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Appraising Students' Feelings Concerning Wolaita Language Education in Wolaita Zone, Ethiopia: Focus in Grades 7 and 8

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Abstract

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Index terms— attitude, feelings, optimize, primary school, wolaita language instruction.

1 Introduction

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t is now become a common place of contemporary thinking that language is a highly emotionally charged issue, an aid and a barrier to national development, an advantage and disadvantage to an individual, a centripetal force that may unite a nation, and also a centrifugal force that may drive a society apart and ultimately divide a nation. Thus, in order to deliver quality basic education, language is clearly the key to communication and understanding in the classroom. Claims for language are among the first rights that minorities have voiced when there have been situations of political change and evolution. The United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights (1948) affirms the right to education without discrimination. Article 2 of this fundamental document establishes the basic principle against discrimination on the grounds of language. Article 5 of the 1960 Convention and Recommendation against Discrimination in Education specifically recognizes the right of the members of national minorities to carry on their own educational activities, including the use or the teaching of their own language. UNESCO has encouraged mother tongue instruction in early childhood and primary education since 1953 ??UNESCO, 1953). Thus, to ensure quality of education, mother tongue instruction plays a great role. UNESCO also espouses Mother tongue instruction as a means of improving educational quality by building on the knowledge and experience of the learners and teachers. Instruction through a language that learners do not speak has been called "submersion" (Skutnabb-Kangas 2000) because it is analogous to holding learners under water without teaching them how to swim.

The transitional government of Ethiopia has also declared the use of nationality languages as medium of instruction for primary level under section 3, subsection 3.5, and Article 3.5.1. It says "Cognizant of the pedagogical advantage of the child in mother tongue and the right of nationalities to promote the use of their languages and so that primary education are given in nationality languages" ??TGE, 1994:23). This also shows that the Ethiopian government believes mother tongue instruction as an important to amend educational quality and students' academic achieve-ment in lower primary schools. Basically this declaration helped many nationalities including Wolaita nation to begin instruction by its own language in 1994 which is still in progress. Therefore, by using the opportunity provided by the constitution, the people of Wolaita has advanced its language (Wolaita language) from lower schools up to the diploma and the university level and graduated students in more than three times. However, students of Appraising Students' Feelings Concerning Wolaita Language Education in Wolaita Zone, Ethiopia: Focus in Grades 7 and 8

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Wolaita zone still does not show expected feelings regarding their mother tongue /Wolaita language/instruction. Some of them perceive positively and some perceive negatively to wards Wolaita language instruction.

Although mother tongue instruction is supported by UNESCO and the Ethiopian government as well as by many researchers to improve students' learning, the society, particularly the learners still might not properly understand its value. This directly takes us to unfavorable attitude of the community and learners regarding mother tongue instruction. Unfavorable attitude towards their mother tongue or preference to some language over the mother tongue could develop due to unawareness and prejudices ??Assebe, 1981:42). Thus, among the main barriers for the development of mother tongue and its instruction is students' inappropriate attitude as well as their attitudinal variation which makes the language to quiet down. Thus, all the mother tongue native speakers in particular and others should put forward their effort to work on attitude of learners' and the society. This research focus on the attitude of learners regarding mother tongue instruction that influenced the development of the language. The researcher was initiated to conduct this study because during his more than seven years teaching experience and as a native speaker of the language/Wolaita language/ he has been able to observe the reaction of the learners' concern mother tongue (Wolaita language) instruction. The researchers conducted specifically to appraise students' feelings towards Wolaita language instruction were rare. Therefore, this study focused to assess this and fill the gap and so that it attempted to answer the following research questions:

2 a) Objectives of the Study

In order to generalize the feelings of all students who learn in different indigenous language in different areas, the study focused on Wolaiata language. Hence, the main objective of the study was to appraise primary school learners' thoughts towards Wolaita language instruction in two selected primary schools. Very specifically the research attempts:

- 1. To what extent do students feel regarding Wolaita language education in primary schools? . 2. How does learners' irrelevant feelings influence the advancement of Wolaita language instruction in Primary schools? 3. What are the possible ways of optimizing the feelings of learners concerning Wolaita language education in primary schools?
- 1. to assess the students' feelings regarding Wolaita language education in primary schools. 2. to identify the influence of irrelevant learners' attitude on the advancement of Wolaita language instruction in primary schools.
- 3. to indicate possible ways of optimizing the feelings of learners concerning Wolaita language education in primary schools.

