Influence of Perceived Organisational Justice and Organisational Climate on Job Performance Among Secondary School Teachers in Makurdi Metropolis of Benue State

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Abstract

The study investigated influence of perceived organisational justice and organisational climate on job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi metropolis. A total of 188 secondary school teachers were drawn from Makurdi metropolis. The findings revealed that 106 (56.4%) were males and 79(42.0%) were females. The study used three standardized instruments which include (i) Organisational justice scale was developed by Nerinhoff and Moorman (1993), Organizational climate questionnaire developed by DeCottis and Koys (1991) and Job Performance Scale developed by Goodman and Svyantek (1999). Results from the hypotheses tested showed that perceived organizational justice significantly influence job performance. [F (3,182) = 64.222, P<.001]. The result also indicated that organizational climate did not significantly influence job performance among secondary school teachers [F (1,181) = .003, P>.05. The result finally showed that perceived organizational justice and organizational climate significantly and jointly influence job performance [F (4,181) = 50.131, P<.001. Based on the findings of the study, it was recommended among others that, the government through the ministry of education should organise seminars to enlighten school management officials on the important roles played by perceived organisational justice and justice and justice and job performance among teachers thus provide adequate working environment for proper leaning.

Keywords: perceived organisational justice, organisational climate and job performance

1. Introduction

To grow and thrive in today's competitive environment, the government, educational institutions, and businesses need to continue to provide enabling working environment, devoid of very stressful conditions (Ambrose & Schminke, 2009). Institutions and businesses invest a great deal of resources in employment tests, job interviews, and training programs in an attempt to increase motivation, build human capital, and ultimately improve the job performance of employees. The measurement process of individual level job performance consists of many parts including defining and measuring job performance (Pilo, 2013).

Job performance can be defined as "all the behaviours employees engage in while at work" (Jex, 2002). More commonly, job performance refers to how well someone performs at his or her work. Initially, researchers were optimistic about the possibility to define and measure job performance (Cekmecelioglu, 2006).

A fair amount of the employees' behaviour displayed at work is not necessarily related to job-specific aspects. Historically, there have been three approaches to explain the dimensions of job performance: as a function of outcomes; as a function of behaviour; as a function of personal traits (Celik, 2012). The majority of the studies have shifted their focus on defining job performance in terms of outcomes and behaviour, since these are easier and more objective to define and to observe personal traits (Hersen, 2004). From an employee's point of view job performance is essentially the result of a series of behaviours. The various tasks performed on a daily basis contribute to job performance in general (Cardy, 2004). In this line of thought Jex (2002) developed an influential model containing eight dimensions to measure job performance and they are: i, Job-specific task proficiency: behavior related to core tasks of the job. ii, Non-job-specific task proficiency: general work behavior. iii, Written and oral communication

task proficiency. iv, Demonstrating effort: level of commitment to core tasks. v, Maintaining personal discipline. vi. Facilitating peer and team performance. vii, Supervision/Leadership. viii, Management/Administration (Jex, 2002).

From a supervisor's perspective, on the other hand, outcomes are the key elements for job performance appraisal. After all, at the end of the day results are more important to an employer than the activities leading to those results (Cardy, 2004). However, employee's job performance plays a significant role in any organisation achievement and competency (Yong-ki & sally, 2015). The impact of organizational justice perceptions on job performance is believed to stem from equity theory. This would suggest that when people perceive in justice they seek to restore justice. One way that employees restore justice is by altering their level of job performance. Procedural justice affects job performance when efficiency and productivity are involved, Justice perceptions improve productivity and performance Dawson, Abbott & Shoemaker (2011).

Hellriegel, Slocum, & Woodman (2001) found a relationship between organisational justice and job performance among employers. According to Obeidi, (2012) Perceived organisational justice refers to the overall fairness of the organisation reward system and the perceived fairness of the actions of individuals responsible for implementing the rewards allocation system. Masterson, Lewis, Goldman & Taylor (2000), found that perceived organisational justice was positively correlated with organisational climate. It is obvious that when teachers in a secondary school perceived that they are being treated fairly by the school management and environment, their level of job performance moves up the ladder. This means that the ability of the school authority to expose teachers to activities that make them feel fairly treated is likely to create a sense of work performance and satisfaction in such an employee. This will motivate employees to commit more to the organisation.

