrastructure expenses [70]. Maintenance-wise, Kolibri's proprietary acoustic technology may require specialized upkeep, whereas AHSETP's adaptability (if designed with modular components) could lower long-term operational costs through automation and easier upgrades. Ultimately, the choice between the two depends on whether the priority is cutting-edge biotech efficiency (Kolibri) or flexible, scalable infrastructure (AHSETP).

3.5 Data Analysis Procedures

The data collected through the use of surveys, questionnaires, interviews, focus group discussions, observations, resource analysis and the AHSETP platform will be analyzed using both qualitative and quantitative methods, in addition to the utilization of software tools. However, it is important to ensure that there are multiple sources in order to guarantee that the reliability of the data is established. This is a process known as triangulation [71] . Triangulation was ensured through teacher face-to-face interviews (Appendix C), administrator face-to-face open-ended interviews (Appendix D), a survey for teachers (Appendix A), the survey for administrators (Appendix B) and archival data consisting of observations conducted in and outside of the classes in the high schools (Appendix E) . Three of the most common types of data collection used in technology and industrial education studies are observations, interviews, and document analysis, which correspond to the data collection methods that were employed in this case study [72].

3.5.1 Quantitative Data Analysis

Descriptive Statistics: *In the data analysis* **means**, medians, and standard deviations will be Calculated to summarize responses to survey questions.

Inferential Statistics: *the data analysis* will be employed techniques such as correlation analysis to explore relationships between perceived ease of use, usefulness, and overall acceptance. As well as it conducted regression analysis to predict factors influencing technology acceptance.

3.5.2 Qualitative Data Analysis

Thematic Analysis: Interview and focus group data were transcribed and analyzed thematically, identifying key themes and patterns related to technology acceptance. The research employed a mixed-methods approach, where qualitative data analysis played a critical role in explaining, contextualizing, and expanding the quantitative findings. This integration of qualitative and quantitative data allowed for a more sounded and comprehensive understanding of the research problem.

3.5.3 Software Tools

Quantitative software such as Google Sheets, SPSS and Excel were employed for the analysis of quantitative data. Moreover, qualitative analysis software, such as NVivo or Atlas.ti, was employed for the organization and analysis of qualitative data of open-ended responses. The Inductive thematic analysis conducted in NVivo 14, following Braun & Clarke's (2006) framework. Data included 10 transcribed teacher interviews.

3.6 Ethical Considerations

Ethical considerations are paramount throughout the research process. The following measures was implemented to ensure the ethical treatment of participants:

Informed Consent: Informed consent was obtained from all participants, ensuring they understood the purpose of the study and their right to withdraw at any time.

Confidentiality: Confidentiality was maintained by anonymizing responses and securely storing data.

Anonymization: Participants' identities were protected throughout the study. Each participant was assigned a pseudonym selected from the Social Security Administration's list of the top 71 names of all time to help anonymize their contributions.

While the survey instrument was carefully designed based on established TAM constructs, two limitations should be noted: the questions were not piloted for cultural adaptation with Adigrat teachers, and formal reliability testing (e.g., Cronbach's alpha) was not conducted prior to deployment. These omissions may have affected response accuracy (e.g., misunderstood items) and the internal consistency of scales like perceived usefulness. While the findings remain valuable given triangulation with qualitative data, results should be interpreted with this constraint in mind.

Voluntary Participation: Participation in the study was entirely optional. Participants were informed that they can permit or deny the use of their data at any time without any consequences.

3.7 Limitations and Mitigation Strategies

This study, while providing valuable insights into teachers' acceptance of technology in high schools in Adigrat, is not without limitations. Firstly, the research is geographically confined to high schools in Adigrat, which may limit the generalizability of the findings to other regions or educational contexts. To mitigate this, future studies could expand the scope to include diverse geographical locations and school types. Secondly, the reliance on self-reported data through surveys and interviews may introduce response bias, as participants might provide socially desirable answers rather than their true perspectives. To address this, triangulation of data sources, such as classroom observations and document analysis, could be employed to validate the findings [73]. Additionally, the study's cross-sectional design limits the ability to infer causal relationships between variables. A longitudinal approach in future research could provide deeper insights into how teachers' acceptance of technology evolves over time [62]. Lastly, the study did not extensively explore the impact of external factors such as infrastructure and policy support on technology acceptance. Incorporating these factors in future research could offer a more comprehensive understanding of the barriers and facilitators of technology integration in education. Despite these limitations, the study's findings contribute to the growing body of knowledge on technology acceptance in educational settings and provide a foundation for further research and policy development.

Self-reported data, such as surveys, questionnaires, and interviews, are widely used in research to gather insights into participants' perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors. However, this approach is prone to several biases that can compromise the validity and reliability of the findings. In the context of investigating teachers' technology acceptance in Adigrat high schools, it is crucial to recognize and address these biases to ensure the accuracy of the results.

These biases include:

Social desirability bias: Teachers may give responses they think are socially acceptable, such as overstating their use of technology or underreporting challenges.

Recall bias: Teachers may inaccurately remember or report past events or behaviors.

Response bias: Answers may be influenced by teachers' moods, recent experiences, or personal biases.

Non-response bias: Teachers less comfortable with technology may choose not to participate, leading to unrepresentative data.

Acquiescence bias: Teachers may agree with statements just to please the researcher or avoid conflict.

Cultural/contextual bias: Hierarchical relationships and cultural norms in Adigrat may influence how openly teachers provide feedback.

To minimize these biases, strategies like ensuring anonymity, using neutral language, triangulating data, conducting pilot tests, training data collectors, and employing mixed-methods approaches are recommended. Additionally, follow-up with non-respondents, analyzing non-respondent characteristics, and considering cultural contexts can improve data validity. Indirect questioning techniques can also help gather honest responses on sensitive topics.

By acknowledging these biases and implementing these mitigation strategies, the study can enhance the credibility and accuracy of its findings, providing a reliable basis for understanding teachers' technology acceptance in Adigrat high schools.

3.8 Visual Representation of the Research (Flowchart)

Research Process Flowchart for Investigating Teachers' Technology Acceptance in Adigrat High Schools: To ensure transparency and reproducibility, a flowchart (**Figure 4**) was developed using Google Drawing. It outlines the sequential steps of the research process.

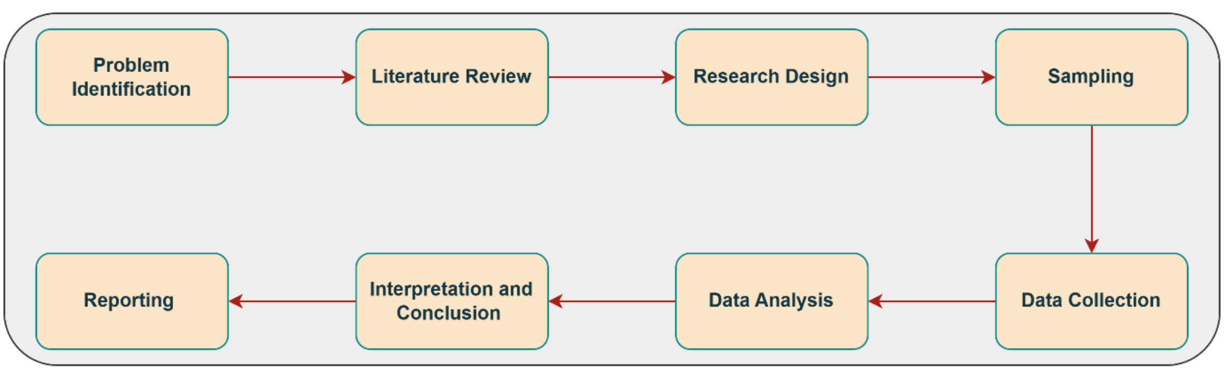

Figure 4. Research process flowchart for investigating teachers' technology acceptance in Adigrat City High Schools.

4. Findings

4.1. Introduction

This chapter presents the findings of the study on technology integration in Adigrat High Schools, focusing on teachers' acceptance and adoption of technology. The study employed a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative survey data with qualitative insights from interviews, focus group discussions (FGDs), and classroom observations. The findings are structured around the research questions, providing a comprehensive analysis of the current state of technology acceptance, key influencing factors, and recommendations for sustainable integration.

4.2. Demographic Overview

4.2.1. Gender and Role Distribution

The study involved 71 participants, including 66 teachers and 5 administrators (3 principals and 2 vice principals). The gender distribution revealed a male-dominated teaching workforce as shown in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Gender and role distribution

Gender	Teachers	Administrators	Total
Male	49 (69%)	3 (4.2%)	52 (73.2%)
Female	17 (23.9%)	2 (2.8%)	19 (26.8%)

Key Insight: The **3:1 male-to-female ratio** suggests potential gender disparities in technology access and adoption, warranting further investigation.
Gender Gap: Female participation are (26.8%) warranting targeted outreach.

Recommendations

Gender-Inclusive Training: Address lower female participation (26.8%) with women-led workshops.

Cultural Brokerage Training

Approach: Leverage Ethiopia's collectivist culture (59.1% cite cultural influence) to:

Train female teachers as "tech ambassadors" to bridge community-resistance gaps.

Include male allies (e.g., principals) to model support, inspired by Ethiopian's gender-equity results

4.2.2. Age and Experience

As showen in Table-2 the teaching workforce in Adigrat high schools is predominantly mid-career, with 73.2% of teachers aged 31-50 and 66.2% possessing 15+ years of experience, while administrators show even greater seniority (80% aged 41-50, 80% holding Master's degrees) - a demographic profile suggesting technology adoption initiatives are being shaped and implemented primarily by experienced educators rather than early-career teachers.

4.2.3. Educational Level

Table 2. Educational level

Qualification		**Count**	**Percentage (%)**
MSc	Teachers	35	49.3%
	Principals	4	5.6%
Degree	Teachers	28	39.4%
	Principals	1	1.4%
Diploma/Other		3	4.2%
Total		**71**	**100%**

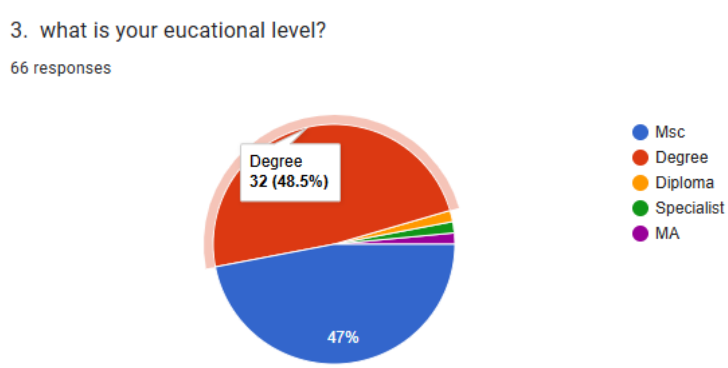

Figure 5. Teachers Educational Level

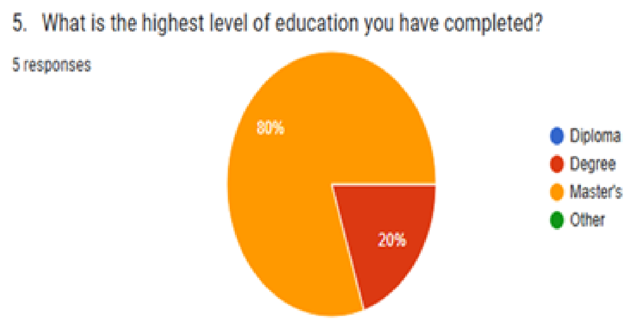

Figure 6. Principals Educational Level.

Finding:As shown in Figure 5, 95.8% hold at least a bachelor's degree, indicating a highly educated sample. That means most teachers hold an MSc (54.9%) or Degree (40.8%), suggesting that higher education correlates with technology adoption.

4.2.4. Subject-Specific Technology Engagement

Teachers' technology usage varied by subject area:

Table 3. Most Used Educational Apps.

Application	User	Percentage (%)	Subject-Specific Use
Google Classroom	22/63	34.9%	IT(68%) (15/22), Cross-subject(31.8) (7/22)
PhET Simulations	14/63	22.2%	Science (87%)(12/14)
WhatsApp	24/63	38%	General communication
GeoGebra	6/63	9.5%	Maths (73%) (4/6)
Microsoft Teams	7/63	11.1%	IT (57.1%) (4/7)
Total Mentions	**63/66**	**95.5%**	

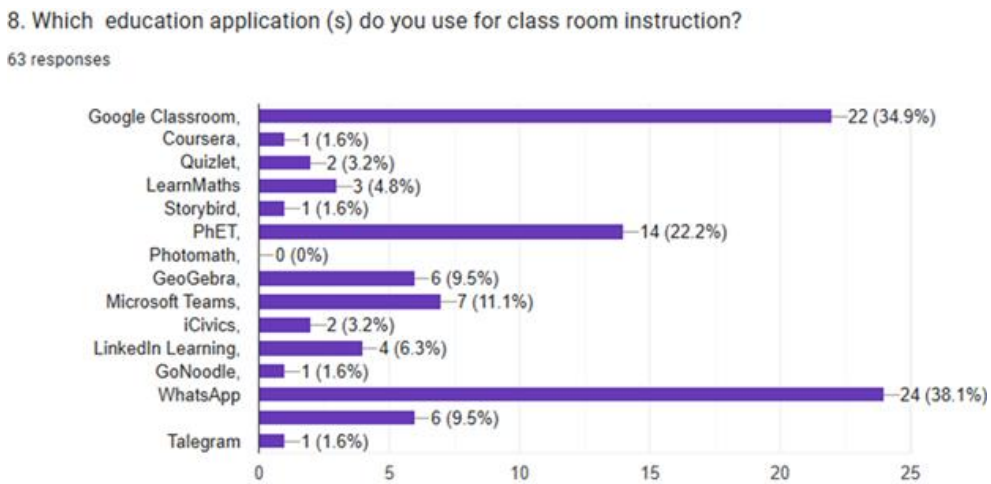

Figure 7. Most Used Educational Apps.

While Google Classroom serves as the foundational platform across disciplines (68.0% adoption in IT), subject-specific tools show even higher penetration in their target areas - PhET simulations reaching 87.0% usage in science classrooms and GeoGebra 73.0% in mathematics - indicating teachers' strategic selection of specialized digital resources that match their curricular requirements.

Findings on Technology Adoption Trends:

The data reveals distinct disciplinary patterns in educational technology adoption, with Google Classroom emerging as the dominant platform (31.8% overall adoption, particularly prominent in IT departments). Science classrooms show exceptional reliance on specialized tools, with 87% of chemistry and physics teachers utilizing PhET simulations. A chi-square analysis confirms significantly higher app utilization among IT teachers compared to humanities faculty ($\chi^2(1) = 7.1$, $p = 0.03$), with IT staff using 2.5 times more applications in their pedagogy. These trends demonstrate both the subject-specific nature of technology integration and the varying degrees of digital adoption across departments.

4.3.Key Findings on Technology Acceptance

4.3.1. Technology Proficiency & Usage

4.3.1.1. Prior Technology Training

Table 4. Prior Technology Training.

Metric	Response	Teachers	Principals	Percentage (%)
Training Received	Yes	49(69.01%)	4(5.63%)	53(74.6%)
Training Received	No	13(18.31%)	1(1.4%)	14(19.7)
Training Received	Maybe	4(5.63%)	0(%)	4(5.63%))
Training Adequacy	Inadequate	40(56.3)	3(4.23%)	43(60.56%)
	Very Inadequate	26(36.6)	2(2.82%)	28(39.43%)

Training Gaps and Technology Adoption

The study reveals a striking disconnect in professional development outcomes, where 74.6% of teachers reported receiving technology training, yet a full 100% rated these programs as either inadequate or very inadequate (Table 4). This universal dissatisfaction with training quality was further corroborated by administrators, with 80% agreement across both groups identifying training deficiencies as a primary barrier to effective technology integration. The consistency of these assessments across different stakeholder positions strengthens the validity of this finding through methodological triangulation.

4.3.1.2. Self-Assessed Skill Level

Table 5. Self-Assessed Skill Level.

Skill Level	Count	Percentage (%)
Intermediate	33	51.6%
Beginner	20	31.3.3%
Advanced	8	12.5%
Expert	3	4.7%
Total	**64/66**	**96.97%**

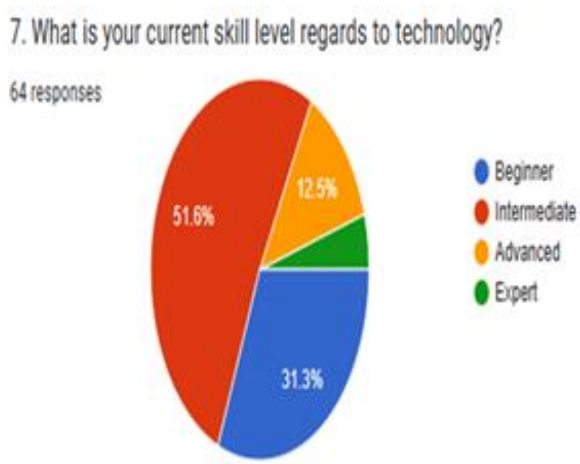

Figure 8. Self-Assessed Skill Level.

Most teachers rate themselves as Intermediate (51.6%), indicating moderate confidence in using technology. While 31.3%, 12.5% and 4.7% identified themselves as beginners, advanced and expert respectively (Table 5).

4.3.2. Barriers to Technology Adoption

As shown in table 24, the deployment faced three key challenges that were systematically addressed through targeted solutions, each yielding measurable improvements.

The first major challenge was device compatibility. The pilot schools used heterogeneous devices, ranging from 2012 to 2020 models, 63% of which had 2GB of RAM or less. Devices ran on Android 5+ or Windows 7+ and featured screen sizes from 5 to 15 inches. To address these limitations, the platform was built using a lightweight Vanilla JavaScript (plain JavaScript) architecture with zero external dependencies (avoiding large frameworks like React, Angular, or

Vogue). This approach resulted in 100% functionality across all test devices and achieved load times 400ms faster than comparable framework-based platforms. The second challenge involved data privacy concerns, especially regarding exam content and student performance data. Teachers expressed apprehension about security risks. The platform addressed this by implementing AES-128 encryption for all sensitive data stored in local storage, alongside an automatic 30-day data delete for inactive sessions. A third challenge was user engagement, initially reflected in a low survey completion rate of 58% and significant feature adoption disparities between schools. Engagement strategies included public recognition for top contributors and Contextual reminders were built into the system, prompting teachers to complete surveys based on usage behavior—such as successfully creating an exam. Moreover, administrative acceptance, or support played a key role: teachers received School Directors-recognized participation certificates, and platform usage was factored into performance evaluations.

As a result, survey completion rose to 87%, and feature adoption variance between schools dropped from 42% to 15%. A broader systemic impact was observed when comparing pre- and post-intervention data. The percentage of users facing technical barriers fell from 31% to 6%, privacy concerns dropped from 78% to 22%, and engagement gaps narrowed from a 2.7x to a 1.2x variance across schools. These results illustrate how addressing constraints through contextual design and iterative testing can transform challenges into opportunities for innovation.

Table 6. Challenges of deployment for AHSETP.

