

INFLUENCE OF MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORKS ON PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN GALANA KILIFI COUNTY, KENYA

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ABSTRACT

The objective of the study was to establish how monitoring and evaluation frameworks influence performance of public agricultural projects in Galana Kilifi County, Kenya. Monitoring and evaluation frameworks was measured in terms of participatory monitoring, staff training in monitoring and evaluation, sectoral coordination and partnerships with agricultural technology management agency. To validate the findings inferential statistics was used to test the hypothesis that there is no significant relationship between monitoring and evaluation frameworks and performance of public agricultural projects in Galana Kilifi County, Kenya. The study adopted pragmatic paradigm with mixed methods research approach, using descriptive survey and correlation research designs. A total of 226 respondents composed of 21 senior level managers, 82 middle level managers and 123 junior level managers, participated in the study drawn from a population of 550 respondents guided by Krejcie and Morgan theory of sample size determination. Data was collected through structured questionnaires and interview schedule. Responses in the questionnaires were processed by use of Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 21.0 programme to analyze the data. Non-parametric data was analyzed descriptively by use of measures of central tendency as the tools of data analysis. Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Analysis (r) was used to establish correlation between the variables. The findings of the study revealed that monitoring and evaluation frameworks was correlated to performance of public agricultural projects in Galana Kilifi County, Kenya, as seen from test of hypothesis that p-value of $0.000 < 0.05$ level of significance. It is recommended that there should be utilization of participatory monitoring, staff training in monitoring and evaluation, sectoral coordination and partnerships with agricultural technology management agency to influence performance of public agricultural projects in Galana Kilifi County, Kenya.

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