Organisational justice is a key factor associated with the success of every organization. In order to keep employees satisfied, committed, and loyal to the organization, the organization needs to be fair in its system regarding distributive justice, procedural justice, and interactional justice. When employees feel that they are treated fairly by the organization in every aspect, they are inclined to show more positive attitude and behaviours like job performance. Issues like allocating monetary resources, hiring employees in organizations, policy making and policy implications that affect decision maker and the people who are affected from such decisions require special attention in respect of justice (Colquitt, Greenberg, & Zapata-Phelan, 2005).

Organizational justice is considered a fundamental requirement for the effective functioning of organizations. Fairness perceptions holds an important position in the decisions and processes as per human resource aspect (Thurston & McNall, 2010; Jawahar, 2007; Cohen-Charash & Spector, 2001) such as pay, benefits and other compensation facets. In actual fact, fairness in compensation received, decisions regarding the compensation-related process and the way this information is communicated to all the employees hold an integral role in formulating the responses about the compensatory system (Nelson, Smith, Greer & Duke, 2008; Milkovich & Newman, 2008).

Organizational justice is an essential component and predictor of successful organizations. Organization that is fair and just in its procedures, policies, interactions and distribution systems, employees of that organization give better response to the organization (in terms of their positive behaviours and productivity). Enhancing organizational justice resulted in improved outcomes from employees. Managers should take actions to improve employees' job performance and organizational commitment so to decrease employees' turnover intension with the help of distributive and procedural justice (Elanain, 2009). Cropanzano, Ambrose & Greenberg, (2007) argue that organizational justice has the potential to create powerful benefits for organizations and employees alike include greater trust and commitment. Organizational justice refers to people's perception of fairness in organizations, consisting of perceptions of how decisions are made regarding the distribution of outcome (distributive justice) and the perceived fairness of those outcomes themselves (as studied in equity theory) (Greenberg & Baron, 2003). Equity has generally been conceptualized in terms of perceived fairness and operationalized as a three dimensional construct: distributive, procedural and interactional justice (Wat & Shaffer, 2005). The word equity connotes feelings of good, just, right and fair, and they are deeply embedded in our common heritage.

Distributive justice concern people's perceptions of the fairness of the distribution of resources between people (Greenberg & Baron 2003). It's also refers to the perceived fairness of the amounts of compensation employee receive (Alwan, (2007). Therefore, distributive justice perspective focuses on the fairness of the evaluations received relative to the work. Cropanzano, Ambrose & Greenberg, (2007) distinguish three allocation rules that can lead to distributive justice if they are applied appropriately: equality (to each the same), equity (to each in accordance with contributions), and need (to each in accordance with the most urgency). Distributive justice is concerned with the reality that not all workers are treated alike; the allocation of outcome is differentiated in workplace (Cropanzano,

Ambrose & Greenberg, 2007). Karsh, Bookse, & Sainfort, (2005) also found that employee may rationalize their desire to quit by finding 'evidence' which illustrates how unfairly rewards are distributed. Furthermore, distributive justice seems to play a salient role for employee in evaluating their employing organization (Loi, Borman, Ilgen & klimoski, 2006). Employee would be more attached to their organization if they cannot obtain the same benefits in another firm (Lee, Griffin, Neal, Neale, 2007).

Past research demonstrates that procedural justice often is more predictive of a variety of work attitudes, including organizational commitment (Warner, Dunnette & Hough, 2005). The fairness of the decision making process itself seems to be more important than the actual amount of compensation that is received by individual (Teprstra & Honoree 2003). Cropanzano, Prehar, and Chen (2005) argued that, although procedural justice and interactional justice are distinct constructs, they are closely correlated. As pointed out by Tyler and Bies (2004), procedural justice is important in shaping interpersonal contexts, and thus it affects perception of interaction justice. Cropanzano, Ambrose & Greenberg, (2007) argued that fair process lead to intellectual and emotional recognition, thus in turn, creates the trust and commitment that build voluntary cooperation in strategy execution. This, procedural justice perspective focuses on the fairness of the evaluation procedures used to determine ratings (Kumar & Giri, 2007). If the process is perceived as just, employees show greater loyalty and more willingness to behave in an organizational best interest (Cropanzano, Ambrose & Greenberg, 2007). employee's direct or indirect perception of the work environment such as perceived autonomy, trust on mangers, teamwork/cohesion, rewards/recognition and perceived fairness can be tress down to the kind of justice system the organization relay on Storey (2011).

