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Abbreviations and Acronyms

ANOVA-----Analysis of Variance

ETP-----Education and Training Policy

HRM-----Human resource management

KI-----Key Informant

M-----Mean

PTA-----Parent Teacher Association

SD-----Standard deviation

SIP-----School Improvement Programs

SPSS-----Statistical Package for the Social Science

TGE-----Transitional Government of Ethiopia

UNESCO -----United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

VIF-----Variance inflation factor

Abstract

This study examines community participation in school improvement program (sip): the case of Addis Ketema sub-city secondary schools. Using a mixed research approach with descriptive research designs, data were collected from 377 participants selected through random, stratified, and purposive sampling from a population of 21,236. The data were analyzed using SPSS 26, applying descriptive statistics using questionnaire, interview and document review instruments for collecting data. The findings revealed that while parents were actively involved in program implementation, they felt excluded from decision-making. Teachers experienced moderate engagement but desired greater involvement, and students felt largely disconnected from SIP activities. Principals and supervisors, however, showed strong participation in decision-making, planning, and monitoring processes. The study concluded that the active involvement of parents, teachers, students, principals, and supervisors is crucial for improving education quality. However, resource constraints, administrative burdens, and barriers such as limited opportunities for decision-making, communication issues, and financial challenges hinder effective participation. Based on these findings, the researcher recommends increasing parental involvement in decision-making through regular meetings, enhancing teacher inclusion in planning, providing leadership training for principals, promoting collaborative leadership, and creating more opportunities for student engagement and leadership roles. The study suggests further research and policy makers to work and implement on diverse participation levels, including longitudinal studies and exploring communication strategies to engage underrepresented groups in SIP activities.

Key words: *community participation, school improvement program, Addis Ketema sub-city, educational stakeholders, parental involvement*

CHAPTER ONE

1. INTRODUCTION

Community participation in school improvement programs (SIPs) has become an essential strategy for improving educational outcomes, particularly in developing countries. The involvement of local communities, parents, and other stakeholders is increasingly recognized as a powerful tool for improving both school management and student performance. The Addis Ketema Sub City of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, is no exception to this trend, where educational reforms have called for active community engagement to enhance secondary school operations. This study explored the role of community participation in SIPs within Addis Ketema Sub City's secondary schools, emphasizing the role of local communities in shaping educational quality.

1.1. Background of the study

The concept of community participation in education is rooted in the belief that local communities, when actively engaged, can significantly improve the quality of schooling. Historically, education systems globally have faced challenges such as inadequate funding, insufficient resources, and a lack of community involvement (Ministry of Education, 2007). In response, many nations, particularly in Africa, have turned to SIPs to harness local knowledge and resources. SIPs involve various stakeholders, including school staff, parents, and local leaders, in decision-making and the implementation of educational initiatives aimed at improving student outcomes (Ministry of Education, 2007).

Globally, SIPs have shown positive results in enhancing school infrastructure, teacher performance, and student achievement. In Africa, where educational challenges are particularly pronounced, community-driven school improvement efforts have become integral to national education strategies. For instance, the African Union's educational policies emphasize the importance of involving communities in the planning and management of educational programs to promote ownership and sustainability (UNESCO, 2014).

In Ethiopia, education is regarded as a fundamental pillar of national development, with policies emphasizing community participation in school improvement initiatives. The Ethiopian Education and Training Policy (ETP) underscore the importance of local community involvement in enhancing educational quality, particularly in secondary education (MoE, 1994).

According to recent studies, community participation in School Improvement Programs (SIP) fosters a sense of ownership among stakeholders, leading to better resource mobilization and improved student outcomes (Teshome & Abebe, 2021). In Addis Ababa, particularly in Addis Ketema Sub City, where educational institutions face challenges such as overcrowding and limited infrastructure, the active engagement of parents, local businesses, and government agencies have become a crucial strategy to bridge these gaps (Wondimu, 2020). Policies such as the General Education Quality Improvement Program (GEQIP) and the School Improvement Framework provide structured guidelines to enhance community collaboration and ensure sustainable development in education (MoE, 2015).

The benefits of community participation in SIP extend beyond infrastructure development, influencing student discipline, academic performance, and teacher motivation. Studies indicate that when parents and community members engage in decision-making, school governance becomes more transparent and efficient (Ayalew, 2019). Additionally, government policies such as the Education Sector Development Program (ESDP) outline strategic frameworks for strengthening local partnerships in school management (MoE, 2018). However, challenges remain, including inconsistent policy implementation and disparities in resource allocation among different districts (Tesfaye & Mekonnen, 2022). Moving forward, strengthening policy enforcement and providing adequate training for community representatives can enhance the impact of SIP, ultimately contributing to a more equitable and effective education system in Ethiopia.

Addis Ketema Sub City, situated in the central part of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, is one of the cities most bustling urban districts. It is home to eight government secondary schools that serve a diverse student population. The sub-city features a combination of residential, commercial, and industrial areas, with schools distributed across various zones. This study was focused on community participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP): The case of secondary schools in Addis Ketema Sub City within this context.

The practical implementation of SIPs in Addis Ketema remains inconsistent, with varying levels of success across schools. Research had indicated that while some schools have seen improvements in infrastructure and student performance through community involvement, others struggle due to limited resources, inadequate training for community members, and lack of

sustained engagement (Ministry of Education, 2007).. This study aims to assess the effectiveness of community participation in SIPs specifically within Addis Ketema Sub City's secondary schools, explored the factors that facilitate or hinder such participation and its effect on educational outcomes.

1.2. Statement of the problem

Community participation is an essential component of school improvement programs (SIP), particularly in developing countries where educational reforms are crucial for enhancing learning outcomes and fostering sustainable development. Despite the recognition of community involvement in school governance and improvement initiatives, the extent and effectiveness of such participation in Addis Ketema Sub-city secondary schools remain underexplored. Previous studies have highlighted the importance of community engagement in SIPs as a catalyst for educational change (Adeyemi, 2021; Arnot & Reay, 2022), yet empirical research focused on the Addis Ketema Sub-city context is limited. This gap is significant as community participation is considered a pivotal factor in addressing educational challenges such as resource constraints, student performance, and infrastructure development (Tadesse & Terefe, 2020).

A critical examination of the literature reveals multiple dimensions of gaps in the understanding of community participation in SIPs. The first gap identified is the lack of a consistent connects community participation to tangible improvements in school performance, especially in urban settings like Addis Ketema (Alqurashi, 2023). While several studies suggest positive correlations between community engagement and school improvement outcomes, the methodological approaches used often fail to capture the complexities of local socio-cultural dynamics that influence participation (Girma, 2021). Furthermore, many existing studies primarily focus on rural settings, neglecting urban educational environments where challenges and opportunities for community involvement may differ significantly (Hussein et al., 2022).

The second gap concerns practical and technological limitations in the involvement of communities. Many SIPs rely on traditional methods of participation, such as meetings and face-to-face engagements, which may not be fully effective in the context of urban areas where time, resources, and access to technology pose significant challenges (Molla & Degu, 2022). Moreover, there is insufficient research on how technology can be integrated into SIPs to

enhance community participation and improve the overall efficiency of school improvement efforts (Gidey & Tesfaye, 2021).

Methodologically, previous research on community participation in SIPs predominantly uses qualitative approaches, which, while valuable for understanding perceptions, often fail to provide generalizable data or actionable insights for policymakers (Abebe & Girma, 2023). The need for mixed-methods research that combines qualitative insights with quantitative data on the role of community participation is therefore critical. This methodological gap calls for the development of robust research tools that can assess both the quality and quantity of community involvement in SIPs.

Despite the growing recognition of community participation in school improvement programs (SIP), empirical studies on its implementation in urban Ethiopian contexts, particularly in Addis Ketema Sub City, remain limited. There is also a lack of comprehensive analysis on the effectiveness of policy frameworks like the General Education Quality Improvement Program (GEQIP) in facilitating community engagement in urban schools. More empirical studies are needed to assess the extent to which community involvement influences student performance, school governance, and resource mobilization in densely populated areas like Addis Ketema Sub City (Teshome & Abebe, 2021; Wondimu, 2020).

Addis Ketema Sub City is one of the most densely populated districts in Addis Ababa, characterized by a diverse socioeconomic landscape and significant urban challenges. The sub-city is home to a mix of low-income and middle-income households, with many families engaged in small-scale businesses and informal employment. Educational institutions in the area face various challenges, including overcrowded classrooms, limited educational resources, and inadequate infrastructure, making community participation in school improvement efforts essential (CSA, 2021).

This research aimed to fill this gap by examining the challenges and opportunities of community participation in SIP, evaluating policy implementation, and identifying best practices for enhancing collaborative efforts in school improvement. Furthermore, the objective of this study is to address these identified gaps by employing a mixed-methods approach to investigate the extent, forms, and role of community participation in the school improvement initiatives of Addis Ketema Sub-city secondary schools.

1.3. Research questions

The research was focused on the following questions

1. What is the level of community participation in decision-making processes, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation related to school improvements?
2. To what extent community participation has influenced the quality of education?
3. What are the barriers for effective community participation in school improvement programs?
4. What strategies should be propose for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs?

1.4. Research Objectives

1.4.1. General objective

The primary objective of this study was to assess the community participation on the effectiveness of the School Improvement Program (SIP) in secondary schools within Addis Ketema Sub-city.

1.4.2. Specific objectives

Specific objectives of the study were.

- To assess level of community participation in decision-making processes, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation related to school improvements.
- To examine the influence of community participation in quality of education
- To identify the barriers to effective community participation in school improvement programs
- To propose strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs

1.5. Significance of the study

This study was significant in identifying the direct correlation between community participation and quality of education in Addis Ketema Sub City secondary schools. By exploring how

involvement from local communities' effects teaching, learning environments, and student performance, the study provided evidence on whether community engagement leads to improved educational outcomes. The study highlighted the importance of collaboration between schools and communities. A strong school-community relationship can foster a sense of ownership and accountability among local stakeholders, including parents, students, and community leaders.

By investigating the challenges that hinder community participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP), the study can identify barriers such as lack of resources, poor communication, or cultural factors. Researchers could use this as a secondary source to understand the existing body of knowledge on SIP, particularly in the context of Ethiopian secondary schools.

1.6. Scope of the study

Geographical Scope of the study was focused on the secondary schools (Dilachin, Abysinya, Addis Ketema, Yekatit 23, Umer Semester, Kolfe Secondary School, Milinium and Asko Secondary School) located in Addis Ketema Sub City of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In terms of time scope, the study was considered data in the 2024 and 2025 academic years, community participation in school improvement program (SIP): the case of Addis ketema sub city secondary schools within the given timeframe.

The conceptual scope focused on analyzing the role and extent of involvement of local communities, including parents, students, teachers, principals, and supervisors, in the planning, decision-making, and implementation of SIPs.

The methodological scope of this study employed a descriptive research design and a mixed-methods approach, integrating both qualitative and quantitative research methods. Data were gathered through questionnaires, interviews, and document analysis to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the research topic.

1.7. Limitation of the study

This study encountered several limitations related to data, budget, time, and other factors. Data limitations arose from some respondents' reluctance to provide detailed information, which may have affected the depth of analysis. Budget constraints restricted the study's ability to cover a larger sample size and conduct extensive field research. Time constraints also posed challenges,

limiting the scope of data collection and analysis. Additionally, logistical difficulties, such as scheduling interviews with key stakeholders and obtaining necessary documents, affected the research process. However, these limitations were addressed through strategic planning and effective time management, to ensure the reliability and validity of the findings.

1.8. Operational definition of key terms

1. Community participation: In the context of this study, community participation refers to the active involvement of parents, students and teachers, in the planning, decision-making, implementation, and evaluation processes of the School Improvement Program.

2. School improvement program: is a structured initiative aimed at enhancing the quality of education and overall school environment through collective efforts by schools, local government, and the community.

3. Decision-making: The extent to which community members are involved in discussions and decisions regarding school rules, academic programs, and physical improvements.

4. Resource contribution: Contributions made by the community in the form of financial support, material donations or volunteer services.

1.9. Organization of the study

The study was structured into five main chapters. Chapter one introduces the research by presenting the background, problem statement, objectives, significance, scope, limitations and operational definitions of key terms. Chapter Two reviewed relevant literature, including theoretical, empirical, and conceptual frameworks. Chapter Three outlined the research methodology, detailing the data collection and analysis procedures. Chapter Four presented the collected data, followed by a thorough analysis and interpretation of the findings. Finally, Chapter Five summarized the key findings, draws conclusions, and offered recommendations for future research

CHAPTER TWO

2. REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

2.1. Introduction

Community participation in school improvement programs (SIP) has gained significant attention in educational research and practice over the last few decades. The involvement of local communities in educational processes is recognized as a critical element for achieving sustainable improvements in both educational outcomes and school environments. In Ethiopia, particularly in Addis Ketema Sub City, secondary schools face numerous challenges that can benefit from the active engagement of local communities. This chapter explores various theoretical perspectives, empirical studies, and conceptual frameworks related to community participation on SIP, specifically focusing on secondary schools in Addis Ketema Sub City. The review covers both the benefits and barriers of community participation, examines relevant theories and models, and discusses how empirical research can be addressed these issues in different contexts.

2.2. Theoretical Review of Literature

2.2.1. The evolution of school improvement programs

The role of community participation gained prominence in the late 20th century with the adoption of participatory development models emphasizing local engagement (UNESCO, 2022). This shift was further bolstered by the Education for All (EFA) framework and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which stressed inclusive and equitable quality education through community-driven initiatives (UNICEF, 2023).

Recent studies highlight that effective community participation aligns with contextual needs and cultural dynamics. For example, Ajayi et al. (2023) found that in Sub-Saharan Africa, community-based committees contributed significantly to school retention rates by addressing local barriers such as early marriage and child labor. Similarly, in South Asia, parent-teacher associations (PTAs) have been instrumental in promoting girl-child education by challenging societal norms (Kumar et al., 2023).

Technological advancements have also redefined community participation. Virtual platforms now facilitate parent-teacher communication, while digital tools enable communities to monitor

school performance (Chen & Li, 2023). However, disparities in access to technology pose challenges, especially in low-income countries (Adewale & Singh, 2023).

Despite progress, the literature underscores persistent barriers to community participation, including socio-economic inequalities, power imbalances, and inadequate capacity-building initiatives (Johnson et al., 2023). Addressing these issues requires targeted policies that empower marginalized groups and strengthen collaborative frameworks (Rahman & Yusuf, 2023).

Community participation in education has evolved significantly over the past decades, particularly in the context of high schools, where collaborative efforts among parents, teachers, students, and other stakeholders are essential for school improvement. Early models of community involvement were often limited to fundraising or auxiliary support roles. However, contemporary approaches emphasize more meaningful engagement, including decision-making processes, policy formulation, and monitoring and evaluation (Adusei et al., 2023).

Research indicates that active community participation enhances the quality of education by promoting accountability, improving resource allocation, and fostering a sense of ownership among stakeholders (Smith et al., 2022). Schools that engage communities in designing and implementing improvement programs tend to achieve better academic outcomes and address diverse student needs effectively (Chandler & Roberts, 2022).

In high schools, the inclusion of marginalized groups, such as parents from low-income backgrounds or minority communities, remains a critical challenge (Gonzalez et al., 2023). Addressing these barriers requires schools to adopt inclusive strategies, such as creating flexible engagement opportunities, building trust, and providing capacity-building workshops (Moyo et al., 2023).

Recent studies also highlight the role of technology in facilitating community participation. Virtual platforms enable parents and community members to contribute remotely, expanding opportunities for engagement (Singh et al., 2022). Furthermore, culturally responsive approaches that align with the local values and traditions of the community have proven effective in fostering sustainable participation (Kim et al., 2023).

Community participation in school improvement is not merely an adjunct to educational development but a cornerstone of holistic and inclusive educational reform (Torres et al., 2023). Strengthening this participation requires systemic changes in policy, practice, and mindset across educational institutions and communities.

2.2.2. Community Participation and its importance in education

Community participation in education generally refers to the involvement of community members in the decision-making processes, implementation, and evaluation of educational activities. It emphasizes collaboration among various stakeholders such as parents, teachers, students, local authorities, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to improve school functioning and educational quality. According to Suda (2014), community participation is crucial in addressing systemic issues within schools, including resource shortages, low student performance, and ineffective teaching practices.

Building a school's capacity for change and implementing specific reforms, both of which place an increased emphasis on student achievement as their ultimate goal, are two fundamental tenets of school improvement. Consequently, improving school organization capacity and implementing educational reform are linked. The fact that school improvement should not be confused with general educational change. Simply because numerous internal or external changes do not improve students' outcomes. Instead, they ought to stress the significance of school structure and culture (Frew, 2010).

According to MOE (2005), the term "school improvement process" refers to ongoing efforts to meet numerous inputs, boost school improvement, and enhance learning outcomes at the school level. This enhancement cannot be carried out daily as part of routine educational activities. The poor can benefit from educational institutions in a variety of ways.

Everyone comprehends the idea of improvement. In simple terms, it means making products, services, inputs, or processes better. Scholars have interpreted the term "school improvement" in a variety of ways. According to Harris, "a particular approach to educational change that improves student outcomes and builds the school's capability for managing improvement efforts" is what "school improvement" means by definition. Hopkins (2005) defined school improvement as "a method for educational change that promotes student outcomes and also enhances the school's capacity for handling change. In addition to these ideas, Plan International (2004)

provides the following definitions of school improvement: School improvement aims to make schools more educational. This is contingent on advancements both inside and outside of the classroom, which in turn is contingent on the school's commitment to meeting the needs of the students and their families. To put it another way, a methodical approach to raising educational standards is referred to as school improvement.

Community participation in education refers to the active involvement of community members, including parents, local leaders, and other stakeholders, in supporting and improving the educational process. This collaborative effort has been recognized as a critical factor in enhancing the quality, equity, and inclusivity of education systems worldwide (Shah & Quinn, 2022). Community involvement creates a supportive environment for learners, encouraging better academic performance. Studies show that when parents and communities engage in education, students demonstrate improved attendance, motivation, and overall academic achievement (Shah & Quinn, 2022).

Active participation fosters transparency and accountability among educators and school administrators. Communities that monitor educational processes help ensure that resources are utilized effectively (Moses et al., 2023).

Community participation ensures that educational content and practices align with local cultures and values. It helps create inclusive educational practices that address the needs of marginalized groups, such as girls, disabled children, and ethnic minorities (Smith et al., 2023). Communities contribute resources financial, material, and human thereby augmenting government efforts to deliver quality education (Brown et al., 2022). Active engagement fosters trust between schools and communities, creating an environment conducive to collaboration and problem-solving (Adams & Kumar, 2022). Community participation empowers individuals to take ownership of the education process, leading to long-term sustainability and improved educational governance (Garcia & Lopez, 2023).

2.2.3. Theories Related to Community Participation

2.2.3.1. Social Capital Theory

Social capital theory, as proposed by Pierre Bourdieu (1986), suggests that the social networks, norms, and trust among individuals in a community can significantly enhance collective action and cooperation. In the context of SIP, community participation is seen as a manifestation of

social capital, where schools draw on local networks to foster engagement and support for school improvement initiatives (Putnam, 2000). This theory is taken as useful for understanding how social relationships and trust within a community can improve the overall educational environment by mobilizing local resources for school development.