In order to get relevant information, the researcher used a mixed approach i.e. both qualitative and quantitative

research design. The reason for selecting them was that they were quite fitting to evaluate the feelings of learners towards Wolaita language instruction in primary schools and the nature of the research by itself also allowed using these approaches.

The sample of the study was decided based on the objective of study. The study focused on grades 7 and 8 students of Abiyot Chora and Ligaba primary schools. The total population size of the study was 17. In order to get this population size, the researcher used purposive sampling technique. The reason for using purposive sampling technique was that it was more appropriate select relatively active students for relevant information. Thus, in each grade only one section was selected for questionnaires. From each section, only 5 students were selected by using purposive sampling technique so as to participate mature students. Thus, from two schools, (5x2=10) students were selected for questionnaires. All student population were involved in questionnaires. From each school, 2 teachers were selected using purposive sampling technique so as to get pertinent data. Hence, the teacher population was (2x2) = 4). From Sodo town administration education office, 3 experts were selected purposively to obtain rich data. Therefore, the total population of the study was 17(10+4+3).

3 e) Tools for Data Collection

119 Interview and a likert scale questionnaire were used to collect the data.

4 i. Questionnaire

A Likert scale which is commonly involved in research that employs questionnaire was used. A likert scale is a 5-point attitude scale rating of "strongly agree", "agree", "undecided"," disagree", and "strongly disagree" were used to test students' thoughts towards Wolaita language as a medium of instruction.. The reason for selecting a likert scale questionnaire was that it was suitable to investigate students' language attitude. This questionnaire was addressed for all 10 students.

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In-depth interview According to Babbie and Mouton (2001), indepth interviews are basic individual interviews frequently used for data gathering within the qualitative approach. Therefore, in-depth interview research methods enabled the researcher to study the issue in detail and to come up with depth information so as to meet the general as well as the specific objectives of the research. Hence, 4 teachers and 3 wereda education experts were involved in interview.

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5 Data Analysis

In this study both qualitative and quantitative data analysis methods were employed. This was because the data were gathered by using both the questionnaire and interview. Thus, the interview data were analyzed qualitatively and the data gathered by using a likert scale questionnaire were analyzed quantitatively. Thus, during analysis priority were given to a quantitative data i.e. questionnaire. The data of a 5likert scale questionnaire were analyzed first and then an interview data were analyzed qualitatively and the data were triangulated with the result of the questionnaire. The quantitative data were analyzed in tables which were categorized under various titles in their relationship. The qualitative data were analyzed through discussion which was often termed as textual analysis. In the above table 1, item 1.1 indicated that majority of the students (68.75%) were strongly interested to learn in MT (Wolaita language) instruction. Again, very few students about (25%) also simply agreed to learn in Wolaita language. No students responded saying undecided, disagree and strongly disagree on this issue. This shows that many students were very happy to learn in Wolaita language.

6 III.

7 Results and Discussion

The interview data also indicated that the students in primary schools (grades7-8) were interested to learn in MT (Wolaita language). The respondents also said that some students have bad feelings towards mother tongue instruction. Let us see some of the respondents: many students have positive attitude towards using Wolaita language as a medium of instruction. They are interested and happy to learn in Wolaita language. However, some students still need intervention to improve their attitude. They act negatively towards Wolaita language as a medium of instruction (p1,p3 &p4). Students have medium feelings towards using Wolaita language as a medium of instruction. Many students' feeling is good towards using Wolaita language as a medium of instruction, but they need advice and explanation that Wolaita language is Wolaita peoples' identity. Thus, their feeling is still not totally changed(p5&p6).

From the above interview responses, we can understand four key points: first many students had positive feelings towards using Wolaita language as a medium of instruction, second many students were happy to learn in Wolaita language, third, students needed advice and explanation that Wolaita language is its peoples' identity. Four, some students were still act negatively to wards Wolaita language as a medium of instruction. Using mother tongue in education helps to revive indigenous language. Wolff (2006) also asserts that the crucial means to revitalize indigenous minority languages is using the language in education.

Thus, from the interview and a likert scale questionnaires response on can conclude that many primary school students were interested to learn in Wolaita language and at the same time some students were not interested to learn in Wolaita language and still needed further intervention to optimize their attitude.

