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The Operational Challenges of Local Government Organs in Mpigi District: A Case Study of Standing Committees

The study is about challenges of local government organs in Mpigi district. The general objective of the study was to establish the operational challenges of local government organs in Uganda with specific reference to standing committees in Mpigi district. The objectives of the study were to assess the operating environmental challenges of local government standing committees in Mpigi district, to assess the performance of local government standing committees in Mpigi district, to establish the relationship between operational environment challenges and the performance of local government standing committees in Mpigi district. The study found that physical resources and equipment, competencies, quantity and coordination were significant operational challenges while the standing committees did not achieve the desired performance levels. Operational environmental challenges had a significant relationship with performance of standing committees in Mpigi district and it predicted 80.2% of the variance in performance of standing committees. The study recommended that the district council, ministry of local government, central government, donors and other stakeholders should ensure that standing committees are provided with adequate office space, office equipment and office consumables to enable them perform their tasks effectively. This should be complemented by adequate capacity building through training to gain competencies. The standing committees should continuously be encouraged and supported to coordinate among committees and other relevant bodies and institutions. The standing committees should ensure that they solicit from the available resources and ensure discussion of bills in time, submission of recommendations, approving of local and district work plans, community sensitisation, monitoring of local government activities and conducting of performance appraisals of local government civil servants.

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