Social capital theory emphasizes the value of social networks, trust, and norms in facilitating cooperative actions within communities and organizations. In high schools, the implementation of School Improvement Programs (SIP) benefits significantly from the presence of strong social capital. Social capital fosters collaboration among teachers, students, parents, and administrators, which is essential for effective decision-making, resource mobilization, and creating a supportive learning environment. Putnam (2000) highlights that trust and reciprocity within networks enhances collective actions, which are pivotal for achieving SIP goals such as improving academic performance and reducing dropout rates.

Social capital influences the success of SIP by promoting stakeholder engagement. Teachers with high levels of professional trust and collaboration are more likely to share innovative teaching practices, which can improve student outcomes (Coleman, 1988). Social capital theory is a pivotal framework for understanding community participation in schools, emphasizing the importance of social networks, trust, and norms in fostering collective action. According to Putnam (2000), social capital is the glue that binds communities, enabling individuals to work together toward common goals. In the context of education, social capital is instrumental in enhancing parental engagement, improving school governance, and fostering a culture of collaboration among stakeholders.

Furthermore, parent-teacher associations and student councils serve as platforms for building trust and ensuring inclusivity in school governance, aligning with SIP objectives. Recent studies show that schools with robust social capital report better academic outcomes and fewer behavioral issues among students (Leana, 2011).

Community participation in schools can be viewed as a manifestation of bonding, bridging, and linking social capital. Bonding capital refers to strong ties within homogenous groups, such as parent-teacher associations, while bridging capital connects diverse groups, facilitating knowledge exchange and resource sharing (Bourdieu, 1986; Lin, 2001). Linking social capital, on the other hand, involves vertical relationships between schools and external institutions, such

as local government agencies, which can provide additional resources and support (Woolcock, 2001).

Recent studies underscore the role of social capital in mitigating educational inequities and fostering resilience in marginalized communities. For instance, parental involvement mediated through social networks has been shown to significantly improve student outcomes in underprivileged areas (Coleman, 1988; Dika & Singh, 2022). Moreover, trust among parents, teachers, and administrators has been identified as a critical factor in the success of community-based educational initiatives (Bryk & Schneider, 2002).

Challenges to leveraging social capital in schools include disparities in resource availability, cultural differences, and systemic barriers. Addressing these issues requires deliberate strategies to build inclusive networks and empower underrepresented groups (Borgonovi et al., 2021). Ultimately, social capital theory provides a robust lens through which educators and policymakers can enhance community participation and improve educational outcomes.

2.2.3.2. Ecological Systems Theory

Urie Bronfenbrenner's ecological systems theory (1979) highlights the importance of multiple environmental layers in a child's development. In the context of SIP, the theory suggests that community engagement is essential for improving educational outcomes, as it involves interaction across multiple layers of influence, such as family, school, community, and policy levels. In this framework, the school is viewed as a micro-system; with community involvement acting as a critical factor that influences educational success and sustainability of school improvement programs.

Ecological Systems Theory, proposed by Bronfenbrenner (1979), provides a framework for understanding the complex interplay between individuals and their environments. This theory categorizes influences on human development into five interconnected systems: microsystem, mesosystem, exosystem, macrosystem, and chronosystem. In high schools, this theory highlights how various factors such as peer relationships, teacher-student interactions, and family support—shape students' behaviors and learning outcomes. For instance, positive interactions within the microsystem, like supportive peer networks, foster adaptive behavior and academic achievement (Guy-Evans, 2020).

Social Information Processing (SIP) theory, introduced by Crick and Dodge (1994), explains how individuals process and respond to social cues. In high schools, students interpret interactions through cognitive steps such as encoding social cues, interpreting intentions, and generating responses. SIP theory is crucial in understanding peer conflicts and bullying behaviors. Misinterpretations of social cues, often influenced by personal or environmental factors within the ecological systems, can lead to aggressive or maladaptive responses (Peets & Hodges, 2021).

Ecological Systems Theory provides a framework for understanding how multiple environmental systems interact to influence human development, including community participation in schools. This theory posits that individuals are embedded within nested systems, from the immediate microsystem (family, peers, school) to broader systems such as the exosystem (community services, local institutions) and macrosystem (culture, societal norms). In the context of community participation in schools, it highlights the dynamic interplay between these systems in shaping educational outcomes.

Students interact directly with teachers, peers, and family members within the school environment. These relationships influence student engagement and academic success. Parental involvement and community volunteers serve as critical contributors to this system, fostering a supportive environment that enhances student learning experiences (Smith & Brown, 2020).

The system reflects the interactions between different microsystems, such as the connection between the school and families or local organizations. For example, a school collaborating with local NGOs can create opportunities for students to engage in extracurricular activities or community service, promoting holistic development (Jones & Taylor, 2021).

Community resources and services, such as local government policies or community organizations, play a significant role in shaping school experiences. Access to health services, extracurricular programs, and support systems for families impacts the school environment and students' outcomes (Martin & Davis, 2019).

Broader societal factors, including cultural values, economic conditions, and policy frameworks, influence school-community relationships. Policies that promote inclusive education and community involvement shape how schools integrate external support systems into their operations (Wilson & Lee, 2022).

Studies have shown that schools utilizing community resources enhance student achievement and well-being by creating networks of support that align with the principles of Ecological Systems Theory (Chen & Kim, 2018). By considering these interconnected systems, schools can develop comprehensive strategies to engage communities, ensuring sustainable educational outcomes.

2.2.3.3. Stakeholder Theory

Stakeholder theory, as discussed by Freeman (1984), emphasizes the role of various groups in the decision-making process of organizations. Applied to SIP, it advocates for the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including teachers, parents, local community leaders, and students, in shaping the direction of school reforms. This theory underscores the importance of involving diverse voices in educational development to ensure that policies and practices align with the needs and expectations of the community.

Stakeholder theory emphasizes the importance of considering diverse groups students, parents, teachers, community members, and policymakers in the decision-making processes of schools. It suggests that effectively engaging stakeholders leads to better outcomes and enhanced trust within the education ecosystem (Freeman et al., 2010). This approach is particularly relevant in the implementation of School Improvement Programs (SIP), where stakeholder input helps identify priorities, allocate resources, and design interventions tailored to the unique needs of high schools. SIPs aim to address challenges like low academic performance, dropout rates, and teacher motivation by involving stakeholders collaboratively (Bryk et al., 2020).

In high schools, stakeholder involvement under SIP ensures that all perspectives are accounted for, fostering collective ownership of initiatives. For instance, engaging parents in decision-making enhances accountability, while student feedback ensures the relevance of educational interventions. Teachers' input in SIP processes aligns resources and strategies with instructional needs. Moreover, community and government contributions enable sustainable improvements by addressing systemic barriers such as funding gaps and infrastructure deficits (Giles & Hargreaves, 2021).

2.2.4. Models of Community Participation

2.2.4.1. The Continuum of Participation Model

The model is, developed by Sherry Arnstein (1969), categorizes participation into levels ranging from non-participation to full citizen power. This model is often applied in community development and educational settings to assess the extent of community involvement. In the context of SIP, it is used to evaluate the level of decision-making power that community members have in shaping school improvement strategies. The model includes eight rungs on the ladder, with the top rungs representing the highest level of genuine participation, where community members have control over decisions.

According to Hart (1992) the Continuum of Participation Model in community participation in schools offers a framework for understanding the varying levels of involvement that stakeholders can have in educational settings. This model outlines a spectrum of participation, ranging from passive involvement to active collaboration. At one end of the continuum, there is non-participation, where stakeholders are excluded from decision-making processes. Moving along the continuum, Consultation involves stakeholders being asked for their opinions, but their influence over decisions remains limited. Collaboration follows, where stakeholders engage in joint problem-solving and decision-making, fostering a sense of shared responsibility and partnership. Finally, at the highest level of participation, empowerment, stakeholders have the authority to influence and control decisions, often resulting in greater autonomy and a deeper impact on school policies and outcomes (Hart, 1992; Arnstein, 1969). The Continuum of Participation Model highlights the importance of meaningful involvement in educational settings and reflects the dynamic nature of community-school interactions.

2.2.4.2. The Theory of Change Model

The Theory of Change (ToC) model is a widely utilized framework in school improvement programs to guide systematic change and achieve desired outcomes. This model helps schools identify the root causes of challenges, establish a vision for success, and outline a step-by-step approach to achieving that vision (Anderson & Anderson, 2018). By focusing on the causal relationships between interventions and outcomes, the Theory of Change provides a structured method for schools to understand how specific actions lead to broader educational improvements. The process typically involves mapping inputs, activities, outputs, and outcomes

to ensure that every step contributes to the overall goal (Weiss, 1995). For example, in school improvement programs, interventions may focus on professional development for teachers, curriculum enhancement, and creating a supportive learning environment (Funnell & Rogers, 2011). Additionally, engaging stakeholders such as educators, parents, and policymakers in the ToC process ensures that the improvement efforts are contextually relevant and responsive to the needs of the school community (Reissman, 2012). Recent research emphasizes that integrating feedback loops within the ToC model allows schools to adapt and refine strategies based on ongoing assessments and changing circumstances (Patton, 2018).

2.2.5. Theories and Models in School Improvement Programs

Lewin's Change Management Theory serves as a foundational model, emphasizing the stages of unfreezing, changing, and refreezing to implement and sustain reforms effectively (Lewin, 1947). This approach underlines the need for schools to identify areas for change, execute interventions, and stabilize improvements for long-term benefits.

Similarly, Fullan's Educational Change Theory highlights the significance of capacity building, stakeholder involvement, and fostering a collaborative culture to ensure sustainable school improvement (Fullan, 2011).

The Systems Thinking Model, based on Senge's work, emphasizes viewing schools as dynamic systems where interconnected components, such as leadership, teaching, and student engagement, must work in harmony to drive improvement (Senge, 1990).

Moreover, the Input-Process-Output Model in education underscores the importance of optimizing inputs (e.g., resources, policies), refining processes (e.g., teaching methodologies), and achieving desired outputs like improved student achievement and teacher effectiveness (Scheerens, 2015).

Recent studies also highlight the role of evidence-based practices, advocating for data-driven decision-making and continuous assessment to address the unique needs of schools (Marsh, Pane, & Hamilton, 2006). By integrating these theories and models, school improvement programs can address both systemic challenges and localized needs, ensuring meaningful and sustainable educational advancements.

2.2.6. School Improvement Program in Ethiopia

The Education and Training Policy and its Implementation Document indicate that citizens face challenges in accessing education and that the quality of education remains inadequate. While the policy aimed to address these concerns, research suggests that its implementation primarily focused on expanding access rather than improving educational quality (MOE, 2010). Several studies highlight that despite increased enrollment, the expected improvements in learning outcomes and overall quality remain limited. A more targeted approach was necessary to shift attention from generalized quality concerns to the critical inputs and processes that directly enhance student learning. This shift would ensure that schools evolve into true learning environments where students receive meaningful education aligned with national and global standards (MoE, 2021).

To address the persistent quality issues, the Ministry of Education (MOE) introduced the General Education Quality Improvement Package (GEQIP) in 2007 (MOE, 2007). This initiative aimed to enhance instructional quality through interventions in teacher development, curriculum revision, and school leadership improvements. Despite these efforts, studies indicate that systemic challenges such as resource constraints, ineffective policy execution, and gaps in teacher training continue to hinder the anticipated transformation in educational quality (World Bank, 2018). Therefore, further reforms are required to ensure that educational policies not only increase access but also enhance the effectiveness of teaching and learning, ultimately improving student outcomes (OECD, 2019).

The package consists of four major programs. Program for teacher development; Program to Improve the Curriculum; Program for Education, Leadership, and Organizational Development; Program for School Improvement, as well as two additional packages; Information and Communication Technology, as well as Ethics and civics instruction. As a result, one of the programs intended to raise the standard of education in the nation is the School Improvement Program (Krishna, K., and Bajpai, A. (2013).

The Australian school excellence initiatives were used as inspiration for the Ethiopian School Improvement Program, which is being used to raise educational standards; consisting of twelve elements and four domains (MOE, 2007). The program was developed by MOE and distributed to regions, zones, and schools for implementation with various guiding manuals. Teachers and

educational leaders at various levels received training to ensure that the program was implemented. However, the majority of researchers stated that stakeholders are unable to assist due to inadequate awareness of SIP (Lemessa; 2012).

The School Improvement Program (SIP) in Ethiopia is a comprehensive initiative aimed at enhancing the quality of education in primary and secondary schools across the country. It seeks to address the diverse challenges facing the education sector, including inadequate infrastructure, low teacher quality, and limited access to educational resources. The Ethiopian government, along with international organizations and local stakeholders, has invested significant effort in designing and implementing this program to ensure that schools can provide a conducive learning environment for students.

The SIP focuses on several key areas, including curriculum development, teacher professional development, school leadership, and community involvement. One of the primary objectives of the program is to improve teacher competency through regular training and continuous professional development (MoE, 2018). Additionally, the program emphasizes the importance of inclusive education, particularly for marginalized groups such as children with disabilities and girls, ensuring equal access to quality education for all (UNICEF, 2021).

Furthermore, the program aims at to strengthen the governance and management of schools. By promoting school-based management practices, it empowers school leaders and communities to participate actively in decision-making processes (Teshome, 2020). This participatory approach fosters accountability, transparency, and shared responsibility in improving educational outcomes.

Research has shown that the SIP has yielded positive results in several regions of Ethiopia. Schools involved in the program have demonstrated improvements in student academic performance, increased parental involvement, and better resource allocation (Getachew, 2019). However, challenges persist, including limited funding, disparities in implementation across regions, and the need for ongoing monitoring and evaluation to sustain progress (Woldehanna & Melese, 2017).

2.2.7. Community Participation in School Improvement Program in Ethiopia

Community participation plays a crucial role in the success and sustainability of school improvement programs in Ethiopia. This involvement fosters a collaborative approach that

integrates local knowledge, resources, and cultural values into the educational process. Effective community participation ensures that educational initiatives are aligned with the needs of the community, enhancing the quality of education while promoting inclusivity and accountability. According to the study made by Asefa and Tewelde (2021), active community involvement in school development significantly influences students' academic performance and overall school climate. Their study highlights that when parents, local leaders, and community members are engaged in decision-making processes, schools experience increased support, better resource allocation, and improved student outcomes. Moreover, the Ethiopian Ministry of Education has placed a strong emphasis on community-based approaches, recognizing the necessity of local involvement in shaping educational policies (Gebregziabher et al., 2022). The integration of community participation allows for the development of contextually relevant curricula, teaching methodologies, and learning environments that cater to the specific needs of diverse communities across Ethiopia. Furthermore, research by Tesfalem (2023) emphasizes the role of community groups in creating a sense of ownership and shared responsibility for school improvement, thereby promoting sustainable development in education. In addition, various studies, including those by Alemayehu and Aklilu (2020), suggest that community participation not only enhances school management but also bridges gaps between educational institutions and the communities they serve. This partnership has been shown to lead to greater parental involvement, improved teacher-student relationships, and increased engagement in extracurricular activities. Overall, community participation is a vital element in ensuring the success of school improvement programs in Ethiopia, as it aligns educational objectives with local needs and aspirations, fostering a supportive learning environment.

2.2.8. Rationales and Objectives of the School Improvement Program

For a school to provide a high-quality education by enhancing the conditions in which students and teachers interact, school improvement is necessary. According to MOE (2007), the primary objective of SIP in Ethiopia is to boost student achievement by enhancing learning and other associated conditions. In addition, the document emphasized the necessity of the SIP to develop the responsibility and accountability of educational personnel working at various levels of the education system to make schools accountable to parents, the community, and the government. The World Bank (2008) stated that the goals of the program to improve schools are to: enhance

school and community participation in resource utilization, prioritize needs, and develop a school improvement plan.

The main aim of SIP is to improve the quality of education by coordinating the efforts of non-governmental organizations and the community by ensuring that the necessary resources are made available and that parents and the community as a whole have a greater sense of responsibility for their children's education (Lonsdale, A 2012).

2.2.9. The Domains of School Improvement Program

The School Improvement Program (SIP) domains are essential components designed to enhance student learning outcomes by addressing key areas within the education system (Ministry of Education, 2007). These domains provide a structured framework to improve teaching and learning environments, ensuring a holistic approach to educational development. According to MoE (2007), there are four interconnected domains, each playing a crucial role in fostering school effectiveness. Each domain consists of specific standards and indicators that serve as benchmarks for assessing progress and identifying areas for further development. These domains aim to create a well-rounded education system that meets the needs of both students and educators, thereby promoting sustainable learning improvements (Barrera-Osorio et al., 2009).

Furthermore, within each domain, there are three sub-domains that further refine the focus of school improvement initiatives (MoE, 2007). These sub-domains help in operationalizing the standards and indicators, ensuring that the SIP framework remains practical and adaptable to diverse educational settings. Research indicates that effective implementation of SIP domains can lead to measurable improvements in student achievement, teacher performance, and overall school management (Fullan, 2011). By aligning these domains with national education policies and international best practices, schools can create an inclusive and supportive learning environment. The integration of these domains into policy and practice is vital for fostering continuous improvement in the education sector (Hopkins, 2013).

2.2.9.1. Teaching and Learning

The tasks and responsibilities of teachers are the primary focus of the teaching and learning domain, which includes subdomains like teaching work, learning and assessment, and curriculum. Teachers must organize, adequately prepare, and present learning activities first and foremost. To accomplish this, teachers must possess sufficient academic and professional

expertise. In addition, they must employ effective teaching methods that enable the instruction of large, diverse classrooms Lonsdale, A. (2012). Additionally, according to MoE teachers are concerned about the creation and utilization of instructional aids utilizing locally available resources. Therefore, teachers will be appointed (assigned) by their qualifications and teaching experience to fill these positions. They will receive the appropriate training (MoE. 2007).

2.2.9.2. School Leadership and Administration

School leadership in our environment consists of principals, vice principals, school committees composed of teachers, students, parents, and other community members, as well as educational leaders at various levels outside of schools. These stakeholders play a crucial role in guiding the direction of educational institutions. According to the Ministry of Education (MoE, 2007), the initiative to restructure schools was spearheaded by these organizations. Effective leadership is essential for addressing the dynamic challenges of education, ensuring that schools are managed efficiently, and fostering collaboration among different stakeholders. Decentralizing school leadership can promote shared decision-making, increase accountability, and enhance responsiveness to the unique needs of students and communities (Bush, 2021). Research suggests that a decentralized approach improves school performance by enabling leaders to implement context-specific policies and innovations tailored to local educational demands (Leithwood et al., 2019).

Furthermore, school leadership carries the primary responsibility for both educational success and failure, making it essential to provide alternative solutions when challenges arise. Decentralization allows leadership teams to take ownership of problems, propose relevant solutions, and adapt strategies to ensure educational equity and quality (Fullan, 2020). Additionally, timely support and targeted training for school leaders are critical in enhancing their capacity to make informed decisions that improve teaching and learning outcomes (Hargreaves & Ainscow, 2020). Training programs focusing on instructional leadership, stakeholder engagement, and data-driven decision-making can strengthen leadership effectiveness and contribute to sustainable educational reforms. As schools undergo restructuring, investing in professional development will ensure that leadership teams are well-equipped to foster an inclusive and high-performing educational environment.

