

## **FACTORS AFFECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REFORMS IN THE WATER SECTOR IN KENYA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The purpose of the study was to analyze the factors affecting the implementation of reforms in the water sector in Kenya. The specific objectives of the study were to analyze those factors that are affecting the implementation of reforms in the water sector in relation to the commitment of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation towards the implementation of the water sector reforms, the transfer plan, staff preparedness and the financial position of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation. The purpose of the study is to address this issue and see the reasons of the shortcomings. There is the literature review on the water sector reforms which gives out the theories behind it, what past researchers have commented on the water sector reforms and the concepts and operationality. In the research methodology, the study used descriptive design.

The target population was 195 respondents where 46 formed the sample size. Random stratified sampling was used. Data was collected through interviews and questionnaires. The data was analyzed through qualitative and quantitative methods. The study found out that there was little commitment by the Ministry of Water and Irrigation in the implementation process. It was revealed that the process was taking too long due to lack of capacity for the new institutions to pay better salaries, lack of funds from ministry of water and irrigation and uncertainty on the fate of staff after transfer. The study concluded that the ministry of water and irrigation was not committed towards the reforms, financial stability was lacking in terms of funds and resources and a lot of political interests were involved in the water reforms. The study concluded that the ministry should allocate funds in its budget to aid in the reforms. The reforms once implemented should be evaluated continuously to ensure transparency and accountability. The study recommends that the Ministry of water and irrigation should be committed towards the water reforms by providing funds to spearhead the reforms.

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