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ABSTRACT
The study was carried out in Rugarama sector Gatsibo district. It was intended to find out the effect of Coproriz-Ntende cooperative on poverty reduction in Rwanda. the study was guided by the three objectives such as determining the level of economic revenue achieved by COPRORIZ-NTENDE members from this cooperative organization; evaluating the level of satisfaction of socio-economic means of the organization members and the community around and assessing the level at which the same organization has reached to reduce poverty in Gatsibo district in Rugarama sector in eastern province. The study rotated around the COPRORIZ-NTENDE members and non members of the neighboring villages. Only stratified random sampling techniques was used. Data were collected from 120 respondents by the use of different methods. Secondary data was collected from internet, magazines, books, newspapers and other related documents. The study found out that positive impacts of COPRORIZ-NTENDE on poverty reduction are being done in Rwanda. The study findings reveal that this cooperative greatly contributes towards improving rural standards of living in Rugarama sector in Gatsibo district. Direct support are rice farming activities such as employment, fertilizers, seeds of high quality, loans, trainings marketing at good price, serving and infrastructure development were ways mentioned in which COPRORIZ-NTENDE contributes towards poverty reduction in rural areas. According to the research findings, recommendations were proposed to support the said organization to achieve its goals. Some of them are like financial support is highly needed in the area so that cooperative can be able to expand its activities in other economic sectors that will contribute to poverty reduction in the area. Increasing productivity will only require improvements in water control but will require addressing other major constraints to produce such as degenerated varieties, absence of research, and insufficiency of inputs and poor application of technological alternatives.