



STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF HEALTH PROJECTS AMONG NGOS IN UGANDA

Abstract

The purpose of the study was to examine the effect of stakeholder participation and the sustainability of health projects among NGOs in Uganda. Since the study intended to test rather than generate theory, it adopted a quantitative approach. It also involved descriptive and analytical research designs. The study sample consisted of 92 health projects conducted by 92 NGOs in Kampala district. The data collected was edited for incompleteness and inconsistency to ensure correctness of the information given by the respondents, through pretesting and adjustments by the two research supervisors. Variables were coded and Statistical package for social scientists (SPSS) was used for data entry and analysis. Presentation of the study findings was based on the study objectives.

The results from the study revealed that there are still low levels of Stakeholder and Stakeholder Commitment in health projects among NGOs in Uganda. In addition, the results revealed that there is a positive and significant relationship between stakeholder participation and Sustainability of health projects among NGOs in Uganda. In addition, the study findings revealed a strong and significant relationship between Stakeholder participation and stakeholder

Commitment. The study also found out that Stakeholder Commitment is a potential mediator and plays a partial mediation role in the relationship between Stakeholder participation and Project Sustainability. This implies that to improve on the sustainability of health projects, there is need to put emphasis on ensuring that stakeholders participate in the projects activities so as to have them Committed to the project.

The study therefore recommended project managers to ensure that stakeholders highly participate in the project activities. This can be achieved through identifying them early, consulting them, and allowing them to take part on the decisions regarding the project as one way of building stakeholders' interest in the project.