

**Challenges of Establishing E-Procurement Process in Reducing Corruption
Tendencies in Tanzania
A Case of Njombe District Council
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Majority of Local Government Authorities (Urban/District) in Tanzania have not been successful in establishing E-Procurement processes for many purposes including the reduction of corruptive tendencies in Tanzania. This has undermined their ability to finance their development activities. For this reason, this study identified the Challenges of establishing E-Procurement processes in Reducing Corruption Tendencies in Tanzania: A Case of Njombe District Council. The study adopted a case study research design with a sample of 60 respondents selected through purposeful and simple random sampling techniques. Data were collected through interviews, questionnaires, Focus Group Discussions and documentary review. The study found out that there was a need of establishing E- Procurement processes in Njombe District Council so as to reduce corruptive tendencies. It was found out that procurement processes which were used at present attracted corruptive tendencies in different aspects. The findings also showed that e- procurement could increase the possibilities of having high transparency. Also, findings showed that one of the factors that hindered the establishment of e- procurement in Njombe district council was the complicity of the information technology to many procurement officers in Njombe district; the high cost and lack of proper decisions. It was concluded that there was a need of establishing E- Procurement processes in Njombe District Council so as to reduce corruptive tendencies; E- Procurement could facilitate delivery of goods on time; Increase the possibilities of having high transparency; offered improvements in transparency, wide supplier sourcing, create high competition, could result into high profitability within the procurement entities, accountability, and citizen empowerment through better access to information. Also, one of the factors that hinder the establishment of e-procurement was political will. It was recommended that NDC management should have proper decisions in establishing E-Procurement processes with the aim of reducing corruptive tendencies in Njombe District Council. The NDC management should ensure they offer training to both Supplier officers and potential bidders. Also, it is recommended that the NDC management should have proper supervision and monitoring procedures with the aim of establishing E-Procurement in the council.