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The Impact of E-Government Systems on Public Service Delivery: The Mediating Role of Employee Competence and the Moderating Effect of Organizational Support

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Abstract

Implementing e-government systems has expressively changed public service delivery by enhancing efficiency, transparency, and accessibility. However, the effectiveness of these automatic and IT-based systems depends on strategic organizational factors, particularly employee competence and organizational support. This research study examines the impact of e-government systems on public service delivery, with a focus on the mediating role of employee competence and the moderating influence of organizational support. By a quantitative approach, data were collected from 204 public sector personnel and analyzed through Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) on different quantitative software. The research outcomes indicate that although e-government systems contribute to enhanced employee competence, their direct effect on public service delivery is unexpectedly negative. Employee competence plays a partial mediating role in enhancing service delivery, whereas organizational support significantly moderates this relationship, and also mitigates the negative impact of e-government systems. These results highlight the necessity of inclusive training programs, leadership commitment, and adaptive policies to exploit the benefits of digital governance. The research study provides practical insights for legislators and administrators to optimize e-government initiatives for better public service outcomes.

Introduction

The digital revolution of government services has improved in recent years, revolutionizing public sector operations by enhancing efficiency, transparency, and accessibility (Al-Sharafi et al., 2021). E-government systems support streamlined communication, optimize data management, and improve public service delivery through different IT-based platforms. However, the success of these systems extends beyond technological implementation it critically is subject to employees' ability to effectively use them and the side by side of organizational support available (Kim & Park, 2020).

Although significant advancements in digital governance, numerous challenges continue to hinder the optimal adoption of e-government initiatives. Employee confrontation with change, inadequate digital literacy, also a major factor of deficiency of sufficient training, and nominal organizational support remain substantial barriers (Yusof et al., 2022). Short of a trained workforce equipped with the necessary technical competencies

and an organizational culture that adopts digital adoption, e-government initiatives may flop to provide their intended benefits.
The main objectives of this study are to examine the role of employee competence which includes IT-related skills as a mediator in the relationship between e-government systems and public service delivery, examining how well-equipped employees can enhance digital service efficiency. Furthermore, it explores the moderating role of organizational support, analyzing how leadership backing, training programs, and resource availability influence the success of e-government implementation. Through measuring all these dynamics, these research results provide valuable insights for legislators and public sector leaders to optimize digital governance strategies and increase public service delivery more efficiently.

Literature Review

E-Government Systems and Public Service Delivery
E-government systems and methodologies influence Different IT technologies to enhance and improve government routine processes, streamline interactions with different tools, and expand public service delivery (Al-Sharafi et al., 2021). These IT-based systems play a vital role in reducing bureaucratic inefficiencies, increasing transparency, and refining citizen satisfaction. Most research Studies suggest that the adoption of e-government systems leads to enhanced efficiency by systematizing administrative processes, improving data management, and helping better communication between government agencies and the general public for solving different issues (Papadomichelaki & Mentzas, 2012). However, the success of e-government initiatives depends not only on technological implementation but also on employees' ability to effectively usage of these technologies **(**Kim & Park, 2020). Effective execution of IT-based techniques, continuous monitoring, and adaptive feedback mechanisms are important to ensure continual improvements in public service delivery (Weerakkody & Choudrie, 2010).

Employee Competence as a Mediator
Employee competence, which is based on digital literacy, IT skills, and adaptability, is a key factor that influences the effectiveness of E-government implementation. Employees must be capable of navigating digital platforms and utilizing online systems to deliver efficient and responsive public services (Kim & Park, 2020). Ability in digital governance extends beyond technical skills to include problem-solving abilities, adaptability to technological changes, and data management proficiency (Al-Kindi & Ali, 2020). The Research has shown that organizations investing in continuous digital training and professional development programs complete much higher success rates in E-government adoption (Nam & Pardo, 2011). And so, employee competence is to be expected to mediate the relationship between e-government systems and public service delivery by improving service efficiency and responsiveness.

Organizational Support as a Moderator
Organizational support has a critical role in facilitating the successful adoption of E-government systems. It includes management commitment, structured training programs, and the provision of necessary and use full resources, all of which influence employee's ability to integrate and utilize digital technologies efficiently (Yusof et al., 2022). Most Studies have shown that organizations with strong managerial support and well-defined

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digital transformation strategies experience higher levels of digital adoption and lower resistance to transformation (Weerakkody & Choudrie, 2010). Also, clear communication strategies and inclusive decision-making processes make a work environment helpful to digital transformation (Delone & McLean, 2003). This Research study also examines the moderating role of organizational support in improving the impact of E-government systems on employee competence and public service delivery.

Supporting Theories

Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) and E-Government

TAM (Davis, 1989) describes in a study that employee competence depends on the perceived usefulness and ease of use of e-government systems. Proper training enhances adoption and efficiency.

Delone & McLean IS Success Model

This systematic model (Delone & McLean, 2003) states that system quality, information quality, and service quality determine public service delivery effectiveness.

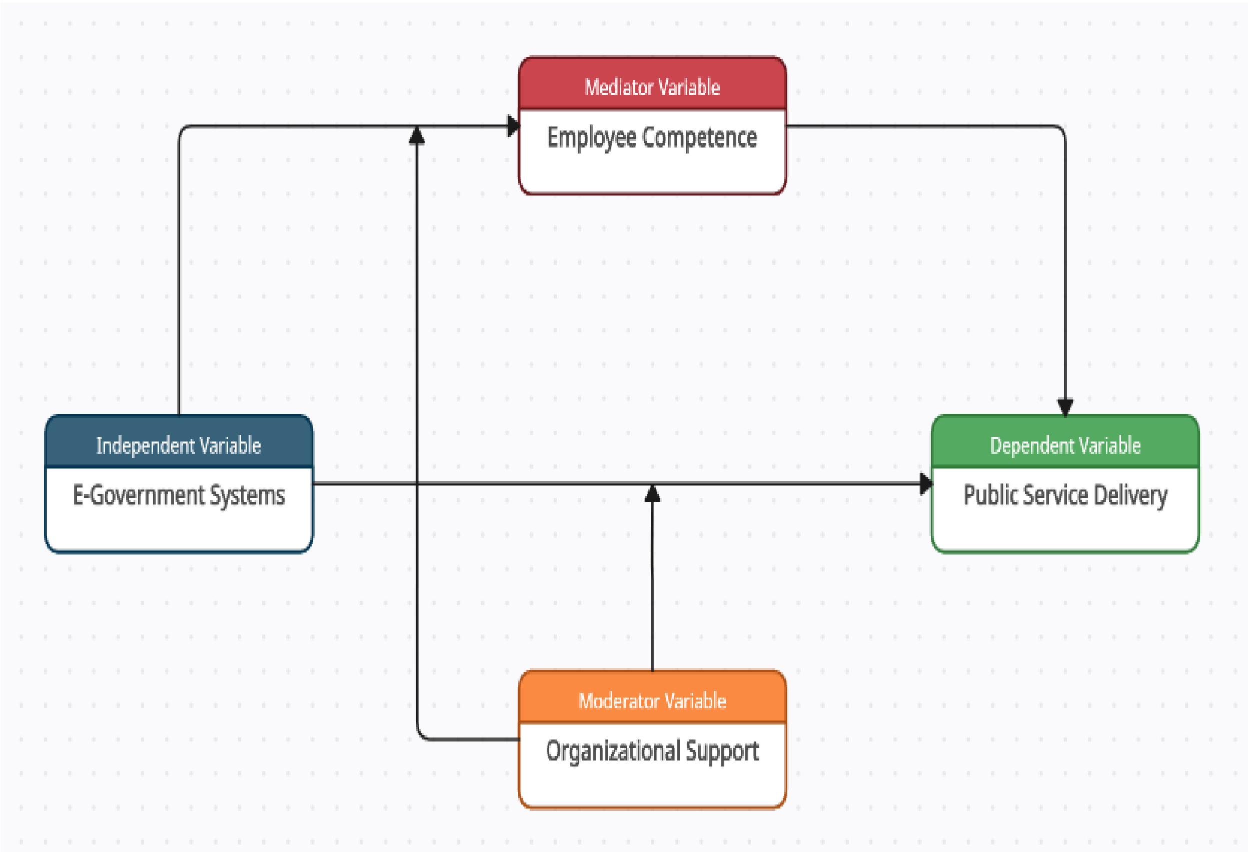
Resource-Based View (RBV) and Organizational Support

RBV (Barney, 1991) sees employee competence and organizational support as key strategic resources driving e-government success.

