

Influence of Devolved Procurement Governance Structure On Service Delivery in

The Public Health Sector in Kenya

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to establish the influence of devolved procurement governance structure on service delivery in the public health sector of the County government of Trans Nzoia, Kenya. The study was anchored on sequential theory of decentralization and adopted embedded mixed methods research design. The target population was 663 respondents comprising of 15 administrators, 16 doctors, 50 clinical officers, 240 nurses and 342 patients' care givers in all the 74 public health care facilities in the County government of Trans Nzoia. Stratified random sampling technique was used to select 331 respondents comprising of 8 administrators, 8 doctors, 19 clinical officers 148 nurses and 148 patient care takers and patients were sampled from 74 public health facilities for study. Data was collected using questionnaires, checklist and document analysis guide. Validity of data collection instruments was determined by experts and peers, and the tool modified accordingly after a pilot study in the neighboring Bungoma County. Reliability was established using test re-test technique, thereafter reliability coefficient was calculated using Pearson product moment correlation. Data was analyzed using frequencies, percentages, means, standard deviation, Spearman rank order correlation, simple linear and multiple regressions. Data was presented using tables, charts and graphs. The study established that implementation of devolved procurement governance structure significantly influenced service delivery in the public health sector in the County government of Trans Nzoia. However, the level of implementation of devolved governance structure was low thus affecting delivery of services in the health sector. The study recommended recruitment of competent procurement practitioners to handle procurement of goods and services in the health sector. Management of health facilities should also ensure that the constitution of procurement committees encompasses a professional mix to ensure departmental needs are addressed.

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