

Procurement Planning and Service Delivery in Local Government Authorities
The Case of Moshi District Council
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Developing countries have continued to reform their public procurement practices in an attempt to increase competition, transparency, accountability and value for money. This study focused on examining the contribution of effective procurement planning towards service delivery in local government taking Moshi District Council as a case study. It aimed to determine stakeholders' involvement in the development of APP; examine the effective implementation of APP in LGAs at MDC; determine the contribution of management support on effectiveness of APP implementation; and identify challenges experienced in the implementation of APPs that affect service delivery. The research adopted a cross sectional design and applied purposive and simple random sampling in selecting the respondents. Data were collected by using questionnaires, interviews and documentary reviews. Data analysis involved the use of descriptive methods, regression and content analysis. The study found that at MDC stakeholders were effectively involved in APP. The implementation of APP was found to be effective whereby the regression analysis indicated the independent variable were statistically significant with a r square of 78% and significance level of 0.002. The main challenges encountered were non-competitive procurement during procurement process and contradictions of PPA rules and regulation governing procurement procedures. It is concluded that maintaining motivated and engaged stakeholders is essential to the successful execution of annual procurement plan in LGAs. The study recommends that all stakeholders at MDC (procurement managers, procurement officers, senior management, head of departments and units and stores department) should cooperate with PMU in the whole process of preparation and completion of annual procurement plan.