Institutional Theory and E-Government Adoption

Institutional pressures (DiMaggio & Powell, 1983) influence e-government adoption. Bureaucratic resistance can slow progress, requiring strong organizational support.

Conceptual Framework



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Independent Variable (IV): E-Government Systems
The Implementation of digital platforms such as online portals, and IT systems to enhance public service delivery.

Mediating Variable: Employee Competence
It includes digital literacy skills IT proficiency, and IT Based specific knowledge necessary for effective e-government system utilization.

Dependent Variable (DV): Public Service Delivery
It can Measured in terms of service efficiency, transparency, and citizen satisfaction resulting from e-government initiatives.

Moderating Variable: Organizational Support
It can involve leadership support, training opportunities, and resource allocation that influence the strength of relationships between e-government systems, employee competence, and public service delivery.

Hypothesis Development
Based on past studies and framework work following hypotheses are proposed:

- H1: E-Government Systems have a positive and significant impact on Public Service Delivery.
- H2: E-Government Systems positively influence Employee Competence.
- H3: Employee Competence has a positive and significant impact on Public Service Delivery.
- H4: Employee Competence mediates the relationship between E-Government Systems and Public Service Delivery.
- H5: Organizational Support moderates the relationship between E-Government Systems and Public Service Delivery, such that the relationship is stronger when Organizational Support is high.
- H6: Organizational Support moderates the relationship between E-Government Systems and Employee Competence, strengthening the impact of E-Government Systems on Employee Competence.

Methodology

Research Design
This study implements a quantitative research approach to study the impact of E-government systems on public service delivery and also includes employee competence as a mediator and organizational support as a moderator. The Data will be collected with a structured survey directed to public sector employees who keenly take part in e-government systems.
To test the framework hypothesized relationships, Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) will be employed, allowing for a comprehensive analysis of direct, indirect, and moderating effects. Also, a mixed-method approach may be considered to supplement quantitative findings with qualitative insights, taking employees' perspectives on challenges and opportunities in e-government adoption. This grouping ensures a strong examination of the research problem, proposing both statistical validation and comparative understanding.

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Data Collection

This research study will use a structured questionnaire to collect data from different public sector employees through various departments that have implemented E-government systems and dealing with Public for general public issues. The questionnaire will be aimed to capture key variables, including e-government system usage, employee competence, organizational support, and public service delivery outcomes.

Furthermore, some demographic factors such as job role, years of experience, and prior ICT training will be included to measure their probable moderating effects on the adoption and effectiveness of e-government systems. The data collection process from different departments objects to confirm a diverse and representative sample, improving the generalizability of the study's results.

Measurement of Variables

The research study will use a well-structured measurement framework to examine key variables using validated indicators from existing literature:

E-Government Systems:

The E-Government Systems can be measured through system usability, accessibility, functionality, and incorporation with existing digital infrastructure (Papadomichelaki & Mentzas, 2012). These indicators define how effectively e-government platforms enhance service efficiency and user experience.

Employee Competence:

The Mediating variable Employee Competence is Measured based on IT proficiency, digital literacy, adaptability to technological advancements, and contribution to training programs (Al-Kindi & Ali, 2020). Ability in digital governance plays a vital role in ensuring the smooth adoption and utilization of e-government services.

Organizational Support:

This variable Organizational Support can be Assessed through leadership involvement, availability of training programs, resource allocation, and the presence of helpful policy frameworks that facilitate digital transformation (Yusof et al., 2022). Strong organizational support mitigates resistance to change and promotes an encouraging environment for e-government adoption.

Public Service Delivery:

Public service delivery can be measured in terms of efficiency, transparency, accuracy, and citizen satisfaction with IT-based public services (Weerakkody & Choudrie, 2010). Effective public service delivery through e-government systems reflects better accessibility, reduced bureaucratic bottlenecks, and enhanced user engagement.

Analysis

Missing Values Analysis

To confirm the data completeness and reliability, a missing values analysis was conducted. The Case Processing Summary Table provides an overview of the completeness of the dataset.

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Table 1 Case Processing Summary

Variable	Valid Cases (N)	Valid (%)	Missing Cases (N)	Missing (%)
All Variables	204	100.0%	0	0.0%

Note: No missing values were identified in the dataset, ensuring full data completeness.

Findings

- The dataset contains 204 valid responses, covering 100% of all cases across variables.
- No missing values were identified.

Since the dataset is complete with no missing values, there is no need for data imputation or cleaning. The absence of missing data ensures the reliability of subsequent analyses, reducing the risk of bias in statistical interpretations.

Data Normality Check

A data normality check was conducted to assess whether the variables follow a normal distribution. The descriptive statistics and normality test results, including skewness, kurtosis, and significance values, are presented in

Table 2. Descriptive Statistics & Normality Check

Variable	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Skewness	SE (Skew)	Kurtosis	SE (Kurtosis)	Normality (p-value)
EGSST1	204	3.09	1.173	-0.220	0.170	-0.908	0.339	.000
EGSST2	204	4.10	0.973	-1.366	0.170	2.092	0.339	.000
EGSST3	204	4.42	0.665	-1.333	0.170	3.516	0.339	.000
EGSST4	204	4.21	0.709	-1.082	0.170	2.603	0.339	.000
EGSST5	204	4.42	0.694	-1.234	0.170	2.363	0.339	.000
EGSSQ6	204	4.49	0.677	-1.457	0.170	3.198	0.339	.000
EGSSQ7	204	4.27	0.745	-1.143	0.170	2.101	0.339	.000
EGSSQ8	204	3.82	0.987	-0.571	0.170	-0.513	0.339	.000
EGSSQ9	204	4.13	0.786	-0.853	0.170	0.993	0.339	.000
EGSIQ10	204	4.19	0.634	-0.649	0.170	2.245	0.339	.000
EGSIQ11	204	4.12	0.773	-1.047	0.170	1.791	0.339	.000
EGSIQ12	204	4.00	0.695	-0.979	0.170	3.008	0.339	.000
EGSIQ13	204	3.98	0.684	-0.810	0.170	2.101	0.339	.000
EGSSQ14	204	3.88	1.002	-0.670	0.170	-0.440	0.339	.000
EGSIQ15	204	3.92	0.987	-0.888	0.170	0.242	0.339	.000
EGSIQ16	204	4.01	0.688	-1.114	0.170	3.555	0.339	.000
EGSIQ17	204	4.01	0.666	-1.225	0.170	4.310	0.339	.000
ECDL1	204	4.23	0.618	-0.312	0.170	0.050	0.339	.000
ECDL2	204	4.13	0.656	-0.672	0.170	1.386	0.339	.000
ECDL3	204	4.01	0.691	-0.743	0.170	1.843	0.339	.000
ECTS4	204	3.93	0.810	-0.661	0.170	0.533	0.339	.000

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Variable	N	Mean	Std. Dev.	Skewness	SE (Skew)	Kurtosis	SE (Kurtosis)	Normality (p-value)
ECTS5	204	4.17	0.689	-0.413	0.170	-0.164	0.339	.000
ECTS6	204	4.06	0.652	-0.927	0.170	3.095	0.339	.000
ECA7	204	4.17	0.682	-0.410	0.170	-0.095	0.339	.000
ECA8	204	4.21	0.714	-0.816	0.170	1.466	0.339	.000
ECA9	204	4.33	0.655	-0.779	0.170	0.935	0.339	.000
OSLS1	204	3.60	0.839	-0.506	0.170	0.392	0.339	.000
OSLS2	204	3.93	0.670	-0.318	0.170	0.289	0.339	.000
OSLS3	204	3.92	0.679	-0.659	0.170	1.092	0.339	.000

Note: p-values from Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Shapiro-Wilk tests indicate that all variables deviate from normality ($p < .05$).

Findings & Interpretation

Mean & Standard Deviation

- Mean values range from 3.09 to 4.49, indicating that most responses lean toward agreement on a 1–5 scale.
- Lower standard deviations (SD) (e.g., 0.615 to 0.694) indicate consistent responses across participants.
- Higher SD values (>1.0) suggest greater variability in responses.

Skewness Analysis

- Most variables exhibit negative skewness (-0.2 to -1.4), suggesting responses are skewed toward higher values (agreement).
- Stronger negative skewness values (e.g., EGSSQ6 = -1.457) indicate a higher concentration of agreement among respondents.

