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### **ABSTRACT**

This research was aimed at investigating whether terracing projects of Public Works one of the three components of VUP programe got positive effect in poverty reduction in Fumbwe Sector, Rwamagana District, Rwanda. Purposive and simple random sampling methods were used to select Public Work Project beneficiaries which are seen logically to be a good sample representation since they are homogenous; these were 100 respondents. The total sample size was 112 respondents including 12 officials. There are a number of challenges that hinder implementation of public works in Fumbwe Sector, such as: unskilled PW project committees, dependency on donor's funds and no maintenance strategies for implemented projects. In general, public work project terracing as an example, have made a significant positive change to the society and VUP beneficiaries in particular. Respondents were pointing out: increased food security, increased household income, increased local investment, reduction in malnutrition, increased agricultural production, access to microfinance institutions and family health insurance. Owning livestock, etc. the findings show high percentages of these indicators as measured by the responses given to the researcher.