



# The Role of Relational and Motivational Traits of Transformational School Leaders on Learners' Academic Performance: A Pragmatic Approach

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# **ABSTRACT**

Previous studies, in various settings, have shown that Transformational leaders are more effective, higher performers, more promotable, and more interpersonally sensitive (Rubin, Munz, & Bommer, 2005), quoted in (Ogola & Sikalieh, 2017). This study examines the extent to which transformational leadership practices, among headteachers in Central Province, Zambia, particularly how relational and motivational traits affect learners' academic performance in secondary schools. Using a convergent parallel mixed-methods design, the research combined quantitative data from the Multifactor Leadership Questionnaire with qualitative insights from open-ended teacher responses to the questionnaire during data analysis. The study used a sample of 309, arrived at, after randomized sampling and purposive sampling. Multiple linear regression analysis revealed that two dimensions, Individualised Consideration ( $\beta = 0.220$ , p = 0.041) and Inspirational Motivation ( $\beta = 0.358$ , p = 0.040), were statistically significant predictors of learner academic performance. These findings suggest that headteachers who demonstrate empathy, personal attention, and motivational engagement positively impact academic outcomes. Qualitative data reinforced these results, with teachers expressing admiration for headteachers' commitment, inclusivity, and ability to inspire unity. Divergent views came from other dimensions of Intellectual Stimulation and Idealised Influence that showed no significant effect and were associated with mixed perceptions, including hesitancy in decision-making and resistance to change. The study concluded that relational and motivational leadership traits were most influential in enhancing learner performance. The findings underscore the pedagogical and systemic value of leadership styles that empathise, encourage, and offer individualised support. The study implications are discussed.

**Keyterms:** Transformational leadership Theory, personalised mentorship, visionary influence, and emotional intelligence.

# INTRODUCTION

Leadership in education plays a pivotal role in shaping the academic trajectories of learners, particularly in contexts marked by resource constraints, systemic inequities, and evolving pedagogical demands. There is unprecedented global interest in the question of how educational leaders influence change and improve student learning outcomes. (Cormack et al., 2025). By focusing on types of leadership rather than as a unitary construct, we realise that leaders' impact on student outcomes depends, to a certain extent, on the particular leadership practices in which they engage (Shava, 2021). In Sub-Saharan Africa, and Zambia in particular, the effectiveness of school leadership has become increasingly central to educational reform efforts aimed at improving learner outcomes and narrowing achievement gaps. Among the various leadership paradigms, transformational leadership has garnered significant attention for its potential to inspire, motivate, and elevate both staff and students toward shared goals of academic excellence (Ahmad, 2021).



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Transformational leadership, as conceptualised by Bass and Avolio (1994), comprises four interrelated dimensions: idealised influence, inspirational motivation, intellectual stimulation, and individual consideration. Within the school environment, headteachers who embody these traits are positioned not merely as administrators but as catalysts for change, fostering inclusive, emotionally intelligent, and performance-driven cultures. Of particular relevance to this study are the dimensions of individual consideration, which emphasise personalised support and mentorship, and inspirational motivation, which involves articulating a compelling vision and instilling optimism among stakeholders.

Empirical evidence from various African contexts suggests that transformational leadership positively correlates with improved academic performance, enhanced teacher efficacy, and greater learner engagement (Bulle, Muindu & Mumo, 2025; Boateng, 2021; Jebii, 2019; Bett, 2018). However, despite the hypothesised leadership-learner performance relationship by several researchers, current findings are inconclusive and difficult to interpret considering transformational leadership's width and breadth; hence, unanswered questions remain. Therefore, the identified gap was the quest for the current study to assess exactly how two dimensions of this leadership style, inspirational motivation and individualised consideration, fare in secondary school transformational leadership, especially in semi-urban districts such as Kabwe. This gap is particularly salient given the socio-economic and infrastructural challenges that characterise many schools in the region.

This study seeks to address this gap by investigating the influence of headteachers' transformational leadership practices, specifically individual consideration and inspirational motivation, on learners' academic performance in secondary schools within Kabwe District, Central Province, Zambia. The pragmatic approach adds depth to the understanding of the influence of the two leadership traits.

