**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF COMMERCIAL BANKS IN UGANDA. A CASE STUDY OF CENTENARY BANK, MAPEERA BRANCH**

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**Introduction**

The study examined the contribution of financial management practices on financial performance of commercial banks in Uganda basing on a case study of Centenary Bank, Mapeera Branch.

**Objectives**

It was guided by three objectives i) to examine how financial reporting influences financial performance of Centenary Bank, Mapeera Branch, ii) to examine how working capital management influences financial performance of Centenary Bank, Mapeera Branch and iii) to assess how assets management influences financial performance of Centenary Bank, Mapeera Branch.

**Methodology**

The study adopted a phenomenological approach using both qualitative and quantitative research approaches. The study population was 70 and a sample size of 59 respondents.

**Key study findings**

The study revealed that financial reporting had Adjusted R Square of 66.4%, while working capital management had Adjusted R Square of 51.9% and assets management had Adjusted R Square of 82.5%.

**Recommendation**

The study suggested that management should embrace proper cash inventory and creditors management so as to ensure the institutions are able to finance their operations without financial limitations. It was also suggested that the commercial bank deals with liquid cash, enhancing their liquidity through keeping proper relationship with the shareholders is appropriate.

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