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PREFACE

The production of this book was informed by the need to simplify and highlights some critical steps in research such that emerging educational and to some extent social researchers can hit the ground running in the pursuit of making research worth its while and an enjoyable enterprise. The book thus gives overview of the critical steps in educational researching and highlighted how to effectively do the background to a research, properly articulate the problem of a research. It also teaches the basic principles of literature review, research methodology – design, population and sample.

Furthermore, topics such developing quantitative research instrument, qualitative instruments, collecting data, analyzing both qualitative and quantitative data, interpreting results, discussing the results and writing research report were well treated in the book. Also, proposal writing for finding and referencing in a research process were equally given attention. It is hoped that this book which is a product of a research training conducted by the Institute of Education, University of Ibadan, Nigeria for an organization in November, 2013 will be of immense assistance to both higher degree students in educational research and other similar research processes and to practitioners as well. We, therefore, commend the book to all and sundry.

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