In table1, item 1.2, a lot of students (81.25%) responded that students are strongly like to ask and respond questions in Wolaita language. Few students (25%) also replied that they are normally interested to ask and respond questions in Wolaita language. This again indicates that students are very happy to ask and respond questions in Wolaita language. However, the interview data indicated mixed results i.e. some students in primary schools were interested to learn, ask and respond questions in Wolaita language and some were not. Thus, they replied as follows :some students are very like to respond and ask questions in Wolaita language and to learn in Wolaita language. Inversely, some students are totally not like to ask questions and response in it (AP). From this interview data we can see that some students were like to learn, ask questions and response in Wolaita language and some are not like to do these.

Hence, from the above interview and questionnaire, one can assume that many students were very interested to ask and response questions in Wolaita language and learn in it and some were not totally doing so.

Item 1.3 in table 1, also indicated that majority of the students (about 75%) strongly agreed that learning in Wolaita language help score better result. The remaining few students (about 25%) also replied as they simply agreed in this idea and the remaining 18.75 % of students did not decide their stance. Thus, from this we can guess that many students accepted Wolaita language learning as a good ways to score better result.

The data collected by the interview also assured that students score better result if they learn in Wolaita language. Here are the interview responses: without any doubt learn in Wolaita language helps learners score better result in subject matters they learn in Wolaita language(AP). This also indicated that learning in Wolaita language helps to score better result in subject matters. From the data collected from the questnaire and the interview we can conclude that learning in MT (Wolaita language) help learners score better result in subject matters they learn.

In item 1.4 many students i.e. 93.75% replied that students in primary schools are strongly happy to read and write in Wolaita language and the other 25% replied that they are simply happy to speak and write in Wolaita language. The interview data also indicated that all students were not very happy to speak and write in Wolaita language. For example, many of the respondents said the following: Many students are very happy to speak, write and share ideas in Wolaita language. They are very happy and willing to share and explain any ideas in Wolaita language even some students are not interested to speak in Amharic language. They want to reply in Wolaita language even when they are asked to reply in Amharic. When they reply in English and Amharic language they reply very shortly. And when they reply in Wolaita language, they reply broadly in detail (P4p6,P7&P8).

Conversely, some respondents replied that some students spoke in Amharic when they were learning in Wolaita language. For example, they said the following: Yes, because some students speak in Amharic when there are learning in Wolaita language. Thus, it needs more work to solve this problem because some students still did not change their attitude concern Wolaita language. We are making our own efforts like advising them to use Wolaita language in classroom(p3, p5 &p13).

From the above interview data, we can see two key points: First many students are very happy to use Wolaita language to share ideas, to speak and write in Wolaita language. Second, some students are not pleased to use Wolaita language in Wolaita language classroom rather they are speaking Amharic language in Wolaita language classroom. Therefore, from the data collected and analyzed by using both the interview and questionnaires we can conclude that many primary school students were very happy to speak and write as well as share ideas in Wolaita language and some of them were not pleased to speak and write in Wolaita language and this also shows us to work more in learners' thoughts towards Wolaita language instruction.

In table 1, item 1.5 majority of the students about (75%) replied that students strongly want Wolaita language to be the official language of the school. The other 25 % answered that they simply agreed Wolaita language to be the official language of the school. On the other hand, a very few number i.e. 6.25% replied that they strongly disagree that Wolaita language is being an official language.

The interview data also informed that student want Wolaita language to be the official language of the school. They said that students provide high attention in Wolaita language than Amharic and English language. They need even teachers to say everything in Wolaita language.

From the above information provided by questionnaire and interview we can easily assume that almost all students need Wolaita language to be the official language of the school. In the African context, Robinson (1996) has the opinion that official and local languages are regarded as opposed to each other, rather than as complementary as evidenced by the fact that one of the two languages may be regarded as a more suitable language for certain domains, and the characteristic functions are seen in dichotomous terms.

From the above table-1, item 1.6. many students about 75% answered that students strongly like their Wolaita language teachers. And only 25% of the students quite agreed that they like their Wolaita language teachers. In oppose to this, 6.25% of the students replied that they disagreed and said that they do not like their Wolaita language teachers.

