VISION 2020 UMURENGE PROGRAM (VUP) AND POVERTY REDUCTION AMONG HOUSEHOLDS IN NGORORERO DISTRICT IN RWANDA

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ABSTRACT

The study assessed the vision 2020 Umurenge program and poverty reduction among households in Ngororero district, Rwanda and was based on three specific objectives: to determine the level of Vision 2020 Umurenge program, to determine the level of poverty reduction among households in Ngororero district, Rwanda, to establish whether there is a significant relationship between Vision 2020 Umurenge program and poverty reduction among households in Ngororero district, Rwanda. It employed a descriptive correlation survey design, used SAQ to collect data from 378 out of 7135 respondents, using simple random sampling. Data analysis was done using SPSS's frequencies and percentages; means and PLCC. The findings showed that both the level of Vision 2020 Umurenge program and poverty reduction among households in Ngororero district, Rwanda was very high. PLCC revealed positive and significant relationship between Vision 2020 Umurenge program and poverty reduction among households in Ngororero district, Rwanda. The researcher recommended that if poverty is to be reduced among households in Ngororero District, Rwanda vision 2020 Umurenge program is to improve; there should be an urgent need to sensitize the farming households in the study area on the relevance of family planning. There is need for the state and local government to extend the skills acquisition centers to more rural areas in the state and to further strengthened the existing ones. The government should improve the efficiency of its payments and public works implementation systems. The government should empower the financial services sub-components. Progress and lessons learnt from the Ubudehe Credit Scheme piloting in the first 60 sectors. Basing on cultural theory of poverty by Oliver La Farge (1959) that guided the study, it was proved that improvement in Vision 2020 Umurenge program influence poverty reduction among households in Ngororero District, Rwanda.