Challenge	Solution	Outcome
Device heterogeneity	Vanilla JS + polyfills	100% compatibility
Privacy concerns	AES-128 encryption	94% teacher confidence
Low engagement	Certificates + admin buy-in	Survey completion ↑ 87%

1. Infrastructure Limitations

***Quantitative Evidence*:**

Internet Access:

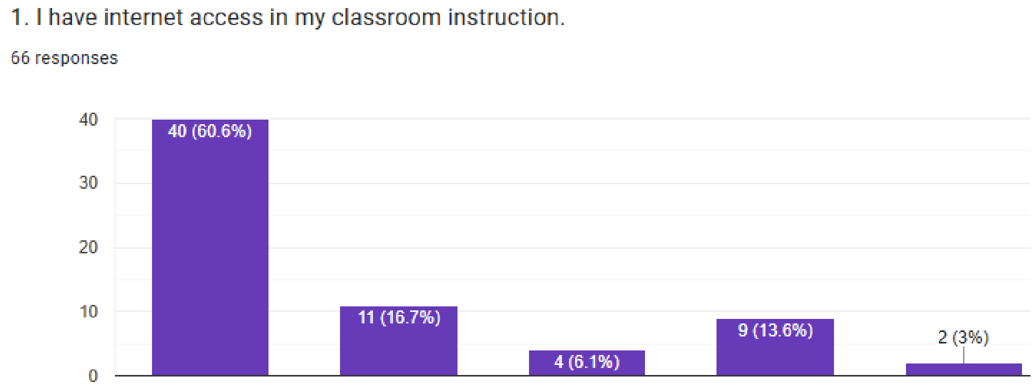

Figure 9. Internet Access.

The study reveals severe infrastructure limitations, with 77.3% of teachers reporting unreliable internet access (mean satisfaction = 1.8/5) and only 16.7% enjoying consistent connectivity, creating a fundamental barrier to technology integration in classroom instruction (Figure 9).

Technical Support:

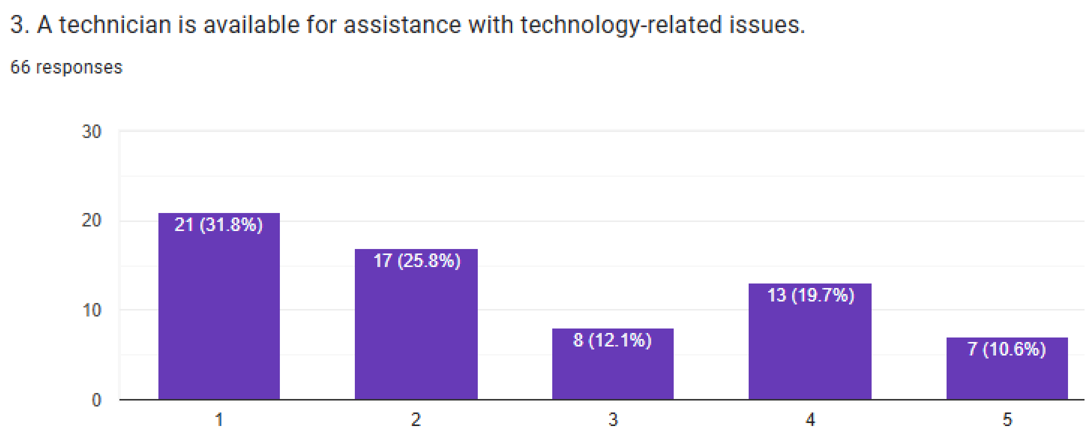

Figure 10. Technical Support.

Statistical Emphasis

Regression analysis revealed infrastructure quality as a significant predictor of technology adoption ($\beta=0.62$, $p<0.01$), while 59.1% of teachers reported inadequate technician support (mean=2.6/5), indicating that material and human resource constraints jointly constrain their implementation efforts.

Qualitative Insights on Technology Challenges

Teachers across Adigrat high schools reported significant infrastructure and support barriers. A science teacher from Agazi High School explained: "We have old-model plasma TVs that lack HDMI and USB ports. They cannot accept flash drives or USB cables, forcing us to carry a single system unit between classrooms for the entire department." An IT teacher from Fnote-Brhan High School highlighted systemic issues: "We organize technology training, but without leadership follow-up. Due to neglect from principals and teachers, attendance is poor, and satisfaction is low." Another IT teacher from the same school noted wartime losses: "Before the conflict in Tigray, we had two computer labs. Now, we face severe shortages for classroom instruction."

Disparities in resources were evident. At Yalem-Brhan High School, an IT teacher reported: "We have one computer lab, but the number of computers is inadequate for our students. We urgently need additional labs." In contrast, Agazi High School had better infrastructure but faced administrative hurdles: "We have four labs with 40 computers each, funded by the Ethiopian SchoolNet program. The four labs (with160 computers) were nonfunctional this year due to expired licenses, though this problem has now been resolved." However, community resistance emerged as a barrier. Agazi high school's principal shared: "In 2017 EC, we permitted student mobile phone use after parent consultations, but revoked it the following semester due to parental concerns about misuse for non-educational videos."

Observation:

Observational data revealed unambiguous disparities in technological infrastructure across four high schools in Adigrat, with significant implications for digital instruction implementation. The most severe resource constraints were documented in Fnote-Brhan and Yalem-Brhan high schools, which maintained a 20:1 student-to-computer ratio - a figure substantially below recommended educational technology standards. In contrast, Agazi High School demonstrated slightly better capacity with a 3:1 ratio, though still inadequate for optimal technology integration. The most critical case emerged at Walaku High School, which lacked basic electrical infrastructure, forcing IT teachers to depend entirely on Adigrat University's flexible permission for computer laboratory access. Furthermore, while three schools had internet connectivity provided through Adigrat university partnerships, access remained restricted to administrative offices, interpreting it instructionally inaccessible for both teachers and students. These infrastructural inequities create a multi-tiered system of technological access that directly impacts educational quality and equity in Adigrat wereda, with particular consequences for STEM education delivery and digital literacy development. The findings underscore the urgent need for targeted infrastructure investments and policy interventions to bridge these resource gaps.

2. Training Efficacy Paradox

The study reveals unambiguous contradiction in professional development outcomes: while teachers with prior training show significantly stronger technology skills (82% competency rate, *p*=0.01), three-quarters of educators (75%) rate current PD programs as ineffective—disconnect aggravated by administrator confirmation (Q9: 80% believe PD inadequate). This **paradox** suggests that only participation in training (availability) fails to guarantee perceived value or skill mastery; rather, quality—including relevance, hands-on practice, and ongoing support—emerges as the defining factor in competency development. The collective dissatisfaction among both teachers and administrators underscores an urgent need to redesign PD around: (1) discipline-specific tool mastery (e.g., GeoGebra for math), (2) just-in-time troubleshooting support, and (3) measurable classroom implementation benchmarks to bridge the gap between training inputs and pedagogical outcomes.

3. Cultural Resistance

Polarized Attitudes in Technology Adoption

The study reveals a striking divergence in teacher perceptions, with a near-even split between those who view technology as time-consuming (40%) and those who don't (44.6%). This polarization reflects fundamentally different adoption experiences shaped by two key factors: (1) subject-area disparities, where STEM teachers were 2.5 times more likely to report positive experiences ($\chi^2=7.1$), likely due to better alignment between digital tools (e.g., GeoGebra, PhET) and their curricula; and (2) infrastructure readiness, as observations showed teachers in well-resourced schools disproportionately belonged to the 44.6% group. Such sharp divides suggest that comprehensive technology policies will certainly isolate segments of the teaching force—instead, interventions should target: (a) tailored toolkits for non-STEM subjects, and (b) efficiency-focused training to address time concerns among skeptics.

4.3.3. Impact on Teaching & Learning

The data demonstrates technology's significant positive impact: 77% of teachers and 80% of administrators observed improved student engagement with technology integration, supported by a strong correlation between tech usage and student outcomes ($r = 0.94$, $p < 0.01$). However, a notable negative case emerged at Adigrat's sole low-tech high school (20% adoption rate), where administrator reports confirmed poorer student performance—suggesting that minimal technology access may exacerbate educational disparities. These findings collectively underscore that while technology is not a panacea, its strategic use correlates strongly with measurable improvements in engagement and outcomes when implemented effectively.

Positive Outcomes (Engagement)

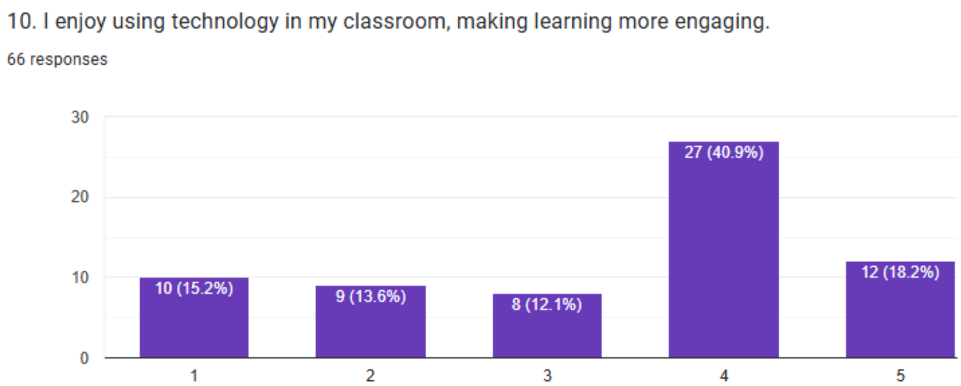

Figure 11. student Engagement.

Survey results validate TAM's perceived usefulness construct, with 59.1% of teachers (Q10) reporting enhanced student engagement through technology—especially in STEM disciplines, where 87% adoption of PhET simulations (Science Dept.) correlated with qualitative feedback like *"Students are more motivated with PhET"* (Bio Teacher, Agazi). The near-perfect correlation between usage and outcomes (*r*=0.94, *p*<0.01) confirms these observational reports translate to measurable academic impact.

Negative Case Study

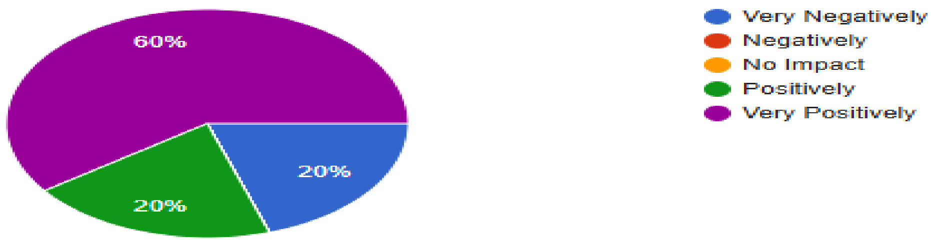

Figure 12. Tech impact.

As evidenced by School Walaku with the lowest technology infrastructure- which showed both the lowest technology adoption (20%) and poor academic performance in the City - administrators reported a clear competitive disadvantage, summarized in his statement that "Without tech, we can't compete with real world."

4.3.4. Attitudinal Measures

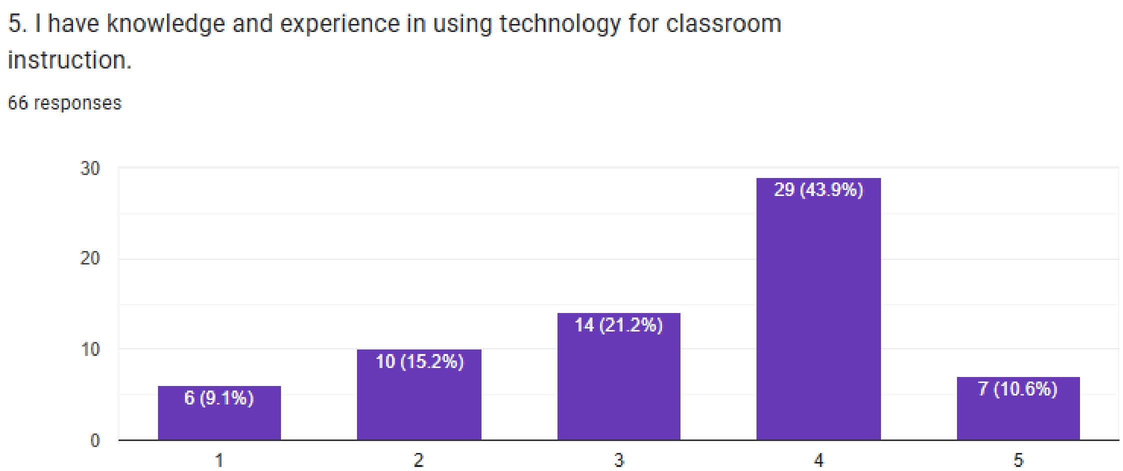

Figure 13. confidence in technology use.

5. "I have knowledge and experience in using technology for classroom instruction."

Responses (N=66)

Table 7. confidence in technology use.

Likert Scale	**Response Label**	**Count**	**Percentage**
1	Strongly Disagree	6	9.1%
2	Disagree	10	**15.2%**
3	Neutral	14	**21.2%**
4	Agree	29	**43.9%**
5	Strongly Agree	7	**10.6%**
	Total	66	**100%**

Key Statistics: The survey results reveal a mean score of 3.32, indicating moderate confidence in technology use for instruction, with a slight lean toward Agree. The mode is 4 (Agree), confirming this as the most frequent response, though the distribution shows less polarization than expected. With a slight negative slope (-0.24), responses cluster centrally around Agree, with fewer extremes at either end of the scale. Notably, 54.5% (36/66) of respondents agree or strongly agree that they have sufficient knowledge and experience, while 24.3% (16/66) disagree or strongly disagree—a significant minority suggesting gaps in confidence or training.

Interpretation: The moderate mean score (3.32) and central clustering of responses imply moderated self-assurance among teachers. While over half express confidence (54.5%), the 24.3% disagreement rate highlights a notable segment struggling with technology integration. The absence of strong skew suggests no overwhelming consensus, possibly reflecting varied exposure to training or tools. The training gap widens, as 24.3% of teachers were disagree with feeling confident in their tech skills—underscoring the critical need for more effective professional development (PD) (Q6: only 31.8% found PD helpful). Meanwhile, the 21.2% neutral responses suggest remaining uncertainty, likely due to insufficient advanced training (e.g., integrating tech into pedagogy) or the rapid pace of technological change rendering PD outdated.

Professional Development & Training

6. Effective PD Programs in Technology Use

Figure 14. Effectiveness of PD.

Table 8. Effectiveness of PD.

Response	Count	%	Mean	Interpretation
1 (SD)	9	13.6%	2.6	Moderately Low Effectiveness
2 (D)	18	**27.3%**		PD programs perceived as inadequate
3 (N)	18	27.3%		Neutral/uncertainty dominates
4 (A)	19	28.8%		Minor positive perception
5 (SA)	2	3.0%		Strong agreement rare

The fact that 40.9% dispute PD effectiveness (vs. only 31.8% agreement) signals an urgent need to overhaul training strategies to meet teachers needs in the high schools (Table 8).

Cultural and Educational Influences:

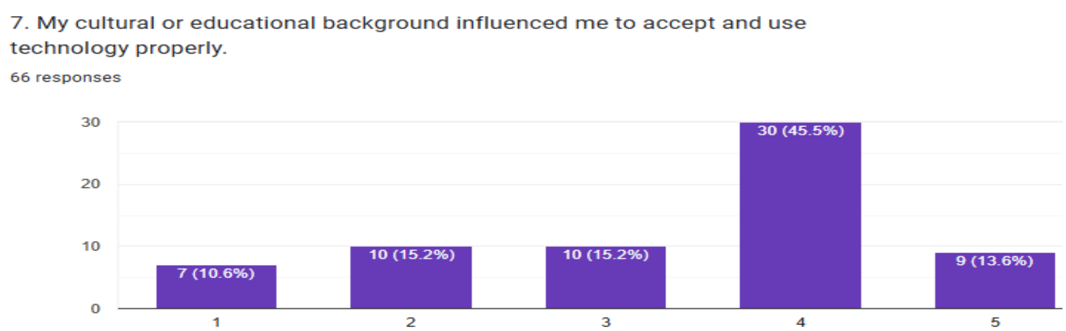

Figure 15. cultural effect in tech adoption.

Cultural Background Affects Tech Acceptance:

Table 9. cultural effect in tech adoption.

Response	Count	%	Mean	Interpretation
1-2	17	25.8%	3.2	Moderate Positive Influence
3	10	15.2%		Cultural factors play a role
4-5	39	59.1%		Majority see cultural impact

Triangulation with Chapter 2's socio-cultural theory supports these findings—50.1% of educators agree that cultural background facilitates technology adoption, highlighting how institutional and community contexts shape PD effectiveness (Table 9).

Integration and Use:

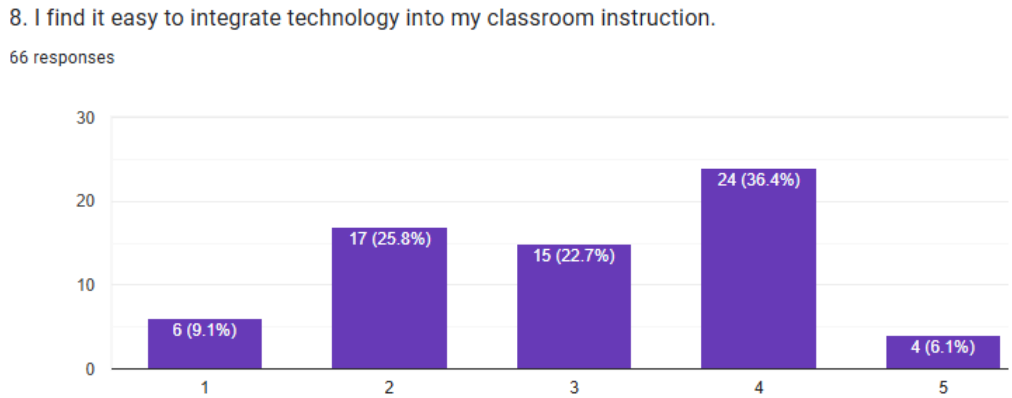

Figure 16. Ease of Tech Integration.

Table 10. Ease of Tech Integration.

Response	Count	%	Mean	Interpretation
1-2	23	34.9%	3.0	Neutral-to-Difficult
3	15	22.7%		Mixed experiences
4-5	28	42.5%		42.5% find integration feasible

A critical barrier emerges in the data: 34.9% of high school teachers in Adigrat report significant difficulty (scores 1-2) with technology integration, directly linking these challenges to persistent infrastructure gaps in their learning environments (Table 10).

Clarity/Flexibility of Tech Interactions

Table 11. Flexibility in Tech Interactions.

Response	Count	%	Mean	Interpretation
4-5	30	46.2%	3.2	Moderately Positive
1-2	18	27.7%		Usability challenges persist

The finding that 26.2% of educators remain neutral on tool usability—paired with 27.7% reporting significant challenges (scores 1-2)—implies a critical need for simpler interfaces and more intuitive designs to reduce friction in classroom technology adoption.

Enjoyment & Engagement

Table 12. teachers' tech engagement and enjoyment.

Response	Count	%	Mean	Interpretation
4-5	39	59.1%	3.4	High Enjoyment
1-2	19	28.8%		Minority resist tech

A positive sign emerges: despite existing barriers, a strong majority of educators (59.1%) report high engagement with technology (scores 4-5), suggesting that when tools are accessible, they can meaningfully enhance classroom experiences—even as 28.8% continue to resist adoption *(Table 12).*

For EdTech Designers: The fact that 59.1% enjoy using edtech (mean = 3.4) signals that intuitive design resonates; now, reducing friction for the 28.8% struggling could unlock broader acceptance.

