

**NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) IN PROMOTING GENDER
EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN RWANDA
A CASE STUDY OF PRO-FEMMES TWESE HAMWE (ALL OF US FOR WOMEN) IN
NYARUGENGE DISTRICT**

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ABSTRACT

Rwanda government had embarrassed from its history all forms of gender inequality and discrimination against women as well as other country around the world. The rationale of this study is to assess the role of NGOs locally and internationally in gender equality and women promotion in Rwanda. The study was not conducted countrywide, but only limited to Nyarugenge district, where the researcher targeted but not only Pro-femmes Twese Hamwe members where most of NGOs operate in gender promotion, was not easy to find an organization working in promoting both male and female last years but now we can see some of them are changing trends by involving men and women in their empowerment projects. The researcher used the questionnaire for customers that benefited from NGOs assistance, the local government staffs and NGOs staffs in order to collect primary data. To collect the secondary data, the researcher used documentation, observation, and interviews. The study also defined the keys terms, qualitative and quantitative techniques were used in literature review. To analyse data, the researcher used the methods such as coding, analysis and tabulation. The sample size of this study has been calculated using the formula of Alain Bouchard. After analysing the results, the study reveals that through the information got from respondents, a large number of respondents agreed that NGOs played a great role promoting gender equality and women empowerment through different domains of intervention such as education, health services and trainings. Finally the next leaps of gender equality and women promotion should be studied and further investigated to modernize the context. This project is a contribution of NGOs on promoting gender equality and women empowerment by empowerment approach in social development of Rwanda.