Studies have shown that organizational climate is also a correlate of job performance. Organizational climate quality is widely thought of as an essential determinant of job performance, and job satisfaction (Unal, 2012). Jing, Avery, & Bergsteiner, (2011) Organizational climate includes management or leadership styles, participation in decision making, provision of challenging jobs to employees, reduction of boredom and frustration, provision of benefits, personnel policies, and provision of good working conditions and creation of suitable career ladder for academics. These characteristics should be suitable to engender the productive capacities of employees and bring about higher level of commitment and performance to the organization. This is vital to our understanding of organizational justice and climate on job performance (Kallestad, 2010). However, the aim of management is to create a climate that is supportive of hard-work and high productivity throughout the organization. Organizational climate has been described as an employee's direct or indirect perception of the work environment, the general attitude or feeling; an atmosphere, condition or a situation which exists in an organization which embodies characteristics such as: structure, responsibility, reward, risk, warmth, support, standards, conflict and identity in the organization (Kessel, Hannemann-Weber & Kratzer, 2012). Jing, Avery, & Bergsteiner, (2011) enumerated the characteristics of a healthy organizational climate to include the gains of integration and performance to the goals of the organization from which comes the willingness to change. Therefore, a favourable work environment will engender higher levels of performance and productivity. It is against this background that this study is designed to investigate perceived organisatioal justice and organisational climate on job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi Metropolis.

2. Statement of the Problem

Job performance is considered an important factor in the recruitment and retention of employees in addition to the productivity and quality of services provided by them. However, there seems to be a general consensus among researchers that Job performance of secondary school teachers in Nigeria is declining. This has led to the incessant strikes and poor teaching performance among teachers which have become a worrisome scenario because it lead to poor students performance in school. This has a tendency to affect parents' satisfaction with teaching and learning, leading to reduction in the quality of perfection. The result has been a constant class between teachers and their employers, leading to low performance on the part of the teachers.

Many studies have been found in the research literature on Job performance and related factors among secondary school teaches, however, no such studies conducted in Benue State, specifically Makurdi metropolis that linked perceived organisational justice and organisational climate to job performance. It is in view of the above that the researcher wishes to investigate the influence of perceived organisational justice and organisational climate on job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi.

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3. Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this study is to examine perceived organizational justice and organizational climate on job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi metropolis. Therefore, the study aimed at determining (1) the influence of Perceived organisational justice (distributive, procedural and interactional) on job performance among secondary school teachers. (2) Influence of Organisational climate on job performance among secondary school teachers. (3) joint influence of Perceived organisational justice (distributive, procedural and interactional) and organisational climate on job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi Metropolis. Hypotheses were tested based on the three specific purposes of the study.

4. Method

4.1 Research Design

The study adopted the cross-sectional survey design on perceived organisational justice and organisational climate on job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi Metropolis in using questionnaires. Cross-sectional survey is an observational study; it is the collection of information from respondents at a single period in time using questionnaire, snap-shot or recorder. This type of design utilizes different groups of people who differ in the variable of interest. The study design is appropriate because it allows the researcher to compare many variables at the same time and no active manipulation would be performed on any of the variables. It also allows for the sampling of opinions, feelings, attitudes and interest of the respondents.

4.2 Setting

The research was conducted in Makurdi Metropolis among secondary school teachers. Makurdi the state capital was established in the early twenties and gained prominence in 1927 when it became the headquarters of the then Benue Province. Samples were drawn from secondary school teachers selected from five functional government and private schools in Makurdi metropolis.