2.2.9.3 Parent-Community and School Relations

For school development to be successful, parents, community members, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) play a crucial role in supporting educational initiatives (Epstein, 2018). Research has identified various strategies to encourage the involvement of these key stakeholders, as their participation significantly impacts student outcomes (Desforges & Abouchaar, 2003). Since parents have direct responsibility for their children's education, their engagement in school-related activities is essential. They are encouraged to communicate with school administrators about issues such as student behavior, dropout rates, and overall academic participation (Fan & Chen, 2001). Teachers and school leaders consistently emphasize the importance of parental involvement, urging parents to monitor their children's progress and visit schools frequently to strengthen the connection between home and school environments (Hoover-Dempsey & Sandler, 1997).

Moreover, the government's limited capacity to provide all the necessary resources for effective teaching and learning highlights the need for shared responsibility among parents, the community, and NGOs (Henderson & Mapp, 2002). By establishing structured mechanisms, these stakeholders can contribute financially or in kind to educational development initiatives, thereby enhancing the overall quality of education (Epstein & Sheldon, 2002). Various outreach programs and strategies will be implemented to increase parental awareness, ultimately fostering a sense of ownership in educational matters. These efforts aim to create a collaborative and sustainable approach to school development, ensuring that all stakeholders actively participate in shaping the educational experiences of students (Jeynes, 2011).

2.2.9.4 Safe and Healthy School Environment

MoE (2007:29) asserts that a safe and healthy learning environment benefits students' academic performance. As a result, the school improvement program puts more work into maintaining the safety and health of our schools Lonsdale, A. (2012). The educational environment must be safe, where children may learn without fear of rape, physical assault, or kidnapping; where students' behavior is upheld; and where there is a strong and effective teacher-student connection. There will also be access to classrooms, books, reference materials, libraries, science kits, lab chemicals, athletic equipment, plasma TVs, and an ICT center. Water supply, electricity (when available), and sanitary facilities like toilets will all be offered. In conclusion, the school reform

initiative primarily focuses on the four domains mentioned above. Among the four categories, the teaching and learning domain is given particular attention because it has the greatest impact on how well schools do in boosting students' learning outcomes (MoE, 2007).

2.2.10. Principles of School Improvement

A study made by, Abeya Geleta and Tamiru Jote (2009), has indicate that significant principles that contribute to the effectiveness and excellence of schools. The school has a clearly stated mission or set of goals, which are based on recent efforts to improve schools and the school reform, and which school leaders might embrace for improving their schools. School performance is carefully observed (Ministry of Education, 2005).

An emphasis on cognition is balanced with concern for students' personal, social, and moral development. Provisions are made for all students, including tutoring for low achievers and enrichment programs for the gifted. Teachers and administrators agree on what constitutes good teaching and learning. Research in the field, according to AbeyaGeleta and TamiruJote (2009), has produced some significant principles that contribute to the effectiveness and excellence of schools. An emphasis on cognitive is balanced with concern for students' personal, social, and moral development, according to modern efforts to establish a general philosophy and psychology of learning (Ministry of Education, 2005).

Teachers are expected to significantly contribute to school improvement; administrators provide ample support, information, and time for teacher enrichment; there is a strong sense of teamwork; there is inter-disciplinary and inter-departmental communication; and incentives, recognition, and rewards are communicated to students and parents. Students are taught to be responsible for their behavior (Ministry of Education, 2005).

The school environment is safe and healthy, and there is a sense of order in the classrooms. Parents and community members support the school and are involved in school activities. The school is a learning center for the large community (Ministry of Education, 2005). Staff members have the opportunity to be challenged and creative. There is a sense of professional enrichment and renewal. Teachers and administrators plan staff development to provide opportunities for continuous professional growth.

2.2.11. Types of School Improvement Programs

Different countries are aware of three main categories of school improvement programs. These can be identified by the person who initiated the improvement efforts (whether they originated from inside the school or from the outside) and the perceived improvement need (assessed by the school or determined by outsiders) (Sally, 2013:21). And these are, a) Bottom-up program:- improvement program fully initiated and implemented by the school, for example in Finland; b)Top-down program:-external improvement program forced on the school, including improvement program supplied to schools with low results, aimed at solving the troubles that determined the low results, for example in Italy and Mixed program:- c) improvement program initially developed by external agents but subsequently voluntarily implemented in schools or adapted by them, for example, in Portugal where schools have some freedom to adjust the nationally prescribed program to their contexts and needs(Ministry of Education, 2005).

Sally (2013:10) asserts that there is no direct correlation between the types of school improvement programs and a nation's educational system. According to Abebe (2014:37), it would be over simplified to claim that more centralized countries only have top-down school development initiatives whereas relatively decentralized countries only have bottom-up ones. Sally (2013:20) confirmed that countries switching from a centralized to a more decentralized system did not necessarily adopt a mixed strategy for enhancing education.

Although the bottom-up strategy is more likely to be used in areas where schools have some discretion over decisions, all sorts are theoretically possible in all nations; nonetheless, school autonomy does not ensure successful "boom-up" school improvement (Sally, 2013:21; Abebe, 2014:37). The kind of school development program that a school participates in has an impact on the manifestation and influence of the specific components examined. For instance, bottom-up models tend to emphasize school ownership of school improvement and readiness for change (Workneh&Tassew, 2013:20). As a result, although the forms of school improvement we looked at did not result in completely different sets of variables that could account for successful school improvement initiatives, the significance of these variables differed depending on the situation. When analyzing the effects of the components contained in the effective school development strategy, we needed to keep this backdrop for school improvement efforts in mind (Sally, 2013:14; MOE, 2010:5).

2.2.12. Role of School Improvement Committee

The primary goal of the School Improvement Committee (SIC) is to achieve measurable improvements in student performance. According to the Ministry of Education (2005), SIC plays a crucial role in supporting schools by actively engaging in all committee meetings, participating in planned activities, and assisting in the development and successful execution of a three-year School Improvement Strategic Plan and a one-year School Improvement Action Plan. Research highlights that effective school improvement initiatives require collaborative efforts among educators, parents, and community members to foster positive educational outcomes (Fullan, 2011). Additionally, SIC is responsible for mobilizing financial support from parents and the local community to implement the one-year action plan effectively, ensuring that the necessary resources are available for student development and institutional growth (Hargreaves & Shirley, 2012).

Furthermore, SIC contributes to evaluating the school's achievements at the end of each academic year, thereby ensuring accountability and continuous improvement in student performance (Ministry of Education, 2005). Effective evaluation practices are essential for tracking progress and identifying areas that require further intervention (Marzano, 2017). Research suggests that active parental and community engagement enhances students' academic performance and overall school effectiveness (Epstein, 2018). By dedicating time and effort to the success of strategic and annual action plans, SIC plays a fundamental role in fostering a sustainable and inclusive learning environment that benefits all students (Leithwood et al., 2020).

2.2.12.1. Parent–Teacher and Student Association

The school principal, two teachers, four parents chosen during parent-teacher conferences, and a student representative make up the PTSA, a volunteer school group (MOE, 2002). Some of the PTSA's current practices, according to MOE (2002), include: Endorsing the principal's annual plan for the school, publicly approving the annual school budget, monitoring the school's performance, evaluating the school's performance about the plan's important for student discipline and for finding immediate solutions to pressing issues at the school.

Schools can mobilize the community to provide them with resources like money, materials, and free labor. Parents and communities can withdraw and never make any contributions that are required for the school if there is no clear and transparent structure in place for handling and

managing these resources. This is further explained by MOE (2006), who adds that "in administering the financial system of schools, PTSA members and others who are responsible to handle this system because financial abuse leads to conflict and differences. Members of the PTSA should take part in planning, decision-making, and budgetary oversight.

MOE (2006) states that additional PTSA activities can include: Girls frequently meeting with the moms' committee to discuss matters about the education and welfare of girls at the school. Fathers routinely meet with sons to discuss issues boys are facing at school, The PTSA can assist the school in many ways, including Parents visiting the school daily to monitor teacher and student absences; Parents helping with the school food program when one is offered; Parents help to plant woodlots, fruit orchards, etc. Parents visit schools to teach youngsters common community skills and present awards to students who perform academically and have excellent behavior(Ministry of Education, 2005).

The parent-teacher, student association's (PTSA) tasks, and obligations, according to USAID (2008), are to: a) Provide kids with strong ethical principles, b) Tell students not to interfere with their studies, c) Provide guidance and correction to teachers who did not properly carry out their obligations, and d) Invite parents to a meeting where you will work with the principle, the parents, and the SETB to find long-term solutions to the issue hurting your relationship with your child's teacher.

2.2.13. Challenges of Community Participation in School Improvement Program in Ethiopia

The challenges of community participation in school improvement programs in Ethiopia are multifaceted, reflecting the complex interplay of social, economic, and institutional factors. One significant challenge is the lack of adequate awareness and understanding of the importance of community involvement in education. Many communities, especially in rural areas, struggle to comprehend how their active participation can lead to meaningful changes in school governance and academic outcomes (Assefa & Bekele, 2021).

Research by Alemayehu et al. (2022) highlights that schools in underserved regions often face significant funding disparities, which restrict community involvement in infrastructure development and resource mobilization. Furthermore, the institutional barriers present a challenge as local school leadership may lack the capacity to facilitate inclusive and transparent

participation processes, which are crucial for the success of community-based programs (Gebremichael & Tsegaye, 2023).

Cultural and language barriers also contribute to the difficulties in fostering effective community engagement. In ethnically and linguistically diverse regions of Ethiopia, misunderstandings and communication gaps between educators and community members often impede collaboration (Teshome & Mulugeta, 2020). Moreover, political influences can significantly affect community involvement in education, as top-down approaches may limit the scope of local contributions and lead to disillusionment (Berhane & Taddese, 2022). Despite these challenges, various studies suggest that strengthening partnerships between schools, communities, and government institutions can enhance the effectiveness of school improvement programs (Shiferaw & Hailu, 2021). Recent initiatives aimed at capacity building and fostering inclusive dialogue have shown promise in addressing these barriers and promoting sustained community engagement in education reform efforts (Tsegaye & Desta, 2023).

2.3. Empirical Review of Literature

In Ethiopia, community participation in education has been widely encouraged through various reforms and policies. According to Mekonnen (2016), the introduction of School Improvement Programs in Ethiopia's secondary schools has led to notable increases in community involvement, particularly through parent-teacher associations (PTAs) and local school management committees (SMCs). These bodies have become essential for bridging the gap between schools and the community, especially in urban areas like Addis Ketema. Mekonnen's study suggests that when the local community actively participates in SIP, there is a significant improvement in resource mobilization, educational quality, and student attendance.

A study by Paredes and Zayas (2017) in Latin America found that community involvement in SIP positively impacted both academic performance and school infrastructure. The authors argue that communities that engage with schools through regular meetings, volunteering, and fundraising activities tend to create more conducive learning environments. Similarly, research by Harris and Goodall (2008) in the UK demonstrated that schools that foster strong community links are more likely to achieve academic success due to enhanced collaboration between home and school.

Despite its benefits, community participation in school improvement programs faces numerous challenges. In a study by Adelman and Taylor (2005), the researchers identified several barriers to effective community involvement, such as lack of trust between school authorities and community members, limited time and resources for participation, and socio-economic constraints that prevent marginalized groups from engaging. This study emphasizes the need for targeted strategies to overcome these obstacles, particularly in low-income and urban areas like Addis Ketema.

Empirical evidence consistently highlights the positive impact of community participation on educational outcomes. A study by Epstein (2001) in the US found that schools with active community participation saw improvements in student achievement, school attendance, and teacher satisfaction. Similarly, research conducted by Chawla (2002) in India found that schools with strong community ties were better able to implement reforms, leading to improvements in both student performance and teacher morale.

The School Improvement Program (SIP) has been widely studied for its impact on enhancing the quality of education, student outcomes, and school environments. Empirical studies demonstrate that SIPs, characterized by stakeholder involvement, resource mobilization, and continuous assessment, significantly contribute to school effectiveness. For instance, a study by Ladd and Sorensen (2021) found that structured improvement plans in low-performing schools led to notable gains in student achievement over three years. Similarly, Kraft et al. (2022) emphasized the role of professional development for teachers within SIPs, highlighting that ongoing training aligns teaching practices with institutional goals, fostering better student engagement and performance.

Furthermore, research by Harris and Jones (2020) explored the impact of collaborative leadership in SIPs, revealing that participatory decision-making improves staff morale and fosters a shared vision for academic excellence. In the African context, Adedeji and Olaniyan (2021) identified challenges such as limited resources and inadequate stakeholder involvement but noted that tailored SIPs could bridge educational disparities. Globally, SIPs emphasize the use of data for evidence-based decision-making, as shown in McNulty and Besser's (2021) analysis, which found that data-informed interventions in underperforming schools led to sustainable improvements.

These findings underscore the necessity for adaptive and context-specific approaches in SIPs to address diverse educational needs while ensuring equitable access to quality education. Integrating technology, fostering teacher-student relationships, and enhancing community participation remain key priorities for future SIP frameworks.

2.4. Conceptual Framework

The conceptual framework for School Improvement Performance (SIP) emphasizes on the critical roles played by parents, students, teachers, and principals in enhancing student achievement. According to recent research, parental involvement positively influences student outcomes by creating a supportive learning environment at home, which complements the efforts made in schools (Epstein, 2011). Similarly, student engagement in the curriculum fosters better understanding and retention of knowledge, which directly impacts academic performance (Zill, 2018). Teachers are central to the learning process, responsible for implementing effective instructional strategies and assessing student progress, thereby ensuring quality education (Hattie, 2009). Principals and administrators provide the necessary leadership, resources, and administrative support that contribute to a well-functioning school system, enabling teachers and students to thrive (Leithwood & Sun, 2012).

This conceptual framework highlights the interconnectedness of these roles, where the active participation of each stakeholder is essential for a cohesive approach to improving student outcomes. Research has shown that collaborative involvement of parents, teachers, and school leaders results in a synergistic effect on student performance (Baker et al., 2016). Furthermore, effective leadership and a supportive school environment have been linked to higher levels of student engagement and academic success (Bryk & Schneider, 2003). Thus, the interplay of these factors creates a holistic approach to school improvement, emphasizing the importance of collective responsibility in fostering academic excellence.

Parent participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP) is crucial for enhancing educational outcomes, as it fosters a supportive environment for students both at school and at home (Epstein, 2018). Parents contribute by engaging in decision-making, providing resources, and supporting their children's academic efforts, which leads to higher student performance and improved school climate (Hargreaves & Shirley, 2012). Similarly, student participation is key in the SIP, as students are active agents in their learning process. Their involvement in school

activities and decision-making promotes ownership and accountability, leading to better engagement and performance (Leithwood et al., 2020). Teacher participation is another essential element, as teachers are directly responsible for implementing the program's strategies. Their professional development, collaboration, and commitment to teaching influence the success of SIP by improving instructional quality (Fullan, 2011). Lastly, principals and administrators play a leadership role by setting goals, allocating resources, and fostering collaboration among all stakeholders, ensuring the program's effective implementation (Marzano, 2017).

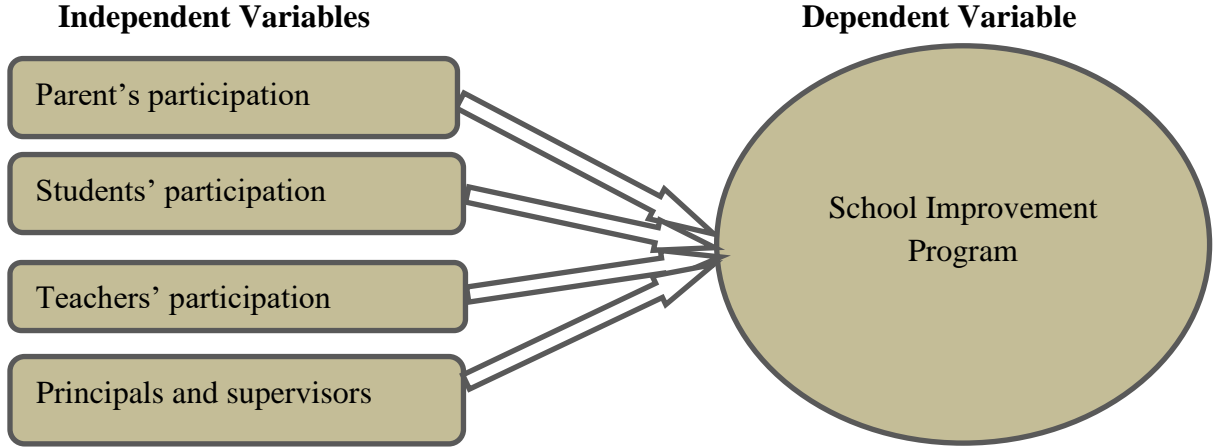


Figure 2.2. Conceptual framework

Source: own design, 2024

CHAPTER THREE

3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Introduction

This section described the study area, research design, approach, type, sampling technique, and data sources for collecting and analyzing data on community participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP) in secondary schools within Addis Ketema Sub City. It also emphasis on outlined the methods and locations where the research was carried out.

3.2. Research method

The researcher employed descriptive research design. Descriptive research is considered as a powerful tool used by scientists and researchers to gain deeper insights into a specific population or phenomenon (Sirisilla, 2023). This research design provided a comprehensive and detailed understanding of the role of each school community in Addis Ketema sub city in high schools. By observed and collected data, descriptive research enables researchers to understand a problem more effectively and offers valuable insights that inform future studies. Thus, this design was employed to provide a clear and complete picture of community participation in the school improvement program within government secondary schools in Addis Ketema Sub-city.

3.2. Research Approach

A mixed-methods research approach was employed to collect both qualitative and quantitative data, capturing diverse perspectives on the research problem (O'Cathain et al., 2021). This approach was chosen because the two types of data offer independent insights. By using a concurrent approach, the researcher gathered both data types simultaneously, allowing for a more comprehensive and holistic analysis (Creamer, 2021). This strategy leverages the strengths of both qualitative and quantitative data, enriching the understanding of the research issue and enhancing the reliability and depth of the findings through triangulation. The combination of these data types ensures a robust and well-rounded analysis.

3.3. Types and Sources of Data

This study employed both primary and secondary sources to collect detailed information on the topic. A concise overview of each source was included in the following section. By integrating

diverse data, the research aimed to ensure a thorough understanding of the subject matter, with sources carefully outlined for clarity and relevance.

3.3.1. Primary data sources

Data was collected using questionnaires and interviews. The primary sources include students, teachers, principals, parent members, supervisors and principals, ensuring a thorough exploration of their experiences and viewpoints.

3.3.2. Secondary data sources

The researcher was drawn on diverse sources, such as books, research papers, and documents. To achieve the study's objectives, primary and secondary data was collected from the study area, ensuring a comprehensive and balanced approach to data gathering and analysis.

3.4. Sampling Design

3.4.1. Population and Sampling Frame

The study focused on several secondary schools in Addis Ketema Sub City, including Dilachin, Abysinya, Addis Ketema, Yekatit 23, Umer Semester, Kolfe, Millennium, and Asko Secondary Schools. The total population of School Improvement Program (SIP) committees across these government schools is 21,236, including parents, teachers, students, principals, and supervisors, as detailed in Table 3.2 (Addis Ketema Subcity Education Office, 2025). The sampling frame consists of individuals affiliated with these schools, specifically those directly involved in the SIP. To ensure reliable and generalizable results, a representative sample was selected from these groups, providing a comprehensive analysis of their perspectives and experiences related to the SIP.

