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ABSTRACT
This study entitled “women marginalization and community development” a case study of Kamegari Sector of Nyamagabe district in Southern province of Rwanda aimed at analyzing how women marginalization was affecting community development in Kamegeri sector. The specific objectives of the study included examining women participation in decision making processes. Access to land ownership, establishing the level of education and skills development and critically recommended how marginalized women could be empowered to fully contribute to community development in the sector. The main findings were that a big number of women least participated in decision making due to low levels of education, cultural barriers and lack of property ownership. The study recommended that, government should strengthen gender equality and participation at family as well as community levels. District officials should encourage functional literacy programmes which include simple technological skills that target both men and women. Emphasis should be put on sensitizing men and women on the role of gender participation and more so on the setback of ignoring more than 52 percent the population. Men should be sensitized on the need to allow women to form associations through which they can work towards achieving their freedom and legal rights.