# LITERATURE REVIEWED

Transformational leadership continues to gain traction in African educational contexts, where school leaders face systemic challenges of resource constraints, teacher shortages, and socio-economic disparities (Berkovich, 2016). Recent studies affirm the relevance of Bass and Avolio's framework in these settings, particularly the dimensions of individual consideration and inspirational motivation.

In Kenya, Bulle, Muindu, and Mumo (2025) found that principals who practised transformational leadership significantly improved student academic performance in public secondary schools in Ijara Sub-County. Their study emphasised the importance of inspirational motivation in fostering teacher commitment and learner engagement, with a strong positive correlation between leadership style and academic outcomes (r = 0.726, p < 0.05) (Bulle, 2025).

In Uganda, Sengendo (2023) explored transformational leadership in secondary schools and concluded that headteachers who demonstrated individualised support and visionary leadership created more inclusive and high-performing learning environments. His doctoral research highlighted the role of emotional intelligence and mentorship in enhancing learner resilience and academic focus (Sengendo, 2023).

Osagie & Momoh (2015) found a significant relationship between transformational leadership and students' performance in the senior secondary certificate examination in Edo State in Nigeria. Another study conducted by Boateng (2021), where the goal of the study was to note the influence of school head teachers' leadership styles on students' academic achievement in a sample of chosen primary schools in the Ahafo-Ano South region. The study found that democratic and transformational leadership were the main styles of leadership that head teachers employed to ensure improvement in the academic performance of students, as they gave room for followers (students and teachers) to express themselves and encouraged them to go beyond their self-interest and embrace the school's established objectives.

Shava (2021) examined the integration of instructional and transformational leadership in South African schools. His findings revealed that combining visionary leadership with pedagogical support led to a stronger culture of teaching and learning, ultimately boosting school performance. The study underscored the value of inspirational motivation in shaping school climate and learner attitudes (Shava, 2021).



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Balyer (2021) defined school transformational leadership as a type of leadership that concentrated on inspiration, motivation and empowered educators and learners to achieve a shared vision of excellence and innovation. Barth-Farkas & Vera (2014) observed that transformational leaders created a vision for their followers and guided the change through inspiration and motivation. They were excellent role models, and their followers emulated many of their actions. They also inspired them through activating follower self-efficacy to believe that they can go beyond expectations.

Bass (2018) indicated that individualised consideration had two main dimensions. The first was treating followers individually, including paying attention to those who seemed neglected. The second was identifying individuals' weaknesses and strengths and facilitating their development and growth. A recent study by Mark et. al. (2025) assessed the relationship between individualised consideration and Succession management in the public sector in Kenya. The study concluded that individualised consideration had a notable and positive connection with succession management.

These regional studies reinforce the applicability of transformational leadership theory in the African context and support the hypothesis that headteachers' personalised and motivational practices can positively influence academic achievement. They also provide empirical grounding for the study in Kabwe District, Zambia, where similar leadership dynamics could be at play.

# THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

This study is anchored on Transformational Leadership Theory, developed by Bass and Avolio (1994). The theory posits that transformational leaders elevate the motivation, morale, and performance of followers through four key dimensions: idealised influence, inspirational motivation, intellectual stimulation, and individual consideration. For this study, emphasis is placed on two dimensions of individualised consideration and inspirational motivation.

Individual Consideration refers to the leader's ability to attend to individual needs, act as a mentor or coach, and foster personal development. In the school context, headteachers who practice individual consideration are likely to build stronger relationships with both staff and learners, leading to improved morale and academic engagement.

Inspirational Motivation involves articulating a clear and compelling vision, setting high expectations, and encouraging optimism. Headteachers who demonstrate inspirational motivation can galvanise staff and learners toward shared academic goals, even in challenging environments.

By applying these constructs, the study seeks to understand how transformational leadership behaviours manifest in Kabwe District secondary school head teachers and how they correlate with learners' academic performance. The framework provides a lens through which leadership practices can be analysed, interpreted, and linked to educational outcomes.

# METHODOLOGY

The study employed a convergent parallel mixed-methods design, integrating both quantitative and qualitative data to examine the influence of headteachers' transformational leadership styles using individualised consideration and inspirational motivation, on learner academic performance (LAP) in the secondary schools in Kabwe, Zambia. The design allowed for simultaneous collection and analysis of numeric data (MLQ scores and LAP data, and textual data from teachers on their Head teachers, enabling a comprehensive understanding of the relationship. This approach aligns with the theory's emphasis on both behavioural outcomes and relational dynamics.

