

An assessment of challenges of procurement management in Mpigi District Local Government

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ABSTRACT:

This study is about the assessment of the challenges of procurement management in Mpigi district local government. The principle objective of this study was to analyze the nature of procurement management in Mpigi district in relation to the prescribed guidelines; the challenges faced by the district contracts committee and the attitude of the people towards the replacement of DTBs with district contracts committees.

The research was based on primary data collected from various categories of respondents who included former members of District tender boards, Head of departments, community leaders, the Business community and other members of Mpigi. Collection of data and these included the questionnaires and interview methods. The survey considered a total of 90 respondents and majority of the respondents (27%) were aged between 41-50 years. Descriptive statistics, which involved the use of frequencies and percentages, were used to analyze the data got from the field.

Findings generally reveal that there is a significant relationship between the adaptation of the contracts committees and an improvement in the delivery of goods and services in Mpigi district. There is also a significant relationship between the abolition of the district tender boards, and their replacement with district contracts committees with an improvement in the attitude of the people towards the district Contracts Committee (DCC).

From the above, it is further depicted quite clearly that there is an improvement in the management of the tendering system. Members of the district contracts committees in Mpigi according to the findings have tried to follow the prescribed procurement guidelines as prescribed in the public procurement and disposal of Public Assets Act 1 of 2003. 74.7% (83) of the entire number of the respondents indicated that Mpigi district contracts committee now follow the prescribed procurement guidelines.