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## **ABSTRACT**

This research aimed at finding out the contribution of women cooperatives to development of their members, to assess the role of government's contribution to women empowerment through cooperatives and examines the challenges faced by women cooperatives in supporting women empowerment. The methods used to collect data were a questionnaire and interviews. In Musanze district, the Abanyamurava cooperative is one of the many women cooperatives which contribute to a lot to women development via industrial, health, education, environmental sectors. Through questionnaires and interview, a higher number of respondents showed they are very well appreciation about the contribution of the Abanyamurava cooperative to the society development. Authorities interviewed revealed that education, trainings, financial support are provided to facilitate the Abanyamurava. The major recommendation was to encourage all the stakeholders (beneficiaries, leaders and institutions) to work together to joint efforts in order to fight poverty among women.