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ABSTRACT

The study was carried out in Ruhango district-Southern Province of Rwanda with the objective of examining the role of information in the development of cooperatives partners of 60 respondents from six cooperatives in Ruhangu district. Random sampling was used to choose 10 respondents from each cooperative of whom 5 were purposively selected as key informants from the cooperatives whereas the other five were just members. The researcher used self administered questionnaires to collect data from all the respondents. There was also use of documentary analysis and observation to supplement the data generated from questionnaires. In order to have valid instruments, the researcher formulated the research tools with assistance from the supervisor whereas the reliability was established by test retest method. The major findings was that indeed cooperatives lacked sufficient information that would develop them regarding the donors identified and negotiated by SCS /UGAMA, information about markets other cooperatives working in same domains and governmental programs about cooperatives development. The major conclusion was that cooperatives had been developing during the time because were supported by CSC/UGAMA but also the organization CSC/UGAMA in partnership with the government of Rwanda of Rwanda should encourage the active participation of cooperatives members, helping to ensure two way transmission of information, thus giving them the voice and community voice.