

Strategic Procurement Planning and Service Delivery of County Governments in Western Kenya Region

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Abstract

Ensuring the provision of public services in Kenya entails public expenditure through sourcing of goods, works and services thus, the integrity of the entire process from tendering to delivery of goods, works and services and their use portrays the robustness of proper management of public resources and fidelity to the constitution of Kenya. However, corruption has been cited as a major hindrance to socio-economic development in Kenya as there exists misappropriation of public funds in most of the Counties and allegedly 50% of it is related to the public procurement practices adopted. The main objective of the study was to determine the effects of strategic procurement planning on service delivery of County Governments in Western Kenya Region. The study was guided by the Mc Kinsey 7s framework model while adopting a positivist research philosophy. The study was conducted in Counties in western Kenya region which included; Kakamega, Busia, Vihiga and Bungoma. The study target population comprised of 228 officers which was categorized into chief officers, Directors, Finance officers and procurement officers. The study adopted stratified random sampling in selecting a sample of 174 respondents. Primary data was gathered through a questionnaire and interview schedules. A pilot study was done in order to test for validity and the reliability of research instruments. The study utilized both descriptive and inferential statistics. The findings of the study established that Strategic Procurement Planning significantly accounted for 40.5% of the variance in Service Delivery of County Governments in Western Kenya ($R^2=0.405$, $P<0.05$). Specifically, when Strategic Procurement Planning increases by one unit, service delivery changes by 0.636 units ($\beta_1=0.636$, $P<0.05$). Thus, there existed a positive and significant relationship between strategic procurement planning and service delivery of County Governments in Western Kenya Region.

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