

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

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This is an interesting paper highlighting the positive effects of planning the procurement.

There are a few observations the authors may consider as they refine the paper for more clarity.

The paper seems to be focused on showing the importance and benefits of procurement planning and some transparent implementation using the RBC as a case in point.

From the content of the paper, it appears RBC is doing a fairly good job of it. What is confusing as a reader is some of the sentences/statements in the paper that show otherwise.; i.e., contradict the message. For example, on page 3 of 16, first paragraph, line 6, there is a statement -"however, this institution has poor procurement practices"; line 8, there is a statement about the inconsistency of its procurement practices..

The question, therefore, is this: Is the paper showing how RBC has transitioned from poor practices to better ones since they began to implement procurement planning? Is it the aspect of "before and after"? Status? If so, then maybe reference periods need to be mentioned .

The policy implications section is not very clear to me. What are the policy aspect/s that the authors are highlighting -to have a procurement policy?, etc

The context part of the paper is quite interesting and educative for a non-expert in procurement. However, it is a bit long and, in some places, a bit repetitive -the authors may consider shortening it a bit.

An observation on the references: there are some which are quite old-2000 and earlier-there are none more recent?

Once more, a very interesting paper demonstrating that public institutions can and are able to practice effective procurement practices that yield positive results.