3.4.2. Sampling unit

The sampling unit for this study were the parents, teachers, students, principals, and supervisor who are members of the government secondary schools within Addis Ketema Sub City. These units were selected based on their direct involvement in the School Improvement Plan (SIP) to ensure that the sample is representative of those most engaged in the study's focus areas.

3.4.3. Sample Size Determination

To determine the sample size for the study, the formula provided by Krejcie and Morgan (1970) was used due to the large population size and the application of random sampling.

$$S = \frac{N \cdot x^2 \cdot P \cdot (1 - P)}{d^2 \cdot (N - 1) + x^2 \cdot P \cdot (1 - P)}$$

$$S = \frac{21,236(3.841)0.5(1 - 0.5)}{(0.05)^2 \cdot (21,236 - 1) + (3.841)0.5 \cdot (1 - 0.5)}$$

$$S = \frac{20,387.78}{54.04775} = 377.29 = 377$$

Where:

- N=21,236 (population size)
- $x^2=3.841$ (Chi-square value for 95% confidence)
- P=0.5 (proportion for maximum variability)
- d=0.05 (margin of error)

Therefore, the sample size for N=21,236 is calculated to be approximately 377.29, which is used to **377**.

Hence, the proportional sample size of the SIP community participants is $Nh = n (N1/N)$

n= indicates the sample size of SIP community participants,

N=total targeted population

N1, 2...3=total population of each SIP community participants at the school.

Nh= desired sample size for the stratus

Therefore, the determination of sample size for each SIP community participants at the school was as follows in the following table.

For this study on community participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP) within secondary schools in Addis Ketema Subcity, a combination of random sampling, stratified proportionate sampling, and purposive sampling techniques were employed. Random sampling was used to select a representative sample of schools, ensuring diversity. Stratified proportionate sampling was preferred that include different groups within the schools, such as parents, teachers, students, principal and supervisors, are appropriately represented. Purposive sampling will be used to select principals and supervisors for interviews.

3.5. Data Collection Instruments

The researcher was collected data through questionnaires, in-depth interviews with key informants, and document reviews. The inclusion of these methods ensured comprehensive data collection, enhances the reliability of the data, and strengthens the study through triangulation.

3.5.1. Questionnaires

The assessment for the study on community participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP) in secondary schools within Addis Ketema Subcity was involved both closed and open-ended questionnaires, as well as semi-structured interview questions. These tools will focus on gathering insights into the level of community involvement in the SIP, exploring various perspectives on how community participation contributes to the program's success and challenges. The combination of quantitative and qualitative data was provided a comprehensive understanding of the role of the community in enhancing the effectiveness of the school improvement process.

3.5.2. Key informant interview

The key informant interview sought insights from principals and supervisors regarding community participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP) in secondary schools within Addis Ketema Subcity. Data were collected through semi-structured open-ended interview questions with five principals and supervisors.

3.5.3. Content analysis

Document review was utilized to gather information on community participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP) in the context of secondary schools in Addis Ketema Subcity. This method was allowed the researcher to analyze existing literature, reports, and safety records to understand community participation in the School Improvement Program.

3.5. Data collection process

The primary data were collected using questionnaires and interviews tools. Secondary data were also being gathered from the SIP's standards, manuals, reports, and other source documents. After the validity and reliability of the instruments are evaluated by the research advisor and experts knowledgeable on the subject matter, the researcher was distributed the questionnaires, conduct interviews, and provide explanations about completing the questionnaires.

3.6. Data quality assurance mechanisms

3.6.1 Pilot Test

According to Van Teijlingen (2002), pilot studies are smaller-scale versions of larger investigations, often referred to as feasibility studies, and are used to pre-test specific research instruments, such as questionnaires or interview schedules. For this study, the researcher was selected 10% (37) from Abysinya secondary school of the 377 of community participants from student, teacher, principal and parents to complete a pilot survey. Based on the feedback received, the researcher was revised the questionnaires to reduce ambiguity and bias before administering them to the main respondents. Based on the pilot study results, the researcher revised the questionnaire to better reflect stakeholder participation and roles in the School Improvement Program (SIP). Feedback from parents, students, teachers, principals, supervisors, and the advisor was incorporated to enhance the questionnaire's relevance, clarity, and alignment with the perspectives of key participants in the study.

3.6.2. Validity

Validity was essential components of research methodology, representing the consistency and accuracy of surveys and questionnaires (Taherdoost, 2016). To maintain the validity of this study, the researcher incorporated feedback from 37 respondents (10% of the sample) who participated in a pilot survey. These responses were serving as a foundational input for refining the study. Additionally, the English-language questions were translated into Amharic to enhance clarity and minimize misconceptions or linguistic barriers, thereby ensuring the validity of the questions. Therefore, 56 general questions were presented to the respondents in the beginning, and according to the feedback made during the pilot study 3 questions modified, and at the end, 56 questions were distributed for the final response and then collected

3.6.3. Reliability

A reliability test was conducted to ensure the consistency of the instruments used in the main study. Cronbach's alpha was employed to evaluate the questionnaire's reliability, with values ranging from 0 (indicating an instrument filled with errors) to 1 (indicating complete accuracy). A higher Cronbach's alpha indicates greater internal consistency (Oyerinde, 2011). To verify reliability, the researcher performed a scale reliability test during both the pilot and main studies. In the pilot study, the scale, consisting of 56 items (excluding general information), yielded a

reliability coefficient of 0.757, confirming the questionnaire's credibility. Since a Cronbach's alpha of 0.70 or higher is acceptable, the results indicated the instrument's reliability (Lutfi & Ahmet, 2022). The internal consistency of the full data was also tested using Cronbach's alpha, and the results showed a reliability coefficient above 0.7, with an overall reliability of 87.9%, confirming the data's high reliability, as presented in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2. Reliability test result of variables

Reliability Statistics			
Variables	N. of Items	Cronbach's Alpha	Conclusion
Parent's participation	20	0.825	Reliable
Teacher participation	20	0.820	Reliable
Student participation	16	0.766	Reliable
Over all variables	56	0.879	Very Reliable

Source: reliability statistics data SPSS, 2025

3.7. Methods of Data Analysis

3.7.1. Methods of Quantitative Data Analysis

Descriptive analysis, that include frequency, percentage, means, and standard deviation, was used to characterize the study population. The results were presented in Tables for clearer representation and understanding of the data.

3.7.2. Methods of Qualitative Data Analysis

The qualitative data was analyzed using narrative and thematic analysis with a qualitative coding system. To ensure the confidentiality of the five interview participants and the 14 principals and educational supervisors who responded to qualitative questions, the researcher implemented a coded system. Identifiers from "KI1" to "KI14" were assigned, where "KI" represents key informants participating in the interviews and responding to narrative open-ended questions.

3.8. Ethical Consideration

The researcher was obtained informed consent from all participants by clearly explaining the study's purpose, procedures, and any potential risks. Participants' confidentiality was safeguarded through data anonymization and secure storage. Participation was entirely voluntary, and individuals were retaining the right to withdraw from the study at any time without consequences. Additionally, the study's findings were used solely for academic purposes.

CHAPTER FOUR

4. DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS

4.1. Introduction

This chapter presents, analyzes, and interprets the data in two sections. The first outlines respondents' demographic characteristics, providing context for the analysis. The second examines data from questionnaires, interviews, and secondary sources, focusing on community participation in SIP within Addis Ketema Sub-city's secondary schools, structured around the study's four objectives.

4.2. Response Rate and Demographic Characteristics of the Respondents

4.2.1. Response Rate of the Respondents

The researcher's analysis was carefully aligned with the research questions, objectives, and problem statement to ensure a focused and coherent study. A total of 377 questionnaires were thoughtfully designed and distributed among SIP stake holders from various high schools, enabling comprehensive data collection.

Table 4.1. Questionnaires distributed and returned

S. N	Participants	Sample sizes		Distributed Questionnaire		Returned Questionnaire	
		Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
1	Parents	8	100%	8	100%	8	100%
2	Teachers	19	100%	37	100%	37	100%
3	Students	336	100%	336	100%	336	100%
4	Principals	8	100%	8	100%	8	100%
5	Supervisors	6	100%	6	100%	6	100%
Total		377	100%	377	100%	377	100%

Source: The researcher own field survey, 2025

The researcher achieved a 100% response rate, successfully collecting all 377 distributed questionnaires. This was due to active engagement in the study area and strong relationships with SIP stakeholders and principals. By fostering trust and collaboration, participants felt valued, ensuring all questionnaires were fully completed without missing data.

4.2.2. The Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

To collect key demographic data, the questionnaire included a section covering gender, age, education level, and years of experience in schools. Information was gathered from SIP participants to provide a descriptive overview. Data were analyzed using frequencies and percentages and presented in tables for clarity.

Table 4.2. Demographic characteristics of SIP participants

Item	Category	SIP Participants					
		Parents		Teachers		Students	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
Sex	Male	5	62.5	14	73.7	210	62.5
	Female	3	37.5	5	26.3	126	37.5
	Total	8	100	19	100	336	100.0
Age in years	14-16 years	-	-	-	-	69	20.5
	17-18 years	-	-	-	-	124	36.9
	19-20 years	-	-	-	-	124	36.9
	20-30 years	3	37.5	9	47.4	19	5.7
	31-40 years	3	37.5	6	31.6	-	-
	41-50 years	1	12.5	2	10.5	-	-
	Above 50 years	1	12.5	2	10.5	-	-
	Total	8	100	19	100	336	100
Educational Backgrounds	Grade 9	-	-	-	-	80	23.8
	Grade 10	-	-	-	-	74	22.0
	Grade 11	-	-	-	-	62	18.5
	Grade 12	-	-	-	-	120	35.7
	Elementary	2	25.0	-	-	-	-
	Secondary	1	12.5	-	-	-	-
	Diploma	3	37.5	-	-	-	-
	First Degree	2	25.0	13	68.4	-	-
	Master's Degree	--	--	6	31.6	-	-
	Total	8	100	19	100	336	100
Experience in SIP	1-5 years	1	12.5	8	42.1	-	-
	6-10 years	2	25.0	3	15.8	-	-
	11-15 years	3	37.5	5	26.3	-	-
	16 years and above	2	25.0	3	15.8	-	-
	Total	8	100.0	19	100.0	-	-

Source: field survey, 2025

In item 1 the sex of parents, the majority were male 5(62.5%), while females constituted 3(37.5%). A similar pattern was observed among teachers, where males accounted for 73.7% and females 26.3%. Among students, 62.5% were male, and 37.5% were female. In all groups, males were the dominant participants.

In item 2 students' ages ranged from 14 to 20 years, with the largest groups being 17–18 years (36.9%) and 19–20 years (36.9%), indicating that older students were more involved in SIP. Parents' age distribution varied, with 37.5% in the 20–30 and 31–40-year categories, making these the dominant groups. Among teachers, 47.4% were aged 20–30 years, followed by 31.6% in the 31–40-year range. This suggests that younger teachers are more engaged in SIP.

In item 3 among students, most are Grade 12 (35.7%), followed by Grade 9 (23.8%). Among parents, the highest educational level was a diploma (37.5%), while teachers mostly held first degrees (68.4%), with an additional 31.6% having a master's degree. Teachers were the most academically qualified participants.

In item 4 Most parents had 11–15 years of experience (37.5%), while teachers mostly had 1–5 years (42.1%). This indicates that parents had longer involvement in SIP compared to teachers.

Overall, males dominated across all groups, and students aged 17–20, teachers with first degrees, and parents with extensive SIP experience were the most engaged participants.

4.2.3. Demographic characteristics of the key informants

The researcher conducted in-depth interviews and posed open-ended questions to principals and supervisors of high schools to examine the role of community participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP) in the secondary schools of Addis Ketema Sub-city. The principals and supervisors selected for the interviews were chosen based on their extensive professional experience and significant involvement in SIP activities. These individuals came from diverse educational and administrative backgrounds, offering valuable perspectives on how community engagement influences the effectiveness of SIP. Their roles in the program were essential to understanding the dynamics and challenges of implementing SIP at the school level. To ensure the protection of participants' identities and comply with ethical standards, their actual names have been replaced with pseudonyms in the study. This approach not only ensures confidentiality but also fosters a trustful environment for candid and open responses during the interviews.

Table 4.3. Demographic characteristics of open ended questions and interview

S/N	Pseudonyms	Sex	Age	Educational back ground	Position	Experience
1	Brhanu Bekele	M	35	Masters	Principal	8 years
2	Seble Gutema	F	38	Masters	Principal	9 years
3	Meseret Mamo	F	35	Degree	Principal	8 years
4	Teklu Berhe	M	40	Masters	Principal	12 years
5	Chaltu Merga	F	45	Masters	Principal	15 years
6	Behaylu Luel	M	38	Masters	Principal	8 years
7	Atlaw Brhane	M	40	Masters	Principal	11 years
8	Damtew Tesfaye	M	37	Masters	Principal	8 years
9	Behaylu Luel	M	38	Masters	Principal	8 years
10	Atlaw Brhane	M	40	Masters	Principal	11 years
11	Yared Teka	M	33	Degree	Supervisor	7 years
12	Elsa Gebre	F	37	Masters	Supervisor	8 years
13	Fedila Nsar	F	36	Masters	Supervisor	9 years
14	Alemayoh Hailu	M	38	Masters	Supervisor	12 years
15	Gonfa Eba	M	33	Degree	Supervisor	17 years
16	Merga Luel	M	34	Masters	Supervisor	13 years

Source: Own field survey, 2025

The Table shows a diverse group of community participants, comprising 10 principals and 6 supervisors, each bringing unique experiences and qualifications to the study. Most participants possess a master's degree, while a few have a bachelor's degree. The participants' ages range from 33 to 45 years, with professional experience spanning from 7 to 17 years. This breadth of experience reflects the participants' substantial expertise in educational leadership and their active involvement in community-driven initiatives. Their diverse backgrounds enhance the study by providing a wide array of perspectives on the role of community participation in school improvement activities.

4.3. A descriptive analysis of the community participation in school improvement program

In this section, descriptive statistics, including measures of central tendency (mean) and dispersion (standard deviation), were employed to analyze the feedback from the respondents. A 5-point Likert scale was used, with scores ranging from 1 to 5, and the responses were

interpreted using a predefined scale of agreement, as outlined in the table below. The scale allows for a comprehensive understanding of the respondents' viewpoints on the subject matter. Chin and Md (2020) suggest the following interpretation of mean scores on the Likert scale: a mean score between 0.99-1.00 indicates strong disagreement, 1.00-1.99 indicates disagreement, 2.00-2.99 indicates neutrality, 3.00-3.99 indicates agreement, and 4.00-5.00 indicates strong agreement. Additionally, frequency descriptors such as "never," "occasionally," "sometimes," "often," and "always" were used to further interpret the data, representing varying degrees of frequency or occurrence. These descriptors are typically aligned with numerical values to quantify subjective responses.

This rating system was applied to analyze both the interview responses and questionnaire data, which were subsequently combined for a more comprehensive analysis. The results, reflecting the participants' perspectives, were interpreted based on the mean scores and summarized accordingly. By using this method, the study provides valuable insights into the respondents' opinions on leadership styles and their potential impact on student academic performance.

The descriptive statistical analysis offers a clear and systematic interpretation of the data, which facilitates understanding of the respondents' attitudes toward the topic under investigation (Field, 2018).

4.3.1. A descriptive analysis of community participation in decision-making, planning, implementation, and monitoring of school improvement processes.

In this objective, the researcher collected data from various community stakeholders, including parents, teachers, students, principals, and supervisors, to assess their participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP). The data collection aimed to capture diverse perspectives and experiences related to each stakeholder's role in the program, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of community involvement at different levels. The respondents provided insights on their involvement in decision-making, planning, implementation, and monitoring activities within the SIP framework.

The data was analyzed to identify patterns and trends in how each group contributed to the success of SIP in their respective schools. For instance, principals and supervisors, with their leadership roles, often took charge of planning and overseeing the implementation of SIP activities, while teachers contributed to the execution of educational strategies within the

classroom. Parents and students, on the other hand, played critical roles in providing feedback, supporting school activities, and participating in school improvement initiatives.

The results of this analysis, presented below, highlight the varying levels of participation among the stakeholders and the overall effectiveness of community engagement in the SIP process. This information offers valuable insights into the strengths and areas for improvement in fostering greater community involvement in school improvement efforts. By understanding the roles and contributions of each stakeholder, the study aims to inform future strategies to enhance collaboration and maximize the impact of SIP on educational outcomes.

4.3.1.1. Parent's participation in decision-making, planning, implementation, and monitoring of school improvement processes.

The resource made "parent role in Community involvement in school improvement decision-making" shows varied responses. Out of 8 parents, 1 (12.5%) strongly disagreed, none disagreed, 1 (12.5%) remained neutral, 3 (37.5%) agreed, and 3 (37.5%) strongly agreed. The mean score of 3.88 which ranges between 3.00-3.99 indicates a generally positive view of parental involvement in school improvement decisions, with a relatively high level of agreement. The standard deviation of 1.356 reflects moderate variability in responses, suggesting that while many parents support involvement and have role, opinions on the extent or effectiveness of this involvement differ.

The responses of parents regarding their role in active engagement in planning initiatives for the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Out of 8 respondents, 50% strongly disagreed, 25% disagreed, and another 25% strongly agreed. No respondents were neutral or agreed. The average response score is 2.25, which ranges between 2.00-2.99 with a standard deviation of 1.753, indicating a wide variation in perceptions. This suggests disagreement feelings about parental involvement in the planning process, with some parents feeling disconnected or dissatisfied in support the initiative.

Parents role in SIP: participation in program implementation" shows a highly positive response. A significant majority, 87.5% (7 parents), strongly agree with the statement, indicating a strong belief in the importance of their involvement. Only 12.5% (1 parent) disagrees, while there are no responses in the neutral, agree, or strongly agree categories. The average score of mean 1.13 which ranges between 1.00-1.99 suggests a tendency toward disagreement with the parent

participation. The standard deviation of 0.354 indicates a relatively consistent response pattern, reinforcing the perception of parents' not actively participation role in program implementation. "Parent Role in SIP: Inclusion in Monitoring and Evaluation" shows the following distribution of responses: 4 parents (50%) strongly disagreed, 3 parents (37.5%) disagreed, 1 parent (12.5%) was neutral, and none agreed or strongly agreed. The mean score is 1.63, which ranges between 1.00-1.99 and the standard deviation is 0.744. This suggests that most parents either strongly disagreed or disagreed with the role of parents in monitoring and evaluation within the SIP. The low mean score reflects a generally negative perception, and the small standard deviation indicates limited variability in responses.

The Consideration of community input in overall assessment received responses from 8 parents, with the following distribution across the scale: 2 parents (25%) strongly disagreed, 5 parents (62.5%) disagreed, 1 parent (12.5%) was neutral, and no parents agreed or strongly agreed. The mean score of 1.88 which ranges between 1.00-1.99 suggests that parents generally feel that community input is not sufficiently considered in the overall assessment, with a high percentage indicating disagreement. The low standard deviation of 0.641 suggests a relatively consistent perception among respondents regarding this aspect of the school improvement plan (SIP).

