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ABSTRACT
The present research aimed at finding contribution of income generated by prisoners in supporting the budget allocated to Rwanda Correction Service. This research was carried out in Butare prison with the following specific objectives: to establish whether prisoners’ standards of living are adequately catered for by a pre-determined budget allocation by government of Rwanda, find out if the production from prison resources were efficiently utilized in income generating activities towards supporting the budget allocated to RCS and finally, to suggest ways that may enable prisons to improve its production and become self-sufficient. The researcher used targeted sampling to choose 12 administrative staff of Butare Prison, 15 administrative staff at the headquarters of Rwanda Correction Service (involved in production strategy implementation) and 6 at the Ministry of Internal Security (based on relevancy). Two hundred fifty five prisoners were chosen using the convenient formula of Alain Bouchard random sampling among literate individuals sliced into 32 equal layers. In order to summarize the information and present the findings, data was collected, edited, coded, tabulated and analyzed. The study is significant to the researcher, academicians, Government of Rwanda, Ministry of Internal Security and Prisoners Authorities. It enabled the researcher to understand more contribution of income generated by prisoners in supporting the budget allocated to Rwanda correction service. The government and the Ministry of Internal Security would have significant importance in promoting the good practice of budget management and propose policy adjustment and strategies guideline in order to resolve issues related to income generated by prisoners respectively. The resources at Butare Prison are not sufficient and the methods and techniques used are not mechanized and modernized. Prisoners and administrators emphasis on local industries and suggested available tractors. The research recommended RCS and Ministry of Internal Security to provide training, materials, and regularly pay the 10% due to prisoners involved in production activities as an enforcement of their work. There would be also marketing of the products of prisoners and follow up the works done by prisoners.