ABSTRACT

This study aimed at assessing the Challenges in the Implementation of the system for procurement of common use items and services (CUIS) in PE's in Tanzania. The specific objectives of this research, firstly,to determine the mechanisms used for establishing indicative market prices for CUIS and to review if the are regulary reviewed, secondly, to determine if PE's were resisting to use the system, lastly, to determine whether there is an M&E mechanism to measure performance of the system for procurement of CUIS.

The area of the study was two selected Procurement Entities namely; Arusha City Council and Arusha District Council. Non-probability sampling technique was employed and a sample size of thirty (30) respondents from two (2) organizations was drawn. Twelve (12) respondents from Arusha District Council responded to the questionnaires giving a total of 60 % and eight (8) respondent from Arusha City Council responded to the questionnaires giving a total of 40%.

Both qualitative and quantitative methods were used during data collection. Interviews, questionnaires and documentary reviews were employed whereby the data collected were analyzed using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 18.

The findings on the First research objective revealed that indicative market prices were established and reviewed annually and semi-annually. The findings on the second research objective revealed that a considerable number of PE's were not using the system for various reasons and the findings on the last research objective revealed that there was no M&E to measure performance of the system .

The researcher recommends that a mechanism for setting prices for CUIS that will co-relate with market price should be put in place, establishment of M&E to measure the performance of the system, to have a software that will be able to detect and control the distribution of orders from PE's to economic operators and the Agency to make efforts to address the challenges that are facing the system for procurement of CUIS.