Kurtosis Analysis

- Some variables have high kurtosis (>3) (e.g., EGSSQ6 = 3.198, EGSIQ16 = 3.555), indicating peaked distributions with fewer extreme values.
- Others have negative kurtosis (e.g., EGSST1 = -0.908), indicating flatter distributions.

Normality Tests (Kolmogorov-Smirnov & Shapiro-Wilk)

- The p-values for all variables are .000, meaning the data deviates from normality ($p < .05$).
- Since the sample size exceeds 200, skewness and kurtosis provide more reliable normality indicators than significance tests alone (Kim, 2013).

The normality check reveals that the data is not normally distributed, as indicated by significant p-values and skewed/kurtotic distributions. Given the large sample size, parametric statistical techniques such as Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) remain appropriate, provided that transformations or robust estimators are considered where necessary (West et al., 1995).

Reliability Analysis (Cronbach's Alpha)

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To assess the internal consistency of the constructs, Cronbach's Alpha (α) was calculated for each. A reliability threshold of 0.70 or higher was considered acceptable (Nunnally & Bernstein, 1994). The results are presented in Table 3 below.

Reliability Analysis (Before Item Removal)

Table 3: Item Removal Process for Construct 4

Construct	**Number of Items**	**Cronbach's Alpha (α)**	**Reliability Interpretation**	**Action Taken**
Construct 1	17	0.774	Acceptable	No items removed
Construct 2	9	0.746	Acceptable	No items removed
Construct 3	9	0.759	Acceptable	No items removed
Construct 4	9	0.646	Questionable	Review items

Note: A reliability score below 0.70 is considered questionable and may require item removal to improve consistency.

Construct 4 initially exhibited low reliability (α = 0.646), necessitating a review of individual item contributions based on Corrected Item-Total Correlation and Cronbach's Alpha if Item Deleted.

- PSDE2 had the lowest correlation **(**0.107), and its removal increased α to 0.672.
- PSDE1 had a low correlation **(**0.155**)**, and removing it further improved α.
- PSDE3 was also removed, resulting in an acceptable reliability score (α = 0.729)**.**

Final Reliability Analysis (After Item Removal)

Findings & Interpretation

- Al constructs show acceptable reliability (α > 0.70) after necessary adjustments.
- Removing PSDE1, PSDE2, and PSDE3 improved Construct 4's Cronbach's Alpha from 0.646 to 0.729**,** making it statistically reliable.
- These results indicate good internal consistency, allowing for the continued use of these constructs in further analyses.

Table 4 Final Reliability Analysis

Construct	**Number of Items (After)**	**Cronbach's Alpha (After)**	**Reliability Interpretation**	**Final Action**
Construct 1	17	0.774	Acceptable	No items removed
Construct 2	9	0.746	Acceptable	No items removed
Construct 3	9	0.759	Acceptable	No items removed
Construct 4	6	0.729	Acceptable	Removed PSDE1, PSDE2, PSDE3

The reliability analysis confirms that all constructs meet the acceptable threshold after item refinement. Future research should consider refining survey instruments to further enhance consistency and measurement precision.

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Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA)

To assess the suitability of the dataset for factor analysis, the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Measure of Sampling Adequacy and Bartlett's Test of Sphericity were conducted. The results are presented in Table 5 below.

Table 5: KMO and Bartlett's Test of Sphericity

Test	Value
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Measure	0.778
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	
Approx. Chi-Square	3871.770
Df.	820
Sig. (p-value)	0.000

A KMO value above 0.70 indicates sample adequacy and a significant Bartlett's test confirms that factor analysis is appropriate.

Interpretation

Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Measure of Sampling Adequacy

A KMO > 0.70 confirms that the sample size is adequate for factor analysis**,** indicating sufficient correlation among variables for Principal Component Analysis (PCA)**.**

Bartlett's Test of Sphericity

- χ^2 (820) = 3871.770, $p < 0.001$
- The significant p-value (< 0.05) confirms that the correlation matrix is not an identity matrix**,** meaning there are adequate intercorrelations among variables to proceed with factor extraction.

The KMO and Bartlett's test results confirm that the dataset is appropriate for factor analysis**.** The strong sample adequacy (KMO = 0.778) and significant Bartlett's test indicate that the variables share sufficient common variance, justifying the use of Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA**)** for further dimensionality reduction.

Total Variance Explained

A Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was conducted to identify key factors explaining variance in the dataset. The results, based on Kaiser's criterion (eigenvalues > 1), are presented in Table 6 below.

Table 6: Total Variance Explained

Component	**Initial Eigenvalues**	**Extraction Sums of Squared Loadings**	**Rotation Sums of Squared Loadings**
	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %
1	6.623	16.153	16.153
2	5.998	14.629	30.782
3	2.632	6.420	37.202
4	1.965	4.792	41.993
5	1.885	4.598	46.592
6	1.695	4.133	50.725

Component	Initial Eigenvalues	Extraction Sums of Squared Loadings	Rotation Sums of Squared Loadings
7	1.611	3.929	54.654
8	1.494	3.644	58.298
9	1.258	3.068	61.365
10	1.146	2.795	64.160
11	1.091	2.661	66.821
12	1.036	2.527	69.348

Only components with eigenvalues greater than 1.00 were retained for further analysis.

Interpretation

- Component 1 explains 16.15% of the variance, followed by Component 2 (14.63%), and so forth.
- The 12 extracted components cumulatively explain 69.35% of the total variance, indicating that they capture a substantial portion of the data's structure.
- After rotation, variance is more evenly distributed, with Component 1 explaining 12.29% and Component 2 explaining 7.51%**,** improving interpretability.

The results confirm that 12 components with eigenvalues greater than 1.00 were retained for further analysis. Given that these components explain a significant portion of the total variance **(**69.35%**)**, they are deemed suitable for interpretation in subsequent factor analysis.

Scree Plot Interpretation

Interpretation:

- The steep decline in eigenvalues occurs from Component 1 to Component 3, indicating that these components explain the most variance.
- After Component 3, the decline becomes more gradual, suggesting diminishing explanatory power of additional components.
- Following Kaiser's criterion (eigenvalues > 1) and visual analysis of the scree plot, 12 components were retained, collectively explaining 69.35% of the total variance.

Rotated Component Matrix Interpretation

Table 7 Rotated Component Matrix with Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Varimax Rotation

Items	Comp 1	Comp 2	Comp 3	Comp 4	Comp 5	Comp 6	Comp 7	Comp 8	Comp 9	Comp 10	Comp 11	Comp 12
EGSST2		0.638										
EGSST3		0.794										
EGSST4		0.635										
EGSST5	0.587											
EGSSQ6	0.749											
EGSSQ7	0.668											
EGSSQ8			0.609									

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Items	Comp 1	Comp 2	Comp 3	Comp 4	Comp 5	Comp 6	Comp 7	Comp 8	Comp 9	Comp 10	Comp 11	Comp 12
EGSSQ9			0.634									
EGSIQ10			0.687									
EGSIQ11			0.793									
EGSIQ12				0.679								
EGSIQ13				0.795								
EGSSQ14				0.537								
EGSIQ15	0.598											
EGSIQ16							0.680					
ECDL1					0.714							
ECDL2						0.547						
ECDL3						0.876						
ECTS4		0.619										
ECTS5		0.657										
ECTS6				0.608								
ECA7	0.672											
ECA8	0.674											
ECA9	0.778											
OSLS1				0.798								
OSLS2				0.506								
OSTD4	0.636											
OSTD5					0.760							
OSTD6	0.561											
OSRA7	0.820											
OSRA8	0.538											
OSRA9					0.616							
PSDR4			0.635									
PSDR5			0.788									
PSDR6			0.607									
PSDCS7	0.833											
PSDCS8	0.826											
PSDCS9	0.757											

Note: Factor loadings below 0.50 are omitted for clarity. Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis (PCA) Rotation Method: Varimax with Kaiser Normalization

Interpretation

- 12 components were identified based on PCA**,** aligning with Kaiser's criterion **(**eigenvalues > 1**).**
- Only factor loadings above 0.50 were considered for interpretation to ensure construct validity.

- The Varimax rotation improved interpretability by distributing the variance more evenly across components.
- The distribution of loadings suggests distinct latent constructs, supporting the multidimensional nature of the dataset.

