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The Contribution of Community Based-Organisations in Enhancing Community Development in Mpigi District: A Case Study of KACOFA, KASCHA, KACCCA, KAINSUDE, FBA, KACHOBOVENE and GODESEGRO CBO'S in Kammengo Sub-County.

The general purpose of this research was to establish and the contribution of Community-Based Organisations (CBO'S) in promoting community development in Kammengo sub-county. The specific objectives being the need to identify the CBO's that operate in Kammengo sub-county and the services they offer; to access the CBO capacity/operational gaps in delivering services and identify the existing CBO challenges in community development work. The methodology used was a case study design due to the fact that it is representative of other areas. It was a social research and, therefore, the researcher used mainly the qualitative research for purposes of knowing the general view of respondents. There was minimal use of the quantitative research approach where a few statistical figures and charts were used. The research was conducted in Kammengo sub-county in Mpigi district in the seven highlighted CBO's of KACOFA, KASCHA, KACCCA, KAINSUDE, FBA, KACHOBOVENE and GODESEGRO. The population of the study included; government officials, CBO/ NGO members/staff and community members/ beneficiaries The respondents highlighted that CBO's have made a tremendous contribution to promoting community development in Kammengo sub-county through the various programmes and projects they implement. These include: community sensitisation on HIV/AIDS prevention, access to psychosocial support through counselling, home visits to PHA's, household inspections leading to improvement on sanitation and hygiene in households. Community initiative to take care of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) through different community care coalitions lead to school enrolment of OVC, provision of scholastic materials ensuring children get sponsorship from within the sub-county and beyond as well as advocacy on child protection. Kammengo community can access medical care at subsidised prices; school drop outs can enrol for vocational training in carpentry, shoe making and brick laying to impart them with life skills and become self-reliant. Some of the summary findings for this research were that, most CBO executive members have only primary level education qualification; no single CBO in Kammengo has ever received funding from the government. Over 47% of the respondents argued that CBO's cannot exist without donor funds. A few recommendations were that: government through the district and the local government should support and build capacity of CBO's by increasing the budget of functional adult literacy; income generating projects for CBO's for purposes of helping them to focus on their goals and objectives as well as sustainability.

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