#### **Study Population and Sampling**

The target population comprised headteachers and teachers from secondary schools in Central Province. The sampling Technique used is the stratified randomisation sampling strategy to select a balanced mixture of



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schools with established leadership structures. Within these schools, purposive sampling was applied to select teachers across departments to ensure representation. The quantitative strand included 48 teachers and 6 head teachers. The population included headteachers, teachers, and learners, reflecting the multi-level influence of transformational leadership. Simple random sampling selected learners to provide balanced perspectives. The sample size was arrived at using the Taro Yamane (1967) formula to determine the sample size:  $n = N/1 + N(e)^2$ . The Yamane formula helped the study to arrive at a sample size of 309, involving 255 learners and 48 teachers and 6 Headteachers.

Questionnaires for the teachers included Open-ended questions embedded in the MLQ survey that captured teacher perceptions of headteacher leadership effectiveness. The Questions explored areas such as strengths, barriers to effectiveness, and admired leadership traits. The APS assessed the learners' academic performance among the 255 learners in the study.

The APS survey was used as a measurement tool for learner academic performance in the current study. Each question answered was scored on a 5-point Likert scale ranging from SA- Strongly Agree, A- Agree, N-neutral, D- Disagree and SD- Strongly Disagree. To score the scale, 'strongly Agree' is scored 5, 'Agree' is 4, 'neutral' is 3, 'Disagree' is 2 and 'Strongly Disagree' is 1. (See the appendices section for the APS scale parameters.) Two hundred and forty-two learners completed the survey forms that were used for the study.

# Content validity was ensured through the use of MLQ-5x items validated by several researchers.

Reliability was tested using Cronbach's alpha, confirming the internal consistency of leadership scales. Quantitative data were analysed using descriptive statistics and regression analysis to test the relationship between leadership dimensions and learner academic performance. Qualitative data were analysed thematically, guided by the four pillars of transformational leadership, with emphasis on individual consideration and inspirational motivation.

In line with Ethical Considerations, ethical clearance was obtained from relevant authorities. Participants gave informed consent, and confidentiality was strictly maintained throughout the research process and after.

# **Data Analysis procedures**

Quantitative data were analysed using multiple linear regression to determine the predictive relationship between transformational leadership and its dimensions and LAP. Significance was assessed at the 0.05 level, and standardised beta coefficients were used to interpret effect sizes.

Concurrently, Qualitative data were analysed using thematic analysis, following Braun and Clarke's (2006) six-step framework, which indicates familiarisation with data, generating initial codes, searching for themes, defining and naming themes, and integration with quantitative data. Manual coding techniques were used to identify patterns related to leadership traits and contextual challenges.

# **Results**

The highest number of student participants belonged to School 2-72 (29.8%), and the lowest belonged to Schools 5 and 6, with 30 respondents each (12.4%).

**Table 4.1** shows the Demographics of Learner Respondents

Variable	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Learner respondents/School		
1	42	17.4
2	72	29.8
3	34	14.0



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4	34	14.0
5	30	12.4
6	30	12.4
Total	242	100

# **Response rate from Teachers**

Table 4.2: Demographic Characteristics of Teacher Respondents

Variable: Teachers	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Gender: Male	25	48.1
Female	27	51.9
Education level: Bachelor's	45	86.5
Master's	7	13.5
Teaching Experience		
3-9 years	35	67.3
10-16years	15	28.8
17-24 years	2	3.9
Religious (Catholics)		
Yes	23	44.2
No	29	55.8

# **Demographics of Head teacher respondents**

Furthermore, 5(83%) of the head teachers were female and only 1(17%) were male. Similarly, 5 (83%) of the head teachers had Bachelor's degrees and only 1(17%) had a Master's degree.

