

## ABSTRACT

This study aimed to analyze factors contributing to the compliance on the Public Procurement Act 2011; a case study of project implementation by Arusha Regional Secretariat in respect to those principles provided by the Public Procurement Act 2011; tendering methods and challenges to compliance on Public Procurement Act 2011. A case study research approach was used and 141 respondents were sampled drawn from the population of frame of 218 staff of the Arusha Regional Secretariat. Self-administered questionnaires composed of closed questions were used to collect data. Data were analyzed by descriptive methods through the application of SPSS version 20. The results revealed that Arusha Regional Secretariat complies with the Public Procurement Act 2011 which observes principles of public procurement such as fairness, transparency, efficiency, fit for purpose, and value for money. The results also revealed that Arusha Regional Secretariat complies with the Public Procurement Act 2011 on restricted tendering methods during the execution of the project activities. The study also revealed that factors such as lack of employee professional ethics, bureaucracy, familiarity with procurement methods by ARS Staff, and ambiguity of the public procurement principles were the major challenges on compliance with the Public Procurement Act 2011 during the execution of project activities in Arusha Regional Secretariat. It was concluded that compliance with the Public Procurement Act 2011 has influential factors. Recommendations were provided to Arusha Regional Secretariat management to consider the more reducing level of reporting hierarchy through delegation during the implementation of project activities; Arusha Regional Secretariat Personnel to change their attitude and improve their understanding of procurement principles; Public Procurement Regulatory Authority and policy makers to review and simplify procurement principles which may be used during implementation of project activities.

**Key words:** Procurement Act, Regulations, Regional Secretariat, Compliance, Project implementation.