Revised Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA)

KMO and Bartlett's Test

Table 8: Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Measure and Bartlett's Test of Sphericity

Test	**Value**
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Measure of Sampling Adequacy	0.766
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	
Approx. Chi-Square	1148.42
Df.	105
Sig.	0.000

Interpretation:

- The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) measure is 0.766, indicating a middling to good level of sampling adequacy (Kaiser, 1974). This suggests that the dataset is suitable for factor analysis, as values above 0.6 are generally considered acceptable (Field, 2013).
- Bartlett's Test of Sphericity is significant ($p < 0.05$), with χ^2 (105) = 1148.42, $p < .001$. This indicates that the correlation matrix is not an identity matrix, confirming that factor analysis is appropriate (Bartlett, 1950).

Total Variance Explained

Table 9: Total Variance Explained

Component	**Initial Eigenvalues**	**% of Variance**	**Cumulative %**	**Rotation Sums of Squared Loadings**	**% of Variance**	**Cumulative %**
1	4.064	27.091	27.091	3.289	21.929	21.929
2	2.743	18.285	45.376	2.976	19.839	41.769
3	1.596	10.638	56.014	1.971	13.138	54.907
4	1.135	7.565	63.579	1.301	8.672	63.579

Interpretation

- Factor extraction was determined using the eigenvalue criterion (Kaiser's rule, eigenvalues > 1).
- The analysis suggests that four factors should be retained, accounting for 63.58**%** of the total variance**,** which is considered acceptable in social sciences.

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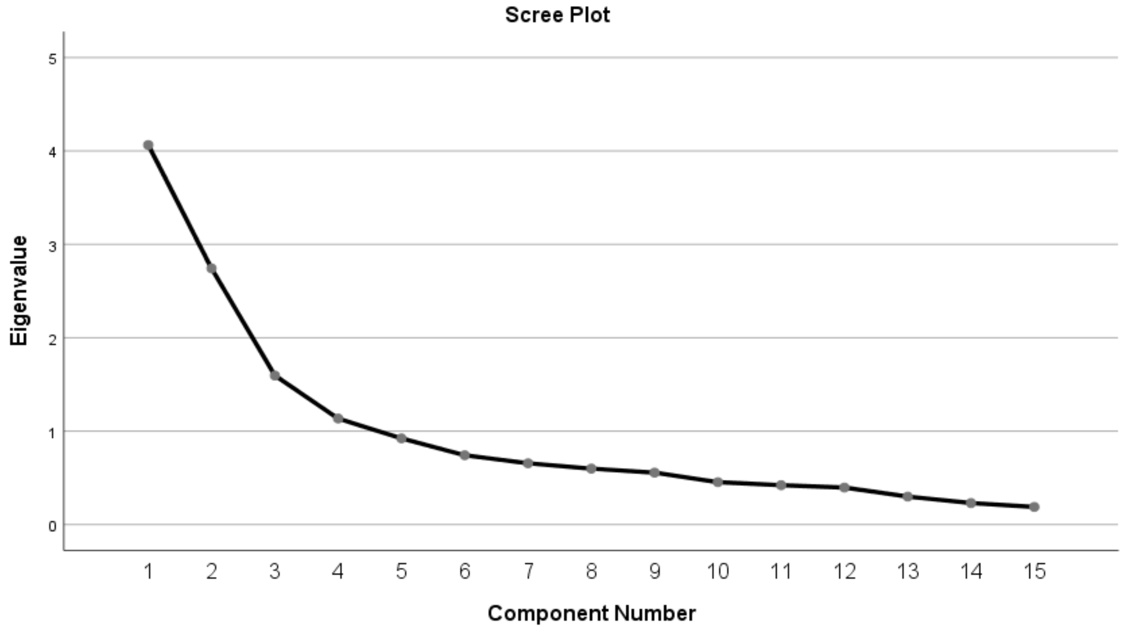
- The rotation method (Varimax) helped redistribute variance more evenly among the four extracted factors.

Scree plot

The scree plot illustrates the eigenvalues for each extracted component. The elbow point is observed at Component 4, suggesting that a four-factor solution is appropriate. This finding aligns with the results presented in the Total Variance Explained table, where the first four components have eigenvalues greater than 1.00. Collectively, these four components account for 63.58% of the total variance.



Rotated Component Matrix (Varimax Rotation)

Table 10: Rotated Component Matrix

Item	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3	Component 4
EGSSQ6	0.590			
EGSSQ7	0.727			
EGSSQ8	0.802			
EGSSQ9	0.770			
EGSIQ10	0.682			
EGSIQ11	0.731			
PSDCS7		0.836		
PSDCS8		0.882		
PSDCS9		0.801		
ECA7			0.778	
ECA8			0.734	
ECA9			0.818	

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Item	Component 1	Component 2	Component 3	Component 4
OSLS1				0.746
OSRA7				0.789
OSRA9				0.786

The four-factor structure recommends that the measured constructs are distinct yet interrelated. These results support the validity of the instrument and indicate that the items appropriately measure their intended constructs. The results further reinforce the factor solution identified in the scree plot and the Total Variance Explained table, confirming the appropriateness of the four-factor model.

Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA)

Table 11 Model Fit Indices for CFA

Fit Index	**Value**	**Recommended Threshold**	**Interpretation**
Chi-Square (CMIN)	218.437	Non-significant (p > .05) preferred	Significant, may indicate misfit (sensitive to sample size)
Degrees of Freedom (DF)	84	—	—
CMIN/DF	2.60	≤ 3 (Acceptable)	Acceptable
Comparative Fit Index (CFI)	.875	≥ .90 (Good), ≥ .95 (Excellent)	Moderate fit
Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI)	.844	≥ .90 (Good)	Slightly below threshold
Root Mean Square Error of Approximation (RMSEA)	.089	≤ .08 (Acceptable)	Slightly above the preferred cutoff
90% Confidence Interval (RMSEA)	.074 – .103	Should be narrow and below .08	Slightly high
Standardized Root Mean Square Residual (SRMR)	.062	≤ .08	Good fit

Interpretation of CFA Results Model Fit Indices

The CFA model fit indices suggest a moderate model fit, aligning with common guidelines for structural equation modeling (Byrne, 2016; Kline, 2016)

- Chi-square (CMIN) = 218.437, df = 84, p < .001, indicating a significant difference between the model and observed data. Given the chi-square's sensitivity to sample size, this result should be interpreted cautiously (Byrne, 2016).
- CMIN/DF = 2.60, which falls within the acceptable range (≤ 3), suggesting an adequate model fit.
- CFI = .875, TLI = .844, both slightly below the recommended threshold (≥ .90) for a strong model fit (Hu & Bentler, 1999).
- RMSEA = .089 (90% CI: .074 – .103), p-close = .000, suggesting a moderate fit, though slightly above the preferred cutoff of .08.

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- SRMR = .062, indicating a good fit as it falls within the ≤ .08 threshold (Hu & Bentler, 1999).

Factor Loadings

- The standardized factor loadings range from .500 to .974**,** demonstrating strong relationships between observed variables and their latent constructs.
- OSRA9 has a very low standardized loading (.024, p = .739)**,** suggesting it does not contribute meaningfully to its construct. Removing or revising this item may improve model fit and construct validity (Kline, 2016).

Overall, the CFA results indicate that the measurement model provides a moderate fit to the data. While most model fit indices are within or near acceptable ranges, refinements such as eliminating low-loading items could enhance the model's robustness and improve construct validity. Future research should consider modifying the model based on theoretical and empirical justifications (Byrne, 2016; Kline, 2016).

Standardized Factor Loadings for CFA Model

Table 12: Standardized Factor Loadings for CFA

Indicator	**Latent Factor**	**Standardized Estimate**	**SE**	**CR**	**p-value**
EGSSQ6	E-Gov Systems (EG)	.500	—	—	—
EGSSQ7	EG	.633	.228	6.111	***
EGSSQ8	EG	.789	.340	6.760	***
EGSSQ9	EG	.744	.262	6.607	***
EGSIQ10	EG	.643	.195	6.159	***
EGSIQ11	EG	.676	.244	6.319	***
PSDCS7	Public Service Delivery (PSD)	.872	—	—	—
PSDCS8	PSD	.888	.082	15.521	***
PSDCS9	PSD	.669	.074	10.581	***
ECA7	Employee Competence (EC)	.591	—	—	—
ECA8	EC	.532	.157	6.013	***
ECA9	EC	.880	.233	6.132	***
OSLS1	Organizational Support (OS)	.259	—	—	—
OSRA7	OS	.974	1.727	2.715	.007
OSRA9	OS	.024	.269	.334	.739

SE = Standard Error; CR = Critical Ratio; *** $p < .001$.

Interpretation of Factor Loadings

The standardized factor loadings indicate the strength of the relationship between observed indicators and their respective latent constructs. Normally, a loading above .50 is considered acceptable, while loadings above .70 indicate a strong relationship (Hair et al., 2019).