 Table 4.3: Shows Demographic Characteristics of Head Teacher Respondents

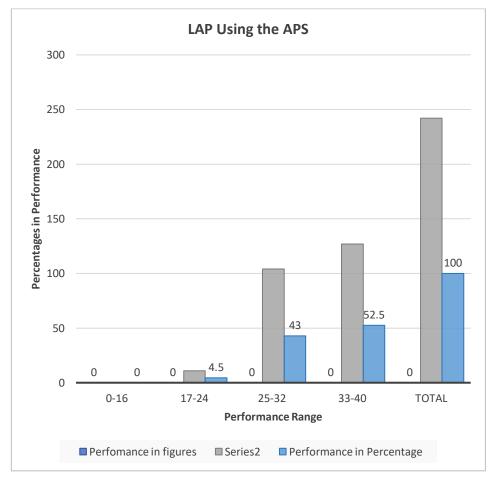
Variable: Head teachers	Frequencies	%
Gender		
Male	1	17%
Female	5	83%
<b>Education level</b>		
Bachelor's	5	83%
Master's	1	17%
Years of Experience		
1-2 years	3	50%
13-18 years	3	50%

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#### Assessing Learner Academic Performance in the selected secondary schools in Kabwe District.

The Likert scale analysis was conducted using the variables of learner scores and learner academic performance (LAP). The academic performance distribution in Table 4.4.2 showed a majority of learners, 127 (52.5%), falling in the "Excellent performance" category of scores in the range of 33-40, indicating strong performance among the learners and the results also revealed that 104 (43%) of the learners were good performers, suggesting a positive statistically significant learner academic performance. Furthermore, 11 (4.5%) learners had moderate performance, and there were no learners with low academic performance, as evidenced by the scores in the Catholic secondary schools, which were targeted by the study.

Figure 4 shows the results of learner performance in the selected secondary schools in Kabwe district.



# The Null Hypothesis Formulation

A null hypothesis was formulated to test for significance with a threshold set at  $\alpha$ =0.05. This helped the research meet the study objective through the hypothesis test.

H<sub>0</sub> 'Transformational leadership style does not significantly influence LAP in secondary schools in Kabwe.'

The hypothesis was tested inferentially using Regression and Bivariate analysis.

#### **Multiple Linear Regression & Bivariate Analysis**

To analyse the null hypothesis, Regression Analysis was employed at a 95% confidence level, as shown in Table 4. Regression Analysis showed (See Table 4) that transformational leadership style had a positive and statistically significant influence on learner academic performance ( $\beta$ = 0.294, CI= 0.035, 1.941, p=0.031). Univariate analysis also showed a significant positive influence of transformational leadership style on academic performance ( $\beta$ = 0.276, CI= 1.838, 0.008, p=0.042), at a 95% confidence interval. Hence, the transformational leadership style positively influenced learner academic performance.



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**Table 4.2:** Relationship between Transformational Leadership (TL) Styles and Learner Academic Performance (LAP)

Variable	Univariate Analysis			Linear Regression		
	β Coef. 95% CI p-value			β Coef.	95% CI	p-value
TL style	0.276*	1.838, 0.008	0.042	0.294*	0.035, 1.941	0.031

<sup>\*</sup> Significant at p< 0.05 @ 95% confidence level

The Null hypothesis stated that ' $H_0$  Transformational leadership style has no significant influence on learner academic performance in secondary schools in Kabwe district, since the p-value associated with head teachers' transformational leadership style was p=0.031, a value <0.05, the test significance level of 95%, the null hypothesis is rejected. This output suggested that the head teachers' transformational leadership style has a statistically significant influence on Learner academic performance in the selected secondary schools in Kabwe of Zambia's Central Province.

# Bivariate and Multiple Linear Regression Results on Transformational Leadership Dimensions

Bivariate and Multiple Linear Regression Analysis were employed to assess the influence of traits of transformational leadership style on academic performance at a 95% Confidence level (See Table 4.3). The analysis met the assumption of multicollinearity, given that the tolerance values ranged from 0.89 to 1.10, while the variance inflation factor (VIF) ranged from 1.10 to 1.21, indicating that multicollinearity was not a problem in this study. The Multiple Linear Regression Model was not significant, F (8,43) =1.663, p>0.05, Adjusted  $R^2$ =0.153,  $R^2$  change =0.061. Despite the non-significant overall model, the analysis showed that the Individual Consideration sub-scale of transformational leadership style positively influenced learner academic performance ( $\beta$ = 0.358, CI= 0.060,1.930, p=0.041).

