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FACTORS INFLUENCING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS: A CASE OF MUNUKI PAYAM, JUBA COUNTY, CENTRAL EQUATORIA STATE SOUTH SUDAN

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ABSTRACT

The study specific objectives include establishing the effect of community participation, stakeholders’ Involvement, Monitoring and evaluation and lack of financial resources on the performance on community based projects. The findings of the study will benefit residents of Munuki Payam, community based organizations, project managers and researchers. The research study was done in Munuki Payam, Juba County, Central Equatorial State South Sudan targeting administrators, community leaders and officials of community based organizations. The study will be done between July and August 2014. The research used descriptive research design. The study targeted 40 respondents comprising 15 CBO officials running the projects, 20 community leaders and 5 Payam Development officers. The study used primary data. Primary data was collected using self-administered questionnaires. The questionnaire consist of open ended and close ended questions. This was used to gain a better understanding and enabled a more insightful interpretation of the results from the study. Validity indicates the degree to which the instrument measures the constructs under investigation (Mugenda and Mugenda, 2003). A pilot study was conducted by the researcher administering the guide to 5 CBO officials from the neighboring Counties. From this pilot study the researcher was able to detect questions that needed editing and those with ambiguities. The research was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. Once the data was collected it was checked for completeness and readiness for analysis. The quantitative data was analyzed using descriptive statistics such as mean, standard deviation and percentages. Data presentation was done by the use of percentages and frequency tables. The study concludes that is need for adequate resource adequacy, stake holder involvement, project planning and monitoring and evaluation affect project performance of community-based projects in Munuki payam, Juba county, central equatorial state south Sudan. The study recommends that the stakeholders should be involved in generation of ideas that are later developed into projects, determining the nature and size of the project, identifying stakeholders and analyzing their needs so as to set goals that are to be achieved, financial analysis of the project cost (budgeting), development of project specifications and schedules on how it will be undertaken, actual implementation of the project and monitoring of the ongoing with the planned. There is need for adequate planning for a successful implementation of the project. There is need for monitoring and evaluation of projects so as to enhance the performance of projects. The study recommends that a study be done in other states in South Sudan.