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ABSTRACT

Ubudehe project a rural development and poverty eradication in Ngororero District Rwanda 2006 to 2009 was set out with the following objectives: to examine Ubudehe project in combating poverty in Ngororero District; how it was affecting development and analyze the impact of Ubudehe project in developmental projects. The research questions guiding the study were the following: Has the Ubudehe project been effective in combating poverty in Ngororero District? Does the Ubudehe project have enough potential to enhance concepts effort for development cause? Can the Ubudehe project now go on without government backing and monitoring effort? To collect data were used questionnaires; structured interviews; Focused group discussions and Observations field visits. The respondents confirmed that in Economic aspect of Ubudehe project has led to increased community welfare. First, access to funding allows poor people to take advantage of economic opportunities and reduce vulnerabilities. Second, Ubudehe project funding allows poor households to change from every- day survival to planning for the future. Around 80% interviewees have confidence to fight poverty and they all agreed that poverty is not hereditary. From the study, the recommendations include; to create a favorable environment for sustainable community collective action; develop private sector to promote individual initiatives in Rwanda; enhance social and economic activities for community initiatives and collaboration to develop and enhance belief in the local community control by, grassroots organization for sustainability.