

ABSTRACT

Value for money in public procurement in Tanzania is one of the major principles of the public procurement. VFM in procurement of works is very significant as a lot of government funds are being directed to the works procurement. The aim of this study was to assess the challenges that hinder attainment of value for money in public procurement of works in Tanzania National Parks Authorities (TANAPA). The study is intended to achieve four specific objectives including: (a) to determine the role of procurement stakeholders in attaining value for money in procurement of works at TANAPA, (b) to determine performance measures for value in works procurement, (c) to evaluate possible obstacles in achieving value for money in procurement of works and (d) to assess competence of Procurement Management Unit (PMU) staff and management support in achieving value for money. The study involved 70 TANAPA staffs from the HQ. Primary data were collected through questionnaires and key informant interviews. Secondary data were obtained from various TANAPA and PPRA annual reports from 2001/2 to 2014/14. The findings revealed that the major perceived challenge was the incompetence of the PMU staffs. However in the findings it was noted that the established determinants of value for money were efficient and useful for the organisation and about 48% of the respondents revealed that role played by procurement stakeholders in the attainment of value for money were significant.

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