

# HOSTELS RESEARCH

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## 1 Introduction

Hostels are very important as they are the major places of accommodation for students in different universities as well as some members of the working class in different parts of the country. Different hostels accommodate different groups and genders of people. Most hostels are mixed and accommodate both male and female students whereas other hostels are single hostels which accommodate only one gender, either male students only or female students only. But our study is going to concentrate data collection in the different hostels.

## 2 Background

According to my research, basically I took a case study in Uganda where different hostel managers have different views of how to collect information about the students they accommodate in the hostels they are managing. There are formal and informal methods but they all depend on the different views people who manage the hostels have. On the other hand, there are very many hostels in Uganda as compared to other parts of the world. Different hostels accommodate different students at different costs depending on the kind of room you want to occupy, for example double rooms and single room.

## 3 Problem Statement

This project will address the different challenges being faced by people which include failure to pay hostel fees, loss of property while in hostels, insecurity

while in hostels and misunderstanding among students while in hostels and the areas surrounding the hostels. In this section we are going to also consider the hostel problems impact on the environment.

## **4 Objectives**

### **4.1 Main Objective**

To look at the significances of hostels, the various types which include single hostels, mixed hostels . we will also look at the various challenges and effects caused due to staying in hostels.

## **5 Literature review**

Here we look at the different aspects of a good hostel. Most ensure proper sanitation and cleanliness as well as safety of the students in the hostels. Hostel managers ensure that students are provided with clean water and electricity to ensure the well being and hygiene of students at the hostel. And also hostels are either mixed to accommodate both male and female students or single to accommodate either male or female students but not both.

## **6 Methodology**

Hostels are usually either single hostels or mixed hostels with the provision of accommodating only the students who pay for the hostel services, other students who do not reside at a particular hostel are allowed to visit their colleagues but are not allowed to sleep over as per the rules and regulations that are set up by the hostel. Before one is accommodated at a given hostel he has to pay required hostel fees and also receive a copy of the hostel rules and regulations. Students are assigned rooms which all have different keys to prevent bad behaviour like theft and robbery in the hostels. Some hostels provide luxurious services like gym, saunas services as well as digital television to their students but it depends on how much money you pay at a given hostel. According to this research different data collection tools were used but mostly the Open data kit was used. Where a server for information storage was developed using the Google Cloud Platform and an Aggregate

server. The open data kit build was used to formulate forms that were used in the field.

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