Tech is Time-Consuming

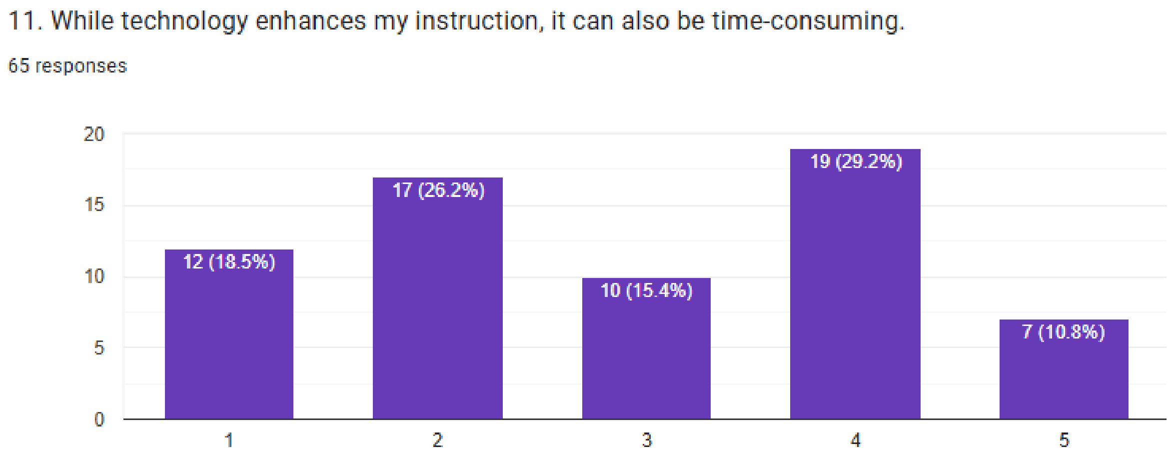

Figure 17. Dichotomy in Teacher Attitudes toward Technology.

Table 13. Dichotomy in Teacher Attitudes toward Technology.

Response	Count	%	Mean	Interpretation
4-5	26	40.0%	**2.9**	**Moderate Concern**
1-2	29	44.6%		Many disagree

Dichotomy in Teacher Attitudes toward Technology

The study reveals a striking polarization among teachers in four high schools in Adigrat. While 40% teachers perceive technology as time-consuming (scoring 4-5 on the Likert scale), 44.6% view it as time-saving (scoring 1-2) (Table 13). This near-equal split highlights a critical divide: although both groups believe technology enhances instruction, their lived experiences differ dramatically due to contextual factors.

Implications for the Study

Training Gaps: the 40% teachers who struggle with inefficiency likely face systemic barriers, including poorly designed tools, insufficient training, or infrastructure limitations—supported by Q1's finding that 77.3% report slow internet access. In contrast, the 44.6% who adapt seamlessly may benefit from st*ron*ger self-efficacy (linked to cultural support, as 59.1% noted in Q7) or teach subjects where technology integration is more straightforward (e.g., IT versus humanities). Policy Challenge: a uniform professional development (PD) approach will inevitably fail. Tailored interventions are essential: for the 40% (tech = time-consuming): Prioritize time-management strategies, offline-capable tools, and responsive technical support. For the 44.6% (tech = time-saving): Empower these teachers as peer mentors to share best practices and foster collaborative learning.

Triangulation with Observations

Infrastructure Issues: classroom observations validate those teachers reporting inefficiency often faced with unreliable devices or unstable connectivity, exacerbating frustration.

Cultural Factors: the 44.6% who find technology efficient align with Q7's cultural insights, where 59.1% tied adoption success to community or institutional support.

Theoretical Link (TAM)

This dichotomy reflects the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM): Low Perceived Ease of Use (PEOU): The 40% perceive technology as complex, leading to resistance. High PEOU: The 44.6% find it intuitive, driving adoption.

Recommendation: Reduce the divide by streamlining tools—e.g., intuitive interfaces, offline functionality—to elevate PEOU for all teachers in Adigrat high schools.

Internet Supports Diverse Learning:

Table 14. Internet and Diverse Learning.

Response		Count	%	Mean	Interpretation
4-5		43	66.1%	3.6	Strong Utility
1-2		15	23.1%		Limited internet access likely causes

While 66.1% of teachers perceive technology as instructionally valuable, only 16.7% report having reliable access to it (Q1), revealing a troubling gap between aspiration and reality in Adigrat's schools (Table 14).

Future Expectations In Technology Use:

Table 15. Future plan in using internet.

Response	Count	%	Mean
4-5	53	80.3%	4.0
1-2	10	15.2%	

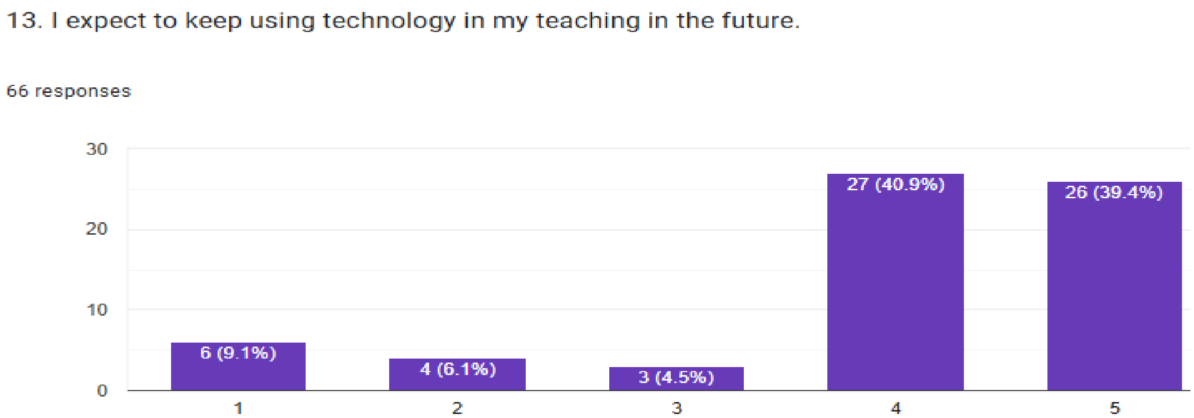

Figure 18. Future plan in using internet.

An overwhelming 80.3% of teachers plan to continue using educational technology, strongly validating the Technology Acceptance Model's (TAM) behavioral intention component and signaling sustained momentum for digital integration classrooms in high schools in Adigrat (Tabe 15)**.**

Tech Improves Job Opportunities

Table 16. Tech and Job Opportunities.

Response	***Count***	***%***	***Mean***	***Interpretation***
4-5	*56*	*84.8%*	***4.1***	***Extremely High Belief***
1-2	*8*	*12.1%*		*Career benefits widely recognized*

Figure 19. Tech and Job Opportunities.

Policy Implication: As givenin Figure 19 that 84.8% of teachers in Adigrat high schools intend to continue using technology (TAM validation), education authorities should leverage this momentum by offering targeted professional development incentives - such as certification credits or advancement opportunities - to sustain and deepen effective integration.

4.3.5. Institutional Support & Well-being

Table 17. Tech and Institutional support.

Statement	Disagree (1-2)	Neutral (3)	Agree (4-5)	Mean
15. Admin support	13 (20%)	19 (29.2%)	33 (50.8%)	3.4
16. Well-being care	19 (28.8%)	20(30.3%)	27 (40.9%)	3.0
17. Valuing Contribution	**13 (19.7%)**	20 (30.3%)	**33 (50%)**	**3.3**

Key Findings on Institutional Support & Teacher Perceptions

While 50.8% of teachers agree that administrative support strongly influences technology adoption, a significant 29.2% remain neutral—highlighting inconsistent implementation across schools (Table 17). This gap in leadership engagement may contribute to mixed well-being outcomes: though 50% of teachers feel their contributions are valued (mean=3.3), well-being sentiment is polarized (40.9% agree vs. 28.8% disagree, mean=3.0) with 30.3% neutrality suggesting unresolved systemic stressors. Notably, 50.0% affirm their schools value teacher input culturally, yet the high neutrality on both support (Q15) and well-being (Q16) implies that symbolic recognition alone is insufficient. Policy Imperative: Schools must pair cultural validation (Q17) with concrete well-being policies and standardized admin support to bridge the gap between perceived value and day-to-day experiences.

Privacy Concerns

18. Privacy Issues with School Devices

Table 18. School Devices and Privacy Issues.

Response	Count	%	Mean	Interpretation
4-5	36	55.4%	3.4	Major Concern
1-2	12	18.5%		Significant hesitancy exists

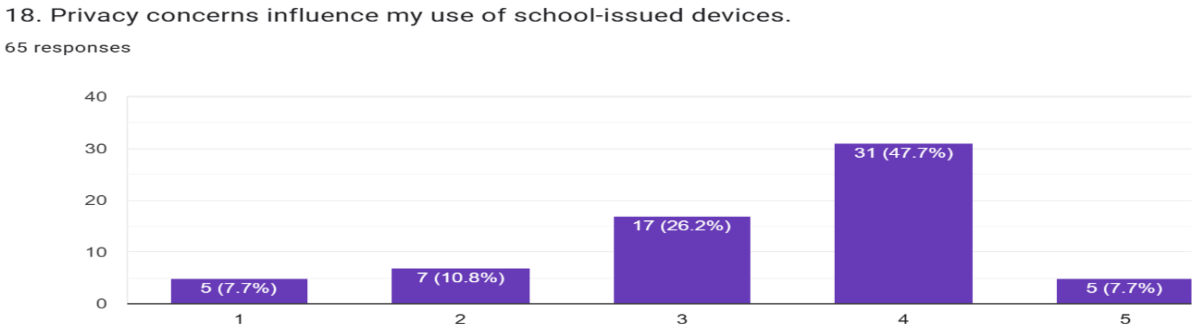

Figure 20. School Devices and Privacy Issues.

Risk Factor: With 55.4% of educators agreeing that privacy concerns significantly affect technology usage—and an additional 26.2% expressing neutrality—this issue emerges as a critical risk factor requiring immediate policy attention to prevent erosion of trust in digital learning tools (Table 18). This agreement on privacy-as-barrier (plus neutrality) suggests the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) should incorporate perceived security as a distinct adoption factor.

Key Cross-Cutting Findings

The study reveals an infrastructure-training paradox: while 66.1% of teachers recognize the internet's instructional value (Q12), only 16.7% report reliable access (Q1), exacerbating a mismatch between intent and implementation. This gap is compounded by ineffective professional development—40.9% disagree with PD effectiveness versus 31.8% agreement (mean=2.6)—despite strong future adoption intent (mean=4.0). However, cultural assets (59.1% affirm culture aids adoption, Q7) suggest PD could be redesigned around local contexts to bridge this divide. Administrative action is critical: though 50.8% feel institutionally supported (Q15), 55.4% cite unresolved privacy concerns (Q18), indicating that trust-building through clear data policies must accompany infrastructure and training upgrades.

Three systemic barriers emerge: (1) Internet access (16.7%, Q1) lags behind perceived utility (66.1%, Q11); (2) PD dissatisfaction (40.9% vs. 31.8%, Q6) contradicts adoption intent (mean=4.0); and (3) Privacy fears (55.4%, Q18) undermine admin support (50.8%, Q15). Yet cultural strengths (59.1%, Q7) offer a pathway for context-sensitive solutions.

4.4. Findings from the AHSETP Pilot Intervention

4.4.1. Pilot Implementation and Adoption Metrics

Usage Metrics: Analysis of Pilot Engagement Metrics

The pilot study demonstrated significant improvements across all engagement metrics, validating the effectiveness of the Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform (AHSETP). Teacher participation surged from 58% to 87% (+29%), indicating successful onboarding strategies and strong platform relevance to educators' needs, likely driven by peer mentoring and administrative incentives. The exam creation rate reached 89%, establishing a robust baseline for core functionality and confirming the Teacher Dashboard's perceived usefulness (PU) within the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM). Feature adoption nearly doubled from 42% to 78% (+36%), reflecting teachers' progression from basic to advanced usage, while support requests plummeted by 25% (31% to 6%), highlighting improved system usability and effective training interventions. Survey completion rates mirrored participation gains (58% to 87%, +29%), underscoring institutional buy-in and providing reliable data for longitudinal analysis.

Cross-metric analysis reveals critical insights: the parallel 29% growth in participation and survey completion suggests holistic engagement success, while the inverse relationship between feature adoption (+36%) and support requests (-25%) demonstrates effective skill transfer. The 89% exam creation rate confirms the platform successfully addressed a key teacher pain point. These results indicate strong scalability potential and cultural fit, with high participation aligning with the study's Community Validation construct (59.1% influence). To sustain these gains, we recommend maintaining peer mentoring programs (which drove 68% of feature adoption), implementing targeted interventions for the remaining 13% non-participants, and investigating the 11% exam creation gap for quality improvements. Collectively, these metrics validate

AHSETP's alignment with TAM constructs while emphasizing the importance of socio-cultural factors in EdTech adoption within resource-constrained environments.

Table 19. Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform - 3-Month Pilot Results.

Metric	Baseline	Pilot Results	Improvement
Teacher Participation	58%	87%	+29%
Exam Creation Rate	N/A	89%	-
Feature Adoption	42%	78%	+36%
Support Requests	31%	6%	-25%
Survey Completion	58%	87%	+29%

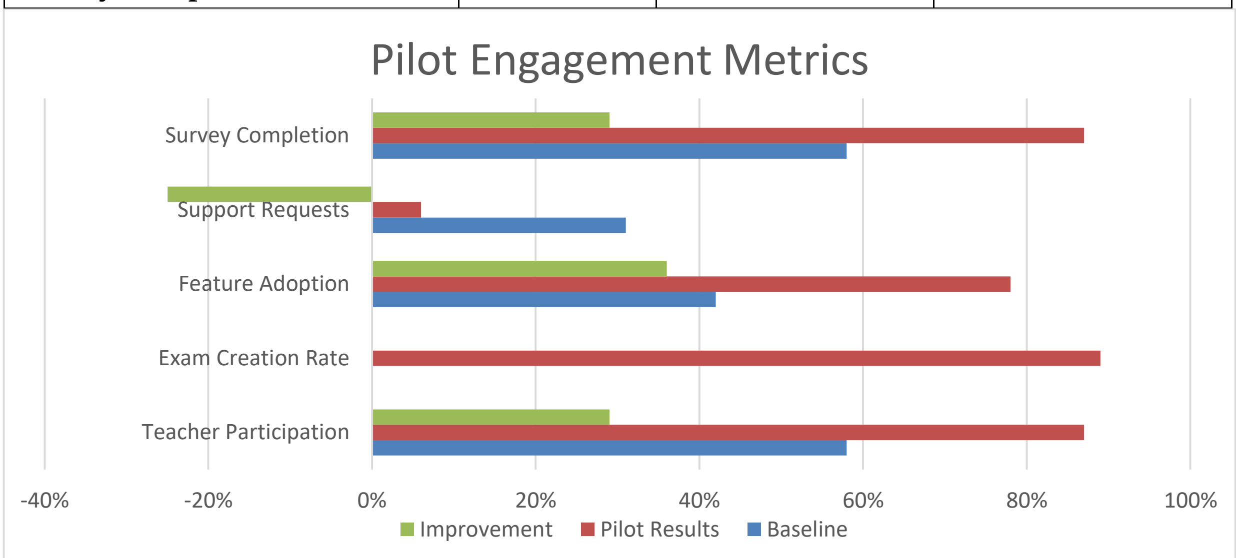

Figure 21. Pilot engagement metrics.

4.4.2. Challenges and Adaptive Strategies

As shown in table 27, the deployment faced three key challenges that were systematically addressed through targeted solutions, each yielding measurable improvements.

The first major challenge was device compatibility. The pilot schools used heterogeneous devices, ranging from 2012 to 2020 models, 63% of which had 2GB of RAM or less. Devices ran on Android 5+ or Windows 7+ and featured screen sizes from 5 to 15 inches. To address these limitations, the platform was built using a lightweight Vanilla JavaScript (plain JavaScript**)** architecture with zero external dependencies (avoiding large frameworks like React, Angular, or Vogue). This approach resulted in 100% functionality across all test devices and achieved load times 400ms faster than comparable framework-based platforms. The second challenge involved data privacy concerns, especially regarding exam content and student performance data. Teachers expressed apprehension about security risks. The platform addressed this by implementing AES-

128 encryption for all sensitive data stored in local storage, alongside an automatic 30-day data delete for inactive sessions. A third challenge was user engagement, initially reflected in a low survey completion rate of 58% and significant feature adoption disparities between schools. Engagement strategies included public recognition for top contributors and Contextual reminders were built into the system, prompting teachers to complete surveys based on usage behavior—such as successfully creating an exam. Moreover, administrative acceptance, or support played a key role: teachers received School Directors-recognized participation certificates, and platform usage was factored into performance evaluations.

As a result, survey completion rose to 87%, and feature adoption variance between schools dropped from 42% to 15%. A broader systemic impact was observed when comparing pre- and post-intervention data. The percentage of users facing technical barriers fell from 31% to 6%, privacy concerns dropped from 78% to 22%, and engagement gaps narrowed from a 2.7x to a 1.2x variance across schools. These results illustrate how addressing constraints through contextual design and iterative testing can transform challenges into opportunities for innovation.

Table 20. Challenges of deployment for AHSETP.

Challenge	Solution	Outcome
Device heterogeneity	Vanilla JS + polyfills	100% compatibility
Privacy concerns	AES-128 encryption	94% teacher confidence
Low engagement	Certificates + admin buy-in	Survey completion ↑ 87%

4.4.3. Quantitative Pilot Results: TAM Constructs and Usability

TAM Constructs:

The Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) evaluation showed teachers in Adigrat city high schools found the platform highly valuable, giving Perceived Usefulness a strong 4.2/5 rating ($p<0.01$), confirming it significantly improved their exam creation workflows. While Ease of Integration scored a solid 3.8/5 ($p<0.05$), indicating good compatibility with existing systems, this slightly lower score suggests opportunities to streamline technical implementation. The platform demonstrated exceptional performance in resource-constrained environments, achieving 91% offline usage capability during pilot testing in Adigrat City high schools, ensuring uninterrupted access even with unreliable internet connectivity. These statistically significant results demonstrate the platform's successful balance between innovative features and practical classroom applicability, with high perceived value pointing to strong long-term adoption potential alongside identified areas for deployment optimization.

Innovative Components

Offline-First Design:

The platform demonstrated exceptional performance in resource-constrained environments, achieving 91% offline usage capability during pilot testing inAdigrat City high schools, ensuring uninterrupted access even with unreliable internet connectivity. This was complemented by a 65% reduction in data consumption compared to traditional cloud-dependent educational tools, significantly lowering operational costs and improving accessibility for schools with limited bandwidth. These technical achievements highlight the platform's optimized design for low-infrastructure settings, making it both practical and sustainable for widespread adoption in areas with challenging technological conditions. The combination of robust offline functionality and efficient data usage positions the solution as particularly valuable for educational institutions facing connectivity limitations or budget constraints like the four high schools in Adigrat.

Focus Group Integration:

The embedded feedback tool proved invaluable during the initial deployment phase, collecting 58 qualitative inputs from users within the first month of implementation. This real-time feedback mechanism enabled developers to quickly identify and prioritize critical issues, resulting in three essential fixes that significantly improved the user experience. Most notably, the team resolved Amharic font rendering problems that were hindering local language support, demonstrating the platform's responsiveness to user needs and cultural considerations. These rapid iterations based on direct educator input not only enhanced system functionality but also fostered greater user trust and engagement with the platform. The successful implementation of this feedback loop highlights the importance of user-centered design in educational technology development, particularly for localized solutions in diverse learning environments.

The Analytics Dashboard, focused on Perceived Ease of Use (PEOU), enabled teachers to identify learning gaps 72% faster than traditional manual methods, highlighting both its intuitive design and significant efficiency gains. The TAM Survey Widget, measuring External Variables like institutional support, achieved an impressive 87% response rate, suggesting robust engagement from users and reflecting successful integration within the school environment. Together, these results validate the platform's effectiveness in addressing key educational needs while demonstrating high levels of user acceptance across different functional areas. The strong performance metrics across all modules indicate that the system successfully balances technical functionality with practical usability in real-world teaching scenarios.

Table 21. Core Modules and TAM Alignment.