The general findings reveal that while parents strongly support participation in program implementation, there is significant dissatisfaction with their role in decision-making, planning, and monitoring within the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Overall, the data suggests a sense of exclusion and emphasizes the need for more meaningful parental involvement in SIP processes.

4.3.1.2. Teachers’ participation in decision-making, planning, implementation, and monitoring of school improvement processes.

Table 4.4. Teachers’ participation in decision-making, planning, implementation, and monitoring of school improvement processes.

No.	Item	SD (%)	D (%)	N (%)	A (%)	SA (%)	M	Std.
1	Teachers participate in school decision-making.	0 (0%)	9(47.4%)	3(15.8%)	1(5.3%)	6(31.6%)	3.21	1.357
2	SIP teacher members plan improvements.	0(0%)	9(47.4%)	2(10.5%)	0(0%)	8(42.1%)	3.37	1.461
3	Teachers implement school programs.	3(15.8%)	6(31.6%)	1(5.3%)	0(0%)	9(47.4%)	3.32	1.701
4	Teachers contribute to monitoring and	0(0%)	6(31.6%)	3(15.8%)	4(21.1%)	6(31.6%)	3.53	1.264
5	The school supports teachers in community engagement.	0(0%)	9(47.4%)	3(15.8%)	1(5.3%)	6(31.6%)	3.21	1.357

Source: Own field survey SPSS, 2025

The data in item 1 reveals teachers' perspectives on their role in school decision-making within the School Improvement Program (SIP). Out of 19 respondents, 9(47.4%) disagreed, while 6(31.6%) agreed, and 3(15.8%) remained neutral. A smaller percentage (5.3%) strongly agreed, whereas none strongly disagreed. The mean score of 3.21, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.357, indicates moderate engagement, though opinions vary. This suggests that while some teachers feel involved in decision-making, a significant portion perceives limited participation. Enhancing teachers' roles in SIP decisions could improve school governance, foster collaboration, and ensure more inclusive and effective educational policies.

The same table item 2 presents the responses of teachers regarding their role in the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Out of the total respondents, 9 teachers (47.4%) disagreed, while 2 teachers (10.5%) remained neutral. A notable 8 teachers (42.1%) agreed with the statement, and no teachers strongly disagreed or strongly agreed. The mean score of 3.37, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 coupled with a standard deviation of 1.461, indicates a relatively positive but varied

perception of the teachers' involvement in SIP planning. The majority feel that they have an essential role in contributing to the planning and improvement process.

In the study item 3 regarding the role of teachers in School Improvement Plans (SIP), the responses were as follows: 3 teachers (15.8%) strongly disagreed, 6 teachers (31.6%) disagreed, 1 teacher (5.3%) was neutral, 0 teachers (0%) agreed, and 9 teachers (47.4%) strongly agreed. The mean score was 3.32, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.701, indicating that most teachers had a positive outlook on their role in implementing school programs. The data suggests a varied perspective, with more than half of the respondents strongly agreeing on the importance of their involvement in SIP.

The responses in item 4 from teachers regarding their role in the School Improvement Plan (SIP) show varying levels of agreement. A total of 0 teachers (0%) strongly disagreed, while 6 teachers (31.6%) disagreed. 3 teachers (15.8%) remained neutral, 4 teachers (21.1%) agreed, and 6 teachers (31.6%) strongly agreed. The average score for this item was 3.53, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 indicating a moderate level of agreement, with a standard deviation of 1.264, suggesting some variation in the responses. This suggests that while many teachers see their role in monitoring and evaluation positively, there are differences in perception regarding their involvement in SIP.

In the study item 5 regarding the role of teachers in the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and community engagement, the responses were distributed as follows: 0 teachers (0%) strongly disagreed, 9 teachers (47.4%) disagreed, 3 teachers (15.8%) were neutral, 1 teacher (5.3%) agreed, and 6 teachers (31.6%) strongly agreed. The mean score of 3.21, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.357, indicates a moderate level of agreement among the teachers. The majority with the statement, suggesting a perception of in support from the school in engaging with the community through the SIP.

In general, the study data reveals teachers' varying perceptions of their role in the School Improvement Plan (SIP). While some teachers feel involved in decision-making, planning, and implementation, others perceive limited participation, particularly in community engagement. The overall feedback indicates moderate support for teachers' roles, but there is room for improvement in fostering collaboration and enhancing their involvement in SIP processes.

4.3.1.3. Students' participation in decision-making, planning, implementation, and monitoring of school improvement processes.

Table 4.5. Students' participation in decision-making, planning, implementation, and monitoring of school improvement processes.

No.	Item	SD (%)	D (%)	N (%)	A (%)	SA (%)	M	Std.
1	Students participate in decision-making for school improvement.	146(43.5%)	59(17.6%)	81(24.1%)	33(9.8%)	17(5.1%)	2.30	1.933
2	Students help plan activities for the School Improvement Program (SIP).	225(67%)	58(17.3%)	13(3.9%)	21(6.3%)	19(5.7%)	1.66	1.165
3	Students contribute to implementing improvement	187(55.7%)	29(8.6%)	70(20.8%)	36(10.7%)	14(4.2%)	1.99	1.254
4	Students engage in monitoring and evaluating school improvement efforts.	200(59.5%)	31(9.2%)	24(7.1%)	51(15.2%)	30(8.9%)	2.05	1.443

Source: Own field survey SPSS, 2025

Different responses were made on students' participation in SIP.

For the item 1 "Students participate in decision-making for school improvement," the distribution of responses from students is as follows: 146 students (43.5%) strongly disagreed, 59 students (17.6%) disagreed, 81 students (24.1%) remained neutral, 33 students (9.8%) agreed, and 17 students (5.1%) strongly agreed. The mean response was 2.30 which ranges between 2.00-2.99 with a standard deviation of 1.933. This indicates that a significant portion of students feel excluded from decision-making, suggesting the need for more effective involvement in school improvement processes. The distribution shows a trend toward disagreement with student participation in decision-making.

In response in item 2 to the statement "Students help plan activities for the School Improvement Program (SIP)," the distribution of student opinions was as follows: 225 students (67%) strongly disagreed, 58 students (17.3%) disagreed, 13 students (3.9%) were neutral, 21 students (6.3%) agreed, and 19 students (5.7%) strongly agreed. The overall mean score was 1.66, which ranges between 1.00-1.99 with a standard deviation of 1.165. This indicates that most students felt they did not have a significant role in planning activities for the SIP, suggesting a need for greater student involvement in decision-making processes.

The item 3 "students contribute to implementing improvement initiatives" showed varied responses from students regarding the teacher's role in the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Most students (187, 55.7%) strongly disagreed, while 29 students (8.6%) disagreed. On the neutral side, 70 students (20.8%) neither agreed nor disagreed. A smaller portion of students (36, 10.7%) agreed, and only 14 students (4.2%) strongly agreed. The mean score was 1.99 which ranges between 1.00-1.99 with a standard deviation of 1.254, suggesting a tendency towards disagreement with the statement, indicating that students may feel less involved in the implementation of improvement initiatives.

The data in item 4 reflects students' responses regarding the role of teachers in the School Improvement Plan (SIP). A total of 200 students (59.5%) strongly disagreed, 31 students (9.2%) disagreed, 24 students (7.1%) remained neutral, 51 students (15.2%) agreed, and 30 students (8.9%) strongly agreed. The average score of 2.05 which ranges between 2.00-2.99 and standard deviation of 1.443 suggest that most students believe students play a limited role in engaging the monitoring and evaluation of school improvement efforts. The distribution indicates a tendency toward disagreement with teachers' involvement in this area.

In general, students largely feel excluded from the decision-making and planning processes in school improvement efforts. The majority disagrees with statements about their participation in decision-making, planning activities, and implementing improvement initiatives. The responses suggest limited student involvement, indicating a need for more effective engagement in the School Improvement Program (SIP).

4.3.1.4. Principal and supervisors' participation in decision-making, planning, implementation, and monitoring of school improvement processes.

The principal and supervisors play crucial roles in the decision-making, planning, implementation, and monitoring of school improvement processes. According to the principal, they view their involvement as essential for ensuring that school improvement efforts align with the broader educational goals and the specific needs of the students. They emphasize a collaborative approach, often involving teachers and staff in discussions to create a shared vision for improvement. The principal also highlights their responsibility in ensuring that adequate resources are allocated for the success of school improvement initiatives and that the strategies implemented are effective and sustainable.

Supervisors, on the other hand, focus on the practical aspects of implementation. They monitor the day-to-day progress of the School Improvement Plan (SIP), assess the quality of teaching, and provide feedback to teachers. Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that the teachers are following the planned activities and addressing any challenges that arise during the process. They also assess the effect of these activities on student performance and help adjust strategies where necessary.

Both the principal and supervisors agree that regular monitoring and evaluation are vital for tracking the success of school improvement efforts. They believe that their active involvement in these areas is crucial to achieving meaningful and long-lasting improvements in the school's educational environment.

In general, the researcher concludes from both quantitative and qualitative findings that parents, teachers, and students show differing levels of participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP), with a prevalent sense of exclusion from decision-making, planning, and monitoring. While parents are notably active in program implementation, they feel disconnected from decision-making. Teachers report moderate involvement but desire greater inclusion, and students largely feel excluded from all aspects of the SIP, highlighting the need for more meaningful engagement in school improvement processes. However, principals and supervisors participated in the School Improvement Program (SIP), they are experienced and active participation in decision-making, planning, and monitoring processes.

4.3.2. A descriptive analysis of the influence community participation in quality of education.

The response made on parents' participation of parents as follows:

out of the total respondents, one parent (12.5%) strongly disagreed that community participation enhances education quality, while none (0%) disagreed. Another one parent (12.5%) remained neutral on the statement. Meanwhile, four parents (50%) agreed that community involvement positively impacts education quality, and two parents (25%) strongly agreed. The mean response was 3.75, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 indicating a generally positive perception, though some variation existed, as reflected in the standard deviation of 1.282. This suggests that while most parents recognize the benefits of community participation in education quality, a small proportion remain uncertain or hold differing opinions.

out of eight parents surveyed, one parent (12.5%) strongly disagreed that engagement leads to positive changes in schools, while none (0%) disagreed. One parent (12.5%) remained neutral, whereas four parents (50%) agreed. Additionally, two parents (25%) strongly agreed with the statement. The overall mean score was 3.75, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.282, indicating a generally positive perception but with some variability in responses. These findings suggest that most parents recognize the impact of their participation on improving school quality, although a small percentage remains neutral or disagrees.

of eight parents surveyed on whether "Active involvement boosts student performance," none (0%) strongly disagreed, while one parent (12.5%) disagreed. Two parents (25%) remained neutral, four parents (50%) agreed, and one parent (12.5%) strongly agreed. The average response score was 3.50, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.195. These findings suggest that most parents acknowledge the positive impact of their participation on education quality. However, a quarter of respondents remained neutral, indicating a need for further engagement and awareness efforts to emphasize the benefits of active parental involvement in enhancing student performance.

A total of eight parents participated in the survey regarding their satisfaction with community participation in education quality. Among them, none (0%) strongly disagreed, while one parent (12.5%) disagreed. Two parents (25%) remained neutral, whereas four parents (50%) agreed that community participation matters in education quality. Additionally, one parent (12.5%) strongly

agreed with the statement. The mean score for this item was 3.50, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.1955, indicating a moderate level of agreement but some variation in responses. These results suggest that most parents recognize the importance of community participation in enhancing education quality.

Out of eight parents surveyed on whether increased community involvement leads to better resources and support for the school, none (0%) strongly disagreed, while one parent (12.5%) disagreed. Two parents (25%) remained neutral, four parents (50%) agreed, and one parent (12.5%) strongly agreed. The average response score was 3.50, with a standard deviation of 1.195, indicating a generally positive perception of community involvement’s impact on school resources and support. The responses suggest that most parents acknowledge the benefits of community engagement, although some remain neutral or disagree. More efforts may be needed to enhance awareness and participation.

In general, the study results indicate that most parents recognize the positive effect of community involvement on education quality, student performance, and school resources. While the majority agreed or strongly agreed, a small proportion remained neutral or disagreed, highlighting the need for further engagement and awareness efforts to enhance parental participation in schools.

4.3.2.2. Teachers’ participation influence in quality of education

Table 4.6. Teachers’s participation influence in quality of education.

No	Item	SD (%)	D (%)	N (%)	A (%)	SA (%)	M	Std.
1	Active teacher participation improves education quality.	0(0%)	4(21.1%)	3(15.8%)	5(26.3%)	7(36.8%)	3.79	1.182
2	Teacher involvement enhances resources and facilities.	0(0%)	5(26.3%)	3(15.8%)	1(5.3%)	10(52%)	3.84	1.344
3	Teacher engagement boosts student achievement.	0(0%)	4(21.1%)	2(10.5%)	7(36.8%)	6(31.6%)	3.79	1.134
4	Increased participation strengthens learning.	0(0%)	5(26.3%)	2(10.5%)	4(21.1)	8(42.1%)	3.79	1.134
5	School-community partnerships strengthen education programs.	0(0%)	4(21.1%)	4(21.1%)	6(31.6%)	5(26.3%)	3.63	1.116

Source: Own field survey SPSS, 2025

The study in item 1 results indicate that teacher participation significantly influences the quality of education. Out of the total respondents, none (0%) strongly disagreed with the statement that active teacher participation improves education quality. Four teachers (21.1%) disagreed, while three (15.8%) remained neutral. A total of five teachers (26.3%) agreed with the statement, and seven teachers (36.8%) strongly agreed. The mean score of 3.79, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.182, suggests a generally positive perception, though with some variation in responses. These findings highlight the importance of teacher engagement in enhancing educational standards and student learning outcomes.

Item 2 based on the provided data, most respondents (10 out of 19, or 52%) strongly agree that teacher involvement enhances resources and facilities. A smaller proportion of respondents (5, or 26.3%) agree, while 3 (15.8%) remain neutral. Only 1 respondent (5.3%) disagrees, and none strongly disagrees. The average response score is 3.84, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 indicating a consensus in favor of teacher participation positively influencing the quality of education through enhanced resources and facilities. The standard deviation of 1.344 reflects a moderate variation in the responses.

based on the data provided for Item 2, the teacher participation in influencing the quality of education was evaluated by respondents using a Likert scale ranging from "strongly disagree" to "strongly agree." Out of the 19 respondents, none strongly disagreed, and 4 (21.1%) disagreed. Two teachers (10.5%) remained neutral, while 7 (36.8%) agreed, and 6 (31.6%) strongly agreed. The average response score is 3.79, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 suggesting a generally positive view of teacher engagement in improving student achievement, with a standard deviation of 1.134 indicating some variability in the responses.

The item 4 asked teachers to evaluate the influence of increased participation on the quality of education. Out of the 19 respondents, 0 (0%) strongly disagreed, 5 (26.3%) disagreed, 2 (10.5%) remained neutral, 4 (21.1%) agreed, and 8 (42.1%) strongly agreed. The average response score was 3.79, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 indicating a generally positive perception, and the standard deviation was 1.134, showing moderate variability in the responses. This suggests that a majority of teachers believe that increased participation strengthens learning, though there is some variation in individual opinions.

The study in item 5 results indicate teachers' perspectives on how school-community partnerships influence the quality of education. Out of the total respondents, none (0%) strongly

disagreed, while 4 teachers (21.1%) disagreed. An equal number, 4 teachers (21.1%), remained neutral. Meanwhile, 6 teachers (31.6%) agreed, and 5 teachers (26.3%) strongly agreed that such partnerships strengthen education programs. The mean response score of 3.63, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.116, suggests a generally positive perception, though with some variation in opinions. These findings highlight the importance of collaboration between schools and communities in enhancing education quality.

The study highlights that teacher participation plays a crucial role in improving education quality. Most respondents expressed positive views on teacher involvement in strengthening education programs, enhancing resources, and improving student achievement. While perceptions varied, the overall findings suggest that increased teacher engagement and school-community partnerships contribute significantly to educational improvements.

4.3.2.3. Students’ participation influence in quality of education

Table 4.7. Students’s participation influence in quality of education.

No.	Item	SD (%)	D (%)	N (%)	A (%)	SA (%)	M	Std.
1	Community participation boosts student engagement in SIP.	44(13.1%)	45(13.4%)	82(24.4%)	119(35.4%)	46(13.7%)	3.23	1.229
2	Community support increases learning resources for students in SIP.	19(5.7%)	48(14.3%)	90(26.8%)	129(38.4%)	50(14.9%)	3.43	1.082
3	Active involvement enhances student performance and motivation in SIP.	4(1.2%)	46(13.7%)	99(29.5%)	132(39.3%)	55(16.4%)	3.56	.960
4	Collaboration between students and the community strengthens SIP effectiveness.	4(1.2%)	38(11.3%)	91(27.1%)	128(38.1%)	75(22.3%)	3.69	.980

Source: Own field survey SPSS, 2025

The survey in item 1 results on student participation in improving the quality of education indicate diverse responses. A total of 44 students (13.1%) strongly disagreed, while 45 students (13.4%) disagreed. Meanwhile, 82 students (24.4%) remained neutral. A significant portion, 119 students (35.4%), agreed that community participation boosts student engagement in the School Improvement Program (SIP), and 46 students (13.7%) strongly agreed. The mean response was 3.23, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.229, reflecting a moderate level of agreement with some variation in opinions.

The study in item 2 evaluates students' perspectives on whether community support enhances learning resources in the School Improvement Program (SIP). Out of the total respondents, 19 students (5.7%) strongly disagreed, 48 students (14.3%) disagreed, and 90 students (26.8%) remained neutral. Meanwhile, 129 students (38.4%) agreed, and 50 students (14.9%) strongly agreed. The mean response score is 3.43, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.082, indicating a moderate level of agreement with some variability in opinions. The findings suggest that while many students recognize the benefits of community support in improving learning resources, a notable proportion remain neutral or skeptical.

The study item 3 reveals on student participation's influence on education quality reveals diverse perspectives. Among respondents, 4 students (1.2%) strongly disagreed, while 46 students (13.7%) disagreed. A neutral stance was held by 99 students (29.5%), whereas 132 students (39.3%) agreed, and 55 students (16.4%) strongly agreed that active involvement enhances student performance and motivation in SIP. The mean response was 3.56, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 0.960, indicating a general agreement with some variability in opinions. The results suggest that student engagement is perceived as beneficial, though a significant portion remains neutral or skeptical about its impact.

The survey item 4 assesses students' perspectives on whether collaboration between students and the community enhances the effectiveness of the School Improvement Program (SIP). Out of the total respondents, 4 students (1.2%) strongly disagreed, 38 students (11.3%) disagreed, 91 students (27.1%) remained neutral, 128 students (38.1%) agreed, and 75 students (22.3%) strongly agreed. The mean response score is 3.69, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 0.980, indicating a generally positive perception of the role of student-

community collaboration in improving education quality. Most students either agreed or strongly agreed, showing a strong belief in its effectiveness.

In general, the study results indicate varying student perspectives on participation in education quality improvement. Findings suggest that collaboration and support positively impact student engagement and learning resources but with some variation in opinions.