**Table 4.3:** Shows the Relationship between Transformational Leadership Sub-Scales and Learner Academic Performance (LAP)

Variable	Learner Academic Performance						
	Multiple Linear Regression Bivariate Analysis						
Transformational	β Coef.	95% CI	p-value	β Coef.	95% CI	p-value	
Dimensions:							
Inspirational Motivational	0.275	0.04, 1.660	0.049*	0.220	0.522,1.582	0.040*	
Intellectual stimulation	0.129	-1.060, 0.395	0.363	.262	411,1.765	0.217	
Individual Consideration	0.314	0.115,1.52	0.024*	0.358	0.060,1.930	0.041*	
Idealised Influence Attribute	0.205	-1.247,0.18	0.144	0.063	-1.013,1.341	0.781	
Idealised Influence Behaviour	0.223	0.11,-0.15	0.113	123	-1.642,0.871	0.540	

# **Regression Model Summary**

The transformational leadership style significantly influenced LAP. The analysis showed a non-significant model summary F (3, 48) =1.449, p>0.05, Adjusted  $R^2$ =0.026,  $\Delta R^2$  =0.083. However, despite the non-



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significant model, the transformational leadership style showed a positive influence on LAP with a 29.4% variance.

**Table 4.4** Model Summary

Model	R	$\mathbb{R}^2$	Adjusted P2	Std. ε Change Statistics					
			$\mathbb{R}^2$	Estimate	$\Delta R^2$	ΔF	df1	df2	Sig. AF
1	.288ª	.083	.026	.68205	.083	1.449	3	48	.240
a. Predictors: (Constant), Transformational Leadership Style and dimensions									

# **Qualitative findings**

**Table 4.5** shows Qualitative themes from Teacher Perceptions

Transformational Dimensions (Themes)	Qualitative Alignment	Key Insights from Open-ended responses
Inspirational Motivation	Strong	Teachers admire the headteachers' ability to inspire unity, promote shared goals, and encourage positivity. Quotes like 'she brings people together' and 'He preaches about unity' reflect this.
Individual Consideration	Strong	Teachers noted her active listening, kindness, and inclusive leadership: 'She is an active listener'. 'She helps teachers who don't know what they should do'. These affirm her individualised support to staff.
Intellectual Stimulation	Partial	Some mentioned openness to ideas, 'he is accommodating to new ideas', but others note hesitancy and fear of change: "She appears afraid and slow in changing the school system".
Idealised influence (Attribute & Behaviour)	weak	While some admire her integrity and confidence, others highlight indecisiveness, fear of upsetting others, and lack of assertiveness. This mixed perception may explain the lack of statistical significance.

# **Integration of Quantitative and Qualitative Findings**

The quantitative results of this study revealed that Individualised Consideration and Inspirational Motivation were statistically significant predictors of learner academic performance (LAP), with  $\beta$  coefficients of 0.220 and 0.358, respectively. These findings were strongly reinforced by the qualitative data collected through open-ended responses from teachers. Many respondents admired the headteachers' ability to inspire unity, promote shared goals, and show genuine concern for staff and learners, displaying the key traits of inspirational motivation and individualized consideration. Phrases such as "bringing people together to achieve a common goal", "active listener", and "commitment to duty" that came from the teachers reflect the lived experiences of teachers and validate the statistical significance of these dimensions.

Conversely, dimensions such as Intellectual Stimulation and Idealised Influence did not show statistical significance in the regression model. This was echoed in the qualitative responses, where teachers expressed concerns about hesitancy in decision-making, fear of upsetting others, and resistance to change. Comments like "she appears afraid and slow in changing the school system" and "He panics when things are not ready" suggest that while these traits may not directly impact LAP in the current context, but could influence other aspects of school climate or teacher morale. These integrated findings suggest that transformational leadership



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traits that emphasise relational and motivational engagement are more directly linked to academic outcomes in secondary schools in Kabwe, Zambia. Meanwhile, traits associated with innovation and influence may require further development or may be more relevant to other domains of school effectiveness, such as staff satisfaction or organisational commitment.