In line with this the interview data indicated both positive and negative responses. According to their opinion some students like their Wolaita language instruction teachers and some do not like them. For example some of them said as follows:

Some students in my classroom like their Wolaita language instruction teachers. If you take me I know that they always happy with my teaching and like me. Even I have seen that they positively accepting other Wolaita language instruction teachers. Thus, almost all of them like their teachers (P11). Except few students, many students like Wolaita language instruction teachers (p9, p14 & p16). In my opinion, some students do not want to spend their time with their teachers. They even like

Wolaita language instruction teachers to be absent from entering classroom. Briefly they do not like their teachers. Many things should be done to improve their attitude(P3,P4,P5,P6&P7). From this interview data, we can sense two key points: first, students have both positive and negative opinion regarding their likeness to their teachers. Second, more intervention should be done to improve students thoughts towards Wolaita language instruction. Therefore, based on above interview data and questionnaires it is possible to assume that some students like their teachers and some do not like them and this by itself shows that learners have both positive and negative feelings towards their teachers even if they replied in their questionnaires as they like teachers and this also needs all stake holders to work more on students' attitude towards Wolaita language instruction.

In item 1.7 above the majority of the students about 56.25% strongly agreed to reply that Wolaita language is their identity and some students i.e. about 35.25% replied that they simply agreed that Wolaita language is their identity. Few students about 12.5% also replied that they do not decide with regard to it.

The interview data disproved the data gathered by questionnaires. Many of the respondents said that several students are not happy to accept Wolaita language as their identity. For example many teachers answered as follows: a lot of students wish to learn in English language or in Amharic language rather than in Wolaita language. They even left their identity and imitate others identity. Almost you will not find students who want to show their culture and language as their identity in our schools(P1,P2,P5,P13,P13&P14). Some Students consider Wolaita language as their identity, but they need more encouragement by the teachers, parents and the whole society(p12,p15 and P16). From this interview data, it is possible to see that many students almost lost their identity and so that it needs more to work on it. Even we can grasp that some students with better identity need the support of many stake holders to improve their attitude concern Wolaita language as their identity. Kioko (2008:8) and Kuper (2003:96) strongly argue that when children learn in a foreign language, they lose their identity and are unable to express and transmit their ancestral traditions which ultimately impacts on the way they see the relevance of school to their life.

From the above table1, item 1.8, majority of the students about 68.75% replied that students are strongly pleased to use Wolaita language when discussing in classroom with their friends. Next to this, a few students i.e. about 31.25% also happy to use Wolaita language when discussing in classroom with friends. The interview data also assured this: let us see some of the responses: Students are very happy to share ideas and discuss with each other, but they need teachers' relevant support and motivation for using only Wolaita language (p14 &p16). This interview data shows that even if students are glad to discuss in Wolaita language in classroom, they still need teachers' relevant support and motivation.

Therefore, based on given data collected by the two tools and the discussion above, one can guess that many students were very pleased to use Wolaita language when they are discussing with their friends. In item 1.9, many students (about 75%) replied that they strongly feel comfort when learning in Wolaita language. Again, 6.25% replied that they simply feel comfort when learning in Wolaita language. On the other hand, 12.5% of the participants did not decide anything about what they were felt. In addition, 6.25% also replied that they do not feel comfort when learning in Wolaita language and 6.25% replied that they strongly disagreed in this issue.

The interview data also indicated that some learners feel comfort when they are learning in Wolaita language and some do not feel comfort. For example, let us see responses: as much as I know some students in classroom fell comfort when they are learning in Wolaita language. At the same time some are mocking and get depressed when learning in Wolaita language (p1, p3&p9). The interview data depicts that some students feel comfort when learning in Wolaita language and some do not feel comport. Thus, based on data collected by using both interview and questionnaire, it is possible to generalize that some students were not felt comport when they are learning in Wolaita language.

9 Table-2:

The influence of learners' irrelevant feelings on the advancement of mother tongue (Wolaita language) instruction in Primary schools SN Items SA A UD D SD f % f % f % f % f % 2.1

By making learners feel negatively towards MT (Wolaita language) instruction. In table2-, item 2.1, majority of the students about 32.5% said that learners irrelevant thoughts influence mother tongue progress by making

learners do not follow MT (Wolaita language) instruction attentively and few ones about 25% also agreed on this idea. In addition,18.75% did not decide anything about the influence of learners' irrelevant attitude on mother tongue instruction. On the other hand, about 12.5% replied that they do not agree its influence on mother tongue instruction progress and even 6.25 % of the respondents replied that they strongly disagreed that learners' irrelevant attitude influenced mother tongue instruction. The interview data also proved that learners' irrelevant feelings influenced mother tongue instruction. Some of the respondents replied that it influences by affecting learners to think irrelevantly towards mother tongue (Wolaita language) instruction(P3,P6& P7).