4.3.2.4. The influence principal and supervisors' participation in quality of education

The researcher examined the influence of principals' and supervisors' participation in improving education quality. Their responses highlighted that active involvement in school leadership, monitoring, and decision-making enhances teaching effectiveness and student performance. Principals emphasized their role in setting academic standards, fostering teacher development, and ensuring resource allocation. Supervisors highlighted their responsibility in evaluating instructional quality, providing professional guidance, and facilitating community engagement in education. Both agreed that collaborative leadership strengthens the School Improvement Program (SIP) by promoting accountability and continuous improvement. However, challenges such as resource limitations and administrative burdens were noted as barriers to optimal participation.

In general, the study concludes that parents, teachers, students, principals and supervisors play a crucial role in improving education quality through their role in participation, leadership, monitoring, and decision-making. Their active participation enhances teaching effectiveness, student performance, and accountability. However, challenges such as resource constraints and administrative burdens limit their impact, highlighting the need for improved support and collaboration in school management.

4.3.3. A descriptive analysis of the barriers in effective community participation in school improvement programs

4.3.3.1. The barriers in effective parent's community participation in school improvement programs

Out of the 8 parents surveyed in item 1, 3 (37.5%) reported occasionally being encouraged to join school improvement programs, while 5 (62.5%) indicated they never felt encouraged. No parents felt they were often or always encouraged, and the mean score of 1.63 which ranges between 1.00-1.99 with a standard deviation of 0.518 suggests that most parents do not feel actively encouraged to participate in school improvement programs.

The designed to assess the barriers to effective parental involvement in the community, specifically focusing on communication issues. Based on the provided data, 6 parents (75%) reported that communication barriers often hinder their participation, while 1 parent (12.5%) responded that these barriers occasionally affect them, and another 1 (12.5%) reported that they sometimes experience such barriers. No parents reported agreeing that these barriers affect them either never or always. The mean score for this item is 1.38, which ranges between 1.00-1.99 with a standard deviation of .744, indicating a tendency towards occasional to often communication barriers affecting participation.

The survey results show that parents face barriers to effective community participation, especially in decision-making processes. The responses were distributed across different levels of agreement, with 12.5% of parents indicating they never agree, 12.5% occasional agreement, and 12.5% sometimes agree. No parents reported agreeing "often" or "always" on the availability of enough opportunities for involvement. The average response score of 1.75 with a standard deviation of 1.165 which ranges between 1.00-1.99 suggests a general lack of enough opportunities for parents to participate in decisions, pointing to the need for increased engagement and inclusivity in community initiatives.

About social factors limiting community participation, 7 parents (87.5%) indicated that they 'never agree' with the effectiveness of current community participation mechanisms, while 1 parent (12.5%) stated 'occasionally agree.' None of the respondents selected the 'sometimes,' 'often,' or 'always agree' options. The average score for this item was 1.25, which ranges between 1.00-1.99 with a standard deviation of .707, suggesting a strong tendency towards disagreement

among most parents regarding the impact of social factors on community involvement. These findings highlight significant barriers that need to be addressed to enhance parental engagement.

Respondents provided information on parental barriers related to effective community participation. For the statement “School efforts to engage parents are adequate,” four parents (50%) reported that they never agree while four parents (50%) indicated occasional agreement. No respondents selected sometimes, often, or always. With a mean score of 1.50 which ranges between 1.00-1.99 and a standard deviation of 0.535, these results suggest that parental perceptions of school engagement efforts are low. This pattern highlights a significant barrier to community participation, indicating that insufficient school outreach may hinder meaningful parental involvement in the educational process. Improved active engagement is urgently needed.

In general, most parents do not feel encouraged to join school improvement programs, citing communication barriers, lack of opportunities for involvement, and inadequate school efforts as significant obstacles. These barriers hinder active parental participation in community decision-making and school engagement.

4.3.3.2. The barriers in effective teacher’s community participation in school improvement programs

Table 4.8. The barriers in effective teachers’s community participation.

No.	Item	N (%)	O (%)	S (%)	O (%)	A (%)	M	Std.
1	Teachers engage in school meetings and decision-making.	6(31.6%)	0(0%)	3(15.8%)	10(68%)	0(0%)	3.05	1.433
2	Financial constraints limit involvement in school improvement.	15(78.9%)	2(10.5%)	2(10.5%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	1.32	.671
3	Lack of awareness prevents teacher participation in activities.	1(5.3%)	1(5.3%)	2(10.5%)	11(57%)	4(21%)	3.84	1.015
4	Cultural or social factors affect engagement in programs.	5(26.3%)	0(0%)	2(10.5%)	8(42.1)	4(21%)	3.32	1.529
5	Poor communication between school and teachers hinders participation.	9(47.4%)	9(47.4%)	1(5.3%)	0(0%)	0(0%)	1.68	.946

Source: Own field survey SPSS, 2025

The data in item 1 collected from teachers about their involvement in school meetings and decision-making shows varied responses. Out of 19 teachers, 6 (31.6%) reported never engaging, while 0 (0%) indicated occasional participation. 3 (15.8%) stated they sometimes participate, and 10 (68%) mentioned often being involved. No teachers indicated always participating. The mean score was 3.05, which rangers between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.433, reflecting moderate involvement in school decisions. This indicates that while a majority of teachers engage regularly, there are some barriers to consistent and full participation.

Out of the total 19 teachers in item 2, 15 (78.9%) reported that they "never" face financial constraints in terms of parental involvement, while 2 (10.5%) indicated "occasional" barriers, and another 2 (10.5%) noted "sometimes" experiencing financial constraints. No teachers marked "often" or "always" as a response. The mean score of 1.32 which rangers between 1.00-1.99 with a standard deviation of 0.671 suggests that, overall, most teachers do not consider financial constraints a frequent issue hindering parental participation in school improvement efforts. However, a small percentage reported occasional or occasional challenges in this area.

Out of the total respondents in item 3, the distribution of teacher responses on the statement about "lack of awareness preventing teacher participation in activities" is as follows: 1 teacher (5.3%) reported "never" agreeing, 1 teacher (5.3%) reported "occasional" agreement, 2 teachers (10.5%) reported "sometimes" agreeing, 11 teachers (57%) reported "often" agreeing, and 4 teachers (21%) reported "always" agreeing. The average score for this item was 3.84, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.015, indicating a tendency towards agreement that lack of awareness is a significant barrier to teacher participation.

Out of the total 19 teachers in item 4, 5 (26.3%) indicated they "never" agree, 0 (0%) stated they "occasionally" agree, 2 (10.5%) said they "sometimes" agree, 8 (42.1%) "often" agree, and 4 (21%) "always" agree. The average agreement level is 3.32, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.529, indicating a moderate level of agreement on how cultural or social factors influence parental involvement in educational programs.

The survey in item 5 results on parents' barriers to effective teachers' community participation highlight the challenge of poor communication between the school and teachers. Out of the total respondents, 9 teachers (47.4%) reported they "never" experience effective communication, while another 9 teachers (47.4%) indicated that communication is "occasional." Only 1 teacher (5.3%) "sometimes" experiences good communication, and none of the teachers reported communication as "often" or "always" effective. The average score for this barrier was 1.68, which ranges between 1.00-1.99 with a standard deviation of 0.946, showing a relatively low perception of communication effectiveness between schools and teachers. In general, the survey results show varied teacher responses regarding participation and barriers to involvement. While most teachers engage in school decision-making, poor communication and lack of awareness were cited as significant barriers. Financial constraints were rarely reported. Cultural factors moderately influence parental involvement. Overall, there are some barriers hindering consistent participation.

4.3.3.3. The barriers in effective student’s community participation in school improvement programs

Table 4.9. The barriers in effective student’s community participation.

No.	Item	N (%)	O (%)	S (%)	O (%)	A (%)	M	Std.
1	Students engage actively in school improvement programs.	118(35.1%)	139(41%)	63(18.8%)	9(2.7%)	7(2.1%)	1.95	.913
2	Students are encouraged to share their opinions in decision-making.	188(56.0%)	75(22.3%)	31(9.2%)	26(7.7%)	16(4%)	1.83	1.168
3	Lack of awareness hinders student involvement in school improvement.	10(3.0%)	32(9.5%)	88(26.2%)	132(39.3%)	74(22%)	3.36	1.015
4	Students collaborate with teachers and the community to enhance school programs.	24(7.1%)	28(8.3%)	73(21.7%)	161(47.9%)	50(14.9%)	3.55	1.069

Source: Own field survey SPSS, 2025

The data provided in item 1 represents students' responses regarding their engagement in school improvement programs. Among the respondents, 118 students (35.1%) reported "never" participating, while 139 students (41%) stated they participate occasionally. Additionally, 63 students (18.8%) mentioned they sometimes engage, whereas only 9 students (2.7%) reported participating often. A minimal number, 7 students (2.1%), indicated that they always take part in such programs. The mean score of 1.95 which ranges between 1.00-1.99 and a standard deviation of 0.913 suggest that student participation is generally low. These findings highlight significant barriers to students' effective involvement in community activities within the school setting.

The data in item 2 reveals students' perspectives on their involvement in decision-making within their community. Out of 336 respondents, 188 (56.0%) stated that they are never encouraged to share their opinions, while 75 (22.3%) indicated occasional encouragement. Additionally, 31

(9.2%) reported that they sometimes receive opportunities, whereas 26 (7.7%) noted that they often do. Only 16 (4%) students claimed they are always encouraged. The mean response of 1.83 which ranges between 1.00-1.99 with a standard deviation of 1.168 suggests a general trend of low encouragement for student participation.

Based on the provided data in item 3, the responses indicate that lack of awareness is a significant barrier to students' participation in school improvement efforts. Out of the total respondents, 10 students (3.0%) reported that lack of awareness never hinders their involvement, while 32 students (9.5%) stated that it occasionally does. A substantial number, 88 students (26.2%), acknowledged that it sometimes affects their participation. Moreover, 132 students (39.3%) agreed that lack of awareness often acts as a barrier, and 74 students (22%) strongly affirmed this challenge. With a mean score of 3.36 which arranges between 3.00-3.99 and a standard deviation of 1.015, the data suggests agreement regarding students' awareness levels.

Students face various barriers in effectively participating in their school communities. When asked about collaboration with teachers and the community to enhance school programs, responses varied. Out of the total respondents, 24 students (7.1%) stated "never," 28 (8.3%) responded "occasionally," 73 (21.7%) said "sometimes," 161 (47.9%) answered "often," and 50 (14.9%) reported "always." The mean score of 3.55 which arranges between 3.00-3.99 and a standard deviation of 1.069 indicate moderate engagement, with variability in responses. These figures suggest that while many students engage in collaboration, a significant portion still faces obstacles that hinder their full participation in community-driven school programs.

In general, The data highlights significant barriers to students' participation in school and community activities. Many students rarely engage in school improvement programs, decision-making, or collaboration with teachers and the community. Limited awareness and lack of encouragement hinder participation, leading to generally low involvement. While some students collaborate, engagement remains inconsistent.

4.3.3.4. qualitative analysis of the barriers in effective principal and supervisors' participation in SIP

The qualitative analysis reveals several barriers affecting principals' and supervisors' effective participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP). Many respondents highlighted a lack of adequate training and resources, limiting their ability to implement meaningful changes.

Additionally, excessive administrative workload reduces their focus on school improvement efforts. Some principals and supervisors noted limited collaboration with teachers and the community, making it difficult to align goals and strategies effectively. Bureaucratic challenges and insufficient support from higher authorities further hinder their engagement. Resistance to change among stakeholders also emerged as a key barrier, as some educators and community members show reluctance toward new initiatives. Moreover, financial constraints and inadequate incentives discourage active participation. A lack of clear guidelines and accountability mechanisms weakens implementation efforts. Overall, these factors contribute to limited effectiveness in SIP, emphasizing the need for capacity-building programs, policy reforms, and stronger collaboration to enhance school leadership involvement.

In general, the researcher concludes that Barriers to effective community participation in school improvement programs include a lack of encouragement for parental involvement, communication challenges, and insufficient opportunities for decision-making. Social and cultural factors further limit engagement, while inadequate school outreach reduces participation. Additionally, financial constraints and poor collaboration between schools and the community contribute to the low involvement of parents, teachers, and students.

4.3.4. A descriptive analysis of propose strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs

4.3.4.1. The parents propose strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs.

Out of the total parents surveyed one parent (12.5%) indicated they "never" agree, zero parents (0%) marked "occasional," one parent (12.5%) selected "sometimes," two parents (25%) chose "often," and three parents (37.5%) answered "always." The average agreement score for this item is 3.75, which ranges 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.389, indicating a moderate variation in parents' views on the effectiveness of this communication strategy for school improvement programs. This data shows that most parents (62.5%) agree frequently or always with the proposed strategy, suggesting it is a potentially effective approach to enhance community involvement in school improvement.

Parents were asked to propose strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs, specifically about participating in meetings or events. Out of the 8 respondents, 2 (25%) indicated they always agree with participation, while 4 (50%) said they

often agree, and 2 (25%) said they never agree. No respondents reported agreeing occasionally or sometimes. The average score for this item is 3.50, which ranges 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.604, suggesting a consensus on the importance of attending meetings or events to support school program development

Focuses on parents' participation in school improvement activities, specifically their level of agreement with the statement "Do not volunteer or contribute to improvement activities." Of the parents surveyed, 0% reported never agreeing, 12.5% indicated occasional agreement, 0% said sometimes, 75% often agreed, and 12.5% always agreed. The average score for this item was 3.88, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 0.835, suggesting that most parents frequently agree with not volunteering or contributing to school improvement activities.

The survey gathered feedback from a group of parents regarding strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs. The responses were as follows: 1 parent (12.5%) reported never agreeing, 1 parent (12.5%) reported occasional agreement, 0 parents (0%) reported sometimes agreeing, 5 parents (62.5%) reported often agreeing, and 1 parent (12.5%) reported always agreeing. The average score was 3.50, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 indicating a generally positive inclination toward community involvement. The standard deviation of 1.309 suggests a moderate variability in the parents' responses, reflecting diverse opinions on the effectiveness of these strategies.

Parental responses regarding support for their child's involvement in school improvement initiatives. A significant majority (75%) always agreed to propose strategies to enhance community involvement, while 12.5% never agreed. Notably, no responses fell under occasional, sometimes, or often. The average agreement score was 4.38, which ranges between 4.00-5.00 with a standard deviation of 1.408, suggesting overall strong endorsement. These findings indicate that parents largely favor active participation in community-based school programs, emphasizing the importance of supporting initiatives that improve both academic environments and community engagement, ultimately benefiting children's educational experiences.

Parents generally support community involvement in school improvement programs, with most agreeing strongly or frequently. Strategies such as participation in meetings and volunteering were particularly endorsed. The average agreement scores were positive, indicating parental commitment to enhancing educational environments and encouraging active engagement.

4.3.4.2. The teachers propose strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs.

Table 4.10. The teachers propose strategies for enhancing community involvement

No.	Item	N (%)	O (%)	S (%)	O (%)	A (%)	M	Std.
1	Teacher involvement is key to school improvement programs.	2(10.5%)	2(10.5%)	3(15.8%)	8(42.1%)	4(21.1%)	3.53	1.264
2	Teachers actively participate in community-based initiatives.	4(21.1%)	2(10.5%)	0(0%)	7(36.8%)	6(31.6%)	3.47	1.577
3	Teachers boost community engagement in school programs.	4(21.1%)	3(15.8%)	0(0%)	10(52.6%)	2(10.5%)	3.16	1.425
4	Teachers receive strong community support for school improvement.	7(36.8%)	1(5.3%)	0(0%)	10(52.6%)	1(5.3%)	2.84	1.537
5	Teachers propose actions to enhance school-community collaboration.	3(47.4%)	0(0%)	2(10.5%)	12(63.2%)	2(10.5%)	3.53	1.219

Source: Own field survey SPSS, 2025

In item 1, teacher involvement is crucial for the success of school improvement programs. According to survey data, 2 teachers (10.5%) reported never agreeing, 2 teachers (10.5%) replied occasionally, and 3 teachers (15.8%) sometimes agreed. The majority, 8 teachers (42.1%), often agreed, while 4 teachers (21.1%) always agreed. The average rating was 3.53, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.264. These results suggest a generally positive view of teacher involvement in improving community engagement in school programs.

The responses regarding teachers' participation in community-based initiatives for school improvement reveal varying levels of involvement. A total of 4 teachers (21.1%) reported rarely participating, while 2 (10.5%) indicated occasional involvement. No teachers responded with "sometimes," while 7 (36.8%) and 6 (31.6%) frequently and always participate, respectively. The average rating of 3.47 which ranges between 3.00-3.99 suggests a moderate level of agreement,

with a standard deviation of 1.577, indicating diverse perceptions on the extent of teachers' active participation in community-based initiatives aimed at improving school programs. Strategies to enhance involvement could focus on increasing opportunities for engagement and addressing barriers.

In this item 3, teachers were asked to propose strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs. The responses showed varying levels of agreement with the statement "Teachers boost community engagement in school programs." Out of the respondents, 4 (21.1%) strongly agreed, 3 (15.8%) agreed occasionally, none (0%) responded with "sometimes," 10 (52.6%) agreed often, and 2 (10.5%) agreed always. The average score for this item was 3.16, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.425, indicating a general tendency for teachers to agree that community engagement in school programs is important but with some variation in intensity.

The data in item 4 indicates that out of the total number of teachers surveyed, 7 teachers (36.8%) never agree that "Teachers receive strong community support for school improvement," while 1 teacher (5.3%) occasionally agrees, and none of the teachers (0%) sometimes agree. However, 10 teachers (52.6%) often agree with this statement, and 1 teacher (5.3%) always agrees. The average response score is 2.84, which ranges between 2.00-2.99 with a standard deviation of 1.537. This suggests that most teachers lean towards "often" when it comes to receiving strong community support, indicating a generally positive, yet varied perception of community involvement in school improvement programs.

In item 5 out of the respondents, three teachers (47.4%) indicated that they 'always agree' with the idea of enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs, while none (0%) reported never agreeing. Two teachers (10.5%) felt occasional agreement, and 12 teachers (63.2%) 'often agree.' Two teachers (10.5%) selected 'sometimes agree.' The average response score was 3.53, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.219, indicating that most teachers frequently advocate for school-community collaboration and propose strategies to enhance these connections.

The survey data indicates a generally positive view of teacher involvement in school improvement programs, with most teachers agreeing that community engagement is important.

4.3.4.3. The students propose strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs.

Table 4.11. The students propose strategies for enhancing community involvement

No.	Item	N (%)	O (%)	S (%)	O (%)	A (%)	M	Std.
1	Students are encouraged to join community-led school improvement programs.	135(40.2%)	24(7.1%)	30(8.9%)	94(28.0%)	53(15.8%)	2.72	1.587
2	The school fosters collaboration with the community to enhance the learning environment.	4(11.9%)	77(22.9%)	77(22.9%)	0(0%)	142(42.3%)	3.38	1.503
3	Students actively contribute to decision-making for school improvement initiatives.	40(11.9%)	116(34.5%)	76(22.6%)	72(21.4%)	32(9.5%)	2.82	1.179
4	Community support motivates student engagement in school development activities.	0(0%)	146(43.5%)	77(22.9%)	72(21.4%)	41(12.2%)	3.02	1.068

Source: Own field survey SPSS, 2025

In item 1 out of the 336 respondents, 135 students (40.2%) reported that they "never" agree with joining community-led school improvement programs, while 24 students (7.1%) agreed "occasionally." A further 30 students (8.9%) indicated they "sometimes" agree, 94 students (28.0%) agreed "often," and 53 students (15.8%) reported they "always" agree. The average score for this item was 2.72, which ranges between 2.00-2.99 with a standard deviation of 1.587.