# **DISCUSSION**

The study rejected H<sub>0</sub> as its P-value<0.05. Therefore, the alternative Hypothesis was true. Which stated that transformational leadership had a significant influence on LAP. The findings of this study correspond with the findings of several researchers (Bulle, Muindu & Mumo, 2025; Boateng, 2021; Jebii, 2019; Bett, 2018; Osagie & Momoh, 2015). Another study by Obama et al. (2015) found that the transformational leadership style significantly affects the academic performance of secondary school students. Another study which confirms the findings of this study was the study conducted by Gogo (2019), who found a positive influence of principal leadership styles on student academic performance. The findings of the current study also resonate with those of Igiri et al. (2019), who found a significant positive relationship between democratic and transformational leadership styles and student academic performance.

# Individualised Influence, Inspirational Motivation and Learner Academic Performance

Results indicated that transformational leadership style attributes of Individualised Consideration (p=0.041) and Inspirational Motivation (p=0.040) were positive and statistically significant predictors of learner academic performance. The standardised Beta ( $\beta$ ) coefficients of individualised consideration ( $\beta$ =0.220) meant that a unit increase in individualised consideration tenets increased LAP by 22.0% variance, suggesting that the head teachers' consideration of the teachers' and learners' needs before their own needs positively influenced the learners' academic performance. This finding is in agreement with studies by Ogola (2017) and Shurbarg (2014), which found a significant association between head teachers' Individualised Consideration and learners' academic performance.

The inspirational motivation showed a standardised beta Coefficient of ( $\beta$ = 0.358), which meant that a unit increase in inspirational motivation traits increased LAP by a variance of 35.8%. This study revealed that when head teachers inspire and motivate both teachers and learners, academic performance improves. This study relates to studies undertaken by Weiller (2022); & Shava (2021).

Another divergence is that the findings of this study differ from several previous studies in Africa. For instance, Ogbonnaya et al. (2020); Kitur et al. (2020); Ngunyi (2018); Day et al (2014) found that all attributes of transformational leadership were strongly related to academic achievement, and so did Leithwood (2014) on a global level. The reason could be that other dimensions may influence other aspects of the school environment in these secondary schools, but have no direct impact on learner academic performance, according to this study.

Whittington et al. (2017) opined that the head teacher's intellectual stimulation helped followers to be sure that they were creative and revolutionary; they examined intellectual stimulation's impression in transforming teachers' satisfaction, organisational commitment, and organisational citizenship. They found that the mental stimulus was characteristic of a unique approach to leaders, encouraging teachers and their attractiveness for believers' thinking and values. Teachers especially valued their school heads in the field of mental traits of transformational leadership. This testifies to the fact that the other dimensions of transformational leadership could affect other faculties in followers and not necessarily LAP.

# **Convergent Views in the Study**

The study revealed strong convergence between the quantitative and qualitative findings regarding two dimensions of transformational leadership: Individualised Consideration and Inspirational Motivation. Both dimensions showed statistically significant positive effects on learner academic performance (LAP), with p-values of 0.041 and 0.040, respectively, and standardised  $\beta$  coefficients of 0.220 and 0.358. This indicates that



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when headteachers demonstrate empathy, personal attention, and motivational engagement, learner academic performance is likely to be high.

Teacher responses reinforced these findings reflected in their lived experiences with their head teachers. Many admired the headteachers' commitment to duty, inclusive leadership, and ability to inspire unity and shared purpose. Comments such as "bringing people together to achieve a common goal", "active listener", and "commitment to duty" validate the statistical significance of these dimensions of transformational leadership style.

# **Divergent Views in the Study**

The study revealed divergence in the interpretation and impact of the other transformational leadership dimensions, specifically Intellectual Stimulation, Idealised Influence (Attribute), and Idealised Influence (Behaviour). Quantitatively, dimensions showed no statistical significance with LAP. Their p-values exceeded the 0.05 threshold of significance, and their confidence intervals included zero, suggesting that they had a limited direct influence on academic performance in this context. To validate this qualitatively, teacher perceptions were mixed. While some acknowledged openness to ideas and ethical leadership, others expressed concerns about indecisiveness, fear of change, and external pressures. Phrases like "she appears afraid and slow in changing the school system" and "he is usually panicking when things are not ready" suggest that these traits may be underdeveloped or hindered by contextual challenges in the resource-constrained environment in semi-rural Zambia.

