

# Review of: "Procurement Planning & the Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC)"

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## Reviewer's Comments

I have reviewed the paper titled "Procurement Planning & the Rwanda Biomedical Centre".

The literature on Procurement Planning & the Rwanda Biomedical Centre was properly reviewed. The paper has been able to discuss the study's findings vis-à-vis prior studies on Procurement Planning & the Rwanda Biomedical Centre.

Please see the reviewer's comments that could improve the paper.

Thank you.

## Aspect of paper: Abstract

1. Likewise, a national daily, The New Times, reported that the RBC was the least performer.

I suggest that you write in what area. I suppose that you are referring to public procurement.

2. In the light of these .....

I suggest that the author rewrites this phrase as In the light of the issues of poor procurement planning, .....

3. JEL classification: Please insert the JEL classification in the paper.

## Aspect of paper: Introduction

1. Paragraph 3: Whereas previous studies.....

Please specifically cite the previous studies to which you are referring.

2. Paragraph 3: However, studies .....

Please specifically cite the studies to which you are referring.

3. Paragraph 3: Further, studies .....

Please specifically cite the studies to which you are referring.

## Aspect of paper: Statement of the problem

1. Paragraph 1: Procurement planning is an essential component of public finance that

has an impact on many other components .....

What are the other components?

Please specify them.

2. Paragraph 1: However, the institution has poor procurement practices.

Please cite the authority behind this information.

3. Paragraph 1: For example, The New Times (2017) reported that the RBC was the worst performer.

In what area was the RBC the worst performer?

4. Paragraph 1: However, there is limited research that has been conducted on this

institution in regard to its procurement planning, practices, and how these functions affect its performance.

The study is yet to provide sufficient evidence before arriving at the conclusion that there is limited research. The author should discuss the research that has been conducted in the areas of procurement planning, practices, and how procurement planning and practices affect performance.

Then, the question is: how does the current study measure performance?

Is it financial performance or non-financial performance?

Please specify the performance to which the study is referring.

Aspect of the Paper: Significance of the Study

1. Paragraph 1: Please, I suggest that the author discusses the theoretical, empirical, and practical significance of the study.

Aspect of the paper: Literature Review

1. Paragraph 1: In our review of the literature on the subject matter, we ....

Please replace the pronoun 'we' with 'the study'.

2. Paragraph 2: After citing Gelderman et al. (2006), the author is citing He lists.....

My question is: Is Gelderman et al. (2006) a single individual?

I suggest you cite using the phrase "The study..."

3. When writing a literature review for a paper, I suggest you write the sections in a

manner that leads to the formulation of the research objectives/questions/hypotheses.

4. Write the literature review by embedding the theoretical, empirical, and conceptual framework.

#### Aspect of the paper: Methods

1. What is the study's population?
2. Justify the use of a census for the sample size.
3. Briefly describe the questionnaire.

#### Aspect of the paper: Results and Discussion

1. There should be a discussion of the findings of the current study vis-à-vis the findings by prior studies.

#### General observations

1. The author should state the study's contribution to knowledge. I suggest that a maximum of two contributions is adequate for the study.