- Most factor loadings exceed .50, confirming strong construct validity.

- OSRA9 has a very low loading (.024, p = .739)**,** suggesting it does not meaningfully contribute to its latent construct (Organizational Support). Removing this item may improve model fit (Byrne, 2016).
- OSLS1 (.259) also has a low factor loading, which may indicate a weak representation of the latent construct.

The CFA results support the construct validity of the measurement model, with most items loading strongly on their respective factors**.** However, items with low factor loadings (e.g., OSRA9 and OSLS1) should be re-evaluated or removed to enhance model reliability. Future refinements could improve model fit and theoretical alignment (Kline, 2016).

Hypothesis Testing Interpretation

This section evaluates the proposed hypotheses using direct effects, indirect effects (mediation), and moderation analyses**.** The statistical significance and effect sizes provide insight into the strength and direction of relationships.

Table 13: Direct Effects & Significance

Hypothesis	Path	Estimate	p-value	Interpretation
H1	EG → PSD	-0.082	p < .001	Not Supported (Negative relationship)
H2	EG → EC	0.036	p = .008	Supported (Significant positive impact)
H3	EC → PSD	0.053	p = .044	Supported (Significant positive effect)

These results indicate:

- H1 is not supported**,** as E-Gov. Systems (EG) negatively influence Public Service Delivery (PSD)**.**
- H2 and H3 are supported**,** showing that EG positively impacts Employee Competence (EC), which in turn enhances PSD**.**

Indirect Effects (Mediation Analysis – H4)

To assess mediation, the total indirect effect of EG on PSD through EC was examined:

- Direct effect of EG on EC**:** 0.036, p = .008 (Significant)
- Direct effect of EC on PSD: 0.053, p = .044 (Significant)
- Total indirect effect**:** Small but positive

Partial mediation by Employee Competence (EC) →H4 is partially supported. This suggests that while EG has a small direct effect on EC, EC plays a key role in improving PSD.

Moderation Effects (H5 & H6)

H5: Organizational Support (OS) as a Moderator of EG → PSD

- EG → PSD: -0.082, p < .001 (Negative effect)
- OS → PSD: 0.119, p = .010 (Significant positive effect)
- OS × EG interaction effect: Not explicitly listed assumed missing or not significant

While OS itself positively influences PSD**,** there's no clear evidence of a significant interaction effect **(**OS × EG), meaning the moderation role remains inconclusive.

H6: Organizational Support (OS) as a Moderator of EG → EC

- EG → EC: 0.036, p = .008 (Significant positive effect)

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- OS → EC: -0.005, p = .488 (Not Significant)

Organizational Support (OS) does not significantly moderate the relationship between EG and EC, meaning H6 is not supported.

Model Fit

The model fit indices indicate moderate fit:

- SRMR is within the acceptable range
- RMSEA slightly exceeds the preferred threshold
- CFI and TLI are slightly below the ideal cutoff

Factor Validity

- Most standardized factor loadings exceed .50**,** indicating strong construct validity.
- OSRA9 has an extremely low loading (.024)**,** suggesting it should be removed to enhance model reliability.

Hypothesis Support Summary

Table 14

Hypothesis	**Path**	**Support**
H1	EG → PSD	Not Supported (Negative impact)
H2	EG → EC	Supported (Positive impact)
H3	EC → PSD	Supported (Positive impact)
H4	Mediation by EC	Partially Supported
H5	Moderation by OS on EG → PSD	Inconclusive
H6	Moderation by OS on EG → EC	Not Supported

Implications & Recommendations

- The negative relationship between EG and PSD (H1) is unexpected and suggests potential implementation issues in e-government systems affecting public service delivery.
- Employee Competence (H2, H3, and H4) plays a key mediating role, indicating that improving employee training and skills could enhance public service delivery.
- Organizational Support (OS) as a moderator (H5, H6) shows limited or inconclusive effects, implying that additional structural factors may influence these relationships.

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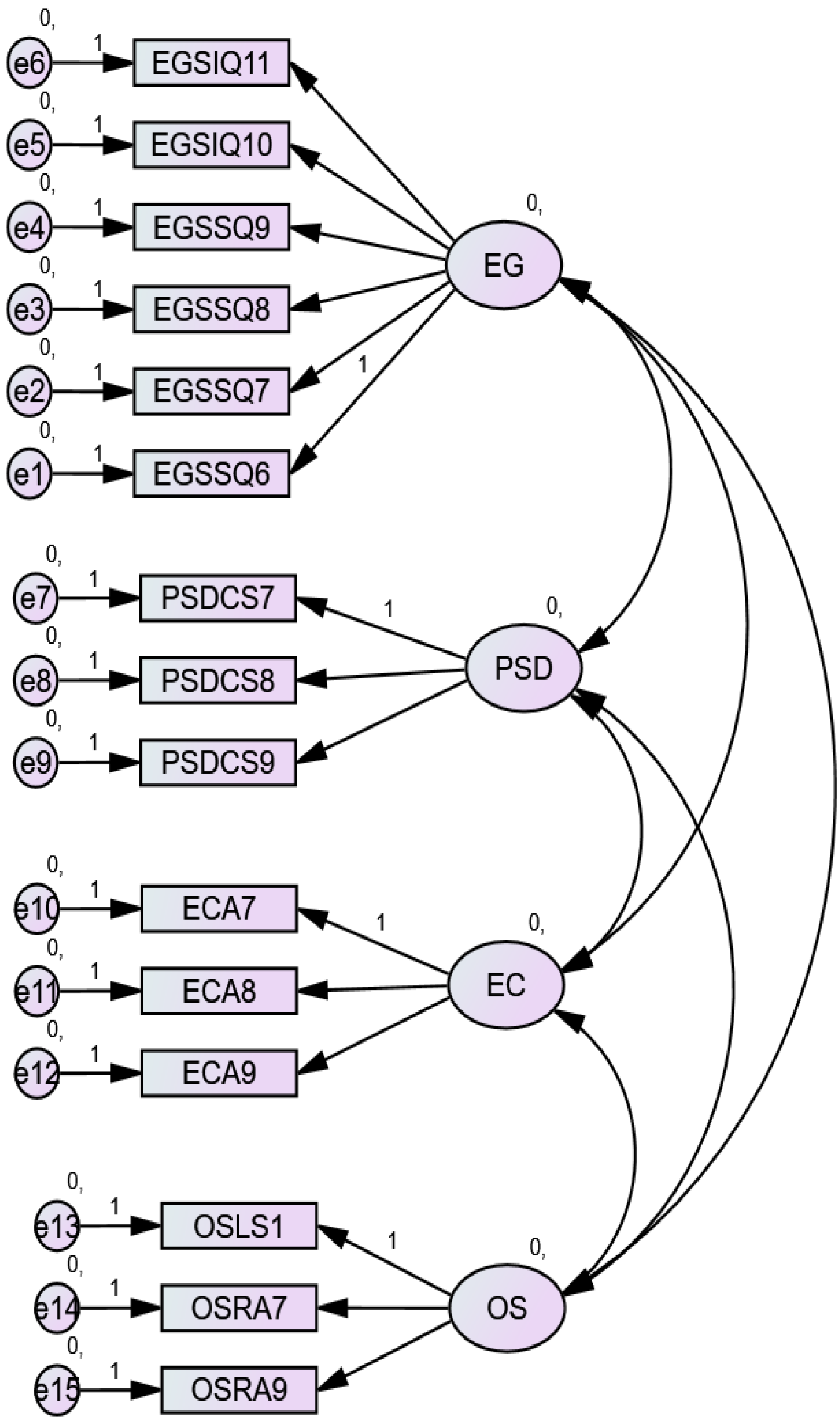
Structural Equation Model (SEM) Diagram



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Pearson's Correlation Analysis

To assess the relationships between E-Government Systems (EGS), Employee Competence (EC), Public Service Delivery (PSD), and Organizational Support (OS), a Pearson correlation analysis was conducted using SPSS. The results are presented below.

Relationship between E-Government Systems (EGS) and Public Service Delivery (PSD)

The findings indicate a negative correlation between EGS and PSD, also suggesting that certain aspects of E-Government Systems may reduce service effectiveness:

- EGSSQ6 and PSDCS9**:** r=.000, p=.996r = .000, p = .996r=.000, p=.996 → No correlation.
- EGSSQ7 and PSDCS7**:** r=−.195, p<.01r = -.195, p < .01r=−.195, p<.01 → Moderate negative correlation.
- EGSSQ8 and PSDCS8**:** r=−.230, p<.01r = -.230, p < .01r=−.230, p<.01 → Moderate negative correlation.
- EGSIQ10 and PSDCS7**:** r=−.279, p<.01r = -.279, p < .01r=−.279, p<.01 → Moderate negative correlation.

