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ABSTRACT
The study focused on the procurement process in the performance of government funded projects in Rulindo District local government. The major objective of this study was to assess possible challenges faced by local governments in acquiring goods, works and services; and its specific objectives were to identify factors that affect public procurement process of government funded projects in Rulindo district local government; to establish the gaps in the procurement process and their effect on the success of government funded projects in Rulindo local government; to establish the support provided by Rwanda Public Procurement Authority (RPPA) to Rulindo district local government; to establish the time it takes Rulindo District Local Government to complete government funded projects as well as identify possible causes of delays in public procurement process of government funded projects in Rulindo district local government. Using survey design, it was possible to get variety of views and opinions from procurement officers, who were sampled and selected by simple random sampling technique. The views, opinions, attitudes and experiences of respondents were got using questionnaire as the main instrument. The study revealed that there were delays in public procurement due to the procurement law itself, budget constraints, lack of qualified personnel in public procurement, lack of procurement plans, financial capacity of contractors, bureaucracy and lack of monitoring of awarded tenders. Local government were recommended to develop annual procurement plans based on the availability of funds, look for qualified personnel and define mechanisms for retaining them and develop a monitoring framework that would allow them to better monitor procurement execution, including awarded contracts. There is a need for further researches, especially on the relevance of the procurement law.