

**An Assessment of Procurement Planning on the Efficiency of Procurement Function in Bungoma County**

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**Abstract:**

This study endeavoured to assess the effect of procurement planning on the efficiency of procurement function in Bungoma County. In the methodology, a case study and an explanatory research designs were used. The study targeted 225 employees, 115 departmental heads and 1,126 suppliers. The simple random and stratified sampling techniques were used to select the respondents. The questionnaires, interview schedules and telephone interviews were used to collect data. The three constructs of validity were used while reliability of the instruments was achieved by use of Cronbach Alpha method. The data was analysed at two levels; use of descriptive and inferential statistics. The results indicated that there was a positive and significant effect between procurement planning and the efficiency of procurement function. Therefore, identification and prioritization, participatory in planning, adherence to procurement plan and timely procurements were areas highlighted to be enhanced to realize better efficiency of procurement function. It was therefore recommended that the County Government of Bungoma should strengthen the procurement planning function in the County since it contains useful information

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