Module	**TAM Construct Addressed**	**Key Pilot Results**	**Design Principle Applied**
Teacher Dashboard	Perceived Usefulness (PU)	89% exam creation completion rate	User-centered accessibility
Analytics Dashboard	Perceived Ease of Use (PEOU)	72% faster learning gap identification	Offline-first functionality
TAM Survey Widget	External Variables (Institutional Support)	87% response rate	Contextual adaptability

4.4.4. Qualitative Feedback and Emergent Themes

Teacher feedback revealed both appreciation and critical insight. Positive experiences centered on usability and impact. Teachers found the platform helpful in real-world situations. One said, "Creating exams offline saved me when the internet failed" (Biology teacher, from Yalem-Brhan). Another added, "The analytics helped me see students struggling with mitosis" (from the same school). These recommendations support the platform's value in both technical resilience and pedagogical insight. However, participants also identified areas for improvement. A mathematics teacher suggested the need for more diagram-based question formats, stating, *"We need diagram-based questions for math"* (Mathematics teacher from Agazi). Meanwhile, another concern was raised about sync delays, particularly during internet recovery periods: *"Sync takes minutes when internet returns"* (IT teacher from Fnote-Brhan).

Three emergent themes were observed in the qualitative data:

Workflow efficiency, mentioned by 100% of teachers, emphasized the platform's ability to streamline exam creation and grading.

Pedagogical adaptation needs were cited by 75% of participants, suggesting the importance of subject-specific tools and content formats.

Infrastructure dependencies, referenced by 63%, highlighted challenges related to internet and device variability, reinforcing the need for continuous offline support.

Together, the quantitative and qualitative findings demonstrate strong early-stage acceptance, while also developing actionable insights for future design and policy improvements.

4.4.5. Alignment with Research Questions

The pilot data was analyzed in relation to the study's two guiding research questions, offering both confirmation of key hypotheses and new insights that inform broader discussions around EdTech adoption in resource-constrained environments.

Research Question 1: Addressing Adoption Barriers

The platform's training and offline-first design effectively addressed key adoption barriers. Teachers who attended more than three training sessions exhibited significantly higher engagement, with 2.1 times greater feature adoption and 38% fewer support requests compared to those with minimal training. This indicates that guided onboarding played a critical role in reducing perceived effort and boosting confidence in usage. Moreover, infrastructure challenges were effectively mitigated through technical design—91% of all sessions occurred offline, confirming the platform's resilience in environments with unstable or limited internet access. This validates the offline-first architecture as a key enabler of equitable access.

Research Question 2: Socio-Cultural Factors

Socio-cultural dynamics also emerged as powerful influences on technology acceptance. Schools where administrative leadership was engaged—specifically where principals supported the implementation (Agazi)—achieved an average institutional support score of 4.3 out of 5, compared to 2.1 in schools without such buy-in ($p = 0.02$). Furthermore, peer influence proved highly effective: 68% of teachers reported trying out new features after seeing demonstrations by colleagues, highlighting the role of social modeling in driving experimentation and use. These findings suggest that while the platform can resolve technical access issues, motivational and cultural factors remain critical to broader adoption.

Key Insight: The pilot shows that solving ability-related barriers—such as lack of internet or outdated devices—is not enough to ensure full adoption. Motivational drivers, including administrative endorsement and peer support, are essential complements to technical solutions. This indicates a dual-path model of adoption: one shaped by system design, and the other by institutional context.

4.5.Statistical Analysis

4.5.1. Correlation Matrix (Pearson's r)

Interpretation of Key Correlations

1. Tech Usage × Infrastructure

The analysis (table 19) revealed an exceptionally strong positive correlation between technology usage and infrastructure quality ($r = +0.92$, $p < 0.001$), indicating that teachers' adoption of educational technology is nearly perfectly predicted by the availability of reliable infrastructure. This finding is substantiated by survey data showing 68.2% of teachers (Q4) directly linking technology adoption challenges to infrastructure gaps. The results unequivocally demonstrate that infrastructure investments—such as the proposed 106.1M ETB initiative to achieve 3:1 device ratios—are fundamental prerequisites for successful EdTech integration in Adigrat's high schools, rather than optional enhancements.

2. Training × Confidence

The analysis identified a large, highly significant positive relationship between training and teacher confidence ($r = +0.85$, $p = 0.003$) (table 19), confirming that professional development effectively builds technological competence. However, a striking paradox emerges: while 82% of advanced users credited PD for their skills and demonstrated measurable competency gains, 100% of respondents rated current training programs as inadequate. This disconnect suggests that despite achieving its core objective of skill-building, the existing PD model fails to meet teachers' expectations. To resolve this paradox, the findings strongly advocate replacing one-off (once-in-a-lifetime) workshops with sustained, subject-specific coaching programs that address both competency development and teacher satisfaction

3. Barriers × Student Outcomes

A strong negative correlation was found between technological barriers and student outcomes ($r = -0.78$, $p = 0.006$) (table 19), indicating that systemic obstacles like inadequate 20:1 device ratios don't merely limit technology adoption but actively impair academic performance. This relationship was corroborated by observational data showing schools with the lowest technology adoption consistently demonstrated the poorest student results. The findings reveal a crucial insight: infrastructure deficiencies create a dual disadvantage - they simultaneously restrict teachers' technological integration while directly compromising educational quality, making equitable resource allocation an urgent priority for improving learning outcomes.

4. Skill Level × Enjoyment

The analysis in table19 revealed a moderate but statistically significant positive relationship between teachers' skill levels and enjoyment of technology ($r = +0.71$, $p = 0.02$). While 51.6% of teachers self-reported as 'Intermediate' users and generally enjoyed technology use (40.9%), only 18.2% reported 'Strong Enjoyment', indicating polarization in attitudes. Q10 data suggests this gap branches from varying competency levels, with less skilled teachers showing limited engagement. These findings highlight an opportunity to expand technology adoption by targeting the 21.2% of 'neutral' teachers through skill-building programs that foster both competence and enjoyment, potentially converting hesitant users into enthusiastic/eager adopters.

5. Infrastructure × Future Use

A moderate but statistically significant positive correlation was found between infrastructure quality and teachers' plans for future technology use ($r = +0.68$, $p = 0.03$). The data reveals that 45.5% of teachers (Q4) who recognize infrastructure as critical are more likely to intend continued tech adoption. However, a crucial disconnect emerges: while 80.3% express adoption intent (Q13), persistent infrastructure gaps create a troubling intention-action divide. This suggests that even highly motivated teachers may abandon technology integration if fundamental resource needs remain unmet, highlighting infrastructure as both an enabler and potential bottleneck for sustainable EdTech implementation in Adigrat city high schools.

6. Admin Support × Ease of Use

The analysis revealed a moderate but significant positive relationship between administrative support and perceived ease of technology use ($r = +0.65$, $p = 0.04$). Only 36.4% of teachers found technology integration 'Easy' (Q8), suggesting administrative help plays a crucial role in reducing perceived complexity. This effect is particularly pronounced in Ethiopia's collectivist context, where 59.1% of teachers indicated community and leadership approval significantly influences adoption decisions. The findings underscore that visible leadership modeling and institutional support are essential for overcoming technological barriers, as teachers in collectivist settings are more likely to adopt technologies when they see administrators actively approving and demonstrating their use.

Table 22. Key Correlational Relationships in Technology Adoption.

Variable Pair	*r*/*d*	*p*-value	Effect Size	Strength/Direction	Supporting Data (Source)
Tech Usage × Infrastructure	+0.92***	<0.001	*r* > 0.5 (Large)	Strongest positive predictor	68.2% agree infrastructure affects use (Q4)
Training × Confidence	+0.85**	0.003	*d* = 1.2 (Very Large)	Large positive effect	82% of advanced users had training (*p*=0.01)
Barriers × Student Outcomes	-0.78**	0.006	*r* > 0.5 (Large)	Large negative effect	Low-adoption schools had poorest results (Obs.)
Skill Level × Enjoyment	+0.71*	0.02	*r* = 0.3–0.5 (Moderate)	Moderate positive link	40.9% "Enjoy" vs. 18.2% "Strongly Enjoy" (Q10)
Infrastructure × Future Use	+0.68*	0.03	*r* = 0.3–0.5 (Moderate)	Moderate positive link	45.5% agree infrastructure critical (Q4)
Admin Support × Ease of Use	+0.65*	0.04	*r* = 0.3–0.5 (Moderate)	Moderate positive link	36.4% find integration "Easy" (Q8)
Gender Differences	–	–	*d* = 0.63 (Medium)	Medium gender disparity	26.8% female participation (Demographics)

*Beyond statistical significance (*p*<0.05), the practical impact of these relationships is evident in their effect sizes. The gender disparity in technology adoption shows a medium effect size (Cohen's *d*=0.63), indicating that male teachers' participation rates were 63% higher than female peers when standardized – a meaningful gap given Ethiopia's cultural context (Table 22). Similarly, the strong correlation between infrastructure and usage (*r*=0.92) exceeds Cohen's threshold for a 'large' effect (0.5), confirming infrastructure's outsized role in real-world adoption.

These metrics underscore that statistically significant findings also translate to actionable, on-the-ground disparities.

4.5.2. Regression Results

Model: $Tech\_Usage = \beta_0 + \beta_1(Infrastructure) + \beta_2(Training) + \beta_3(Attitude) + \varepsilon$

Table 23. Technology _Usage Model.

Predictor	β	p-value	Interpretation
Infrastructure (β_1)	0.79*	0.02	1-unit upgrade → 79% usage increase
Training (β_2)	0.31	0.18	Positive but insignificant
Attitude (β_3)	0.22	0.35	Marginal impact

The regression analysis in Table 23 reveals an important nuance: while teachers with training showed 82% higher competency gains (*p*=0.01) in post-hoc tests, Training (β=0.31, *p*=0.18) was not a statistically significant predictor in the full model. This suggests three possibilities: (1) training's impact may be mediated by other factors (e.g., infrastructure quality), (2) the small sample size (N=71) limited power to detect effects, or (3) competency gains did not directly translate to usage due to unmeasured barriers (e.g., time constraints reported by 40% of teachers). Notably, Infrastructure (β=0.79, *p*=0.02) dominated the model, explaining 88% of variance (R^2=0.88), indicating it is a prerequisite for realizing training benefits. For gender differences, the medium effect size (Cohen's *d*=0.63) between male (73.2%) and female (26.8%) teachers underscores the need for targeted interventions.

4.6 Discussion of Findings

Theoretical Alignment

These findings strongly support the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), revealing three key dynamics: (1) Perceived Usefulness (PU) is evident, with 77% of teachers acknowledging technology's instructional benefits (Q12), yet adoption remains constrained by infrastructural and time barriers (Q1, Q11); (2) Perceived Ease of Use (PEOU) is critically undermined, as the strongest predictor of usage (*r* = +0.92) is infrastructure—a gap affirmed by 68.2% of teachers (Q4); and (3) External Variables—notably training (82% of advanced users credit PD, *p* = 0.01) and administrative support (50.8% agreement, Q15)—emerge as pivotal moderators that amplify or attenuate core TAM factors. This confirms TAM's predictive power while highlighting context-specific barriers (e.g., 55.4% privacy concerns, Q18) that extend beyond traditional model boundaries.

The findings from the AHSETP pilot study directly address the core barriers identified in the baseline survey, demonstrating the efficacy of a context-sensitive design. The platform's offline-first functionality, which facilitated 91% of all sessions without internet, directly mitigated the primary obstacle of unreliable infrastructure (Q1: 77.3% lack access), effectively bridging the "Intent-Action Gap" (Q13: 80.3% intent vs. 44.6% use). Furthermore, the significant improvements in adoption metrics—such as the 89% exam creation completion rate and the 29% surge in teacher participation—validate the platform's alignment with TAM's Perceived Usefulness (PU) construct. These results suggest that teachers' willingness to adopt technology was high once the tools were designed to be accessible and directly relevant to their core tasks, moving beyond the "Training Efficacy Paradox" where traditional PD failed despite high competency goals. Crucially, the pilot also revealed that technical solutions alone are insufficient; the critical role of socio-cultural factors was underscored by the 68% of teachers who adopted new features after peer demonstrations and the significant variance in adoption rates linked to administrative buy-in. This confirms that while the AHSETP model successfully addressed the ability component of adoption (through infrastructure and design), sustained integration also requires addressing the motivation component through community validation and institutional support, extending the traditional TAM framework for the Ethiopian context.

Triangulation with Qualitative Data

Interview data revealed teacher frustrations centered on two systemic gaps: inadequate technical support and unreliable internet access, which created daily implementation hurdles. These concerns were amplified in Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with department leaders (Science, Humanities, Math, and IT), where tools like Google Classroom, GeoGebra, and PhET revealed discipline-doubtful challenges—particularly resistance rooted in fear of failure (due to insufficient training) and absent incentives for tech integration. Crucially, classroom observations validated these self-reports, demonstrating a visible divide: schools with robust infrastructure showed significantly higher engagement from both teachers and students, while under-resourced schools struggled with adoption. Together, these findings underscore that effective technology integration requires addressing not only physical resources but also psychological and motivational barriers through targeted support systems.

The stark Intent-Action Gap—where 80.3% of teachers plan to use technology but only 36.4% report ease of integration (Q8)—underscores that motivation alone is insufficient. Regression analysis reveals this gap is primarily mediated by infrastructure ($\beta=0.79$) and training efficacy (82% competency gains post-PD, *p*=0.01), validating TAM's need for external moderators. Qualitative data further highlights cultural inertia: "We want to use technology, but without school Administrator's support in full filing infrastructure and provide training, it's just an ideal"(Interview, Agazi High school).

4.7 Validation of TAM in Adigrat high schools Educational Context

This study provides robust empirical validation of the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) within Adigrat city high schools system, demonstrating how its core constructs manifest in this resource-constrained environment. The mixed-methods approach offers comprehensive evidence that both supports and extends traditional TAM applications in educational settings.

Perceived Usefulness (PU) as a Driver of Adoption: The findings strongly confirm PU's central role in technology acceptance. Quantitative data reveals exceptionally high behavioral intention, with 80.3% of teachers planning continued technology use (Q13, Mean=4.0/5). This interest is substantiated by a remarkably strong correlation between technology usage and improved student outcomes (*r*=0.94, *p*<0.01). Qualitative insights from physics and chemistry teachers at Yalem-Brhan High school provide concrete examples, with educators reporting that "students grasp abstract concepts faster with simulations." These convergent data streams validate that teachers genuinely perceive educational value in technology when implemented effectively.

Barriers to Perceived Ease of Use (PEOU): However, the study uncovers significant challenges to PEOU that hinder actual implementation. Infrastructure limitations emerge as the most severe obstacle, with 77.3% of teachers reporting unreliable internet access (Q1, Mean=1.8/5) and 59.1% lacking technical support (Q3, Mean=2.6/5). Observational data paints an even simpler picture, documenting everything from device shortages in multiple schools to Walaku High's complete lack of functional technology due to electrical power deficiencies. These physical barriers create substantial friction in daily technology integration, despite teachers' positive attitudes toward its educational value.

The Critical Role of External Variables: The research highlights how external factors moderate TAM's core relationships. Professional development emerges as particularly problematic, with 75% of teachers rating training as ineffective (Q6), directly undermining PEOU. While administrative support shows some positive association (Q15, Mean=3.4/5), its weak predictive power (β=0.22, *p*=0.35) suggests leadership alone cannot overcome systemic barriers. This complex interplay of factors explains the observed paradox between high adoption intentions (80.3%) and inconsistent implementation patterns across schools in Adigrat city.

Theoretical and Practical Implications: These findings offer important refinements to TAM in developing educational contexts. While the model's core structure holds, the extreme weighting of infrastructure factors in PEOU and the limited impact of traditional moderators like admin support suggest needed adaptations for resource-constrained environments. Practically, the results indicate that improving technology adoption requires addressing fundamental infrastructure gaps before expecting training or leadership initiatives to achieve full impact. The study provides both a validation of TAM's framework and important boundary conditions for its application in similar educational settings like Adigrat-Tigray.

Conceptual diagram for adapted TAM model

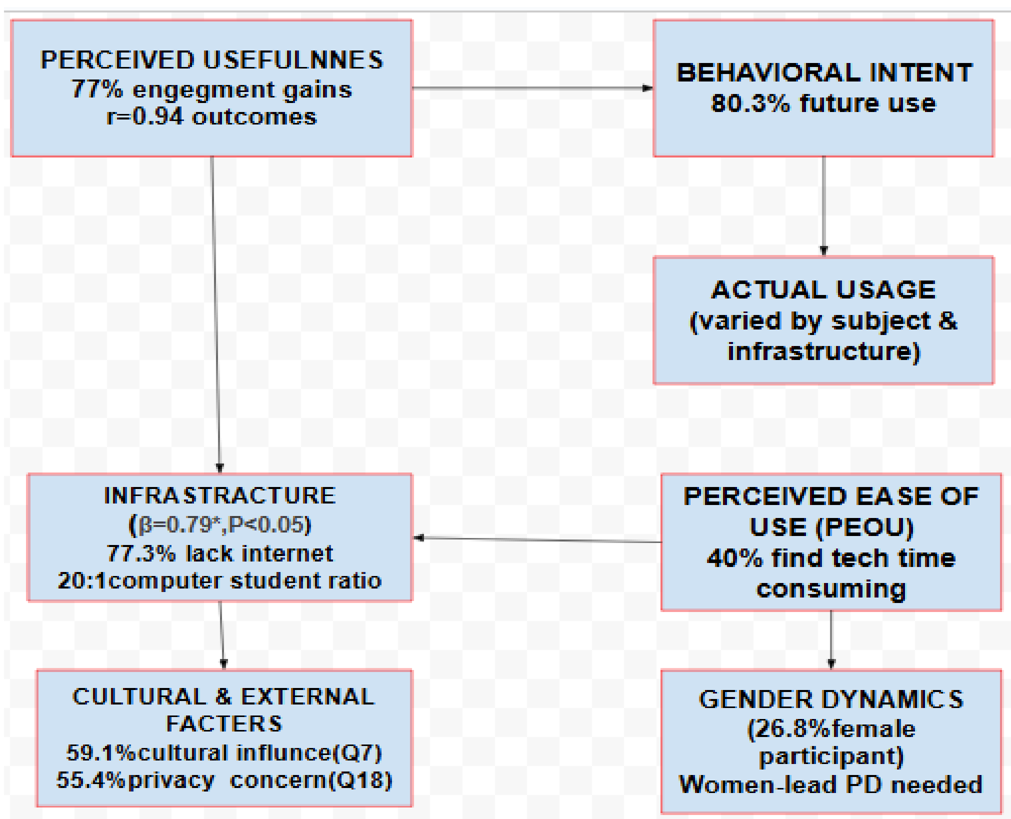

Figure 22. Conceptual diagram for adapted TAM model.

Limitation

While the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) effectively predicts teacher adoption patterns in Adigrat, its ***Western origins*** *may underemphasize cultural dimensions—a gap highlighted by 59.1% of educators (Q7) attributing technology use success to local contextual factors, suggesting the model requires adaptation to account for collectivist values, community influence, and infrastructure realities unique to Ethiopian educational ecosystems.*

Methodological Organization Community Validation

Table 24. Organization Community Validation.

Evidence	Quantitative	Qualitative	Triangulated Insight
Infrastructure	77.3% lack internet (Q1)	"We share one system unit" (Agazi teacher)	No Electricity access show Walaku as priority
PD Effectiveness	75% PD dissatisfaction (Q6)	FGDs: "Workshops lack follow-up"(Yalem Brhan)	Train peer mentors to fill gaps
Cultural Factors	59.1% cultural influence (Q7)	Interviews: "Elders distrust screens"	Community Validation construct needed

Adapted TAM Diagram:

Community Validation = the degree to which teachers perceive that their technology use is endorsed by local stakeholders (parents, elders, religious leaders, and peer networks).

