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ABSTRACT

The cooperatives of community health workers were created in order to improve social welfare of community health workers. The study entitled, “Opportunities and Challenges of Community health workers in Rwanda: Case of KO.TU.I.KA Rwamagana district. The objective was intended to investigate opportunities and challenges of CHWs cooperatives in Rwamagana district. The systematic sampling was used to select some key informants. The major finding indicate that most respondents mentioned CHWs cooperative had opportunities such as enough money of PBF support to be invested in income generating activities, trainings on health care, mobile phone for communicating and reporting; again they mentioned that they had benefits like touching about ten thousand Rwandese francs from 30% of PBH and to share the production of cooperative for one hand but for the other hand there are challenges such as doing poor business activities, the long distance made by members in order to be involved in cooperative activities that hinder to achieve on maximum exploitation of those opportunities. The researcher recommends to the Ministry of Health to focus on enabling all members of CHWs cooperative in term of getting learning on project planning and management and its implementation. The Ministry of health should provide bicycles for community health workers as transport means. The members of CHWs cooperative should make visits to advanced cooperatives working in other fields rather than community health work in order to know and copy what would be helpful for their cooperative. The Rwanda cooperative agency should help in creating of confederations of CHWs cooperatives involved in similar business project activities.