

**EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DISTRICT TECHNICAL PLANNING
COMMITTEE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF SUB COUNTY
HEALTH UNITS IN MBARARA DISTRICT**

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Abstract

The main subject of this dissertation is centred on the DTPCs effectiveness in enhancing the performance of sub county health units. The research is a case study of Mbarara District which is situated in south western Uganda. The scope of the study covers the DTPC and 22 Sub county health units while the research contributions to the existing body of knowledge are centred on the main subject. The study design was cross sectional, non experimental retrospective and involved one contact with the study population. The study population of 68 key informants included technical staff and political leaders at the District and sub county level, health staff and members of sub county health unit management committees. A random and non random sample design was used in selection of the health units and the key informants studied respectively. The study used interviews and questionnaires as methods of collecting data.

The findings of the study were based on the main subject and research questions. The study revealed that Sub county health units were not performing as expected simply because they lacked some of the requirements necessary for their performance and these requirements were supposed to be provided by the DTPC. The study also revealed that the DTPC was not effective in providing sub county health units with all requirements necessary for enhancing their performance. The recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the DTPC in enhancing the performance of sub county health units are hinged on the findings of the study.