

**WAYS OF IMPROVING SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
FUNCTION EFFICIENCY IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR.A CASE
STUDY OF MBOONI WEST SUB COUNTY MAKUENI COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to find ways of improving supply chain management function efficiency in the public sector a case of Mbooni West Sub County Headquarters in Makueni County. The objectives of the study were: to establish how independence of the procurement department, promotion of capacity development, inventory management and regular procurement audit would improve efficiency in the sub county headquarters. Data for this study was gathered using questionnaires which were administered to 40 officers which is 50% of the population in Mbooni West sub county headquarters. 36 of the questionnaires were returned which was 85%. The study found out that all stakeholders in matters of procurement should have basic training in procurement by holding regular workshops and seminars not just training the supply chain management staff, there should be an inventory management system set out in all departments, there should be regular procurement audit. This can be done by electronic tracking of the procurement cycle; Independence of the supply chain function would enhance prevention of interference in its functioning.

This study will be of help to the public procurement oversight authority which is the body that monitors the public procurement system. The findings can equip the authority with the relevant information helpful during future amendments to the act and regulations. The research findings can be communicated to the public procurement oversight authority to help in their future policy formulation.