According to the results of the data gathered by interview and questionnaires, we can conclude that learners irrelevant feelings affected the progress of mother tongue instruction by making learners feel negatively towards MT (Wolaita language) instruction.

In table-2 item 2.2, a lot of students about 50% replied that learners attitude influenced mother tongue progress by making learners do not follow Wolaita language instruction attentively. And the next 25% replied that they simply agree that it influenced mother tongue progress by making learners do not follow mother tongue instruction attentively. However, 12.5% of the respondents do not decide anything regarding the question and only 6.25% of the respondents said that they do not agree on that idea. Besides to this,18.75% of the students replied that they strongly disagreed on that idea. Many participants in interview data also proved that learners feelings influenced mother tongue progress . Some of them said that it affects mother tongue progress by diverting learners' attention to not follow mother tongue instruction effectively(P13 &P14 &P15).

Thus, based on the given data of interview and questionnaires, one cane estimate that irrelevant learners' attitude influenced the progress of mother tongue education (Wolaita language) by making learners do not give due value for their MT (Wolaita language) instruction.

In above table 2 item 2.3, a large number of learners i.e. 43.75% replied as the influence of learners' in appropriate attitude strongly affected mother tongue progress by making learners do not give appropriate value for their mother tongue instruction. Among the respondents, 25% of the research subjects replied that they relatively agreed on that issue. However, few respondents' replied that they do not say anything regarding how does learners' irrelevant attitude affect the progress of mother tongue instruction and 6.25% of the participants answered that they relatively disagree on the ideas raised above and the remaining similar number i.e. 6.25% replied that they strongly disagree on the above ideas. According to the interview information, all of the participants said that the influence of learners' irrelevant attitude impedes mother tongue (Wolita language) progress by making learners do not give appropriate value for their mother tongue instruction (AP). From this we can see that students do not give due value for their own language when their attitude is not normal. Ouane (2003:66) as cited by Alemayehu Jote(2012) one of the major means of linguistic segregation is devaluing some languages in comparison with others and casting doubt on the ability of those languages to cope with the modern world

Therefore, based on the discussion of the above interview and questionnaire, it is possible to conclude that the influence of learners' attitude affected the progress of mother tongue instruction by making learners do not give due value for their MT (Wolaita language) instruction in lower primary schools of Wolaita zone.

In item 2.4 above, majority of the students about 50% strongly agreed to respond that the influence of learners' attitude affects the progress of mother tongue instruction by making learners do not understand MT(Wolaita Language) and its instruction as their identity and 12.5% of the participants also replied as they quite agreed on that idea. Next to this, about 6.25 % of the research participants replied as un decided concerning the above item. On the other hand, 6.25% responded as they disagree on the item above and 18.75% of the participants said that they strongly disagree on the above idea. The interview data also assured that the influence of learners' attitude affect the progress of mother tongue instruction by causing learners do not recognize MT (Wolaita Language) and its instruction as their identity (P15&P16).

From the data provided by the interview and questionnaire one can guess that the influence of learners' irrelevant attitude affected mother tongue instruction by making learners do not understand MT (Wolaita Language) and its instruction as their identity.

It is also possible to see on table2, item 2.5 above that the majority of the respondents about 62.5% replied that the learners' feelings influence mother tongue progress by making it difficult for the teachers to manage the classroom properly during MT (Wolaita Language) instruction. Next to this, 12.5% of the participants replied that they quite agreed on that idea and about 18.75% of the respondents disagreed on the above idea .In addition, about 6.25% of the research subjects answered that they strongly disagree on the above item. Many respondents on interview also supported that learners' thoughts influence mother tongue progress by making it difficult for the teachers to manage classroom. They also responded that teachers are not encouraged to manage classroom effectively as learners attitude is not interesting (p1,p7 &p8).

Therefore, based on the above interview and questionnaire we can conclude that learners' irrelevant feelings affected mother tongue progress by making it difficult for the teachers to manage the classroom properly during MT (Wolaita Language) instruction.

