ABSTRACT

“Vision 2020 Unurenge” is a new initiative by the Government of Rwanda (GOR) in collaboration with Development Partners and NGOs. It is led by the Ministry of Local Government, Governance, Community Development and Social Affairs (MINALOC) and supported by the Ministry of Finance and Economic planning (MINECOFIN). The Vision 2020 Unurenge Programme (VUP) uses the existing decentralization system and leverages technical and financial assistance to accelerate the rate of poverty reduction in Rwanda. The aim of this research was to show the contribution of this program in eradication of poverty in Gikomero Sector of Gasabo District in Kigali Town. The key objectives of the research were to assess the effectiveness and examine the effects of VUP contribution on poverty and income generation of poorest in Gikomero. The study was done by using various methodologies such as interviews, questionnaires, documentation, etc. It was found out that VUP has a real contribution in fighting poverty and influence income generation of the poorest in the Sector. For example, in 2009, we had 34% of “Destitute” in category of UBUDEHE in the sample, but all of them have graduated to another category of “Poorest” in 2011; 100% have a bank account, 89% of them have paid their health insurance, 81% have increased their meals per day, 24% have built a new house, etc. VUP has a considerable influence in poverty reduction and income generation which should be supported by all stakeholders and be given more resources to be extended in the whole country.