# CONCLUSION

Quantitative findings from multiple linear regression analysis revealed that two dimensions of transformational leadership, Individualised Consideration and Inspirational Motivation, were statistically significant predictors of LAP. These results suggest that headteachers who demonstrate empathy, personal attention, and motivational engagement contribute to positive academic outcomes. The qualitative analysis reinforced these findings, revealing strong admiration for headteachers who foster unity, listen actively, and promote shared goals. The convergence between statistical significance and lived experiences underscores the practical relevance of relational and motivational leadership traits in educational settings. Divergent qualitative responses highlighted challenges such as indecisiveness, fear of change, and external pressures, which may inhibit the expression of these traits. These findings suggest that while such dimensions may influence other aspects of school effectiveness (e.g., staff morale, organisational commitment), they may not directly impact academic performance in these schools.

The study contributes to the growing body of literature on educational leadership in sub-Saharan Africa by demonstrating that transformational leadership is not monolithic; its dimensions may exert different effects depending on contextual factors. Future research should explore how these leadership traits interact with school culture, systemic constraints, and non-academic learner outcomes. Moreover, leadership development programs should prioritise strengthening headteachers' relational and motivational capacities while addressing barriers to assertiveness and innovation.

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**Appendices** 

# Appendix A

Scoring Process for the Transformational Leadership Factors					
FactorScaleITEMSTotal Scores					
Transformational Leadership Factors					



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Idealized Influence-Attributed	4-Item Scale	10,13,26,34	433
Idealized Influence- Behaviour	4-Item Scale	6,14,18,36	418
Inspirational Motivation	4-Item Scale	9,23,30,31	444
Intellectual Stimulation	4-Item Scale	8,25,32,35	377
Individualized Consideration	4-Item Scale	11,15,21,29	426
Transactional Leadership Factors			
Contingent Reward	4-Item Scale	1,16,19,27	375
<b>Management By Exception-Active</b>	4-Item Scale	2,22,24,33	262
Passive Avoidant Leadership Factors	5		
<b>Management By Exception-Passive</b>	4-Item Scale	3,4,12,19	163
Laissez Faire	4-Item Scale	5,7,17,28	141
<b>Leadership Outcome Factors</b>		1	
Extra Effort	3-Item Scale	39,42,44	316
Effectiveness	4-Item Scale	37,40,43,45	518
Satisfaction	2-Item Scale	38,41	215

# Appendix B

Reliability Statistics for the MLQ Scale					
Cronbach's Alpha   Cronbach's Alpha Based on Standardised Items   Mean   Number of Items				Number of Items	
.802		.887	2.789		45

# Appendix C

	Reliability Statistics for the APS Scale			
Cronbach's Alpha	Cronbach's Alpha Based on Std Items	Mean	Number of Items	
0.721	0.701	4.067	8	

# **Appendix D:** The Normality Test for the APS scale

<b>Survey Questions</b>	Kolmogorov-Smirnov <sup>a</sup>			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Stat.	Df	Sig.	Statistic	df	Sig.
1. I make myself ready in all subjects.	0.301	40.33	0.00	0.76	40.33	0.00
2. I pay attention and listen in every discussion.	0.31	40.33	0.00	0.78	40.33	0.00
3. I want to get good grades in all subjects.	0.48	40.33	0.00	0.47	40.33	0.00
4. I actively participate in every discussion.	0.28	40.33	0.00	0.71	40.33	0.00



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5. I start to work on papers and assignments as soon as they are assigned.	0.26	40.33	0.00	0.82	40.33	0.00
6. I enjoy homework and activities because they help me improve my skills in every subject.	0.28	40.33	0.00	0.79	40.33	0.00
7. I exert more effort when I do difficult assignments.	0.30	40.33	0.00	0.76	40.33	0.00
<ul><li>8. Solving problems is a useful hobby for me.</li><li>a. Lilliefors Significance Correction N=242</li></ul>	.249	40.33	0.00	0.815	40.33	0.00

#### Appendix E

	Kolmogor	ov-Smirn	iov <sup>a</sup>	Shapiro-Wilk test			
	Statistic	df	Sig.	Statistic	df	Sig.	
Transformational	.116	52	.080	.898	52	.000	
Transactional	.095	52	.200*	.970	52	.208	
Passive avoidant	.184	52	.000	.810	52	.000	

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