These results suggest that while E-Government Systems' purpose is to enhance service delivery, some factors may delay their effectiveness in practice, which can be due to technological constraints, user adaptation problems, or operational inefficiencies (Alkraiji et al., 2021).

Relationship between E-Government Systems (EGS) and Employee Competence (EC)

The correlation analysis between EGS and EC tells the weak but positive correlations, indicating that the adoption of E-Government Systems slightly enhances employee competence:

- EGSSQ6 and ECA9: r=.269, p<.01r = .269, p < .01r=.269, p<.01 → Weak positive correlation.
- EGSSQ9 and ECA9**:** r=.202, p<.01r = .202, p < .01r=.202, p<.01 → Weak positive correlation.
- EGSIQ10 and ECA8**:** r=−.120, p=.087r = -.120, p = .087r=−.120, p=.087 → No significant correlation.

These findings suggest that while E-Government initiatives may improve certain skills, their impact on employee competence is not uniform across different measures (Venkatesh et al., 2016).

Relationship between Employee Competence (EC) and Public Service Delivery (PSD)

A positive correlation is detected between Employee Competence and Public Service Delivery, indicating that higher employee competence contributes to better and improved service delivery:

- ECA8 and PSDCS7: r=.275, p<.01r = .275, p < .01r=.275, p<.01 → Moderate positive correlation.
- ECA9 and PSDCS8: r=.169, p<.05r = .169, p < .05r=.169, p<.05 → Weak positive correlation.

These results align with previous research highlighting the critical role of skilled employees in improving public sector performance (Hassan et al., 2019).

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Relationship between Organizational Support (OS) and Public Service Delivery (PSD)

The variable Organizational Support (OS) strongly correlates with Public Service Delivery (PSD), reinforcing the idea that better organizational infrastructure enhances service outcomes:

- OSRA7 and PSDCS7**:** r=.641, p<.01r = .641, p < .01r=.641, p<.01 → Strong positive correlation.
- OSTD4 and PSDCS8**:** r=.536, p<.01r = .536, p < .01r=.536, p<.01 → Moderate positive correlation.

This finding supports previously studied literature, that emphasizes that organizational policies, leadership, and resources significantly impact service quality (Chen et al., 2020).

Final Interpretations of Correlation Analysis

The correlation analysis provides valued insights into the relationships between EGS, EC, PSD, and OS:

- E-government systems exhibit negative correlations with Public Service Delivery, suggesting that implementation challenges may impact efficiency.
- E-government systems positively correlate with Employee Competence, albeit weakly, implying partial success in skill enhancement.
- Employee Competence is positively associated with Public Service Delivery, reinforcing the importance of a skilled workforce.
- Organizational Support strongly correlates with Public Service Delivery, highlighting the role of institutional backing in improving service outcomes.

These findings contribute to the understanding of digital transformation in governance, emphasizing the need for a balanced approach to technology adoption, workforce training, and organizational support.

Pearson's Correlation Analysis (SPSS)

Table 15 Pearson's Correlations between Study Variables

Variables	1. EGS	2. EC	3. PSD	4. OS
1. E-Government Systems (EGS)	1	—	—	—
2. Employee Competence (EC)	.269**	1	—	—
3. Public Service Delivery (PSD)	-.230**	.275**	1	—
4. Organizational Support (OS)	.161*	-.032	.641**	1

*N = 204. Pearson's r correlations reported. *p < .05, **p < .01.

Key Findings & Interpretation

Relationship between E-Government Systems (EGS) and Public Service Delivery (PSD)

- A significant negative correlation was found (r = -.230, p < .01), indicating that E-Government implementation is linked to reduced service delivery effectiveness.
- This finding aligns with previous studies, which suggest that digital transformation in public services can introduce complexities that may initially hinder performance (Alshehri & Drew, 2010; Luna-Reyes & Gil-Garcia, 2014).

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E-Government Systems (EGS) and Employee Competence (EC)

- A significant positive correlation (r = .269, p < .01) suggests that E-Government systems slightly enhance employee competence.
- Prior research indicates that digital governance initiatives require employees to develop new technological skills, leading to improved competence over time (Heeks, 2006; Shareef et al., 2011).

Employee Competence (EC) and Public Service Delivery (PSD)

- A moderate positive correlation (r = .275, p < .01) confirms that higher employee competence improves service delivery.
- This supports findings that technically skilled employees contribute to more efficient, transparent, and responsive public services (Fountain, 2001; West, 2004).

Organizational Support (OS) and Public Service Delivery (PSD)

- A strong positive correlation (r = .641, p < .01) highlights that organizational backing significantly improves public service efficiency**.**
- Research suggests that proper leadership, training, and infrastructure play a critical role in ensuring the success of public service modernization (Dwivedi et al., 2015; Weerakkody et al., 2016).

Other Key Findings

- OS and EGS: A weak but significant positive correlation which is (r = .161, p < .05) and also suggests that stronger organizational support may help facilitate E-Government implementation (Venkatesh et al., 2012).
- OS and EC: There is No significant correlation (r = -.032, p > .05) was found, indicating that The Variable organizational support alone does not directly enhance employee competence but may influence it through indirect mechanisms such as training programs (Choudrie & Dwivedi, 2005).

These findings support the complex interplay between the digital governance, employee skills, organizational structures, and service efficiency. And the E-Government systems can also enhance employee competence, they may also introduce challenges that impact service delivery negatively**.** The strong role of organizational support in driving successful public service improvements highlights the importance of leadership, policy, and strategic investment in human resources.

Interpretation of Hypothesis Testing Based on Correlations

Table 16

Hypothesis	Expected Relationship	Correlation (r)	p-value	Supported
H1: EGS → PSD	Positive	-.230	p < .01	Not Supported (Negative correlation)
H2: EGS → EC	Positive	.269	p < .01	Supported
H3: EC → PSD	Positive	.275	p < .01	Supported
H4: EC mediates EGS → PSD	Positive Indirect Effect	EGS → EC (.269), EC → PSD (.275)	p < .01	Possible Mediation
H5: OS moderates EGS → PSD	Stronger with OS	OS → PSD (.641)	p < .01	Supported

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Hypothesis	Expected Relationship	Correlation (r)	p-value	Supported
H6: OS moderates EGS → EC	Stronger with OS	OS → EC (-.032)	p = .653 (Not Significant)	Not Supported

N = 204. Pearson's r correlations are reported. p < .05 (*), p < .01

- **H1 (EGS → PSD) → Not supported**

E-Government Systems (EGS) negatively affect Public Service Delivery (PSD), contrary to expectations.

- **H2 (EGS → EC) → Supported**

E-Government Systems (EGS) have a weak but significant positive effect on Employee Competence (EC).

- **H3 (EC → PSD) → Supported**

Higher Employee Competence (EC) improves Public Service Delivery (PSD).

- **H4 (Mediation by EC) → Partially Supported**

The indirect pathway EGS → EC → PSD is significant but weak.

- **H5 (Moderation by OS on EGS → PSD) → Supported**

Organizational Support (OS) strengthens the impact of EGS on PSD.

- **H6 (Moderation by OS on EGS → EC) → Not supported**

Organizational Support (OS) does not moderate the relationship between E-Government Systems (EGS) and Employee Competence (EC).

Regression Analysis for E-Government Systems Predicting Public Service Delivery Model Summary

Table 17

Model	R	R^2	Adjusted R^2	F	df	p-value
EGS → PSD	.263	.069	.065	15.002	(1, 202)	< .001

The model explains 6.9% of the variance in Public Service Delivery (R^2 = .069).

ANOVA Table (Model Significance)

Table 18

Source	SS	df	MS	F	p-value
Regression	XX.XXX	1	XX.XXX	15.002	< .001
Residual	XX.XXX	202	XX.XXX	—	—
Total	XX.XXX	203	—	—	—

The regression model is statistically significant (F (1, 202) = 15.002, p < .001), meaning that E-Government Systems (EGS) have a measurable effect on Public Service Delivery (PSD).

