

FACTORS INFLUENCING EFFICIENT PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN THE FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN KENYA: A CASE STUDY OF MACHAKOS COUNTY

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ABSTRACT

According to Ministry of Education statistics, Machakos County's education expenditure as a percentage of GDP remained fairly constant, ranging from 6.1% in 2005/6 to 6.4 % in 2009/10. Recurrent spending of predominantly administration and teachers 'salaries, accounted for 91% of education sector public spending in 2009/10. The gains for poorest quintile at primary level are estimated at 24.7 percent; 9.5 percent for secondary and 1.9 percent for tertiary education. This study was be carried out to assess the factors influence public procurement under free primary education programme in Kenya with reference to Machakos County. The study variables include: staff training technology, supplier management and relations and the organizational structure which will be supported by relevant theories. The study will be of benefit to the Machakos County, Government of Kenya and other researchers. The study was limited by confidentiality, nature of work, and uncooperative respondent. The target population was the District Education Officers, head teachers and support staff in procurement to give a total of 1706 with a sample size of 171 respondents. Questionnaires were the main data collection instruments. The study employed both quantitative and qualitative research in its data analysis. Data was presented using tables, pie charts and bar graphs.

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