As can be seen from the above table item 2.6, majority of the students about 56.25% replied that learners' thoughts influence mother tongue progress by making it difficult for the teachers to run group activities in the classroom. On the other hand, 12.5% of the research subjects disagree on that idea and 18.76% of the respondents responded that they even strongly disagree on that idea. The majority of the interview respondents also answered

that learners' thoughts influence mother tongue instruction. According to their response, it influences by causing troubles on activities of teachers to implement group activities in classes where teaching learning process took place(p1,p6,&p7).

Therefore, based on the results of interview and questionnaires, we can conclude that learners' feelings influence mother tongue instruction by causing difficulties on activities of group work that teachers implement in classroom where teaching-learning process take place.

The data in item 2.7, in table -2 indicated that learners are moderate in their response. The majority of the respondents about 43.75 % as they agreed learners' feelings influence mother tongue instruction by impeding proper evaluation of MT(Wolaita language) instruction. On the other hand, 12.5% of the respondents did not say anything about it. Similarly, 12.5 % of the respondents replied that they strongly disagreed on that idea. However, since majority of the Year 2018 respondents agreed on the above idea , we can guess that learners agreed on the above idea. The interview data also indicated that learners' attitude affect the progress of mother tongue instruction. Almost all participants said that it affect the progress of mother tongue instruction by making it difficult for teachers to Thus, according to the above data one can guess that irrelevant learners' attitude affect the progress of mother tongue instruction by making it difficult for teachers to evaluate mother tongue instruction in classroom.

10 Table-3:

Possible ways of optimizing the feelings of learners concern mother tongue (Wolaita language) instruction in primary schools. In table 3, item 3.1, the majority of the respondents about 93.75% replied that providing training on attitude of the learners is one of a good ways for optimizing students' feelings towards mother tongue (Wolaita language) instruction. On the other hand, 12.5% of the respondents strongly disagreed that providing training to optimize learners' thoughts towards mother tongue instruction. The interview data also approved that training is important to optimize learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools. Let us see some of the responses:SN Items SA A UD D SD f % f % f % f % f % f

The teachers and other stake holders should work cooperatively to improve learners thoughts. Relevant training should be provided for the students to improve their attitude towards mother tongue instruction in primary schools. Teachers should be committed to optimize students 'attitude towards mother tongue instruction (P9, P10, P11, P13&PP14). This interview data emphasize on working cooperatively, on training and on commitments to optimize learners' thoughts towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools of Wolaita zone.

Thus, based on data provided by above interview and questionnaires, we can conclude that providing training, working cooperatively and teachers' commitments are some of the possible ways to optimize learners' feelings towards mother tongue instruction (Wolaita language) in r primary schools of Wolaita zone.

In item 3.2, a lot of students (75%) replied that creating conducive environment is one of the possible ways to optimize students' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in primary schools. 25% of the respondents also quite agreed on this idea. The interview data also indicated that creating conducive environment is essential to optimize learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools. They also replied that amending teacher-student ratio is very important to optimize the attitude of learners concern mother tongue instruction (P1,P2,P3&P4). From this interview data we can recognize that favorable classroom environment is important to optimize learners' attitude towards MT (Wolaita language) instruction. Amending teacher student ratio is also vital so as to establish easily manageable class size.

Hence, according the information collected and analyzed by using interview and questionnaires, we can guess that establishing conducive classroom environment is important to improve learners' attitude towards Wolaita language instruction in primary schools of Wolaita zone.

According to table 3, item 3.3, the majority of the research subjects about 93.75% replied that participating students in different (Wolaita language) symposium is one way to optimize students' feelings towards MT (Wolaita lanuage) instruction. Some of the students about 25% also replied as they agreed on the above item. The interview data also indicated that participating students in different short language and attitude training as well as participating them in different mother tongue symposium is very important to improve learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools (P2, P5,&P11). Therefore, based on the above data gathered by using interview and questionnaires we can presume that participating students in different Wolaita language symposiums and participating them in different attitudinal and language training is possible way to optimize students' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools.

In table 3,item 3.4 above, a large number of students (87.5%) replied that establishing language clubs in different primary schools and participating learners in it is one of the ways to optimize learners attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools. 12.5% of the respondents did not determine anything regarding the above item. Many participants in interview also supported the above data. They said as follows: in school there is no language clubs, but if there is language clubs, it is very important to improve learners attitude. In our school some teachers have no diploma or degree in Wolaita language or some teachers who teach other courses were not trained in those courses in Wolaita language. Thus, if Wolaita language diploma or degree holders are assigned, students attitude can be optimized (P6,P7&P8). From this interview data we can also understand two key points: first, the importance of establishing language clubs and second the importance of

assigning degree or diploma holders in Wolaita language to improve learners' attitude towards Wolaita language instruction in lower primary schools Wolaita language.