4.3 Participants

The participants for this study were 188 secondary school teachers in Makurdi metropolis with mean age of 13.0811 (SD=8.98845). They comprised of 106(56.4%) male and 79(42.0%) female, 3(1.6%) did not indicate their age. Teachers cadre; Senior 64(34.0%), Junior 77(41.0%), Causal 44(23.4%) and 3(1.6%) did not indicate. Going by their religion 159(84.6%) were Christians, 20(10.6%) were Islam, 5(2.7%) were traditional, 4(2.1%) did not indicate their religion. Marital status was sampled as: 45(23.9%) who were single, 114(60.6%) married, 12(6.4%) divorced, 14(7.4%) widowed and 3(1.6%) did not indicate. Teachers educational qualification was sampled as; NCE 30(16.0%), HND 18(9.6%), OND 11(5.9%), Degree 100(53.2%), and 29(15.4%) did not indicate their qualification. Length of service was also sampled as: 16(8.5%) 1year, 16(8.5%) 2years, 15(8.0%) 3years, 17(9.0%) 4years, 35(18.6%) 5years, 15(8.0%) 6years, 8(4.3%) 7years, 8(4.3%) 8years, 14(7.4%) 9years, 5(2.7%) 10years, 6(3.2%) 12years, 16(8.5%) 13years, 2(1.1%) 15years, 4(2.1%) 17years, 4(2.1%) 18years, 7(3.7%) 20years. Finally the teachers schools were sampled as; 27(14.4%) were from Tilley Gyado College, 26(13.8%) UBE North Bank, 15(8.0%) Government Girls' College Makurdi, 33(17.6%) Mount Saint Gabriel's', 27(14.4%) Anglican Secondary School, 23(12.2%) Ecwa Secondary School, 14(7.4%) Government Model Secondary School Makurdi, 10(5.3%) Christ Anglican secondary School high level, and 13(6.9%) Teachers model school. All the schools sampled in this study were within different axis of Makurdi Metropolis.

4.4 Sampling

Polit and Hunger (1995) stated that sampling is the process of selecting a portion of the population to represent the entire population. Convenience sampling technique was used for this study. Most studies conducted used stratified sampling technique and simple random sampling technique because of the nature of the population of study and the behavioural pattern of the profession that they are more on ground than what obtains. But for this study, convenience sampling technique was used because not everybody would be around as such whoever is around completes the questionnaire. To achieve this aim, the sample frame was drawn from secondary school teachers selected from five functional government and private schools in Makurdi metropolis. In addition, samples were drawn on male and female teacher's junior and senior cadre from these schools. The researcher went from one school to another and from office to administer the questionnaire and whoever that is in office or on seat and agreed to complete the questionnaire were selected as one of the sample size.

4.5 Instruments

The study made use of the following instrument: Organisational Justice Scale (C) Organizational Climate Questionnaire (D) Job Performance Questionnaire.

Organisational Justice Scale: Organisational justice scale was developed by Nerinhoff and Moorman (1993). It has 20 items with a 5point likert's scale (1- strongly disagree, 2- disagree, 3- neutral, 4- agree, 5- strongly agree). The instrument has three subs scales. They are:

- a. Distributive justice = items 1-5
- b. Procedural justice = items 6-11
- c. Interactional justice =items 12-20

The cronbachs alpha for distributive justice scale in western studies was 0.90 (Moorman &Neinhoff, 1998). However, the conbach's alpha for procedural justice was 0.79 and 0.90 for interactional justice (1993).

Organizational Climate Questionnaire: Organizational climate questionnaire is a 25 item scale developed by DeCottis and Koys (1991) which measures organizational climate on a 5-point rating scale. It contains statements that describe participants' perception of the work environment such as: "I have independence for organizing my own work". **Reliability:** Reliability of the instrument=0.77 **Validity:** Validity of the instrument=0.68

Job Performance Scale: Developed by Goodman and Svyantek (1999) Job Performance Scale which consist of 25 items, covering three dimensions of Job Performance, i.e. Altruism, Conscientiousness and Task Performance. The first 16 items are related to Contextual Performance and altruism whereas remaining 10 items are related to Task Performance. The scale has a reliability coefficient of .89 with a respond format ranging from 1--Never; 2-Rarely; 3-Sometimes; 4; Often; 5-Always.