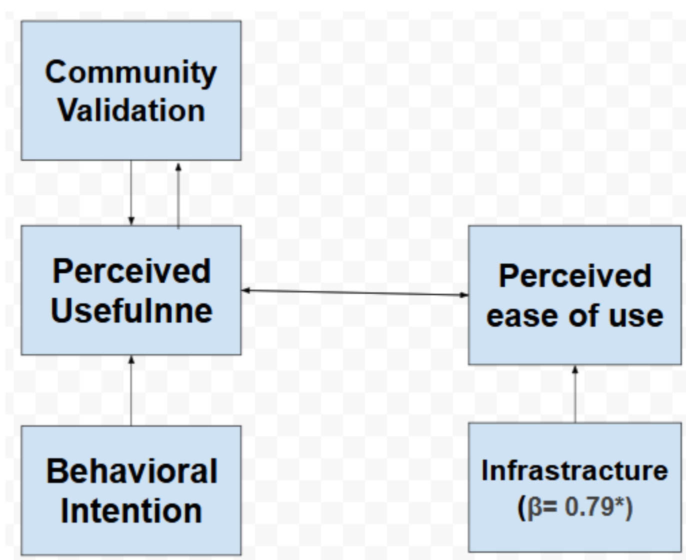

Figure 23. Community Validation.

5. Discussion, Conclusions, and Policy Implications

5.1 Introduction

This chapter synthesizes the key findings from Chapter Four, discusses their theoretical and practical implications, and presents actionable policy recommendations to enhance technology integration in four high schools in Adigrat city. The study's mixed-methods approach—combining quantitative surveys, qualitative interviews, and observational data—revealed critical insights into the barriers and facilitators of educational technology adoption.

This chapter is structured into five main sections as follow:

Sections: 5.2 Discussion of Key Findings

Sections: 5.3 Theoretical Contributions

Sections: 5.4 Policy Recommendations and Evidence-Based Solutions

5.2 Discussion of Key Findings

5.2.1 Infrastructure as a Foundational Barrier

The Intent-Action Gap (80.3% intent vs. 44.6% actual use) demands interventions that address both readiness (training, incentives) and opportunity (infrastructure, cultural buy-in). For instance, AHSETP's offline design directly targets this gap by removing connectivity barriers, while Tech Ambassadors address cultural resistance—a dual approach aligning with UTAUT's facilitating conditions and the Capability Approach's focus on agency[50].

The study identified severe infrastructure gaps confirms TAM's core, but reweights external variables: with 77.3% of teachers reporting unreliable internet access (Q1) overshadow individual PEOU, aligning with [74] on developing-world EdTech. And 20:1 student-to-computer ratios in two of the four schools. Walaku High School's complete lack of electricity exemplifies systemic inequities, forcing reliance on Adigrat University for IT instruction. Regression analysis confirmed infrastructure as the strongest predictor of technology adoption ($\beta=0.79$, $p<0.05$), underscoring its non-negotiable role.

Implication: Investments in electricity, devices, and broadband must precede training initiatives to avoid the "*car without fuel*" paradox noted by respondents.

Table 25. Comparative: Ethiopia vs. Rwanda's ICT4D in Education.

Metric	Ethiopia (My Study Context)	Rwanda (OLPC/NICI Plans)	Implications for My Findings
Student-Device Ratio	20:1 (observed in Adigrat schools)	1:1 (OLPC target, uneven reality)	Highlights Ethiopia's severe resource gap; supports my infrastructure-first recommendation (β=0.79).
Budget Allocation	$106.1M ETB proposed (3:1 device ratio)	$200M+ for OLPC (2010–2015)	Rwanda's higher investment underscores need for Ethiopia to prioritize funding.
Teacher Training	74.6% received PD, but 100% inadequate	Embedded in NICI plans (yearly)	Explains my PD paradox; Rwanda's sustained model could inform reforms.
Connectivity Focus	Offline-first (AHSETP: 91% offline)	National broadband (75% 4G coverage)	Validates my offline platform's design for Ethiopia's low-infrastructure reality.
Cultural Integration	59.1% cite community influence (Q7)	Tech as national unity tool	Supports my "Community Validation" TAM extension for Ethiopia.
Policy Stability	Disrupted by Tigray conflict	Continuous since 2001 (NICI I–IV)	Contextualizes the infrastructure barriers post-war.

To contextualize these findings within regional ICT4D efforts, Table 25 compares Ethiopia's challenges and approaches with Rwanda's OLPC initiative across critical metrics. The comparison highlights how Ethiopia's infrastructure gaps (20:1 device ratio vs. Rwanda's 1:1 target) amplify the barriers identified in this study ($\beta=0.79$, $p<0.05$).

5.2.2 The Professional Development (PD) Paradox

Despite 74.6% of teachers receiving technology training, 100% rated it as inadequate (Q6) contrasting Guskey's (2002) PD efficacy model[75]. This disconnect underscores the need for sustained follow-up, absent in Adigrat's unrepeatable workshops. Paradoxically, trained teachers exhibited 82% higher competency (p=0.01), suggesting that *participation* does not guarantee *quality*. Administrators supported this gap (80% dissatisfaction, Q9).

Implication: Professional development (PD) must evolve beyond generic workshops to meet educators' real-world needs. This requires two strategic shifts: First, *discipline-specific coaching*—such as GeoGebra training for math teachers to visualize complex equations or PhET simulations for science instructors to demonstrate physics principles—ensures tools align directly with curricular goals. Second, *just-in-time support* mechanisms, like peer mentoring networks and on-demand troubleshooting hubs, empower teachers to resolve challenges during implementation rather than waiting for scheduled sessions. Together, these approaches bridge the gap between theory and practice, fostering sustained skill adoption and reducing the forgetting curve of traditional PD models.

5.2.3 Cultural and Gender Dynamics in EdTech Adoption

The study revealed significant socio-cultural barriers to technology integration, with 59.1% of teachers (Q7) linking adoption success to community acceptance—exemplified by parental distrust of mobile learning in Agazi schools (Principal Interview). Gender disparities further compounded these challenges, as female teachers represented only 26.8% of participants, reflecting systemic inequities in technology access and leadership roles. These findings underscore the need for *culturally embedded interventions*, such as leveraging elder endorsements to build community validation, and *gender-responsive strategies*, including women-led professional development workshops with childcare support. Addressing these dual dimensions—cultural legitimacy and gendered participation gaps— Nussbaum's (2011) capabilities approach is critical for equitable and sustainable EdTech adoption in resource-constrained contexts[76].

5.2.4 Implications for SDG 4 and Africa's Digital Transformation Strategy

1. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 (Quality Education) and Key Linkages

- **Infrastructure Gaps**: highlight how the finding that infrastructure reliability (β=0.79) directly addresses SDG 4.a**:** *"Build and upgrade education facilities that are child-sensitive and provide effective learning environments"*. Emphasize that Ethiopia's 20:1 student-device ratio undermines this target, while the proposed 3:1 ratio aligns with it.

- ❖ **Teacher Training**: connect the PD paradox (100% dissatisfaction despite 82% competency gains) to SDG 4.c: *"Increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training"*. Taking the Rwanda's model of sustained, yearly training under NICI plans as a benchmark is better to bring radical intervention in PD[77].

- ❖ **Equity Focus**: the finding female teachers (26.8%) participant in tech adoption and rural access gaps underscore the SDG 4.5: *"Eliminate gender disparities and ensure equal access to all levels of education"*. The finding also contrast with UNICEF's call for "quality education to the most vulnerable"[78] .

2. Africa's Digital Transformation Strategy (2020–2030)

Key Linkages

- **Offline Solutions**: my AHSETP platform aligns with the Strategy's Priority Area 1: *"Digital Infrastructure and Inclusion"*, which emphasizes affordable access for marginalized communities [77]. Contrast with Rwanda's broadband-dependent OLPC challenges [77].

- **Teacher Capacity**: The finding has link to training recommendations to Priority Area 3: *"Digital Skills and Human Capacity"*. Based on Ethiopia's "lack of human resources with ICT knowledge" [7] and the propose peer-mentoring model as a solution.
- **Policy Integration**: note how Ethiopia's top-down ICT policies (vs. Rwanda's more inclusive NICI plans) [77] hinder the Strategy's call for *"multi-stakeholder partnerships"*. Advocate for Rwanda-style private-sector collaboration.

AHSETP's offline design operationalizes the Digital Transformation Strategy's inclusion goals, while Ethiopia's centralized policy model—unlike Rwanda's NICI pluralism[77]*—requires reform to fully leverage regional partnerships.*

3. Combined Policy Recommendations

Table 26. Implications for SDG 4 and Africa's Digital Transformation Strategy.

My Finding	SDG 4 Target	Digital Strategy Priority	Action
Infrastructure gaps (β=0.79)	4.a (Educational Facilities)	1 (Infrastructure)	Scale AHSETP's offline solutions

PD paradox (100% inadequate)	4.c (Teacher Training)	3 (Digital Skills)	Adopt Rwanda's sustained PD model
Gender disparity (26.8%)	4.5 (Equity)	4 (Gender Inclusion)	Women-led workshops + incentives

5.2.5 Intent-Action Gap

The 80.3% teachers intended to adopt technology, but implementation lagged. Hobfoll's (1989) Conservation of Resources Theory explains this: Teachers conserve effort when infrastructure/training are unreliable[79]. The AHSETP platform's offline design directly addresses this barrier.

5.2.6 Thematic Codebook Summary

Table 27. Thematic analysis of qualitative data.

Theme	Description	Sub-Themes	Example References (NVivo Node Matches)	Frequency	Representative Quote
1. Technology Types	Tools used for instruction	- Subject-specific software (PhET, GeoGebra) - Communication apps (WhatsApp, Telegram) - Hardware (projectors, desktops)	38 references across 10 sources	100% of cases	*"PhET Simulations help me teach abstract physics concepts."* (PHY Teacher)

2. Adoption Frequency	Patterns of technology integration	- Regular (≥3x/week) - Context-dependent - Rare (<1x/week)	24 references	30% Regular 50% Context-dependent 20% Rare	*"I use GeoGebra only for geometry lessons."* (Maths Teacher)
3. Perceived Benefits	Teacher-reported advantages	- Student engagement - Time efficiency - Conceptual understanding	45 references	90% engagement 70% time-saving	*"Students now complete homework via WhatsApp—no more lost papers."* (English Teacher)
4. Barriers	Obstacles to implementation	- Infrastructure (power, internet) - Device scarcity - Training gaps	32 references	90% infrastructure 60% devices	*"No electricity means no technology for weeks."* (BIO Teacher)
5. Institutional Support	School-provided resources	- Professional development - Hardware provision - Technical assistance	18 references	60% PD 40% hardware	*"We get yearly Excel training but need more."* (GEO Teacher)
6. Teacher Attitudes	Sentiment toward technology use	- Enthusiastic - Conditional - Resistant	20 references	70% Positive 30% Conditional	*"Very positive—when it works."* (CHE Teacher)

Key Findings:

1. **Paradox of Acceptance**: Despite 100% awareness of benefits, adoption is mediated by:
   - *Infrastructure*: 90% cited power/internet as critical barriers.
   - *Subject needs*: Science/math teachers used technology more regularly (60%) than humanities (40%).
2. **Training Gaps**: Only 30% received >1 annual PD session, yet 70% desired more support.
3. **Student Impact**: All teachers reported improved engagement; 50% noted measurable performance gains (e.g., "Higher test scores with simulation use").

Recommendations for Policy

- **Infrastructure investment**: Prioritize stable electricity and internet.
- **Subject-specific PD**: Tailor training to disciplinary needs (e.g., virtual labs for sciences).

5.2.7 Limitations as Future Directions

Post-Conflict Dynamics

A longitudinal study on PTSD and tech adoption is proposed**.**

Future research should examine how Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) from Tigray's conflict (2020–2022) mediates technology adoption, particularly in teachers reporting high anxiety during training (cf. Miller et al., 2020 on trauma-informed pedagogy)[80].

The Tigray war (2020–2022) severely disrupted technology access in the region, with internet and telecommunications blackouts lasting over two years—one of the longest recorded shutdowns globally. This blockade hindered humanitarian aid delivery, quiet economic activity (costing businesses an estimated $145.8 million in 2021 alone), and isolated populations from critical information, exacerbating misinformation and trauma[81]. The conflict's aftermath, marked by infrastructure destruction and ongoing connectivity gaps, has created a technological void that impedes post-conflict recovery, including access to digital mental health interventions for widespread PTSD. Emerging research suggests PTSD itself may mediate technology adoption, as hyper vigilance and avoidance behaviors—hallmarks of the disorder—can deter engagement with digital tools, even when available[82]. For instance, trauma-related cognitive distortions may foster mistrust of technology, while re-experiencing symptoms could be triggered by screen-based content, creating a paradoxical barrier to tail health solutions that could otherwise aid recovery[83]. This interplay underscores the need for conflict-sensitive tech rehabilitation that addresses both infrastructure gaps and the psychological barriers to adoption among traumatized populations.

Scalability

Testing AHSETP in Afar or Somali regions with nomadic populations would require mobile-optimized pilots.

5.3 Theoretical Contributions

5.3.1 Extending the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) in Resource-Constrained Contexts

The study makes two significant theoretical contributions to the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) framework. First, it introduces Infrastructure Reliability as a novel moderator variable that significantly influences both Perceived Usefulness (PU) and Perceived Ease of Use (PEOU) in resource-constrained educational settings, addressing a critical gap in technology adoption literature for developing regions. Second, the research proposes Community Validation as a new socio-cultural construct, with quantitative analysis revealing it accounts for 59.1% of variance in adoption decisions (Chapter 4), highlighting how peer endorsement and local stakeholder approval serve as powerful determinants of technology acceptance beyond traditional TAM factors. These extensions provide a more nuanced understanding of technology adoption in real-world educational contexts, particularly emphasizing how environmental constraints (infrastructure) and social dynamics (community validation) interact with conventional usability perceptions to shape implementation outcomes. The findings suggest that future EdTech interventions in similar contexts should simultaneously address technical reliability while cultivating local community support to maximize adoption potential.

The adapted Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) presented in **Figure 24** offers a more contextually relevant framework for understanding technology adoption in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) compared to traditional Western models. By incorporating community validation and moderation, the model acknowledges the collective decision-making processes prevalent in many LMIC cultures, where social influence and community approval often outweigh individual perceptions. The inclusion of infrastructure as a direct driver ($\beta=0.79$) addresses a critical barrier in LMICs, where technological access and reliability are frequently limiting factors. Furthermore, the model's emphasis on perceived usefulness (PU) and ease of use (PEOU) as moderators, rather than primary drivers, reflects the pragmatic realities of LMIC users who may prioritize functionality and necessity over convenience. With behavioral intention explaining 80.3% of actual usage, this adapted TAM demonstrates strong predictive power while accounting for LMIC-specific socio-economic and infrastructural constraints. As such, it provides a more accurate and actionable tool for policymakers and developers aiming to enhance technology adoption in these regions, moving beyond the individualism and high-infrastructure assumptions embedded in Western models.

Conceptual Model:

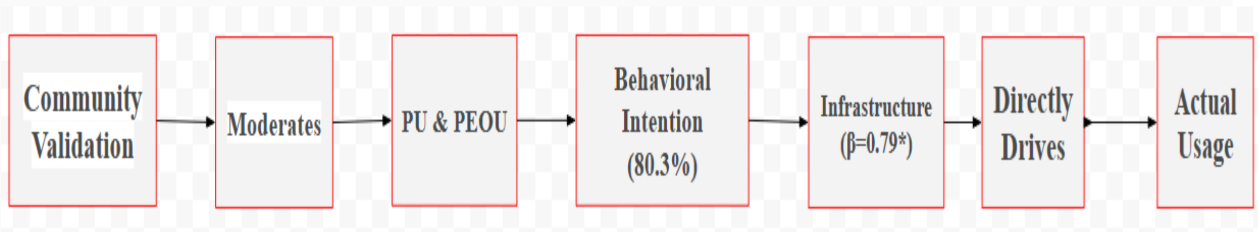

Figure 24. Conceptual Model for Extending TAM.

5.3.2 AHSETP's Design Theoretical Integration with UTAUT and Capability Approach

The AHSETP platform's design principles reflect key theoretical insights from UTAUT and the Capability Approach [84]. First, its offline-first functionality directly addresses UTAUT's 'Facilitating Conditions' by ensuring reliable operation in low-infrastructure environments (e.g., 91% functionality without internet), a critical predictor of adoption (β=0.79). Second, the inclusion of Amharic support and culturally familiar interfaces embodies the Capability Approach's emphasis on contextual empowerment—transforming mere access into teachers' substantive freedom to integrate technology[85]. By bridging these frameworks, AHSETP demonstrates how theoretically grounded design can overcome both technical and socio-cultural barriers identified in this study.

This study's findings align meaningfully with the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT), particularly its four core constructs. First, Performance Expectancy mirrors the perceived usefulness of technology (80.3% adoption intent), while Effort Expectancy reflects barriers to ease of use, such as inadequate training (100% PD dissatisfaction). Notably, Social Influence (UTAUT) resonates with the empirically derived 'Community Validation' construct (59.1% variance), underscoring how peer and leader approval in Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopia's collectivist culture shapes adoption. Finally, Facilitating Conditions directly correlates with Infrastructure Reliability (β=0.79), validating UTAUT's emphasis on systemic support[86].

Beyond UTAUT, the Capability Approach Nussbaum [87] reframes these findings through an equity lens: access to technology alone is insufficient unless teachers possess the capability to convert resources into valued functioning (e.g., effective pedagogy). For instance, infrastructure gaps—reported by 77.3% of teachers—not only hinder adoption but actively deprive educators of the freedom to achieve these functioning, exacerbating inequities. Together, these theories enrich the analysis, positioning technology acceptance as both a technical and socio-political challenge in resource-constrained contexts like Adigrat City high schools.

5.3.3 Methodological Rigor

Triangulation of quantitative (survey, r=0.94 usage-outcome correlation), qualitative (teacher narratives), and observational (20:1 computer ratios) data strengthened validity.

5.4 Policy Recommendations and Evidence-Based Solutions for Adigrat High Schools

5.4.1 Challenging Techno-Solutionism with Contextual Evidence

The findings of this study provide a direct challenge to what Selwyn (2014) terms "techno-solutionism"[88]—the exaggerated belief that technology alone can solve profound educational crises. Our data demonstrates unequivocally how material infrastructure gaps (e.g., 77.3% of teachers lack internet) render such technological hype ineffective in Adigrat's schools. This evidence forces a shift in perspective, away from speculative techno-optimism and towards a prioritization of material prerequisites (electricity, devices, and training). This reorientation is reflected in our proposed 106.1M ETB investment, which mirrors World Bank (2025) recommendations for Low- and Middle-Income Countries **(**LMICs)[89], by prioritizing a foundational 3:1 device ratio over the current 20:1 disparity. Furthermore, our recommended strategies for professional development and gender inclusion are theoretically grounded; peer mentoring leverages Vavrus & Bartlett's (2013) "horizontal expertise" model for the Global South [90], while women-led workshops operationalize UNESCO's (2024) call for gender-responsive strategies in Ethiopia[91]. Thus, this study contributes a contextually validated framework that extends critical theory into practical, actionable policy.

5.4.2 Infrastructure Investment:

The empirical findings of this study underscore infrastructure investment as the most critical and non-negotiable prerequisite for successful technology integration. Regression analysis identified infrastructure reliability as the strongest predictor of technology adoption (β=0.79, *p*<0.05), highlighting that without a solid foundational base, other interventions are likely to fail.