Therefore, based on data provided and interview and questionnaires is possible to generalize that establishing language clubs in different schools and participating learners' in it as well as assigning degree holders in Wolaita language or those who hold diploma or degree in other courses is possible ways to optimize learners' attitude towards Wolaita language instruction in lower primary schools.

According to table 3, item 3.5, majority of the research subjects (93.75%) responded that optional and attractive teaching method is very important to optimize learners' attitude towards MT(Wolaita language) instruction. 6.25% of the participants simply agreed on the above idea. The respondents of the interview also ensured this. Some of them said the following: teachers should choose best teaching method that attracts primary school students. To assure this, teachers even should have different short term trainings so as to improve their methodological skills (P1, P2&P3). From this interview data, we can understand that selecting best teaching method is important to improve learners' attitude. Besides, providing training on teaching methodology is essential to optimize learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools.

Hence, based on the results of the above interview and questionnaires, we can conclude that attractive teaching methods and providing training for teachers to improve their teaching methodology is one of the ways to improve learners' attitude towards Wolaita language instruction in lower primary schools.

In item 3.6, a lot of students (75%) replied that managing classroom effectively is important to improve learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools of Wolaita zone. Furthermore, 25% of the students also replied that they quite agreed on this idea. The interview data also indicated that effective classroom management is important to improve learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools of Wolaita zone. Lest us some of the responses. To be successful in optimizing learners' attitude, effective classroom management is important. When teachers effectively manage learners in classroom, students pay attention to mother tongue instruction and so that they will have better attitude towards mother tongue instruction (P10, P14&P15). From this interview data, we can understand that effective classroom management is essential to turn students' attention towards MT (Wolaita language) instruction and this by itself important to optimize learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools.

Based on the data provided by interview and questionnaires, it is possible to presume that managing classroom effectively is one of possible ways to optimize learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools of Wolaita zone.

In table-3, item, 3.7, a large number of students about 81.25% of the respondents strongly agreed that allowing learners and teachers to share experience with better performed lower primary schools is very important to encourage and improve learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools of Wolaita zone. 12.5% of students also quite agreed on the above issues. Very few numbers of the participants (6.25%) did not determine their response. The interview data also endorsed the above information provided by questionnaires. let us see: sharing experiences with better performed schools is important to amend learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools. Students are motivated and hold better attitude for mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools (P4, P5&P6).

Therefore, based on the data provided by the above interview and questionnaires, we can assume that sharing experience with better schools is one of the ways to optimize learners' attitude towards mother IV.

11 Conclusions and Recommendations a) Conclusions

Based on the findings of the study, the following conclusions were made. ? The study indicated that many primary school (grades 7-8) students were interested to learn in Wolaita language and at the same time some students were not interested to learn in Wolaita language and still need further intervention to optimize their attitude. Some students were also interested to ask and response questions in Wolaita language and learn in it and some were not totally interested and from this it is possible to assume that more effort is needed to work on learners' perception towards mother tongue instruction. ? The study also disclosed that many primary school students were very happy to speak and write as well as share ideas in Wolaita language and some of them were not pleased to speak and write in Wolaita language and so that more intervention was found to be important. The data also indicated that learning in MT (Wolaita language) help learners score better result in subject matters they learn. ? The finding further indicated that some students like their teachers and some do not like them and this by itself shows that learners have both positive and negative attitude towards their teachers even if they replied in their questionnaires as they like teachers and this also needs all stake holders to work more on students' feelings towards MT (Wolaita language) instruction. ? The study also proved that many students were very pleased to use Wolaita language when they were discussing with their friends. The data also approved that some students were not felt comport when they are learning in Wolaita language. ? The study also indicted that some learners irrelevant attitude affected the progress of mother tongue instruction by making learners feel negatively towards MT (Wolaita language) instruction. It also influenced the progress of mother tongue education (Wolaita language) by making learners do not give due value for their MT (Wolaita language) instruction. ? The finding also indicated that learners' irrelevant attitude affected the progress of mother tongue by making learners feel negatively towards MT (Wolaita language) instruction. It also indicated that irrelevant learners' attitude influenced the progress of mother tongue education (Wolaita language) by making learners do not give

due value for their MT (Wolaita language) instruction. According to the finding learners' irrelevant attitude also affected mother tongue instruction by making learners does not understand MT (Wolaita Language) and its instruction as their identity. ? The research result proved that learners' irrelevant attitude affected mother tongue progress by making it difficult for the teachers to manage the classroom properly during MT (Wolaita Language) instruction.