4.6 Procedure

The researcher utilized one structured questionnaire for both male and female junior and senior cadre and was presented personally by the researcher to all respondents in the selected schools. Thus, this enhanced uniformity of response bearing in mind the degree of variations in perception of what the organizational justice and climate is. A structured questionnaire gives respondents a number of alternative options from which they must choose the one that best represent their view. The value of the study and the instructions were explained to the respondents. Respondents were requested to complete the questionnaires which were collected personally by the researcher from individual respondent and ensured a high return rate and encouraged freedom of expression from the respondents. A total of 250 copies of the questionnaire were distributed to respondents and they were debriefed in accordance with research ethics in Psychology. However only 188 copies were returned and valid for analysis.

Data for this study were analyzed using Simple Linear Regression and Multiple Regression to analyze the stated hypotheses. Simple linear regression was uses to test the influence of perceived organizational justice on job performance and the independent influence of organizational climate on job performance while Multiple Regression was used to test for joint influence of perceived organizational justice and organizational climate on job performance

5. Results

Hypothesis one stated that perceived organizational justice (distributive, procedural and interactional) will significantly influence job performance among secondary school teachers.

Variables	R	R ²	β	F	t	Р	
Constant	.720	.518		64.222	5.131	.000	
Distributive			.105		1.759	.080	
Procedural			.653		10.991	.000	
Interactional			.088		1.579	.116	

Table 1. Simple Linear Regression Showing Result for the Influence of Perceived Organizational Justice on Job

 Performance Among Secondary School Teachers

The result in table 1 revealed that perceived organizational justice significantly influence job performance. [F (3,182) = 64.222, P<.001]. This result further showed that, perceived organizational justice (distributive, procedural and interactional) significantly accounted for 51.8% of the total variance in job performance among secondary school teachers. On their individual contribution the result revealed that, procedural justice (β =.653, t= 10.991, P<.001) made the highest contribution to the influence in job performance among secondary school teachers, distributive justice (β =.105, t= 1.759, P<.05) followed, while interactional justice (β =.088, t= 1.579, P>.05) did not make any significant contribution in the observed variance in job performance among secondary school teachers. Based on this finding, hypothesis one was only confirmed for distributive justice and procedural justice.

Hypothesis two stated that; organizational climate will significantly influence job performance among secondary school teachers.

Table 2. Simple Linear Regression Showing Result for the Influence of Organizational Climate on Job Performance

 Among Secondary School Teachers

Variables	R	R ²	β	F	t	Р
Constant	.004	.000		.003	8.955	.000
Organizational Climate			.004		.052	.959

The result in table 2 indicated that organizational climate did not significantly influence job performance among secondary school teachers [F (1,181) = .003, P>.05. with this result, hypothesis one was rejected and the null hypothesis upheld.

Hypothesis three stated that; perceived organizational justice and organizational climate will significantly and jointly influence job performance among secondary school teachers.

Table 3. Multiple Regression Showing Result for the Joint Influence of Perceived Organizational Justice and

 Organizational Climate on Job Performance Among Secondary School Teachers in Makurdi

Variables	R	R ²	β	F	t	Р
Constant	.729	.531		50.131	5.127	.000
Distributive			.135		2.206	.029
Procedural			.652		11.052	.000
Interactional			.101		1.818	.071
Organizational climate			106		-1.971	.050

The result in table 3 showed that perceived organizational justice and organizational climate significantly and jointly influence job performance [F (4,181) = 50.131, P<.001. the result further showed that perceived organizational justice and organizational climate jointly accounted for 54.1% of the total variance in job performance among secondary school teachers. Based on this finding, hypothesis three was confirmed.