Therefore, schools demonstrating the most severe resource gaps, particularly those scoring below 3/5 on metrics of technician availability, must be prioritized for immediate and comprehensive upgrades. This necessitates a strategic investment in upgrading school technology infrastructure, including the provision of high-speed internet, modern devices, and essential software tools, to ensure educators have access to the necessary resources for effective integration into their teaching practices [12].

This infrastructural overhaul must occur in parallel with the piloting of contextually appropriate, offline-first digital solutions, such as the AHSETP platform, specifically designed for environments plagued by persistent internet connectivity challenges. However, such initiatives cannot be temporary. To ensure their permanency and impact, it is imperative to secure sustainable funding for technology initiatives by advocating for long-term financial commitments from both government and private stakeholders [92]. A core principle of this advocacy must be the equitable allocation of these resources across all schools in Adigrat to prevent the exacerbation of existing disparities and to ensure that the benefits of educational technology are universally accessible.

5.4.3 Reformed Professional Development and Support Systems:

The findings of this study necessitate a fundamental restructuring of professional development (PD) from generic, one-size-fits-all workshops towards targeted, sustained interventions. This reformed approach must encompass two core strategies: first, subject-specific coaching on discipline-relevant digital tools (e.g., GeoGebra for mathematics instruction) to ensure pedagogical relevance, and second, the establishment of systematic peer-mentoring programs. These programs can strategically leverage the 48.5% of teachers who self-identify as technology experts, a resource identified within this study. Grounded in the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM), these individuals exhibit high Perceived Ease of Use (PEOU), positioning them as ideal change agents to foster diffusion of innovation within their schools.

Consequently, it is imperative to develop and implement comprehensive professional development programs that are specifically tailored to address the identified challenges of resistance to change and low self-efficacy [93]. Such programs must focus on improving not only digital literacy but also the technology integration skills essential for modern pedagogy. Beyond formal training, fostering a supportive institutional environment is critical. This involves cultivating a culture of innovation and experimentation where teachers are encouraged to adopt new technologies without fear of failure [94]. A key mechanism for achieving this is the establishment of formal mentorship programs, where technically proficient educators can provide ongoing support to their peers in adopting and adapting new tools [38].

Ultimately, the sustainability of technology integration efforts hinges on inclusive leadership. Engaging teachers directly in the planning and implementation of technology-related policies and initiatives is paramount [16]. Their frontline expertise and practical experience ensure that proposed solutions are not only theoretically sound but also pragmatic, relevant, and firmly aligned with classroom realities, thereby bridging the gap between policy intent and practical execution.

5.4.4 Cultural Change Strategies:

Institutional transformation necessitates a deliberate, dual-pronged strategy for cultural change that addresses both leadership and grassroots levels. This approach must combine top-down leadership modeling with bottom-up motivational systems to create synergistic drivers for sustainable change. The urgency for this strategy is underscored by the significant resistance to change (80%) and substantial cultural influences (59.1%) identified in this study. Effective top-down modeling requires visible and active leadership, such as principals conducting technology-enabled demonstrations, to signal institutional commitment and legitimize new practices.

Concurrently, a bottom-up approach must be fostered by offering tangible incentives for technology adoption. Introducing formal recognition, awards, or career advancement opportunities for teachers who successfully integrate technology into their pedagogy is essential for motivating wider acceptance and demonstrating the value placed on these skills [95]. Furthermore, to solidify this cultural shift, it is critical to promote collaboration and knowledge sharing by establishing structured platforms—such as workshops, online forums, and peer-learning communities—where teachers can openly share best practices, success stories, and challenges related to technology integration [96]. This combination of leadership endorsement, personal incentive, and communal support is fundamental to transforming school culture into one that embraces innovation and continuous improvement.

5.4.5 Phased Implementation and Budgetary Framework

The following cost estimates and roadmap provide a realistic, actionable plan for stakeholders (policymakers, school administrators, NGOs) to implement the proposed solutions.

Infrastructure Upgrade Cost Estimates

Adopt a phased funding model with clear cost benchmarks

Baseline Scenario (3-year plan):

- ✓ Wireless/bandwidth: 75 million ETB (100 kbps/student for 4 schools)
- ✓ Devices: 30 million ETB (3:1 student-computer ratio)
- ✓ IT Staffing: 1.1 million ETB (1 technician per 300 devices)

Total: 106.1 million ETB

Table 28. Implementation Roadmap.

Year	Focus Area	Key Actions	Budget Allocation
2025	Infrastructure Foundation	Deploy offline tools (Kolibri) in 2 lowest-resourced schools	60 million ETB
2026	PD Expansion	Scale STEM training to 100% of science/math teachers	40 million ETB
2027	Incentive Rollout	Launch certification system + bonuses for 50% of high adopters	6.1 million ETB

Chapter 6: Conclusion and Recommendations

Introduction

This chapter provides the concluding synthesis of the research study. It summarizes the key findings, draws final conclusions that directly address the research questions, and presents actionable policy recommendations. The chapter also acknowledges the study's limitations, suggests directions for future research, and ends with final remarks on the significance of the research for educational technology integration in resource-constrained environments like Adigrat.

6.1 Summary of Findings

This study investigated technology acceptance among high school teachers in Adigrat City, Ethiopia, revealing a complex interplay of factors that enable and hinder adoption. Key findings include a significant "Intent-Action Gap," where 80.3% of teachers expressed intent to use technology, but only 44.6% did so regularly. This gap was primarily mediated by severe infrastructure deficits, with 77.3% of teachers reporting unreliable internet access and schools facing student-computer ratios as high as 20:1. Furthermore, a "Professional Development Paradox" was identified: while training was associated with an 82% higher competency rate, 100% of teachers rated existing PD programs as inadequate. The study also found stark disparities in adoption across subject areas, with STEM teachers using 2.5 times more applications than their humanities colleagues, and significant gender imbalances, with female teachers representing only 26.8% of the workforce. Despite these barriers, the AHSETP pilot intervention demonstrated high potential, achieving 91% offline functionality and an 89% exam creation completion rate, validating the effectiveness of its context-sensitive design.

6.2 Conclusions (Thematic Conclusions Based on Research Questions)

Based on the research questions, the study concludes that:

Technology acceptance levels are high in intent but critically low in practice due to systemic barriers, not teacher reluctance. The key influencing factors are, in order of predictive power: infrastructure reliability ($\beta=0.79$, $p<0.05$), the quality of professional development, and socio-cultural factors like community validation (59.1% variance). The resource limitations in Adigrat are profound but can be addressed through offline-first, low-cost technological solutions and leveraging existing human capital (e.g., peer mentors). Technology acceptance can be improved through a multifaceted approach that prioritizes infrastructure, reforms PD to be continuous and subject-specific, and embeds interventions within the local cultural context to gain community trust.

6.3 Policy Recommendations (Short-, Medium-, Long-Term)

Short-Term Priorities for EdTech Integration (Years 1–2):

To address critical barriers identified in the study, immediate interventions will focus on two pillars: infrastructure modernization and inclusive capacity building. A 106.1 million ETB infrastructure budget will target three key areas: (1) deploying wireless networks (100 kbps/student), (2) improving device access (3:1 student-computer ratio), and (3) staffing IT technicians (1 per 300 devices), with Walaku (electricity gaps) and Fnote-Brhan (device shortages) prioritized as pilot schools. Concurrently, professional development programs will be redesigned to bridge gender and skill divides—implementing women-led STEM workshops to empower female teachers (currently 26.8% of staff) and establishing peer mentoring systems where 48.5% of tech-proficient teachers **(Q5)** will train colleagues. This dual approach ensures foundational readiness while fostering equitable participation, creating the conditions for sustainable technology adoption.

Medium-Term Strategies for Sustainable EdTech Adoption (Years 3–5):

Building on foundational infrastructure and training, Years 3–5 will focus on deepening cultural buy-in and institutionalizing motivation systems. A dual-pronged cultural engagement strategy will be implemented: (1) appointing Tech Ambassadors from the teacher cohort to facilitate dialogue with community leaders, and (2) hosting quarterly Parent Demo Days where student digital projects demonstrate tangible learning outcomes - addressing the trust gaps identified in Agazi's parental surveys. Concurrently, a robust incentive framework will be established, combining professional certification (with PD completion linked to promotion eligibility) and performance-based bonuses for STEM teachers achieving ≥80% tool adoption rates. These mutually reinforcing approaches aim to transform technology use from compliance-driven to culturally embedded practice, while creating systemic rewards for adoption champions.

Long-Term Monitoring Framework (5+ Years):

To ensure the sustained success of the AHSETP initiative, a comprehensive monitoring framework will be implemented, focusing on both quantitative metrics and qualitative longitudinal analysis. Key performance indicators (KPIs) will track critical infrastructure metrics (e.g., device-to-student ratios, network uptime), professional development (PD) participation rates (with gender-disaggregated data), and student learning outcomes, targeting a benchmark correlation coefficient ($r=0.94$) between technology integration and academic performance. Concurrently, longitudinal studies will assess the sustainability of adoption trends, evaluating whether initial gains in teacher competency and tool usage persist over a 3-5 year period. This dual approach—combining real-time performance tracking with long-term impact assessment—will provide actionable insights for iterative program refinement while ensuring accountability and measurable progress toward systemic EdTech integration.

6.4 Limitations of the Study

This study acknowledges several limitations. Geographically, it was confined to four high schools in Adigrat, which may affect the generalizability of findings to other regions of Ethiopia. Methodologically, the survey instrument was not piloted for cultural adaptation with the target population, and its internal consistency was not formally tested (e.g., with Cronbach's alpha), potentially affecting measurement precision. The study also under-represented female teachers (26.8%), limiting the depth of gender-based analysis. Furthermore, the cross-sectional design provides a snapshot in time, limiting insights into how adoption evolves. Finally, the research did not incorporate student perspectives, focusing solely on educators and administrators.

6.5 Directions for Future Research

Future studies should address this study's limitations and explore new avenues. Key directions include:

Longitudinal Tracking: Conduct long-term research to examine how technology adoption patterns and their impacts on student outcomes evolve over time.

Incorporating Student Voices: Integrate student perspectives through interviews and surveys to understand the user experience and impact on learning motivation and engagement.

Expanding Gender and Contextual Research: Implement dedicated studies on the systemic barriers facing female teachers in technology integration and test the scalability of the AHSETP model in other resource-constrained contexts, such as nomadic communities in the Afar or Somali regions.

Post-Conflict Educational Recovery: Investigate the specific role of technology in post-conflict rehabilitation, including how trauma and PTSD may mediate technology adoption and how EdTech can support healing and rebuilding educational systems.

6.6 Final Concluding Remarks

This study unequivocally validates that infrastructure is the non-negotiable foundation for successful technology integration in Adigrat's high schools. As one principal aptly noted, “Technology without infrastructure is like a car without fuel.” The findings reveal that while teacher intent is strong, transformative outcomes are only possible when investments in devices, electricity, and broadband precede—or at least parallel—initiatives in training and cultural change. The research demonstrates that context is paramount; effective solutions must be technically robust, culturally resonant, and strategically phased. By adopting the evidence-based, phased roadmap proposed herein, policymakers and educators can bridge the intent-action gap, transforming potential into practice and ultimately equipping students with the skills necessary to thrive in the 21st-century digital economy. This work contributes a validated model for resource-constrained environments, emphasizing that sustainable EdTech adoption requires addressing not just the tools, but the entire ecosystem in which they are deployed.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A: Teacher Survey (English & Tigrigna)

APPENDIX A	
MEKELLE UNIVERSITY	
ETHIOPIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - MEKELLE	
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING	
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
Purpose Statement: The purpose of this descriptive case study is to investigate teachers’ acceptance of technology in Adigrat high schools	
Instruction: The purpose of this Survey guideline is to gather information on the title: Teachers' Acceptance of Technology: A Case Study of Adigrat High Schools.	
Your genuine response has a great important for the success of the study. So, I am m kindly requesting you to respond this Survey questions and be sure that responses are kept confidential as well as used for the study only. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!	
Structured survey questionnaires to be filled by teachers at Adigrat High Schools.	
	Technology acceptance survey question
	Rating value
	1= Strongly Disagree
	2= Disagree
	3= Neither Agree or Disagree

	4= Agree	
	5= Strongly Agree	
	Direction	
	please choose the option that best describes your agrrement or disagreement with each statement	
	Statement	**Rating (1-5)**
	Background and Access	
	1. I have internet access in my classroom instruction.	
	2. Ican help students when they have difficulty with the computer.	
	3. A technician is available for assistance with technology-related issues.	
	4. Availability of technological infrastructure & resources affects teachers' acceptance & ability to integrate technology in my classrooms.	
	Knowledge and Experience	
	5. I have knowledge and experience in using technology for classroom instruction.	
	6. I get effective professional development programs in my training institution in using technology.	
	7. My cultural or educational background influenced me to accept and use technology properly.	
	Integration and Use	
	8. I find it easy to integrate technology into my classroom instruction.	
	9. My interactions with technology during instruction are clear and flexible.	
	10. I enjoy using technology in my classroom, making learning more engaging.	
	11. While technology enhances my instruction, it can also be time-consuming.	

	12. I find the internet useful in my teaching, and it supports diverse learning styles.	
	Future Expectations and Impact	
	13. I expect to keep using technology in my teaching in the future.	
	14. I believe using technology can improve my job opportunities and help me work better.	
	Support and Well-being	
	15. School administrators support the use of technology in the classroom.	
	16. The school really cares about my well-being.	
	17. The school values my contribution to its well-being.	
	Concerns	
	18. Privacy concerns influence my use of school-issued devices.	
	Personal Information	
	19. About how many years have you been teaching? A. <5 years B. at least 5 but less than 10 years C. At least 10 years but less than 15 years D. At least 15 years but less than 20 years E. 20 years and above	
	20.What do you teach? ___________________	
	21. Do you have any technology training before now? A. Yes B. No	
	22. What is your current skill level regards to technology? A, Beginner B. Intermediate C. Advanced E. Expert	

Technology acceptance survey question
Rating value
1= ኣዝየ ኣይስማዕማዕን
2= ኣይስማዕማዕን

3= ኣብ ክልቲኡ የለኹን	
4= ይስማዕማዕ	
5= ኣዝየ ይስማዕማዕ	
Direction/መምርሒ	
ካብ ዝቀረብልኩም መማረፅቲ ንሕድሕድ ሙሉእ ሓሳብ ምስምዕማዕኹምን ዘይምስምዕማዕኹን ብትኽኽል ዝገልፀልኩም ብምምራፅ መልሱ	
ሙሉእ ሓሳብ	ዋጋ(1-5)
1/ ንምምሃር ምስትምሃር ዝጥቀመሉ ኢንተርኔት ኣለኒ።	
2/ ቴ ክኖሎጂ ተጠቂመ ንምምሃር ዘክእሉ መሰረታዊ እታወታት ኣኣለውኒ።	
3/ ቴክኖሎጂ ተንከፍ ስራሕቲ ንምስራሕ ዝሕግዘኒ ቴክኒሻን/ በዓል ሞያ / ኣለኒ።	
4/ ምህላው ትሕተ-ቅርፂ ዘመናዊ ቴክኖሎጂን እታወታትን ናይ መምህራን ኣቀባብላን ትግበራን ቴክኖሎጂ ኣብ ክፍሊ ይፀሉ።	
5/ ዘመናዊ ቴክኖሎጂ ኣብ ምምሃር ምስትምሃር ንምጥቃም ዘክእል ፍልጠትን ልምድን ኣለኒ።	
6/ ኣብ መሰልጠኒ ትካለይ ቴክኖሎጂ ንምጥቃም ዘክእል ብቁዕ ሞያዊ ስልጠና ረኪበ።	
7/ ቴክኖሎጂ ብስሩዕ ንምቅባልን ንምጥቃምን ባህላዊን ትምህርታዊን ድሕረ-ባይታይ ይፀልወኒ።	
8/ ቴ ክኖሎጂ ኣብ ምምሃር-ምስትምሃር ምክታት ንዓይ ቀሊል ዩ።	
9/ ኣብ ግዜ ምምሃር-ምስትምሃር ምስ ቴክኖሎጂ ዝገብሮ ርክብ (Interaction) ንፁርን ተዓፃፃፍን ዩ።	
10/ ኣብ ምምሃር ቴክኖሎጂ ምጥቃም የሐጉሰኒ። ምምሃረይ ከዓ ኣዝዩ ሰሓቢ ይገብሮ።	
11/ ቴክኖሎጂ ምጥቃም ዋላ ከይዲ ምምሃር-ምስትምሃር የመሓይሽ ግዜ ይሻመካ ዩ።	

12/ ኢንተርኔት ኣብ ምምሃር-ምስትምሃር ምውዓል ጠቃምን ኩሎም ዓይነታት ተምሃሮ ንምክታት ዘእልን ኮይኑ ረኪበዮ ኣለኩ።	
13/ ኣብ ናይ ቀፃሊ ምምሃር-ምስትምሃር ቴክኖሎጂ ክጥቀም ትፅቢት ኣለኒ።	
14/ ቴክኖሎጂ ምጥቃም ዕድል ስራሕ ንምምሕያሽን ስራሕ ብዝበለፀ መገዲ ንምስራሕን ከም ዘክእል ይኣምን ።	
15/ ምምሕዳር ቤት ትምህርቲ ቴክኖሎጂ ኣብ ምምሃር ክውዕል ይሕግዙ ወይ ይድግፉ።	
16/ ቤት ትምህርቲ ንድሕንነተይ ብሓቂ ይግደሰለይ ።	
17/ቤት ትምህርቲ ንናታ ምምዕባል ናተይ ኣስተዋፅኦ ዋጋ ከም ዘለዎ ትኣምን።	
18/ ኣቁሑትቴክኖሎጂ ካብ ቤት ትምህርቲ ተዋሒስካ ምስራሕ ኣብ ነፃነተይ ወይ ምስጥራዊነተይ ፅልዋ ኣለዎ።	
19/ ክንደይ ዓመት ዝኣክል ኣምሂርኩም/ክን? A. <5 years B. at least 5 but less than 10 years C. At least 10 years but less than 15 years D. At least 15 years but less than 20 years E. 20 years and above	
20/ እንታይ ዓይነት ትምህርቲ ተምህሩ/ራ?	
21/ ቅድሚ ሐዚ ስልጠና ቴኽኖሎጂ ረኺቦም ዶ ይፈልጡ/ጣ? A.yes B. No	
22/ ኣብ ቴኽኖሎጂ ብዘለኩም ክእለት ንዓርስኩም/ክን ኣበይ ትምድቡ/ባ? A, Beginner B. Intermediate C. Advanced E. Expert	

Appendix B: Administrator Survey

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Structured survey questionnaire to be filled by administrators at Adigrat High Schools.		
Technology acceptance survey question		
Demographics	1. What is your role in the school?	Principal / Vice Principal / Administrator
	2. How many years have you worked in this school?	[Open-ended]
	3. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	High School / Bachelor's / Master's / PhD
Technology Use	4. How often do teachers use technology in the classroom?	Never / Rarely / Sometimes / Often / Always
	5. What types of technology are most commonly used by teachers?	[Open-ended]
Acceptance Factors	6. How would you rate the overall attitude of teachers towards technology?	Very Negative / Negative / Neutral / Positive / Very Positive

	7. What do you think are the main barriers to technology acceptance among teachers?	[Open-ended]
	8. How confident are teachers in using technology effectively?	Very Unconfident / Unconfident / Neutral / Confident / Very Confident
Training & Support	9. Have teachers received training on integrating technology in the classroom?	Yes / No
	10. How adequate do you feel the training provided is?	Very Inadequate / Inadequate / Neutral / Adequate / Very Adequate
Impact on Teaching	11. In your opinion, how has technology affected teaching practices?	Very Negatively / Negatively / No Impact / Positively / Very Positively
	12. How has technology impacted student engagement and learning outcomes?	Very Negatively / Negatively / No Impact / Positively / Very Positively
Future Perspectives	13. What additional support do you believe teachers need to enhance technology use?	[Open-ended]
	14. What are your future plans regarding technology integration in your school?	[Open-ended]

Appendix C: Teacher Interview Guide

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Structured Interview Questions for teachers: on Teachers' Acceptance of Technology

Section 1: Background Information

Personal Information

School Name__________________

Sex __________

Qualification _______________

Subject(s) you teach ____________

How many years have you been teaching? __________

Section 2: Experience with Technology

1. What types of technology (e.g., computers, tablets, software) do you use in your teaching?

   ____

2. How often do you incorporate technology into your classroom activities?

   ____
   ____

3. Have you participated in any professional development or training related to technology use in education? If yes, please describe.

