

Influence of Political Leadership on the Advancement of Modern Road Infrastructure for Sustainable Development in Narok North Sub-County, Kenya

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Abstract

Investment in infrastructure is at an all-time high globally, thus an ever-increasing number of decisions are being made by legislators to foster patterns of development for future generations. Road Infrastructure development has become one of the pertinent concerns of the modern governments. Kenya has in the recent past been highlighted as one of the countries with decent and technologically-sophisticated road infrastructure in the continent. Despite this milestone, little is known about the place of political leadership in determining the development of road infrastructure in the country. Thus, in an effort to understand the development and sustainability of road infrastructure, this research paper sought to investigate the influence of political leadership on the development of road infrastructure in fostering sustainable development. Purposive sampling method was used to select the participants to the study. A sample of 48 public administrators poised at the forefront of implementing road infrastructure development projects and 96 mature citizens within the 48 administrative units in Narok North Sub-County participated in the study. Interviews were conducted with the public administrators and questionnaires administered to the citizens respectively. Thematic analysis as well as quantitative analysis were carried out to analyze the data. The findings of the study (71.74% of the respondents) revealed that political leadership is a key ingredient in road infrastructure development and any other development discourse and therefore citizens should choose leaders that will initiate and sustain development.

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