

INFLUENCE OF PROCUREMENT ETHICS ON THE PERFORMANCE OF DEVOLVED SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENTS IN KENYA

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to examine the influence of procurement ethics on the performance of devolved systems of governments in Kenya. A cross-sectional approach is adopted with primary data collected. The data yielded a response rate of 229 from 10 devolved systems of governments Kenya which were drawn mainly from supply chain and finance departments. The data collected was put through rigorous statistical analysis to test content validity as well as reliability. Further, simple linear regression model was used to test relationships between procurement ethics and the performance of devolved systems of governments in Kenya. The finding proposes that a successful execution of procurement ethics increases the performance of devolved systems of governments through efficiency management of public resources, fair competition in bidding process and provision of all the required information in the bidding processes. Further, the study revealed that some devolved systems of governments sliced tenders to avoid appropriate procurement process. The study provides relevant knowledge in formulating policy framework on efficient and effective management of public procurement process in devolved systems of governments. Also, the study show that procurement ethics if properly embraced, it will increase the performance of devolved systems of governments but not all procurement ethics practices are covered in the study and therefore a similar study can done in different sector to validate the findings. The study provides a holistic approach in the application and use of procurement ethics for improving performance of devolved systems of governments. Also, the identified gaps provide future direction in research and encourage the adoption of procurement ethics as a way of instilling good morals in the devolved systems of governments.

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