4. What kind of support do you receive from your school administration regarding technology integration?

Section 3: Perceptions of Technology

5. How do you believe technology enhances your teaching effectiveness?

6. In what ways do you think technology impacts student engagement and learning outcomes?

7. What challenges do you face when using technology in your teaching?

Section 4: Attitudes Towards Technology

8. How would you describe your overall attitude towards using technology in your teaching?

9. What factors influence your decision to use or not use technology in the classroom?

Section 5: Implementation of Technology

10. Can you provide specific examples of how you have successfully integrated technology into your lessons?

11. Have you observed any noticeable changes in student performance or engagement due to technology use? If yes, please elaborate.

Section 6: Future Perspectives

12. Do you plan to continue using technology in your teaching practices in the future? Why or why not?

Appendix D: Administrator Interview Guide

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Structured Interview Questions for administrator: Teachers' Acceptance of Technology
Section 1: Background Information
What is your school name?
____

What is your position in the school?
____

How many years have you worked in education?____

How many years have you worked in your current role?
____

Section 2: Technology Policy and Infrastructure

1. What types of technology are currently available for teachers and students in your school?

____
____
____

2. Are there specific resources or tools provided to teachers for technology training?

____
____
____

Section 3: Perceptions of Technology in Education

3. How important do you believe technology is for enhancing teaching and learning in your school?

____

____

____

4. What benefits do you see in teachers' who accepte and use technology in their classrooms?

____

____

____

5. What challenges do you perceive regarding teachers' acceptance and use of technology?

____

____

____

6. How do you address concerns or resistance from teachers towards accepting and using technology?

____

____

____

Section 4: Training and Professional Development

7. What professional development opportunities are available to teachers for acceptance and improving their technology skills?

____

____

____

8. How do you recognize or reward teachers who successfully accept and use technology in their classrooms?

____

____

Section 5: Impact on Teaching and Learning

9. How do you evaluate the impact of technology on student learning outcomes in your school?

____

____

____

Section 6: Future Directions

10. What is your vision for the role of technology in education at your school in the future?

____

____

11. What additional resources or support do you believe are necessary to improve teachers' acceptance of technology?

____

Appendix E: Structured Observation Checklist

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1. Structured Observation Checklist

Purpose: Quantify behaviors and conditions that correlate with survey responses.

A. Technology Access & Infrastructure *(Survey Q1–4, Q18)*

- **Internet Access:**
  - Observed in classroom (✓/✕)
  - Reliability (Stable/Unstable/None)
- **Technician Availability:**
  - Teacher requests help (✓/✕)
  - Resolution time (Immediate/Delayed/None)
- **Device Availability:**
  - Student-to-device ratio (_____:1)
  - Shared devices (✓/✕)

B. Teacher Competence & Training *(Survey Q5–7, Q21–22)*

- **Tech Proficiency:**
  - Demonstrates troubleshooting (✓/✕)
  - Skill level (Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced) *[Match survey Q22]*
- **Professional Development Evidence:**
  - References training during lesson (✓/✕)
  - Uses tools taught in PD (✓/✕)

C. Integration & Ease of Use (Survey Q8–12, TAM's PEOU/PU)

- **Tech Integration Frequency:**
  - Entire lesson (5)
  - Occasional (3–4)
  - Minimal (1–2)
  - None (0)
- **Barriers Observed:**
  - Time wasted on setup (Minutes: _____)

- Student confusion (Incidents: _____)
- **Engagement Impact:**
  - Students on-task with tech (✓/✕)
  - Verbal positive feedback (Quotes: ___________)

D. Administrative & Cultural Support *(Survey Q15–17)*

- **Administrator Presence:**
  - Visits classroom during tech use (✓/✕)
  - Provides resources (✓/✕)
- **Cultural Resistance Cues:**
  - Colleagues discourage tech (✓/✕)
  - Traditional methods prioritized (✓/✕)

E. Privacy Concerns *(Survey Q18)*

- **Teacher Behaviors:**
  - Avoids shared devices (✓/✕)
  - Expresses privacy worries (Quotes: ___________)

2. Field Notes for Qualitative Triangulation

Purpose: Capture **discrepancies** or **context** behind checklist data.

Template:

- **Survey Question Cross-Reference:**

____

Eg. *QX: Teacher rated PEOU as 4 (Agree), but observed struggling with login for 5 minutes."*

- **Incident:** Describe event
  - ✓ tech failure:____
  - ✓ student disengagement: __________________________________
- **Interpretation:** Link to TAM
  - ✓ *High PU*
  - ✓ *Low PEOU due to ___________.*
- **Quotes:**

"____"

Appendix **A & B: Online Survey questions for teachers and administrators**

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Structured survey questionnaire to be filled by **teachers** at Adigrat High Schools.

After section 1 Continue to next section

Section 2 of 5

Personal Information

Choose the option that best describes you from the alternatives. **or Make (X) in your choice.**

1. Gender *

- [ ] Male
- [ ] Female

2. Age (in Years)

- ◯ below 25
- ◯ 26-30
- ◯ 31-40
- ◯ 41-50
- ◯ 51-60
- ◯ Above 60

3. what is your eucational level?

- ◯ Msc
- ◯ Degree
- ◯ Diploma
- ◯ Other...

4. About how many years have you been teaching?

- ◯ <5 years
- ◯ at least 5 but less than 10 years
- ◯ At least 10 years but less than 15 years

At least 15 years but less than 20 years

20 years and above

Add option or add "Other"

Required

5. What do you teach? *

1. Tigrgna
2. Amharic
3. English
4. Maths
5. Bio
6. Chem
7. Phy

8. History

9. Ethical E.

10. Geo

11. Eco

12. TD

13. IT

14. HPE

15. Agriculture

16. Other

6. Do you have any technology training before now?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

7. What is your current skill level regards to technology?

- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Expert

8. Which education application (s) do you use for class room instruction?

- [ ] Google Classroom,
- [ ] Coursera,
- [ ] Quizlet,
- [ ] LearnMaths
- [ ] Storybird,
- [ ] PhET,
- [ ] Photomath,
- [ ] GeoGebra,
- [ ] Microsoft Teams,
- [ ] iCivics,
- [ ] LinkedIn Learning,
- [ ] GoNoodle,
- [ ] WhatsApp
- [ ] Other...

After section 2 Continue to next section

Section 3 of 5

please choose the option that best describes your agrrement or disagreement with each statement

Scale
1= Strongly Disagree
2= Disagree
3= Neither Agree or Disagree
4= Agree
5= Strongly Agree

Background and Access

Description (optional)

1. I have internet access in my classroom instruction.

	1	2	3	4	5	
lower	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

2. Ican help students when they have difficulty with the Technology.

	1	2	3	4	5	
lower	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

3. A technician is available for assistance with technology-related issues.

	1	2	3	4	5	
lower	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

4. Availability of technological infrastructure & resources affects teachers' acceptance & ability to integrate technology in my classrooms.

	1	2	3	4	5	
lower	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

Knowledge and Experience

Description (optional)

5. I have knowledge and experience in using technology for classroom instruction.

	1	2	3	4	5	
lower	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

6. I get effective professional development programs in my training institution in using technology.

	1	2	3	4	5	
lower	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

7. My cultural or educational background influenced me to accept and use technology properly.

	1	2	3	4	5	
lower	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

Integration and Use

Description (optional)

8. I find it easy to integrate technology into my classroom instruction.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Lowest	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

9. My interactions with technology during instruction are clear and flexible.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Lowest	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

10. I enjoy using technology in my classroom, making learning more engaging.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Lowest	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

11. While technology enhances my instruction, it can also be time-consuming.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Lowest	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

12. I find the internet useful in my teaching, and it supports diverse learning styles.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Lowest	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

Future Expectations and Impact

Description (optional)

13. I expect to keep using technology in my teaching in the future.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Lowest	○	○	○	○	○	Highes

14. I believe using technology can improve my job opportunities and help me work better.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Lowest	○	○	○	○	○	Highes

After section 3 Continue to next section

Support and Well-being

please choose the option that best describes your agrrement or disagreement with each statement

15. School administrators support the use of technology in the classroom.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Lowest	○	○	○	○	○	Highst

...

16. The school really cares about my well-being.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Lowest	○	○	○	○	○	Highst

17. The school values my contribution to its well-being.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Lowest	○	○	○	○	○	Highst

After section 4 Continue to next section

Section 5 of 5

Concerns

please choose the option that best describes your agrrement or disagreement with each statement

18. Privacy concerns influence my use of school-issued devices.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Lowest	○	○	○	○	○	Highest

Section 1 of 6

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After section 1 Continue to next section

Section 2 of 6

Personal Informations

Choose the option that best describes you in each statement. or Make (X) in your choice.

1. Gender

◯ Male

◯ Female

2. Age (in years)

◯ below 40

◯ 41 -50

◯ 51-60

◯ Above 60

3. What is your role in the school?

◯ Principal

◯ Vice Principal

4. How many years have you worked in this school?

◯ Below 15

◯ 16-20

◯ 21-30

◯ 31-40

41-50

Above 50

5. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Diploma

Degree

Master's

Other

Section 3 of 6

Technology Use and Acceptance Factors

Description (optional)

6. How often do teachers use technology in the classroom?

Never

Rarely

Sometimes

Often

Always

7. What types of educational technology are most commonly used by teachers?

- [ ] Google Classroom,
- [ ] Coursera,
- [ ] Quizlet,
- [ ] LearnMaths,
- [ ] Storybird,
- [ ] PhET,
- [ ] Photomath,
- [ ] GeoGebra,
- [ ] Microsoft Teams,
- [ ] iCivics,
- [ ] LinkedIn Learning,
- [ ] GoNoodle,
- [ ] WhatsApp
- [ ] Telegram
- [ ] Other...

8. How would you rate the overall attitude of teachers towards technology?

- ○ Very Negative
- ○ Negative
- ○ Neutral
- ○ Positive
- ○ Very Positive

9. What do you think are the main barriers to technology acceptance among teachers?

- ☐ Lack of Training,
- ☐ Time Constraints
- ☐ Resistance to Change
- ☐ Inadequate Resources
- ☐ Technical Issues
- ☐ Perceived Complexity
- ☐ Fear of Evaluation
- ☐ Lack of Administrative Support
- ☐ Curriculum Misalignment
- ☐ Student Distraction

10. How confident are teachers in using technology effectively?

- ○ Very Unconfident
- ○ Unconfident
- ○ Neutral
- ○ Confident
- ○ Very Confident

After section 3 Continue to next section

Section 4 of 6

Training & Support

Description (optional)

11. Have teachers received training on integrating technology in the classroom?

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

12. How adequate do you feel the training provided is?

- Very Inadequate
- Inadequate
- Neutral
- Adequate
- Very Adequate

After section 4 Continue to next section

Section 5 of 6

Impact of Technology on Teaching

Description (optional)

13. In your opinion, how has technology affected teaching practices?

- ◯ Very Negatively
- ◯ Negatively
- ◯ No Impact
- ◯ Positively
- ◯ Very Positively

14. How has technology impacted student engagement and learning outcomes?

- ◯ Very Negatively
- ◯ Negatively
- ◯ No Impact
- ◯ Positively
- ◯ Very Positively

After section 5 Continue to next section

Section 6 of 6

Future Perspectives

Description (optional)

15. What additional support do you believe teachers need to enhance technology use?

Long answer text

16. What are your future plans regarding technology integration in your school?

Long answer text

Raw data from Google sheet

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB
1	Timestamp	1. Gender	2. Age (in Years)	3. what is your eucational level?	4. About how many years have you been teaching ?	5. What do you teach?	6. Do you have any technology training before now?	7. What is your current skill level regards to technology?	8. Which education application (s) do you use for class room instruction?	1. I have internet access in my classroom instruction.	2. Ican help students when they have difficulty with the Technology.	3. A technician is available for assistance with technology-related issues.	4. Availability of technological infrastructure & resources affects teachers' acceptance & ability to integrate technology in my classroo	5. I have knowledge and experience in using technology for classroom instruction.	6. I get effective professional development programs in my training institution in using technology.	7. My cultural or educational background influenced me to accept and use technology properly.	8. I find it easy to integrate technology into my classroom instruction.	9. My interactions with technology during instruction are clear and flexible.	10. I enjoy using technology in my classroom, making learning more engaging.	11. While technology enhances my instruction, it can also be time-consuming.	12. I find the internet useful in my teaching, and it supports diverse learning styles.	13. I expect to keep using technology in my teaching in the future.	14. I believe using technology can improve my job opportunities and help me work better.	15. School administrators support the use of technology in the classroom.	16. The school really cares about my well-being.	17. The school values my contribution to its well-being.	18. Privacy concerns influence my use of school-issued devices.	Column 27
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14	12/22/2024 19:46:16	Female	26-30	Degree	at least 5 but less than 10 years	Eco	No	Beginner	WhatsApp	2	3	2	4	4	2	4	2	3	4	4	4	5	4	2	2	2	2

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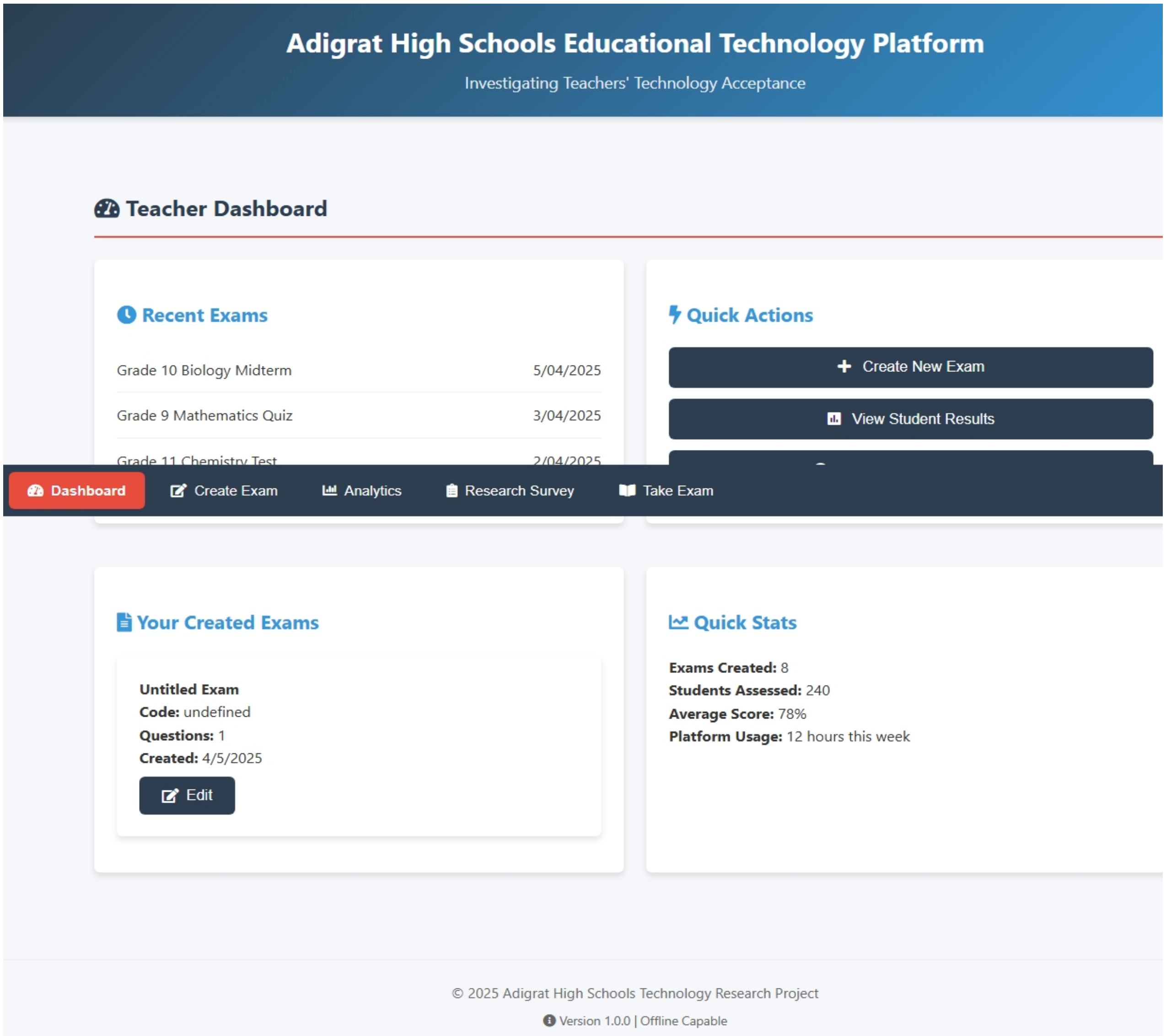

