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A STUDY OF A & M EXECUTIVE CLEANING SERVICES AND KAMPALA CAPITAL CITY AUTHORITY

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ABSTRACT

The study sought to evaluate public private partnerships in solid waste management. Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) refer to arrangements for the procurement of goods and services utilizing franchising and similar arrangement with the private sector, the private sector is contracted to provide goods and services on behalf of government (Regan 2005). This study was carried out at A & M Executive cleaning company and Kampala Capital City Authority. Therefore a total of 64 staff made the study population of this study. The sample size of 52 was determined based on Kreijcie and Morgan (1970) table. Self-administered questionnaires were used to collect responses and measurements were done, subjected to rigorous data processing and analysis using statistical package for social scientists (SPSS). The results after examining public private partnerships in solid waste management revealed that the private sector is more efficient than the public sector in solid waste management though they both have to be committed to the partnership to successfully handle the challenges meaning that neither the public sector nor the private sector could do it alone successfully.

The recommendations were that Policy guidance on public private partnerships should be revised, the government should give tax incentives like tax holidays to private firms that are willing to get involved in public private partnerships, the government should properly oversee PPP projects, the private sector should provide technical support to government organizations, Capacity building of both public and private sector employees involved in PPPs should be provided, and there should be independence of departments handling public private partnerships and a clear decision making process and sensitization of management and other government bodies on the importance of PPPs.