The study also displayed that that learners' irrelevant attitude affected mother tongue progress by making it difficult for the teachers to manage the classroom properly during MT (Wolaita Language) instruction. Moreover, learners' irrelevant attitude influenced mother tongue progress by causing difficulties on activities of group work that teachers implement in classroom where teaching-learning process take place and by making it difficult for teachers to evaluate mother tongue instruction in classroom. ? The study proved that providing training,working cooperatively and teachers' commitments are some of the possible ways to optimize learners' feelings towards mother tongue instruction (Wolaita language) in primary schools of Wolaita zone. Besides, establishing conducive classroom environment is important to improve learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in primary schools of Wolaita zone. ? According to the finding managing classroom effectively is one of possible ways to optimize learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in primary schools of Wolaita zone. In addition, sharing experience with better schools is one of the ways to optimize learners' attitude towards mother tongue instruction in lower primary schools of Wolaita zone.

12 b) Recommendations

Based on the conclusions, the following recommendations were made.

? More efforts should be made by concerned stakeholders like teachers, families, Zone education department, district education office and the whole society to optimize some learners' with irrelevant attitude towards mother tongue (Wolaita language) instruction in primary schools. Basically, it is good that many students have positive attitude towards mother tongue instruction in primary schools except some students. Thus, all stakeholders should further encourage students with good attitude and should work more on those students with negative attitude towards mother tongue instruction. ? Teachers should be committed to change the attitude of students regarding mother tongue (Wolaita language) instruction in primary schools of Wolaita zone. Teachers can do this by advising students to seize a good attitude towards mother tongue instruction. Teachers should properly manage the classroom so as to make the students concentrate on particular instruction. The concerned bodies like Wolaita Zone education department, district education offices to gather with schools should provide training for primary students to optimize their attitude towards mother tongue instruction. ? Teachers should select attractive teaching methods that are feasible for primary schools and teach students in a way that improve their perception towards mother tongue instruction. Teachers should encourage students to like their mother tongue instruction and to build their self confidence. Furthermore, there should be conducive environment that attract learners towards mother tongue instruction.

? It is better participating students in experience sharing with best performed schools in mother tongue (Wolaita language) instruction because they might be motivated and improve their thoughts regarding Wolaita language instruction. Students should also participate on mother tongue symposium so as to improve their feelings towards mother tongue instruction in primary schools.

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Figure 4:

SN		SA	A	UD	D	SD
	Items	f	f	f	\mathbf{f}	f
		%	%	%	%	%
1.1	I am very interested to learn in Wolaita	68.75	25 4	_	_	-
	language	11				
1.2. I like asking a	nd responding questions in Wolaita	13	4	-		
	language	81.25	25		-	_
1.3	Learning in Wolaita language helps me	$12\ 75$	$4\ 25$	3	-	-
	score better result.			5		
				18.7		
1.4. Iam happy to	speak and write in Wolaita language.	93.75	$25 \ 4$	-	-	-
		15				
1.5	I want Wolaita language to be the official	12	4	-	-	1
	language in my					
	school.	75	25			6.25
1.6. I like teachers	who teach in MT(Wolaita language)	$12\ 75$	$4\ 25$	-	1	-
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				6.25	Ď
1.7	I think that MT (Wolaita language) is my	9	$5\ 31.25$	2	-	-
	identity.	56.25		12.5		
1.8	I am pleased to use MT (Wolaita language)	11	5	-	-	
	when					
	discussing in classroom with my friends.	68.75	3.25			_
1.9	I feel comport when learning in MT	12.75	$1\ 6.25$	2	1	1
	(Wolaita language).			12.5	6.25	6.25
f=frequency %=percentage SA: Strongly Agree =5 AG: Agree =4 UD: Undecided=3						Undecided=3
	DS: Disagree=2 SD: Strongly Di					

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