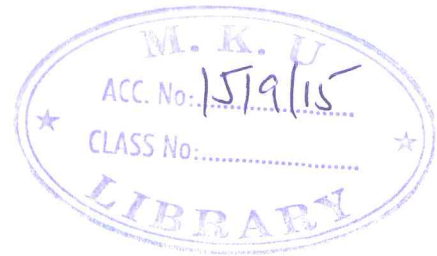


**FACTORS AFFECTING THE EFFICIENCY OF PROCUREMENT
FUNCTION IN PUBLIC SECTOR IN KENYA: A CASE STUDY OF
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**



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ABSTRACT

Public procurement plays a vital role in driving the economy in every country. In Kenya it is one of the strategies of achieving the Vision 2030 by promoting the local industries. The study was focused on factors affecting the procurement function efficiency in public sector in Kenya with specific reference to the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure. The specific objectives of the study were to; establish the effects of information communication technology, training and development, quality assurance and government policy on procurement function efficiency in Kenya. The study will be of importance to the management of the ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, other ministries and researchers. The study used descriptive research design and stratified random sampling procedure to select the sample that represented the entire population. The study targeted 110 respondents from the three levels of management and a sample size of 56 respondents. Questionnaire was the main method of data collection. Then the results were analyzed by use of both qualitative and quantitative techniques which involved the use of tables and charts for easy interpretation

The study made conclusion. It was noted that ICT adopted can affect the procurement function according to 82% of the majority respondents, Training is needed to impact employees with better skills to do all procurement activities as 77% of the majority respondents stated, quality assurance is needed for efficient purchasing procedures as noted by 84% of the respondents .It was noted that government policy can influence procurement efficiency through efficiency and effective operations this is in line with 86% of the respondents.

It was recommended that best technology should be used in different procurement processes to create efficiency. The study recommends that transport ministry should train their employees to improve on the skills needed to help in procurement efficiency. The study also recommended that quality assurance is best needed to improve product standards. The government policy gives a guide in all ministries to undertake better procurement procedures.