

DETERMINANTS OF EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECTS IN BARINGO CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY, KENYA

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ABSTRACT

Parliamentary involvement in grassroots projects and in community development has been growing in developing countries such as Kenya. One policy tool for this involvement is Constituency Development Funds (CDF), which dedicate public money to benefit specific political subdivisions through allocations and/or spending decisions influenced by their representatives in the national parliament. Studies done on CDF funded initiatives in Kenya show a lot of money has been disbursed, but effective implementation of these initiatives has been very low. The current study therefore attempted to establish the determinants of effective implementation of CDF funded projects in Baringo Central Constituency, Kenya. The study employed a descriptive design using quantitative approaches. The target population was all 150 project beneficiaries, management committees and constituency planning and development officers in all CDF funded projects. The study used closed ended questionnaires to collect data. The Statistical Package for Social Sciences Version 21 was used to analyze the data and the results obtained was presented using tables. The study found that all four factors influenced effective implementation with community participation and training having the greatest influence. The study further found an R^2 value of 0.6379 implying that 63.8% of the variations in the effective implementation of CDF projects can be explained by the variations in independent variables. The study recommended that project stakeholders enhance community participation in the entire project implementation process. Further, the study recommends enhance planning and training in order to have effective implementation of CDF projects in the country.

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