ABSTRACT

People’s participation in community development was taken as focus of this study that assessed its practice by WV ADP Buliza. Research questions and research objectives aimed at establishing the share of project beneficiaries in the decision making throughout their entire lifecycle. Primary and secondary stakeholders in this considered field were registered children whose school fees are paid by WV, Other Vulnerable Children who are offered vocational training, house owners and cattle raisers who had these capitals as gifts from WV. The researcher consulted numerous books, articles and internet links to construct a theoretical base for participation and to draw guiding principles for successful people’s contribution in their sustainable development. Thereafter, relevant methods and techniques were used to collect, analyze and interpret data on participation practice by WV in the Buliza ADP. Findings revealed as general trends that people do not participate in projects identification. Also no material contribution is required; rather, complete handouts are distributed by WV. Projects control is the impact is mitigated by lack of participation and their sustainability is undermined by lack of ownership preparedness. In view of the findings, the study derived useful recommendations voiced both by primary and secondary stakeholders and by the researcher. Decision making and material contribution well shared by beneficiaries and development organization will make a difference in identifying, implementing and controlling projects that transform communities.