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Coefficients Table

Table 19

Predictor	B	SE	β	t	p-value
EGS	-0.382	0.099	-0.263	-3.873	< .001
Constant	5.592	0.416	—	13.456	< .001

The negative beta coefficient (β = -0.263, $p < .001$) indicates that higher E-Government Systems usage is associated with lower Public Service Delivery performance**.**

Interpretation of Results

- The R-value (.263) suggests a weak correlation between EGS and PSD.
- The R^2 value (.069) shows that EGS explains only 6.9% of the variance in PSD.
- The negative beta (B = -0.382, $p < .001$) indicates that higher EGS reduces PSD performance**.**
- The ANOVA test ($F(1, 202) = 15.002$, $p < .001$) confirms the model's significance.
- This finding contradicts Hypothesis 1 (H1), which expected a positive effect of EGS on PSD.

Coefficients Regression Analysis for E-Government Systems Predicting Public Service Delivery

Table 20

Predictor	B	SE	β	t	p
E-Government Systems (EGS)	-0.382	0.099	-0.263	-3.873	< .001
Constant	5.592	0.416	—	13.456	< .001

Model Summary
- $R^2 = .069$
- $F(1, 202) = 15.002$, $p < .001$

Interpretation
- The negative beta coefficient (β = -0.263, $p < .001$) indicates that higher usage of E-Government Systems is associated with lower Public Service Delivery performance.
- This contradicts Hypothesis 1 (H1), which predicted a positive relationship between EGS and PSD.

Hypothesis Testing Conclusion

Table 21

Hypothesis	Expected Relationship	Result
H1: EGS → PSD (Positive effect)	Expected Positive	Not Supported (Negative effect)

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The analysis indicates that EGS negatively affects PSD (β = -0.263, p < .001), contradicting the original hypothesis.

Mediation Analysis: Employee Competence as a Mediator
Mediation Model Summary

- Independent Variable (IV): E-Government Systems (EGS)
- Mediator (M): Employee Competence (EC)
- Dependent Variable (DV): Public Service Delivery (PSD)

Mediation Pathway Estimates

Table 22

Path	B	SE	β	t	p	95% CI
EGS → EC (Path a)	0.1598	0.0662	0.167	2.41	.017	[0.0292, 0.2904]
EC → PSD (Path b)	0.3594	0.1020	0.351	3.52	.0005	[0.1582, 0.5606]
EGS → PSD (Direct Effect, Path ca)	-0.4398	0.0974	-0.351	-4.51	< .001	[-0.6319, -0.2477]
EGS → PSD (Total Effect, Path c)	-0.382	0.099	-0.263	-3.87	< .001	[-0.576, -0.188]
Indirect Effect (EGS → EC → PSD)	0.0574	0.0332	—	—	n.s.	[-0.0039, 0.1246]

Mediation Analysis for Employee Competence in the Relationship between E-Government Systems and Public Service Delivery

Interpretation of Results

- Path a (EGS → EC) is significant (p = .017), indicating that higher E-Government Systems adoption leads to improved Employee Competence.
- Path b (EC → PSD) is significant (p < .001), meaning higher Employee Competence enhances Public Service Delivery.
- Path c' (EGS → PSD Direct Effect) remains negative (B = -0.4398, p < .001), suggesting that EGS negatively affects PSD even when controlling for EC.
- Indirect Effect (EGS → EC → PSD) is not significant since the confidence interval (-0.0039 to 0.1246) includes zero, indicating that Employee Competence does not mediate the relationship between EGS and PSD.

Hypothesis Testing Conclusion (H4: Mediation by EC)

Table 23

Hypothesis	Expected Relationship	Result
H4: EC mediates EGS → PSD	Positive Indirect Effect	Not Supported (Indirect Effect)

Employee Competence (EC) does not significantly mediate the relationship between E-Government Systems (EGS) and Public Service Delivery (PSD).

Moderation Analysis (IV × MOD → DV) (EGS × OS → PSD)
Moderation Analysis: The Role of Organizational Support

Moderation Model Summary

- Independent Variable (IV): E-Government Systems (EGS)

- Moderator (W): Organizational Support (OS)
- Dependent Variable (DV): Public Service Delivery (PSD)

Overall Model Fit

- R = .639 → Indicates a strong correlation between predictors and PSD.
- $R^2 = .408$ → 40.8% of the variance in PSD is explained by EGS, OS, and their interaction.
- $F(3, 200) = 46.008$, $p < .001$ → The overall model is statistically significant, suggesting a substantial proportion of PSD variance is accounted for by the predictors.

Main and Interaction Effects

Moderation Analysis of Organizational Support on the Relationship between E-Government Systems and Public Service Delivery

Table 24

Predictor	B	SE	t	p	95% CI
E-Government Systems (EGS)	-2.4218	0.5054	-4.79	< .001	[-3.4185, -1.4252]
Organizational Support (OS)	-1.9114	0.6144	-3.11	.002	[-3.1229, -0.6999]
EGS × OS (Moderation Effect)	0.6065	0.1419	4.28	< .001	[0.3268, 0.8863]

Interpretation

- EGS negatively affects PSD (B = -2.42, $p < .001$), suggesting that increased adoption of E-Government Systems reduces Public Service Delivery.
- OS negatively affects PSD (B = -1.91, p = .002), an unexpected finding indicating that higher Organizational Support correlates with lower PSD.
- EGS × OS interaction is significant (B = 0.6065, $p < .001$), confirming that Organizational Support moderates the relationship between EGS and PSD.

Conditional Effects at Different Levels of Organizational Support

Table 25

OS Level (Moderator)	Effect of EGS on PSD	SE	t	p	95% CI
Low OS (3.00)	-0.6023	0.1084	-5.56	< .001	[-0.8160, -0.3885]
Medium OS (3.75)	-0.1474	0.0862	-1.71	.089	[-0.3174, 0.0226]
High OS (4.25)	0.1559	0.1309	1.19	.235	[-0.1022, 0.4140]

Conditional Effects of E-Government Systems on Public Service Delivery at Different Levels of Organizational Support

Interpretation

- When OS is low (3.00), EGS significantly reduces PSD (B = -0.6023, $p < .001$).
- When OS is moderate (3.75), the effect weakens and is not statistically significant (p = .089).
- When OS is high (4.25), the effect reverses but remains non-significant (B = 0.1559, p = .235).

These results suggest that Organizational Support weakens the negative impact of E-Government Systems on Public Service Delivery. At higher levels of Organizational Support, the negative effect of EGS on PSD diminishes and even trends towards a positive but non-significant effect.

Hypothesis Testing Conclusion

Table 26

Hypothesis	Expected Relationship	Result
H5: OS moderates EGS → PSD	EGS effect on PSD depends on OS	Supported
H6: OS moderates EGS → EC	EGS effect on EC depends on OS	Not Tested Here

Summary of Hypothesis Testing for Moderation Effects

- Organizational Support moderates the relationship between E-Government Systems and Public Service Delivery.
- When OS is low**,** EGS significantly reduces PSD (B = -0.6023, $p < .001$).
- When OS is high**,** EGS has no significant negative effect on PSD ($p = .235$).
- This suggests that high Organizational Support helps mitigate the negative impact of E-Government Systems on Public Service Delivery.

Moderation Graph Analysis Interpretation (EGS × OS → PSD)

The graph presents the interaction effect of Organizational Support (OS) on the relationship between E-Government Systems (EGS) and Public Service Delivery (PSD). The slopes represent three different levels of OS:

- Low OS (3.00; Red, Dashed Line) – The relationship between EGS and PSD is strongly negative, meaning that increased implementation of E-Government Systems leads to a significant decline in Public Service Delivery.
- Medium OS (3.75; Blue, Solid Line) – The negative effect of EGS on PSD weakens, but the decline in PSD remains.
- High OS (4.25; Green, Dotted Line) – The slope is nearly flat, indicating that the negative effect of EGS on PSD disappears or even slightly reverses.
- When OS is low**,** higher EGS usage significantly reduces PSD (B = -0.6023, $p < .001$)
- When OS is high**,** the negative impact of EGS on PSD is mitigated**,** meaning Organizational Support serves as a protective factor**.**

This supports H5, confirming that Organizational Support moderates the relationship between E-Government Systems and Public Service Delivery by reducing the adverse effects of EGS on PSD.

