

**Challenges and Opportunities of Community Participation in Community Policing  
A Case of Dodoma Municipality in Tanzania**

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The study focused on investigating challenges and opportunities of community participation in community policing in Dodoma municipality, Tanzania. The study objectives were to identify the practice of community policing in the case study, examine community participation in community policing and determine the opportunities of community participation in community policing. The study used stratified, cluster and purposive sampling to select respondents to be interviewed. Interviews and questionnaire techniques were used to collect data. Data were analysed based on type of data collected. Thus, qualitative and quantitative techniques were used in analysing data. The study findings show that community policing is not practiced equally in the community, other streets and wards, implement community policing differently, others are active while others inactive in implementation due to nature of community and geographical location. The study revealed that community participates in planning, implementation, monitoring and decision making. In which helps in crime prevention, civic education provision from the church, college, leaders' meeting and schools, formation of community policing groups, strengthened relationship between police officers and citizens. As, such the study recommends police force increase collaboration with citizens and community members to have sense of ownership in towards accomplishment of community policing activities.