These responses agreement level of student engagement with the idea of participating in community-driven initiatives to improve the school.

The survey in item 2 results indicate that a significant proportion of students believe that their school fosters collaboration with the community to enhance the learning environment. Out of the total respondents, 4 students (11.9%) reported never agreeing, while 77 students (22.9%) stated they occasionally agreed. Another 77 students (22.9%) said they sometimes agreed, while none of the respondents (0%) reported frequently agreeing. A substantial 142 students (42.3%) stated that they always agreed with the statement. This indicates a generally positive perception among students about the school's efforts to engage with the community. The mean score for this item was 3.38, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 with a standard deviation of 1.503, suggesting moderate agreement with the statement

In item 3 among the students, 40 (11.9%) strongly disagreed, while 116 (34.5%) responded with occasional agreement, 76 (22.6%) agreed sometimes, 72 (21.4%) often agreed, and 32 (9.5%) always agreed with the statement that "students actively contribute to decision-making for school improvement initiatives." The average score is 2.82, which ranges between 2.00-2.99 with a standard deviation of 1.179, indicating a moderate level of agreement with room for improvement in enhancing community involvement.

The responses in item 4 from students indicate varying levels of agreement with the statement. A total of 146 students (43.5%) reported occasional agreement, 77 students (22.9%) sometimes agreed, 72 students (21.4%) often agreed, and 41 students (12.2%) always agreed. The average rating is 3.02, which ranges between 3.00-3.99 suggesting a moderately positive perception of the statement. The standard deviation of 1.068 shows a relatively wide spread of opinions, indicating differing views on the effect of community support on student engagement in school improvement activities.

The study results reveal varied levels of student engagement with community-driven school improvement programs. Most students expressed occasional or moderate agreement, with some showing strong support for community involvement in fostering collaboration, decision-making, and engagement. However, there is room for improvement.

4.3.4.4. Qualitative analysis of principal and supervisors propose strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs

Qualitative analysis of the principal and supervisors' responses reveals several strategies to enhance community involvement in school improvement programs. The principal emphasizes the importance of building strong partnerships with local organizations and parents to create a supportive environment for students. They suggest organizing regular meetings and workshops that focus on the benefits of community involvement, as well as creating platforms for open communication between the school and community members. Supervisors highlight the need for collaborative decision-making processes, where community members, including parents and local leaders, are actively involved in shaping school policies and initiatives. Additionally, they propose developing joint activities, such as community clean-up programs and extracurricular events, to foster a sense of shared responsibility for school development. The overall emphasis is on creating a mutually beneficial relationship between the school and its surrounding community, ensuring that students' learning experiences are enriched through community support.

In general, the quantitative and qualitative data analysis reveals strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs. Key proposals include fostering strong partnerships with local organizations and parents, organizing regular meetings and workshops, and promoting collaborative decision-making. Supervisors also suggest organizing joint activities, such as community clean-ups and extracurricular events, to encourage shared responsibility and strengthen the relationship between the school and the community. The focus is on creating a supportive environment that enriches students' learning experiences through active community participation.

CHAPTER FIVE

5. SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1. Summary of major findings

The researcher collected all 377 distributed questionnaires, constituting 100% of those distributed, due to active engagement in the study area and building close relationship with high school parents, teachers principal, supervisors and students. As a result, all questionnaires were returned complete, without any missing information. Overall, males dominated across all groups, and students aged 17–20, teachers with first degrees, and parents with extensive SIP experience were the most engaged participants.

This study, conducted in secondary schools within Addis Ketema Sub-City, employed a descriptive research design using a mixed-methods approach to investigate the level, impact, barriers, and enhancement strategies of community participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP). Data were gathered from a sample of 377 participants, including students, teachers, parents, principals, and supervisors, selected through random, stratified proportionate, and purposive sampling techniques. Primary data were collected via questionnaires and interviews, while secondary data came from documents and reports. The study explored (1) the extent of community involvement in decision-making, planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of SIP; (2) how this participation affects the quality of education; (3) key barriers such as communication gaps and lack of capacity; and (4) proposed strategies for improving participation. To ensure data quality, the researcher conducted pilot testing, validity checks, and reliability analysis (Cronbach's $\alpha = 0.879$). Quantitative data were analyzed using descriptive statistics, and qualitative data were analyzed thematically, ensuring a comprehensive and ethical investigation of community engagement in educational development.

In general, the researcher concludes from both quantitative and qualitative findings that parents, teachers, and students show differing levels of participation in the School Improvement Program (SIP), with a prevalent sense of exclusion from decision-making, planning, and monitoring. While parents are notably active in program implementation, they feel disconnected from decision-making. Teachers report moderate involvement but desire greater inclusion, and students largely feel excluded from all aspects of the SIP, highlighting the need for more meaningful engagement in school improvement processes. However, principals and supervisors

participated in the School Improvement Program (SIP), they are experienced and active participation in decision-making, planning, and monitoring processes.

Parents teachers, students, principals and supervisors play a crucial role in improving education quality through their role in participation, leadership, monitoring, and decision-making. Their active participation enhances teaching effectiveness, student performance, and accountability. However, challenges such as resource constraints and administrative burdens limit their impact, highlighting the need for improved support and collaboration in school management.

The barriers to effective community participation in school improvement programs include a lack of encouragement for parental involvement, communication challenges, and insufficient opportunities for decision-making. Social and cultural factors further limit engagement, while inadequate school outreach reduces participation. Additionally, financial constraints and poor collaboration between schools and the community contribute to the low involvement of parents, teachers, and students.

The quantitative and qualitative data analysis reveals strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs. Key proposals include fostering strong partnerships with local organizations and parents, organizing regular meetings and workshops, and promoting collaborative decision-making. Supervisors also suggest organizing joint activities, such as community clean-ups and extracurricular events, to encourage shared responsibility and strengthen the relationship between the school and the community. The focus is on creating a supportive environment that enriches students' learning experiences through active community participation

5.2. Conclusions

The findings reveal differing levels of participation in the SIP among parents, teachers, and students. Parents are highly active in program implementation but feel excluded from decision-making. Teachers report moderate involvement but seek more inclusion, while students mostly feel disconnected from all SIP activities. Principals and supervisors, however, are highly engaged in decision-making, planning, and monitoring, indicating their active participation in the SIP. The study highlights the vital roles that parents, teachers, students, principals, and supervisors play in enhancing education quality. Their active participation supports teaching effectiveness, student performance, and accountability. However, challenges such as resource

constraints and administrative burdens limit the full impact of their involvement, suggesting a need for improved support and collaboration in school management.

Barriers to effective community participation in SIPs include a lack of encouragement for parental involvement, communication challenges, limited opportunities for decision-making, social and cultural constraints, and insufficient school outreach. Financial issues and poor collaboration between schools and communities further contribute to the low involvement of key stakeholders.

The study also identifies strategies for improving community involvement in SIPs, including fostering partnerships with local organizations and parents, organizing regular meetings and workshops, promoting collaborative decision-making, and encouraging joint activities such as community clean-ups and extracurricular events. These efforts aim to create a supportive environment that strengthens the relationship between schools and the community, ultimately enriching students' learning experiences through more active engagement...

5.3. Recommendations

Based on the key findings and conclusions, the researcher offers the following actionable recommendations for the implementation of School Improvement Program (SIP) strategies, specifically targeting parents, teachers, principals, supervisors, and students:

1. For Parents:

Increase Involvement in Decision-Making: While parents are actively involved in program implementation, they feel disconnected from decision-making. It is crucial to establish regular platforms (e.g., parent-teacher meetings, focus groups) where parents can contribute to decisions related to school planning and monitoring.

Enhance Communication Channels: Develop stronger communication between school administration and parents through newsletters, digital platforms, and regular meetings to keep parents informed and engaged in school matters.

2. For Teachers:

Foster Greater Inclusion in Planning: Teachers report moderate involvement but desire more participation in planning and decision-making processes. Schools should involve teachers early in the decision-making process, particularly in the areas of curriculum design, resource allocation, and student assessments.

3. For Principals and Supervisors:

Strengthen Leadership Training: Principals and supervisors are already highly engaged in SIP but should receive further training on how to better facilitate the inclusion of all stakeholders (parents, teachers, and students) in decision-making and planning processes.

Promote Collaborative Leadership: Foster a collaborative leadership culture by encouraging principals and supervisors to actively seek input from all groups involved in the SIP, particularly parents and teachers, to create a more inclusive school environment.

Address Administrative Barriers: Principals and supervisors should advocate for improved resource allocation and reduced administrative burdens to better enable teachers, parents, and students to engage meaningfully in SIP.

4. For Students:

Increase Student Engagement: Students feel largely excluded from SIP activities. Schools should establish mechanisms for involving students in decision-making, such as student councils or feedback sessions, where they can voice their concerns and ideas regarding school improvement.

Provide Opportunities for Leadership Roles: Create more opportunities for students to take leadership roles in school improvement efforts, such as peer mentoring, organizing school events, or participating in student-led committees.

By implementing these recommendations, schools can enhance the effectiveness of their School Improvement Programs and promote greater participation from all key stakeholders, leading to improved educational outcomes.

5.4. Limitation of the Study and Future Research Direction

Future research should explore a more diverse sample that includes a broader range of student ages, teachers, and parents with varying levels of SIP involvement. Additionally, longitudinal studies could examine the long-term effect of increased community participation on school improvement. Future studies should also address barriers like financial constraints and explore effective communication strategies to enhance the involvement of underrepresented groups, such as female students and parents with limited SIP experience.

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Appendices

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Appendix I: Questionnaire for Parents

Dear Parents,

This questionnaire is designed to gather essential insights into the involvement of parents, in the School Improvement Program within secondary schools in Addis Ketema Sub-city. Your participation in providing accurate and relevant responses is vital to the success of this research. Rest assured, all information will be kept confidential and used solely for research purposes. Kindly read each question carefully and answer based on the actual conditions in your school and personal experiences. Your input, which will remain anonymous, is highly valued and will greatly contribute to enhancing the School Improvement Program.

Notice:

1. Do not write your name tick only in the box given.
2. Please complete all questions properly.

Thank you for your valuable time and support.

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Part-one: - Demographic Information

1. Sex: male female

2. Age: 20–30 31–40 41–50 51 and above

3. Educational qualification unable

Writing and reading Primary school High school Certificate

Diploma BA/BSC/BED and above

4. Years of experience in the school in SIP:

1–5 years 6–10 years 11–15 years 16 years and above

Part Two: The role of parents in the School Improvement Program

Please, kindly indicate your response by using the“√” mark on the box placed. 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree; 3=neutral, 4=agree, 5=strongly agree and short answer for open-ended question.

A) Level of community participation in decision-making processes, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation related to school improvements.

N	Statement	1 (Strongly Disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly Agree)
1	Community involvement in school improvement decision-making.					
2	Active engagement in planning initiatives.					
3	Participation in program implementation.					
4	Inclusion in monitoring and evaluation.					
5	Consideration of community input in overall assessment.					

6. How do parents perceive their level of involvement in decision-making processes related to school improvements? _____

B) The influence community participation in quality of education

N	Statement	1 (Strongly Disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly Agree)
1	Community participation enhances education					
2	Engagement leads to positive changes in schools.					
3	Active involvement boosts student performance.					
4	Satisfaction with community participation matters.					
5	Increased community involvement leads to better resources and support for the school.					

6. How does community participation in school improvement programs affect the quality of education in local schools? _____

C) The barriers to effective community participation in school improvement programs

N	Statement	1 (Never)	2 (Occasional)	3 (Sometimes)	4 (Often)	5 (Always)
1	Parents are encouraged to join school improvement programs.					
2	Communication barriers affecting parental involvement.					
3	Enough opportunities for parents in decision-making.					
4	Social factors limiting community participation.					
5	School efforts to engage parents are adequate.					

6. What are the main barriers experienced by parents that prevent effective community participation in school improvement programs? _____

D) Strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs

N	Statement	1 (Never)	2 (Occasional)	3 (Sometime)	4 (Often)	5 (Always)
1	Communicate regularly with school staff about the Improvement Program.					
2	Participate in meetings or events to support program development.					
3	Do not volunteer or contribute to improvement activities.					
4	Avoid providing feedback or suggestions.					
5	Support your child's involvement in improvement initiatives.					

6. What strategies can be implemented to enhance the involvement of parents, in the school improvement program?

Appendix II: Questionnaire for teachers

Dear Teacher,

This questionnaire is designed to gather essential insights into your involvement in the School Improvement Program (SIP) within secondary schools in Addis Ketema Sub-city. Your participation in providing accurate and relevant responses is vital to the success of this research. All responses will be kept confidential and used solely for research purposes. Kindly read each question carefully and answer based on the actual conditions in your school and personal experiences.

Thank you for your valuable time and contribution.

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Section 1: Demographic Information

1. Sex: Male Female

2. Age: 20–30 31–40 41–50 51 and above

3. Educational Qualification:

Diploma Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree and above

4. Years of Teaching Experience:

1–5 years 6–10 years 11–15 years 16 years and above

Part Two: The role of teachers in the School Improvement Program

Please, kindly indicate your response by using the“√” mark on the box placed. 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree; 3=neutral, 4=agree, 5=strongly agree and short answer for open-ended question.

A) Level of community participation in decision-making processes, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation related to school improvements.

N	Statement	1 (Strongly Disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly Agree)
1	Teachers participate in school decision-making.					
2	SIP teacher members plan improvements.					
3	Teachers implement school programs.					
4	Teachers contribute to monitoring and evaluation.					
5	The school supports teachers in community engagement.					

6. If have any additional teacher involvement in decision-making processes related to school improvements? _____

B) The influence community participation in quality of education

No.	Statement	1 (Strongly Disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly Agree)
1	Active teacher participation improves education quality.					
2	Teacher involvement enhances resources and facilities.					
3	Teacher engagement boosts student achievement.					
4	Increased participation strengthens learning.					
5	School-community partnerships strengthen education programs.					

6. How does teachers' participation in school improvement programs affect the quality of education in local schools? _____

C) The barriers to effective community participation in school improvement programs

N	Statement	1 (Never)	2 (Occasional)	3 (Sometimes)	4 (Often)	5 (Always)
1	Teachers engage in school meetings and decision-making.					
2	Financial constraints limit involvement in school improvement.					
3	Lack of awareness prevents teacher participation in activities.					
4	Cultural or social factors affect engagement in programs.					
5	Poor communication between school and teachers hinders participation.					

6. What are the main barriers experienced by teacher that prevent effective community participation in school improvement programs? _____

D) Strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs

N	Statement	1 (Never)	2 (Occasional)	3 (Sometimes)	4 (Often)	5 (Always)
1	Teacher involvement is key to school improvement programs.					
2	Teachers actively participate in community-based initiatives.					
3	Teachers boost community engagement in school programs.					
4	Teachers receive strong community support for school improvement.					
5	Teachers propose actions to enhance school-community collaboration.					

6. What strategies can be implemented to enhance the involvement of teachers, in the school improvement program?

Appendix III: Questionnaire for students

Dear students,

This questionnaire is designed to collect valuable insights regarding student involvement in the School Improvement Program (SIP) within secondary schools in Addis Ketema Sub-city. Your participation in providing accurate and thoughtful responses is crucial to the success of this research. Please be assured that all information will remain confidential and will solely be used for research purposes. Kindly read each question carefully and answer based on your personal experiences and the actual conditions at your school. Your anonymous responses are greatly appreciated and will significantly contribute to the enhancement of the School Improvement Program.

Thank you for your valuable time and contribution.

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Section 1: Demographic questions related to high school students'

1. What is your gender a) Male b) Female
2. How old are you? a) 14-16 years b) 17-18 years c) 19-20 years
d) 21 years or older
3. What is your grade level? a) Grade 9 b) Grade 10 c) Grade 11
d) Grade 12

Part Three: The role of students in the School Improvement Program

Please, kindly indicate your response by using the“√” mark on the box placed. 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree; 3=neutral, 4=agree, 5=strongly agree and short answer for open-ended question.

A) Level of community participation in decision-making processes, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation related to school improvements.

N	Statement	1 (Strongly Disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly Agree)
1	Students participate in decision-making for school improvement.					
2	Students help plan activities for the School Improvement Program (SIP).					
3	Students contribute to implementing improvement initiatives.					
4	Students engage in monitoring and evaluating school improvement efforts.					

5. How do students perceive their level of involvement in decision-making processes related to school improvements? _____

B) The influence community participation in quality of education

N	Statement	1 (Strongly Disagree)	2 (Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4 (Agree)	5 (Strongly Agree)
1	Community participation boosts student engagement in SIP.					
2	Community support increases learning resources for students in SIP.					
3	Active involvement enhances student performance and motivation in SIP.					
4	Collaboration between students and the community strengthens SIP effectiveness.					

5. How does community participation in school improvement programs affect the quality of education in local schools? _____

C) The barriers to effective community participation in school improvement programs

N	Statement	1 (Never)	2 (Occasional)	3 (Sometimes)	4 (Often)	5 (Always)
1	Students engage actively in school improvement programs.					
2	Students are encouraged to share their opinions in decision-making.					
3	Lack of awareness hinders student involvement in school improvement.					
4	Students collaborate with teachers and the community to enhance school programs.					

5. What are the main barriers experienced by students that prevent effective community participation in school improvement programs? _____

D) Strategies for enhancing community involvement in school improvement programs

N	Statement	1 (Never)	2 (Occasional)	3 (Sometimes)	4 (Often)	5 (Always)
1	Students are encouraged to join community-led school improvement programs.					
2	The school fosters collaboration with the community to enhance the learning environment.					
3	Students actively contribute to decision-making for school improvement initiatives.					
4	Community support motivates student engagement in school development activities.					

6. What strategies can be implemented to enhance the involvement of students in the school improvement program?

Appendix IV: Interview for Principals, Supervisors, and Education Expertise

Name of the school _____

Age _____

Sex _____

Educational level _____

Position _____

Experience in SIP _____

Questions for Interview

1. How would you rate the level of community involvement in decision-making processes for school improvement, and what specific actions can enhance this participation in the next academic year?
2. In your experience, how does active community participation influence the quality of education in your school, and what measurable improvements have you observed over the past two years?
3. What are the primary barriers you face in achieving effective community participation in school improvement programs, and how do you suggest overcoming them in the next six months?
4. What strategies have you implemented to encourage greater community involvement in school improvements, and which one has shown the most promising results within the last year?
5. How do you plan to increase collaboration among parents, teachers, and students in school decision-making processes to improve educational outcomes in the coming academic term?

