

**Factors Influencing Compliance of Procurement Laws and Regulations in Public Procurement: A case of Tanzania Electric Supply Company, Head Office Dar es Salaam**

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The study centres on determining factors influencing compliance of procurement laws and regulations in public procurement, a case of TANESCO head office, Dar es Salaam. Specifically, the study finds out the positioning and structure of procurement function and its contribution to the organization efficiency. Secondly, it analyses awareness of procurement procedure in the case study area. Thirdly, it identifies roles of different actors in procurement unit for enhanced organization performance and procurement practices. Fourthly, it explores the perception of different actors on the level of compliance to public procurement Act and its regulations. Lastly, it identifies factors influencing compliance of public procurement Act and its regulation for enhanced organization performance. The study used interview and documentary review in data collection from 68 respondents. Data were analysed using Descriptive and Explanatory Methods where by statistical and narratives were adopted respectively. The findings revealed that staff in TANESCO are aware and understand procurement laws and regulations. However, some challenges in the compliance with laws and regulations exist. These include: unplanned procurements, budget underestimation which mislead tender board decisions and tender value above the limit. Furthermore, the study revealed several factors influencing compliance of PPA and its regulations; including professionalism, transparency, efficiency and value for money, competitiveness and accountability. From the study findings, it is recommended that short/long term training should be provided in continued basis to improve the capacity of staff for efficient and effective operation of the procurement system.