6. Discussion of Findings

Hypothesis one was tested to find out if perceived organizational justice (distributive, procedural and interactional) will significantly influence job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi metropolis. This hypothesis was tested using simple linear regression and the result revealed that perceived organizational justice significantly influence job performance. This result further showed that, perceived organizational justice (distributive, procedural and interactional) significantly accounted for 51.8% of the total variance in job performance among secondary school teachers. On their individual contribution, it also revealed that, procedural justice made the highest contribution to the influence in job performance among secondary school teachers, distributive justice followed, while interactional justice did not make any significant contribution in the observed variance in job performance among secondary school teachers. Based on this finding, hypothesis one was only confirmed for distributive justice and procedural justice. The findings of this hypothesis is in agreement with the result of Salah, (2015) that found out

a positive relationship for the organizational justice dimensions (distributive justice, procedural justice, interactional justice, evolutional justice) on worker performance, and worker satisfaction. The findings also agrees with that of Moosa, (2014) who found a positive relationship between organizational justice and its dimensions (distributive justice, procedural justice, informational justice) and job performance and its dimensions (context and obligation) and also there is a weak relationship between the above cases and procedural justice, so to promote employees' job performance in the area of organizational justice and its dimensions. Similarly Hasan, Ali and Al-Zu'bi, (2010) found a positive association between organizational justice and job performance.

Hypothesis two was tested to find out if organizational climate will significantly influence job performance among secondary school teachers was not significantly. The findings of this hypothesis did not agree with the result of Emeka, (2016) whose result revealed a positive correlation which was significant between the organizational climate and teacher's job performance, and there was also a positive correlationship, which was significant between the organizational climate and the teacher's job performances. Finding was also not in collaboration with that of Adeyemi, (2008) who revealed that; a significant relationship was however found between organisational climate and teachers' job performance.

Hypothesis three was tested to find out if perceived organizational justice and organizational climate will significantly and jointly influence job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi. This hypothesis was tested and the result showed that; perceived organizational justice and organizational climate significantly and jointly influence job performance. The result further showed that perceived organizational justice and organizational climate significantly and climate jointly accounted for 54.1% of the total variance in job performance among secondary school teachers. Based on this finding, hypothesis three was confirmed.

7. Conclusion

The study investigated the influence of perceived organisational justice and organisational climate on job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi. Three hypotheses were stated and tested. The result accepted hypothesis one, Hypothesis three and rejected hypothesis two. From the findings of the study, it is concluded that; perceived organizational justice significantly influence job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi netropolis, finally perceived organizational justice and organizational justice and organizational justice and rejected significantly influence job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi metropolis, finally perceived organizational justice and organizational climate significantly and jointly influence job performance among secondary school teachers in Makurdi metropolis.

8. Recommendations

Based on the findings of the study, the following recommendations were made by the researcher:

- i. The results of the study revealed that perceived organizational justice significantly influence job performance, therefore it is recommended that a new model of organizational justice with new implementation techniques should be conceded that can be implemented easily and successfully.
- ii. The management of secondary schools should create an environment that is free for teachers being discriminated against. Based on the findings, it was recommended that head teachers should create a favourable climate to enhance better job performance among teachers.
- iii. School management should always make effort to address the grievances of teachers to the performance of both the school and teachers.
- iv. The government through the ministry of education should organise seminars to enlighten school management officials on the important roles played by perceived organisational justice that will enhance good job performance among teachers.
- v. Teachers in secondary schools should be highly motivated (paying salaries on time, respecting their rights and opinions, etc.). This would reduce problems of workers turnover, lateness to work, increased loss of management among many others.
- vi. None-governmental organisations should design packages that motivate teachers of secondary schools. These might include given them study scholarships, educating them and school management in order to avoid having a feeling of injustice.

vii. Also, since the present study did not found any significant influence of organizational climate on job performance among secondary school teachers it is recommended that further study should be carried out to see other variables that are likely to be related to job performance.

9. Limitation of the Study

In conducting the research, some setbacks were encountered, one of which was the low number of sample and participants used for the research considering the entire population of secondary school teachers in Makurdi Benue State. Another setback was that of poor responses from participants, convincing participants towards participation was indeed a core challenge faced in the study. Time frame and financial constraints also served as militating factor to this research. Also, only perceived organization justice and organizational climate was used as independent variables in the study; further research should be carried out on other factors influencing job performance of secondary school teachers.

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