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ስለ ጠቃሚ ጊዜዎ እና ድጋፍዎ እናመሰግናለን።

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የአጥኝው ስም፡ አነተኛ ገብረግዚአብሄር

ክፍል-አንድ፡ - የግል መረጃ

1. የትምህርት ቤት ስም

ድላችን አቢስንያ አዲስ ከተማ የካቲት 23 ዑመር ሰመተር

ኮልፌ ሚልንየም አስኮ

2. ጾታ ወንድ ሴት

4. የትምህርት ደረጃ ስርተፊኬት ዲፕሎማ ዲግሪ እና ከዚያ በላይ

ክፍል ሁለት፡ በትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ፕሮግራም ውስጥ የወላጆች ሚና በተመለከተ

በተቀመጠው ሳጥን ላይ ያለውን "√" ምልክት በመጠቀም እባክዎ ምላሽዎን ያስቀምጡ። 1= በጣም አልሰማማም፤ 2=አልሰማማም፤ 3= ገለልተኛ ፣ 4= እስማማለሁ ፣ 5= በጣም እስማማለሁ እና በክፍት ለተፃፉ ጥያቄ አጭር መልስ ሰጡ።

ሀ) ከትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ጋር በተገናኘ በውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ሂደት፣ እቅድ አተገባበር፣ በክትትል እና በግምገማ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ ደረጃ በተመለከተ።

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጣም አልሰማማም)	2 (አልሰማማም)	3 (ገለልተኛ)	4 (እስማማለሁ)	5 (በጣም እስማማለሁ)
1	ወላጆች በውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ሂደቶች በንቃት ይሳተፋሉ					
2	ወላጆች የትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ተግባራትን በማቀድ ላይ ተሳትፎ አላቸው					
3	ወላጆች በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች ትግበራ ላይ ይሳተፋሉ					
4	የትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ጥረቶች ክትትል እና ግምገማ ውስጥ የተካተቱ የማህበረሰብ አባላት አሉ					
5	በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያዎች አጠቃላይ ግምገማ ላይ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ ግምት ውስጥ ይገባል					

6. ወላጆች ከትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያዎች ጋር በተገናኘ በውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ሂደቶች ውስጥ ያላቸውን ተሳትፎ ደረጃ እንዴት ይገነዘባሉ?

ለ) በትምህርት ጥራት ላይ የህብረተሰቡ ተሳትፎ ላይ ተጽእኖ ያሳድራል

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጣም አልሰማማም)	2 (አልሰማማም)	3 (ገለልተኛ)	4 (እስማማለሁ)	5 (በጣም እስማማለሁ)
1	የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ የትምህርት ጥራት ያሻሽላል					
2	የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ በትምህርት ጥራት ላይ አዎንታዊ ለውጦች አምጥተዋል					
3	ንቁ የወላጅ እና የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ የተማሪን አፈፃፀም አሳድገዋል					
4	በትምህርት ቤት ውስጥ ባለው የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ ደረጃ እርካታ አምጥተዋል					
5	የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ መጨመር ለት/ቤቱ ድጋፍን ያመጣል					

6. በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች ውስጥ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ በትምህርት ቤቶች ውስጥ ያለውን የትምህርት ጥራት ላይ ተጽዕኖ ያሳድራል?

ምክንያቱን ይዘርዝሩ

ሐ) በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ መርሃ ግብሮች ውስጥ ውጤታማ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ እንዳይኖር ያሉ ተግዳሮቶች

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጭራሽ)	2 (አልፎ አልፎ)	3 (መካከለኛ)	4 (ብዙውን ጊዜ)	5 (ሁልጊዜ)
1	ወላጆች በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች ላይ እንዲሳተፉ በንቃት ይበረታታሉ					
2	በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ እንቅስቃሴዎች ውስጥ ያለዎትን ተሳትፎ የሚያደናቅፉ የግንኙነት ተግዳሮቶች አሉ					
3	በትምህርት ቤት ፕሮግራሞች ውስጥ ለውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ለወላጆች አስተዋፅኦ ለማድረግ በቂ እድሎች አሉ					
4	በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ጥረቶች ውስጥ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎን የሚከለክሉ ማህበራዊ ሁኔታዎች አሉ					
5	ትምህርት ቤቱ ወላጆችን በማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች ውስጥ ለማሳተፍ የሚያደርገው ጥረት በቂ ነው።					

6. በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች ውስጥ ውጤታማ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎን የሚከለክሉ ወላጆች የሚያጋጥሟቸው ዋና ዋና መሰናክሎች ምንድናቸው?

መ) በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች ውስጥ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎን የማሳደግ ስልቶች

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጭራሽ)	2 (አልፎ አልፎ)	3 (መካከለኛ)	4 (ብዙውን ጊዜ)	5 (ሁልጊዜ)
1	የትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ፕሮግራምን በተመለከተ በወላጆች እና በትምህርት ቤት ሰራተኞች መካከል መደበኛ ግንኙነትን አለ					
2	የትምህርት ቤቱን ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራም ለማሳደግ በትምህርት ቤት ስብሰባዎች ላይ ይገኛሉ።					
3	ከማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሙ ጋር በተያያዙ የበጎ ፈቃደኝነት ወይም ለት/ቤት እንቅስቃሴዎች አስተዋፅኦ ለማድረግ እድሎችን አሉ					
4	የማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሙን ለማሳደግ አስተያየት የሚሰጥበት አሰራር አለ					
5	በትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል የእርዎ ተነሳሽነት እና እንቅስቃሴዎች የልጅዎን ንቁ ተሳትፎ ያበረታታሉ					

6. በትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ፕሮግራም ውስጥ የወላጆችን ተሳትፎ ለማሳደግ ምን አይነት ስልቶች ሊተገበሩ ይችላሉ?

አባሪ II: ለመምህራን የተዘጋጀ መጠይቅ

ውድ መምህር

ይህ መጠይቅ በአዲስ ከተማ ክፍለ ከተማ ሁለተኛ ደረጃ ት/ቤቶች ውስጥ በት/ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራም (SIP) ውስጥ ያለዎትን ተሳትፎ በተመለከተ አስፈላጊ ግንዛቤዎችን ለመሰብሰብ የተነደፈ ነው። ትክክለኛ እና ተዛማጅ ምላሾችን በማቅረብ ተሳትፎዎ ለዚህ ምርምር ስኬት ወሳኝ ነው። ሁሉም ምላሾች በሚስጥር የሚጠበቁ ሲሆኑ እና ለምርምር ዓላማዎች ብቻ ጥቅም ላይ ይውላሉ። ፍቃደኝነትዎ ካረጋገጡ እያንዳንዱን ጥያቄ በጥንቃቄ ያንብቡ ይመልሱ።

ላደረጉት ጠቃሚ ጊዜ እና አስተዋፅኦ እናመሰግናለን።

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ክፍል 1: የመምህራን የስነ ሕዝብ መረጃ

- ጾታ: ወንድ ሴት
- እድሜ: 20-30 31-40 41-50 51 እና በላይ
- የትምህርት ደረጃ:
ዲፕሎማ ዲግሪ ማስተርስ እና ከዛ በላይ
- በመምህርነት የስራ ልምድ :
1-5 አመታት 6-10 አመታት 11-15 አመታት 16 አመታት እና በላይ

ክፍል ሁለት: በትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ፕሮግራም ውስጥ የመምህራን ሚና

በተቀመጠው ሳጥን ላይ ያለውን "√" ምልክት በመጠቀም እባክዎ ምላሽዎን ያስቀምጡ። 1= በጣም አልሰማማም 2=አልሰማማም; 3= ገለልተኛ ፣ 4= እስማማለሁ ፣ 5= በጣም እስማማለሁ እና በክፍት ለተጻፉ ጥያቄ አጭር መልስ ሰጡ።

ሀ) ከትምህርት ቤት መሻሻሎች ጋር በተገናኘ በውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ሂደቶች፣ በአቅድ፣ በአተገባበር፣ በክትትል እና በግምገማ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ ደረጃ።

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጣም አልሰማማም)	2 (አልሰማማም)	3 (ገለልተኛ)	4 (እስማማለሁ)	5 (በጣም እስማማለሁ)
1	መምህራን በትምህርት ቤት ውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ላይ በንቃት ይሳተፋሉ።					
2	የ SIP አባል የመምህራን ማሻሻያዎችን በማቀድ ውስጥ ይሳተፋል።					
3	መምህራን የትምህርት ቤት ፕሮግራሞችን በመተግበር ላይ ይሳተፋሉ.					
4	መምህራን ለክትትልና ለግምገማ አስተዋፅኦ ያደርጋሉ።					
5	ትምህርት ቤቱ መምህራንን በማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ ይደግፋል።					

6. ከትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያዎች ጋር በተያያዙ የውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ሂደቶች ውስጥ ተጨማሪ የመምህራን ተሳትፎ ካለ?

ለ) በትምህርት ጥራት ላይ የህብረተሰቡ/መምህራን/ ተሳትፎ ላይ ተጽእኖ ያሳድራል።

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጣም አልሰማም)	2 (አልሰማምም)	3 (ገለልተኛ)	4 (እስማማለሁ)	5 (በጣም እስማማለሁ)
1	ንቁ የመምህራን ተሳትፎ በትምህርት ቤት ያለውን አጠቃላይ የትምህርት ጥራት ያሳድጋል።					
2	የመምህራን ተሳትፎ በትምህርት ቤት ውስጥ የትምህርት ግብዓቶችን እና መገልገያዎችን ለማሻሻል አስተዋፅኦ ያደርጋል።					
3	የመምህራን ተሳትፎ በተማሪዎች አካዴሚያዊ ውጤቶች ላይ በጎ ተጽእኖ ይኖረዋል።					
4	የመምህራን ተሳትፎ መጨመር የተማሪ ዲሲፕሊን እና የትምህርት ውጤት ያሳድጋል					
5	በትምህርት ቤቶች እና በማህበረሰቡ መካከል ያለው ትብብር የትምህርት ፕሮግራሞችን ውጤታማነት ያጠናክራል።					

6. በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ መርሃ ግብሮች ውስጥ የመምህራን ተሳትፎ እንዴት በአካባቢ ትምህርት ቤቶች ውስጥ ያለውን የትምህርት ጥራት ላይ ተጽዕኖ ያሳድራል? _____

ሐ) በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ መርሃ ግብር ውስጥ ውጤታማ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ እንዳይኖር የሚያደረጉ እንቅፋቶች

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጭረሽ)	2 (አልፎ አልፎ)	3 (መካከለኛ)	4 (ብዙውን ጊዜ)	5 (ሁልጊዜ)
1	መምህራን በትምህርት ቤት ስብሰባዎች እና ውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ሂደቶች ላይ በንቃት ይሳተፋሉ					
2	መምህራንን ተሳትፎ በፋይናንስ እጥረቶች በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ እንቅስቃሴዎች ላይ ይገደባል					
3	የመምህራን የግንዛቤ እጥረት በትምህርት ቤት እንቅስቃሴዎች ውስጥ እንዳይሳተፉ እንቅፋት ሆኗል					
4	ባህላዊ ወይም ማህበራዊ ሁኔታዎች አስተማሪዎች በትምህርት ቤት ፕሮግራሞች ውስጥ ለመሳተፍ ያላቸውን ፍላጎት ቀንሰዋል					
5	በትምህርት ቤቱ እና በአስተማሪዎች መካከል ያለው ግንኙነት ውጤታማ ተሳትፎ እንዳይኖረው እንቅፋት ይፈጥራል					

6. በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ መርሃ ግብሮች ውስጥ ውጤታማ የመምህራን ተሳትፎን የሚከለክሉና ዋና ዋና ተግዳሮቶች ምንድን ናቸው? _____

መ) በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች ውስጥ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎን ለማሳደግ ያሉትን ስልቶች

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጭራሽ)	2 (አልፎ አልፎ)	3 (መካከለኛ)	4 (ብዙውን ጊዜ)	5 (ሁልጊዜ)
1	ለትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች ስኬት የመምህራን ተሳትፎ አስፈላጊ ነው።					
2	በማንኛውም ማህበረሰብ ላይ የተመሰረተ የትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ መምህራን በንቃት ተሳትፈዋል					
3	መምህራን በትምህርት ቤት ፕሮግራሞች ውስጥ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎን በብቃት አሳድገዋል።					
4	የትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ጥረቶችን ለማሳደግ መምህራን ከማህበረሰቡ በቂ ድጋፍ ያገኛሉ					
5	መምህራን በትምህርት ቤቶች እና በአካባቢው ማህበረሰቦች መካከል የተሻለ ትብብር እንዲፈጠር ያደርጋሉ					

6. በትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ፕሮግራም ውስጥ የመምህራንን ተሳትፎ ለማሳደግ ምን አይነት ስልቶች ሊተገበሩ ይችላሉ?

አባሪ III: ለተማሪዎች የተዘጋጀ መጠይቅ

ውድ ተማሪዎች፣

ይህ መጠይቅ የተዘጋጀው በአዲስ ከተማ ክፍለ ከተማ በሚገኙ ሁለተኛ ደረጃ ትምህርት ቤቶች ውስጥ በትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ፕሮግራም (SIP) ውስጥ የተማሪዎች ተሳትፎን በተመለከተ ጠቃሚ ግንዛቤዎችን ለመሰብሰብ ነው። ትክክለኛ እና ታሳቢ ምላሾችን በማቅረብ ተሳትፎዎ ለዚህ ምርምር ስኬት ወሳኝ ነው። እባክዎ ሁሉም መረጃዎች ሚስጥራዊ ሆነው እንዲሆኑ በማመን እና ለምርምር ዓላማዎች ብቻ እንደሚውሉ እርግጠኛ ይሁኑ። በፍቃደኝነት እያንዳንዱን ጥያቄ በጥንቃቄ በማንበብ በትምህርት ቤትዎ ውስጥ ባለው ተጨባጭ ሁኔታ መልስ ስጥ።

ላደረጉት ጠቃሚ ጊዜ እና አስተዋፅዖ እናመሰግናለን።

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ክፍል 1: ከሁለተኛ ደረጃ ተማሪዎች ጋር የተገናኙ የግል መረጃ

1. ጾታ ሀ) ወንድ ለ) ሴት
2. እድሜ ሀ) 14-16 አመታት ለ) 17-18 አመታት ሐ) 19-20 አመታት መ) 21 አመታት እና በለይ
3. የትምህርት ደረጃ ሀ) 9ኛ ክፍል ለ) 10 ክፍል ሐ) 11ኛ ክፍል መ) 12ኛ ክፍል

ክፍል ሶስት: በትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ፕሮግራም ውስጥ የተማሪዎች ሚና

በተቀመጠው ሳጥን ላይ ያለውን "✓" ምልክት በመጠቀም እባክዎ ምላሽዎን ያስቀምጡ። 1= በጣም አልሰማምም 2=አልሰማምም; 3= ገለልተኛ ፣ 4= እስማማለሁ ፣ 5= በጣም እስማማለሁ እና በክፍት ለተፃፉ ጥያቄ አጭር መልስ ስጡ።

ሀ) ከትምህርት ቤት መሻሻሎች ጋር በተገናኘ በውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ሂደቶች፣ በአቅድ፣ በአተገባበር፣ በክትትል እና በግምገማ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ ደረጃ።

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጣም አልሰማምም)	2 (አልሰማምም)	3 (ገለልተኛ)	4 (እስማማለሁ)	5 (በጣም እስማማለሁ)
1	ከትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ጋር በተያያዙ የውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ሂደቶች ተማሪዎች በንቃት ይሳተፋሉ					
2	ተማሪዎች ለት/ቤት ማሻሻያ መርሃ ግብር (SIP) እቅድ ውስጥ ይሳተፋሉ					
3	ተማሪዎች ለት / ቤት ማሻሻያ ትግበራ አስተዋፅዖ ያደርጋሉ					
4	ተማሪዎች የትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ፕሮግራሙን ክትትል እና ግምገማ ይሳተፋሉ					

5. ከትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያዎች ጋር በተገናኘ በውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ሂደቶች ውስጥ ተማሪዎች የተሳትፎ ደረጃቸውን እንዴት

ይገነዘባሉ? _____

ለ) በትምህርት ጥራት ላይ የህብረተሰቡ/ተማሪዎች/ ተሳትፎ ላይ ተጽእኖ ያሳድራል።

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጣም አልሰማም)	2 (አልሰማም)	3 (ገለልተኛ)	4 (እስማማለሁ)	5 (በጣም እስማማለሁ)
1	ተማሪዎችን በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራም (SIP) ላይ ያላቸውን ተሳትፎ አወንታዊ ተጽእኖ ያሳድራል።					
2	ከማህበረሰቡ የሚሰጠው ድጋፍ በ SIP ውስጥ ለተማሪዎች የመማሪያ ግብዓቶችን መገኘት ያሻሽላል።					
3	ንቁ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ በ SIP ውስጥ የተማሪዎችን አካዴሚያዊ አፈፃፀም እና ተነሳሽነት ያሻሽላል።					
4	በተማሪዎች እና በማህበረሰቡ መካከል ያለው ትብብር የ SIP እቅዶችን ውጤታማነት ያጠናክራል።					

5. በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራም ውስጥ የተማሪዎች ተሳትፎ በትምህርት ጥራት ያለው ተጽእኖ ምንድን ነው?

ሐ) በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ መርሃ ግብር ውስጥ ውጤታማ የማህበረሰብ ተሳትፎ እንዳይኖር የሚያደርጉ እንቅፋቶች

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጭራሽ)	2 (አልፎ አልፎ)	3 (መካከለኛ)	4 (ብዙውን ጊዜ)	5 (ሁልጊዜ)
1	ተማሪዎች በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች በንቃት ይሳተፋሉ።					
2	በትምህርት ቤት ውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ላይ ተማሪዎች ሃሳባቸውን እንዲገልጹ ይበረታታሉ።					
3	የግንዛቤ ማነስ ተማሪዎች በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ስራዎች ላይ እንዳይሳተፉ ያግዳቸዋል።					
4	የትምህርት ቤት ፕሮግራሞችን ለማሻሻል ተማሪዎች ከመምህራን እና ከማህበረሰቡ ጋር ይተባበራሉ።					

5. በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች ውጤታማ ተማሪዎች የሚያጋጥሟቸው ዋና ዋና መሰናክሎች ምንድን ናቸው?

መ) በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች ውስጥ የተማሪዎች ተሳትፎን ለማሳደግ የተቀየሱ ስልቶች

ተ.ቁ	ጥያቄ	1 (በጭራሽ)	2 (አልፎ አልፎ)	3 (መካከለኛ)	4 (በዙጣን ጊዜ)	5 (ሁልጊዜ)
1	ተማሪዎች በትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ መርሃ ግብሮች እንዲሳተፉ ይበረታታሉ					
2	ትምህርት ቤቱ ተማሪዎች ከህብረተሰቡ ጋር እንዲተባበሩ እና የትምህርት አካባቢን እንዲያሳድጉ እድሎችን ይሰጣል።					
3	ተማሪዎች ከትምህርት ቤት ማሻሻያ ፕሮግራሞች ጋር በተያያዙ የውሳኔ አሰጣጥ ሂደቶች ላይ በንቃት ይሳተፋሉ።					
4	የማህበረሰብ ድጋፍ እና ተሳትፎ ተማሪዎች በትምህርት ቤት ልማት እንቅስቃሴዎች ላይ እንዲሳተፉ ያነሳሳቸዋል።					

5. በትምህርት ቤት መሻሻል ፕሮግራም ውስጥ የተማሪዎችን ተሳትፎ ለማሳደግ ምን ዓይነት ስልቶች ሊተገበሩ ይችላሉ?