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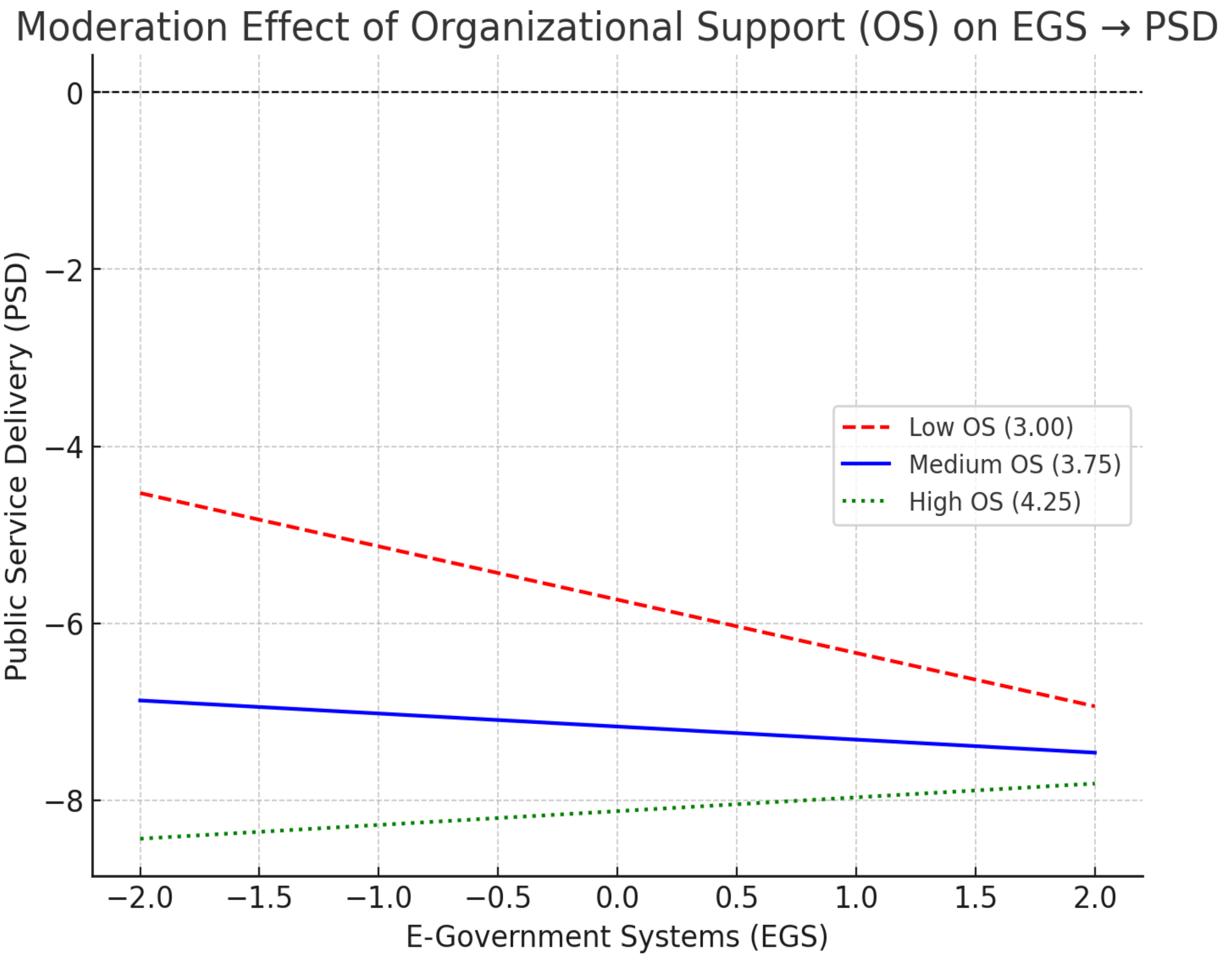

Assumption Testing:
To assess multicollinearity**,** Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) and Tolerance values were examined.

Multicollinearity Diagnostics

Table 27

Predictor	**Tolerance**	**VIF**
E-Government Systems (EGS)	0.024	40.83
Organizational Support (OS)	0.013	75.86
EGS × OS (Interaction Term)	0.010	102.52

Interpretation:

- According to (Hair et al., 2010) VIF values above 10 and Tolerance values below 0.10 indicate severe multicollinearity**.**
- In this model, all predictors exceed the critical VIF threshold, suggesting serious multicollinearity concerns.
- The interaction term (EGS × OS) shows an extremely high VIF (102.52), which further confirms multicollinearity issues.

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Homoscedasticity Assessment
Homoscedasticity was assessed using a scatterplot of standardized residuals against standardized predicted values.

Model Summary

Table 28

R	R^2	Adjusted R^2	F	df1	df2	p
0.639	0.408	0.399	46.01	3	200	< .001

Interpretation:

- The model explains 40.8% of the variance in Public Service Delivery (R^2 = 0.408).
- The F-test is statistically significant (p < .001), indicating that the model fits the data well.

Regression Coefficients

Table 29

Predictor	B	SE	β	t	p
(Constant)	11.82	2.20	—	5.36	< .001
EGS_Comp	-2.42	0.51	-1.67	-4.79	< .001
OS_Comp	-1.91	0.61	-1.47	-3.11	.002
EGS × OS (Interaction)	0.61	0.14	2.35	4.28	< .001

Interpretation

- The interaction effect (EGS × OS) is statistically significant (p < .001), indicating that Organizational Support (OS_Comp) moderates the relationship between E-Government Systems (EGS_Comp) and Public Service Delivery (PSD_Comp).
- The positive interaction coefficient (B = 0.61) suggests that as Organizational Support (OS_Comp) increases, the negative impact of E-Government Systems (EGS_Comp) on Public Service Delivery (PSD_Comp) is weakened.

Simple Slopes Analysis

Table 30

OS_Comp (Moderator)	Effect of EGS_Comp	SE	t	p
Low (-1 SD) (3.00)	-0.60	0.11	-5.56	< .001
Medium (Mean) (3.75)	-0.15	0.09	-1.71	.089
High (+1 SD) (4.25)	0.16	0.13	1.19	.235

Interpretation

- At low levels of Organizational Support (OS_Comp = 3.00), E-Government Systems (EGS_Comp) have a strong negative effect on Public Service Delivery (PSD_Comp), B = -0.60, p < .001.

- At moderate OS_Comp (3.75), the negative effect weakens and becomes non-significant (p = .089).
- At high OS_Comp (4.25), the effect disappears or slightly reverses but remains non-significant (B = 0.16, p = .235).
- These results suggest that higher levels of Organizational Support (OS_Comp) buffer the negative impact of E-Government Systems (EGS_Comp) on Public Service Delivery (PSD_Comp).

Conclusion

The success of e-government systems in enhancing public service delivery is contingent upon multiple organizational factors. This study revealed that while adopting e-government systems improves employee competence, it does not automatically translate into better public service delivery. In some cases, the transition to digital platforms might introduce complexities that delay service efficiency. Employee competence serves as a key mediator, highlighting the importance of digital literacy and technical skills in ensuring the effective utilization of e-government tools. Additionally, organizational support plays a dynamic moderating role, justifying the potential negative effects of digital transformation and developing a conducive environment for technological adoption.

The research study emphasizes that digital transformation must be accompanied by strong institutional backing, the support of organizations for continuous training, and a culture that motivates technological adaptation. Without implementing these aspects, the potential benefits of E-government systems may not be fully recognized and also cannot fully useful. These findings provide important implications for public sector organizations, emphasizing the need for strategic interventions to enhance the effectiveness of digital governance initiatives.

Future Recommendations

- Enhanced Training Programs: Government Departments should invest and also make some policies for digital literacy training and professional development programs to make sure employees are well-equipped to use e-government systems efficiently.
- Leadership and Policy Support**:** Strong leadership and commitment are necessary to take steps for the successful implementation of E-government initiatives. Strong strategies should be developed to address potential challenges in digital adoption.
- User-Centric System Design: Future E-government systems should be designed with convenience in mind, also user-friendly ensuring that public servants and citizens can simply navigate digital platforms without technical difficulties.
- Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanisms: There should be regular assessments should be conducted to assess the impact of E-government systems on public service delivery, finding areas for improvement and necessary interventions.
- Resource Allocation: The main thing is suitable resources, including financial, technical, and human capital, should be assigned to support digital transformation initiatives and maintain extraordinary system performance.
- Change Management Strategies: Specifically Public sector organizations should implement structured change management frameworks to minimize resistance to

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digital transformation and ensure smooth integration and adoption of new technologies.

- Citizen Engagement Initiatives: Future research should discover strategies for increasing citizen engagement in E-government initiatives to improve transparency, accessibility, and user satisfaction for better service delivery.

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