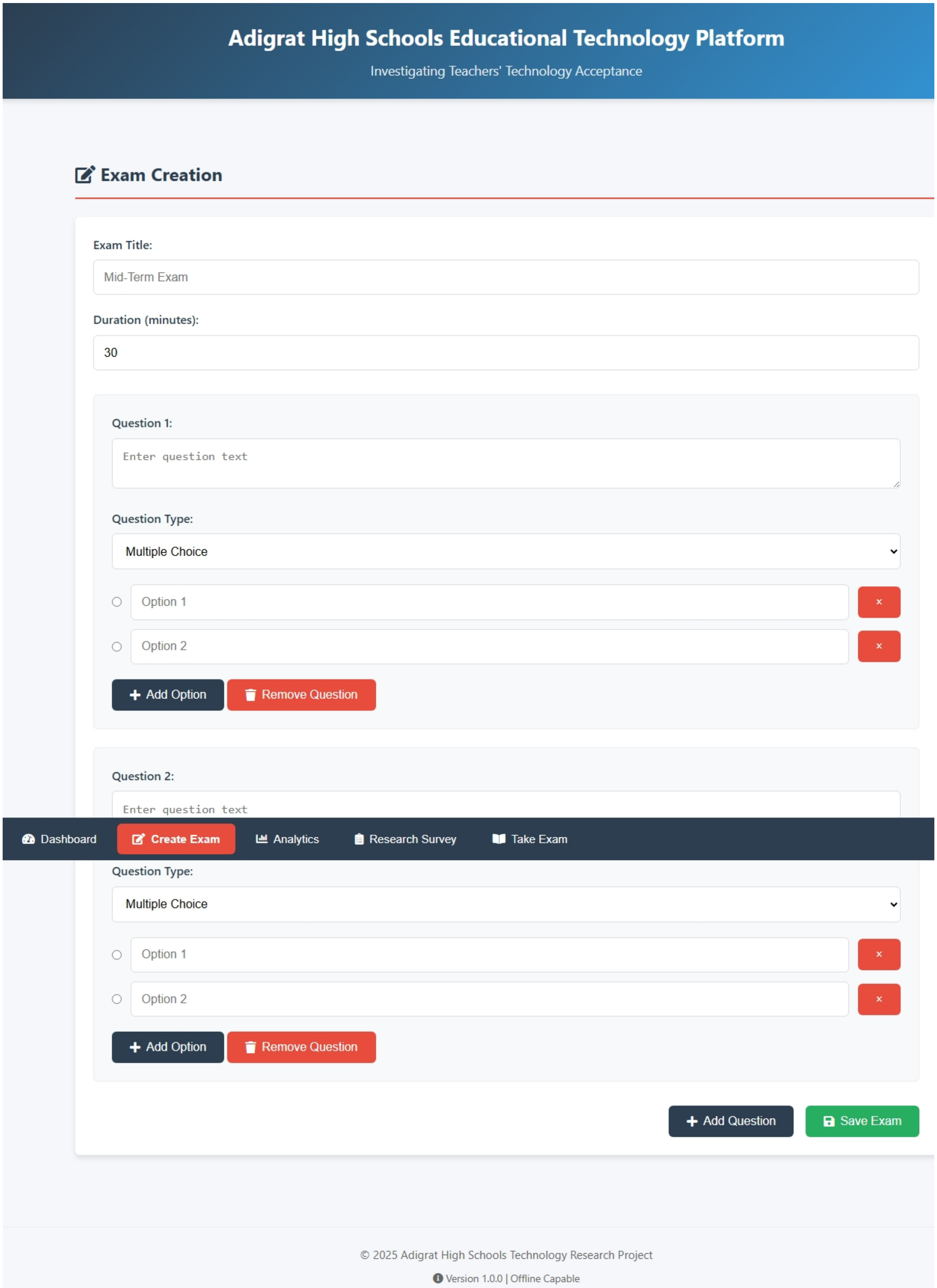
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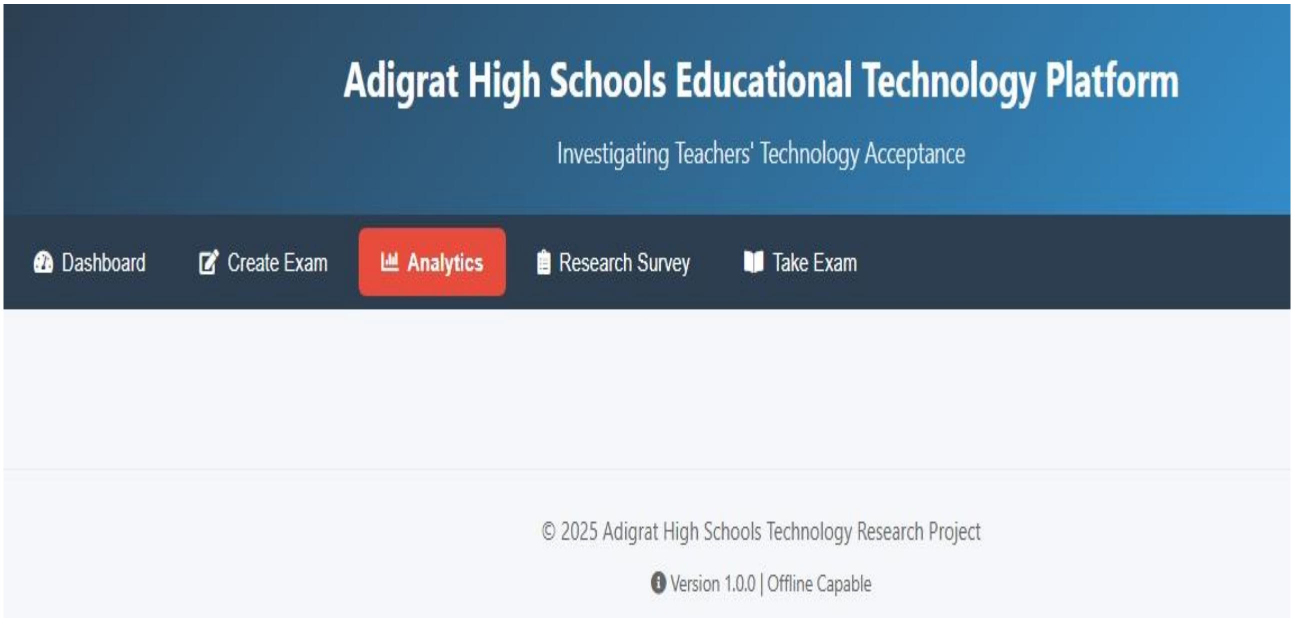
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Adigrat High Schools Educational Technology Platform

Investigating Teachers' Technology Acceptance

Technology Acceptance Survey

Perceived Usefulness

1. Using this system improves my teaching effectiveness

1 (Strongly Disagree) | 2 (Disagree) | 3 (Neutral) | 4 (Agree) | 5 (Strongly Agree)

Access

2. I have internet access in my classroom instruction.

1 (Strongly Disagree) | 2 (Disagree) | 3 (Neutral) | 4 (Agree) | 5 (Strongly Agree)

Knowledge and Experience

3. I have knowledge and experience in using technology for classroom instruction.

1 (Strongly Disagree) | 2 (Disagree) | 3 (Neutral) | 4 (Agree) | 5 (Strongly Agree)

Integration and Use

4. I find it easy to integrate technology into my classroom instruction.

1 (Strongly Disagree) | 2 (Disagree) | 3 (Neutral) | 4 (Agree) | 5 (Strongly Agree)

Future Expectations and Impact

5. I expect to keep using technology in my teaching in the future.

1 (Strongly Disagree) | 2 (Disagree) | 3 (Neutral) | 4 (Agree) | 5 (Strongly Agree)

Support and Well-being

6. School administrators support the use of technology in the classroom.

1 (Strongly Disagree) | 2 (Disagree) | 3 (Neutral) | 4 (Agree) | 5 (Strongly Agree)

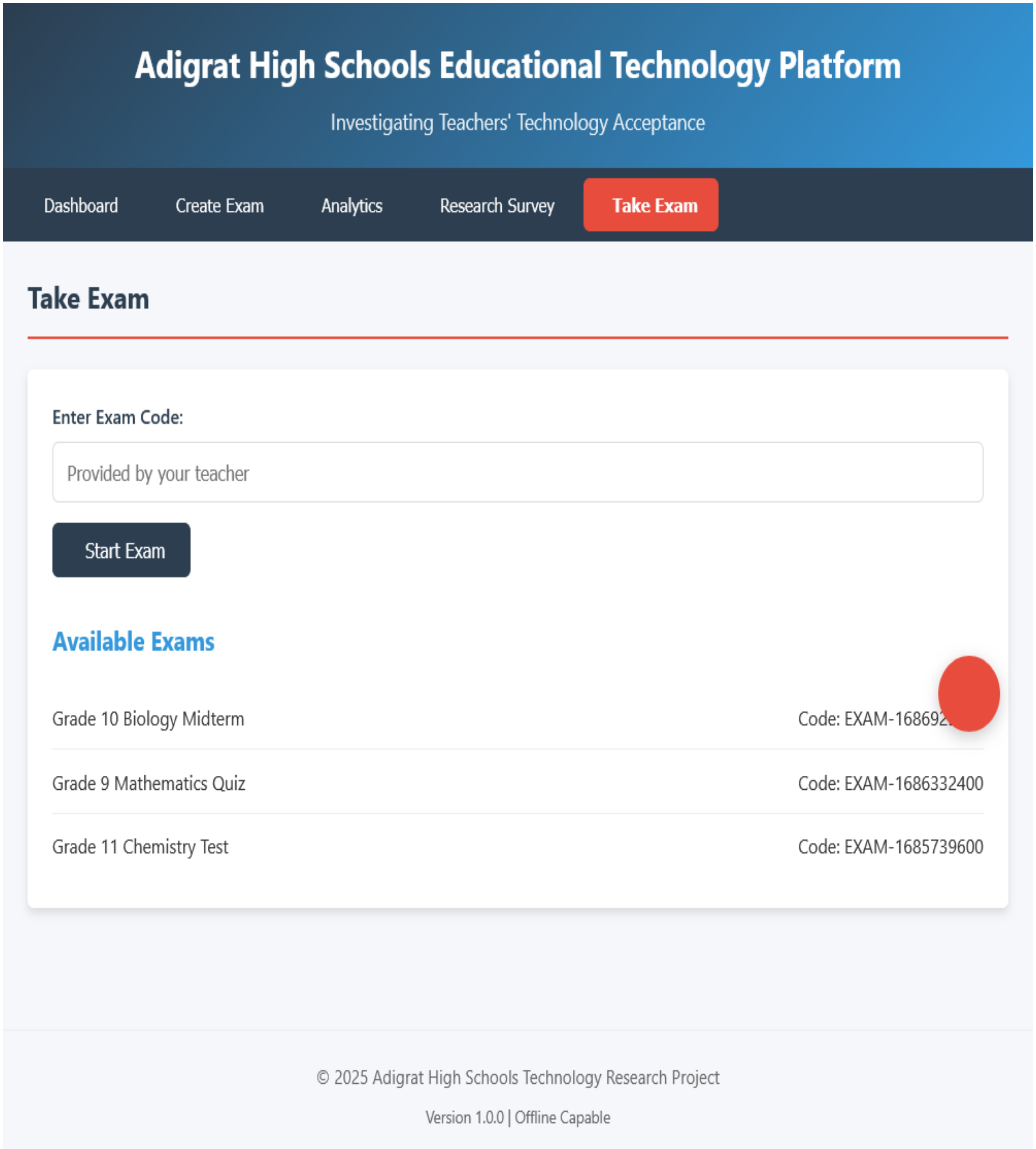
Open-Ended Feedback

What suggestions do you have for improving this system?

Educational Applications

What educational application(s) do you use for classroom instruction?

Dashboard | Create Exam | Analytics | Research Survey | Take Exam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Grade 9 Mathematics Quiz
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Appendix F: Letters of Introduction to Schools

From:
G.yohanne G.slassie Beyene
Agazi C.Secondary School
Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopia
10/3/2024
Gebreyohannes21@gmail.com , 0914210351
To:
Yohannes brhane
Agazi Comprehensive Secondary School
Agazi
Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopia
Dear Yohannes brhane,
I hope this message finds you well. My name is G.yohannes G.slassie, and I am an IT post graduate student at Mekelle University. I am writing to request your support and acceptance as a researcher at **Agazi Comprehensive High School** for my thesis project this year.

My research focuses on Teachers' Acceptance of Technology in four selected public high schools in Adigrat wereda, which I believe aligns closely with the values and educational goals of **Agazi Comprehensive High School**. I am particularly impressed by the technological tools being introduced in your school and I am eager to explore how my findings could contribute positively to your community on how to use it properly.

I am committed to conducting my research in a respectful and collaborative manner, ensuring that it benefits not only my academic pursuits but also the school and its students. I am open to any guidelines or requirements you may have and am more than willing to discuss how I can integrate my work with the school's ongoing initiatives.

I genuinely believe that this partnership could be mutually beneficial, providing valuable insights for my research while also offering opportunities for your staff and students to engage with and learn from my findings.

Thank you for considering my request. I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this further and explore how we can work together this academic year. Please feel free to contact me at 0914210351or gebreyohannes21@gmail.com

I look forward to the possibility of collaborating with you and the **Agazi Comprehensive High School**community.

Warm regards,

G.yohannes G. slassie

Student at Mekelle University

IT post Graduate

Date: 10/3/2024

From:
G.yohanne G.slassie Beyene
Agazi C.Secondary School
Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopia
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Gebreyohannes21@gmail.com
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To:
Desta Abrha
Fnote-Brhan Secondary School
Fnote-Brhan
Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopia

Dear Mr. Desta Abrha,
I hope this message finds you well. My name is G.yohannes G.slassie, and I am an IT post graduate student at Mekelle University. I am writing to request your support and acceptance as a researcher at Fnote-Brhan Secondary School for my thesis project this year. My research focuses on Teachers' Acceptance of Technology in four selected public high schools in Adigrat wereda, which I believe aligns closely with the values and educational goals of Fnote-Brhan Secondary School. I am particularly impressed by the technological tools being introduced in your school and I am eager to explore how my findings could contribute positively to your community on how to use it properly.
I am committed to conducting my research in a respectful and collaborative manner, ensuring that it benefits not only my academic pursuits but also the school and its students. I am open to any guidelines or requirements you may have and am more than willing to discuss how I can integrate my work with the school's ongoing initiatives.

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I look forward to the possibility of collaborating with you and the Fnote-Brhan Secondary School community.

Warm regards,
G.yohannes G. slassie
Student at Mekelle University
IT post Graduate

Date: 10/3/2024

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G.yohanne G.slassie Beyene
Agazi C.Secondary School
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0914210351
10/3/2024
To:
Hadas Lemlem
Walaku Secondary School
Walaku
Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopia
Dear Mrs. Hadas Lemlem,
I hope this message finds you well. My name is G.yohannes G.slassie, and I am an IT post graduate student at Mekelle University. I am writing to request your support and acceptance as a researcher at Walaku Secondary School for my thesis project this year. My research focuses on Teachers' Acceptance of Technology in four selected public high schools in Adigrat wereda, which I believe aligns closely with the values and educational goals of Walaku Secondary School . I am particularly impressed by the technological tools being introduced in your school and I am eager to explore how my findings could contribute positively to your community on how to use it properly.
I am committed to conducting my research in a respectful and collaborative manner, ensuring that it benefits not only my academic pursuits but also the school and its students. I am open to any guidelines or requirements you may have and am more than willing to discuss how I can integrate my work with the school's ongoing initiatives.

I genuinely believe that this partnership could be mutually beneficial, providing valuable insights for my research while also offering opportunities for your staff and students to engage with and learn from my findings.

Thank you for considering my request. I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this further and explore how we can work together this academic year. Please feel free to contact me at 0914210351or gebreyohannes21@gmail.com

I look forward to the possibility of collaborating with you and the Walaku Secondary School community.

Warm regards,

G.yohannes G. slassie

Student at Mekelle University

IT post Graduate

Date: 10/3/2024

From:
G.yohanne G.slassie Beyene
Agazi C.Secondary School
Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopia
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To:
Mezgebo Brhane
Yalem-Brhan Secondary School
Yalem-Brhan
Adigrat-Tigray-Ethiopia

Dear Mr. Mezgebo Brhane**,**
I hope this message finds you well. My name is G.yohannes G.slassie, and I am an IT post graduate student at Mekelle University. I am writing to request your support and acceptance as a researcher at Yalem-Brhan Secondary School for my thesis project this year.
My research focuses on Teachers' Acceptance of Technology in four selected public high schools in Adigrat wereda, which I believe aligns closely with the values and educational goals of Yalem-Brhan Secondary School . I am particularly impressed by the technological tools being introduced in your school and I am eager to explore how my findings could contribute positively to your community on how to use it properly.
I am committed to conducting my research in a respectful and collaborative manner, ensuring that it benefits not only my academic pursuits but also the school and its students. I am open to any guidelines or requirements you may have and am more than willing to discuss how I can integrate my work with the school's ongoing initiatives.

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Thank you for considering my request. I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this further and explore how we can work together this academic year. Please feel free to contact me at 0914210351or gebreyohannes21@gmail.com

I look forward to the possibility of collaborating with you and the **Yalem-Brhan Secondary School** community.

Warm regards,
G.yohannes G. slassie
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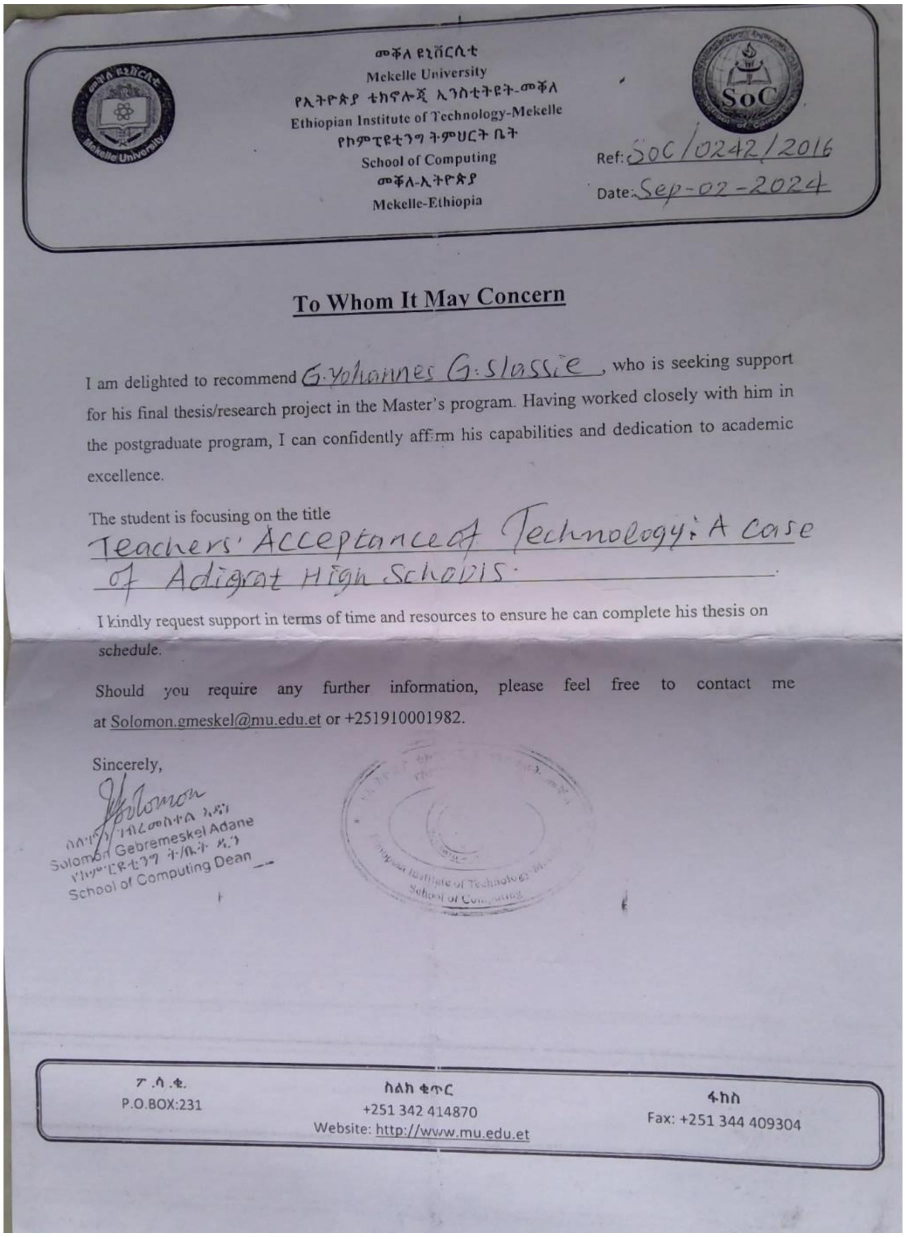
Appendix G: Informed Consent Form



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To Whom It May Concern

I am delighted to recommend G.Yohannes G.Slassie, who is seeking support for his final thesis/research project in the Master's program. Having worked closely with him in the postgraduate program, I can confidently affirm his capabilities and dedication to academic excellence.

The student is focusing on the title Teachers' Acceptance of Technology: A case of Adigrat High Schools.

I kindly request support in terms of time and resources to ensure he can complete his thesis on schedule.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact me at Solomon.gmeskel@mu.edu.et or +251910001982.

Sincerely,

Solomon
Solomon Gebremeskel Adane
School of Computing Dean

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ሓላፊ ቤት ፅሕፈት ትም/ቲ

ጊዚያዊ ምምሕዳር ትግራይ ቤት ፅሕፈት ትምህርቲ ከተማ ዓ.
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