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List of acronyms

OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
MoES	Ministry of Education and Sports
UPSS	Universal Public secondary schools
UCE	Uganda Certificate of Education
CMI	Chartered Managerial institute
ABAHE	Arab British Academy for Higher Education
UGX	Ugandan shillings
Gov't	Government
ESA	Education Standards Agency
MGQ	Managerial Grid Questionnaire
CVI	Content Validity Index
SPSS	Statistical Package for Social Scientists
ANOVÁ	Analysis of variance
Mgt.	Management

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Abstract

This study investigated the relationship between secondary school headteachers' management styles and teachers' performance in Tororo District in Uganda. A cross-sectional survey design was employed. A sample of 28 headteachers and 294 teachers were selected using stratified and simple random sampling techniques. The study was anchored on McGregor's Theory X and Y of managing people. Using two sets of structured questionnaires and one open question attached; the teachers completed Blake and Mounton (1964) Managerial Grid Questionnaires (MGQ) scale and the headteachers completed teachers' performance level Questionnaires scale. The study used mixed method. The results revealed that democratic management style was used by 21 (75,0%) of the headteachers, balanced oriented by 6 (21.43%), and laissez-faire by 1 (3.5%). While staff and task oriented management styles were never used. The results also revealed that there was generally a moderate level of performance among the secondary school teachers in Tororo District by 64.75%. The study further revealed low, statistically significant positive correlation between people (12.7%) and task (13.2%) oriented management styles and teachers' performance. The other factors that affected teachers' performance included Government policies, quality of infrastructure, environment, teachers' welfare, attitude and professional conduct. The study recommended concurrent use of democratic and authoritarian management styles. It further recommended that the schools put measures in place against other factors responsible for teachers' moderate performance.

The study of Akram (2014) aligns the history of teachers' performance back to Eric system era when the evaluation of teachers in teacher training on their performance started gaining familiarity. Since then employee performance has become a common phrase among management scholars, consultants and reformers, not only for public organizations but also for the private sector observed (Hilgers, 2010; Prasad, 2010).

Ministry of Education in Uganda has put in place quality assurance measures which include: the Directorate of Education Standards, District Education Officers, District Inspector of Schools, School Management Committees and annual teacher appraisal forms to ensure that teachers perform their assigned duties as educators.

According to Uche and Timinepere (2012), since the 1950's management scholars picked interest in studying management styles: "Burn and Stalker, identified Organic and mechanistic styles of management; Liker, classified four approaches of management that constituted a continuum of participative, paternalistic, exploitative and consultative management styles; Harbison and Myers classified management styles as autocratic, paternalistic, participative and Laissez-faire; Khandwala articulated ten dimensions of management styles that included: conservative, participative, bureaucratic, paternalistic, authoritarian, organic, entrepreneurial, visionary, professional and altruistic. Blandchard reduced management styles to four basic types that included; directing, supporting, coaching and delegating" (p.199 – 200).

Mircea and Delia (2008) identified apathetic, task oriented, staff-oriented, group-oriented and undetermined or balanced management styles that are being used by managers in course of their work, headteachers inclusive. Using Blake and Mounton managerial grid, to extreme ends they further categorized these management styles into three; people, task orientated and undetermined management styles. While the task oriented managers use task oriented management style, staff and

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