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# The Effect of Resource Allocation on Employee Productivity in Local Government Health Services in Uganda - A Case Of Kawala Health Center IV

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#### **Abstract**

This study investigated the effect of resource allocations on employee productivity within local governments in Uganda, specifically focusing on Kawala Health Center IV. The primary objectives were to assess the impacts of human resource factors, financial availability, and needs-based resource allocation on employee productivity. A cross-sectional survey design was adopted, utilizing a mixed-methods approach to enhance validity and reliability. Of the 92 participants targeted, 90 responded, providing data through self-administered questionnaires, observations, document reviews, and interviews.

Findings revealed that human resource factors positively influence employee productivity, while financial availability demonstrates a moderate significant positive relationship. Notably, a strong significant positive relationship emerged between needs-based resources and employee productivity. Overall, the study concluded that resource allocations collectively account for 47.5% of the variance in employee productivity within Kawala Health Center IV. Recommendations emphasize the necessity for managers to prioritize needs-based resources, human resource factors, and financial availability to improve employee productivity.

**Keywords:** Employee Productivity, Resource Allocation, Human Resources

#### **BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY**

Resource Allocations alludes to the budgeting of human resources as a critical component of resource allocation. Funds must be set aside by local governments for staff growth, training, and benefits (Shira, 2019).

Employee productivity is the amount of work that someone can create with the least amount of effort Kalleberg and Vaisey, (2015). Productivity is a ratio to measure how well an organization (individual, industry or country) converts input resources (labor, materials, machines etc.) into goods and services.

A growing corpus of empirical research has attempted to determine the degree to which misallocation of production components among enterprises contributes to cross-national variations in total productivity (Bin, P., et al, 2018). Hsieh and Klenow (2009) evaluate the contribution of misallocation to the explanation of cross-sectional differences in Total Factor Productivity (TFP) across China, India, and the US in a landmark article. They argue that there must be significant obstacles in China to a reallocation of resources that would increase productivity because they observe a wide range in the wedges of factors and TFP levels among the Chinese firms. They assert that removing these obstacles might result in significant increases in productivity and wealth for the whole population.

By quantifying the degree of variation in the resource misallocation among provinces, this work seeks to close the gap created by earlier studies that neglected to investigate a pertinent productivity factor (Fan and Rizov, 2014). By examining the correlation between local characteristics and the provincial level of within-industry allocative efficiency among the Chinese manufacturing enterprises, it also adds to the body of literature. Cheing Wong, 2005. The analysis takes into account a number of local factors that influence factor mobility and resource allocation, including agglomeration economies, innovation and knowledge spillovers, human capital quality, economic system internationalization, and the availability of infrastructures for work-related commuting (Meng, & Bin, 2011).

The health sector is a vital component of Uganda's national development strategy, serving as the frontline for improving public health outcomes and enhancing the quality of life for its citizens. Local governments, such as the Kiboga District Local Government, are tasked with implementing health policies and delivering essential health services to the community. However, the effectiveness of these local governments is closely tied to their ability to allocate resources efficiently and effectively. In recent years, Uganda has faced various challenges, including rising healthcare demands, limited financial resources, and a growing population. According to the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (2023), the population of Kawala suburb has increased significantly, placing additional pressure on health services and resources. The district has struggled with inadequate funding, leading to shortages in essential medical supplies, staffing, and infrastructure. A report from the Ministry of Health (2022) indicated that over 60% of health facilities in Kiboga operate below the required standards, primarily due to insufficient resource allocation.

Research shows that effective resource allocation is fundamental to improving employee productivity, particularly in the public sector. For instance, a study by Ogwang (2022) found that local governments that prioritize human resource development and ensure adequate financial investment experience higher levels of employee satisfaction and productivity. Conversely, inadequate resource allocation can lead to low morale among employees, increased turnover rates, and poor service delivery, ultimately affecting community health outcomes.

Kampala District, characterized by its unique socio-economic landscape and health challenges, presents an intriguing case study. The district's health services face specific obstacles, such as a shortage of skilled health workers, which can be attributed to inadequate training programs and poor compensation structures. Furthermore, the lack of needs-based resource allocation often results in mismatches between available resources and actual needs on the ground, leading to inefficiencies in service delivery.

Despite the recognized significance of resource allocation, there is limited empirical research focused on its direct impact on employee productivity within the local government health sector in Uganda. This study aims to fill that gap by exploring how human resource factors, financial availability, and needs-based resource allocation influence productivity among employees at Kawala Health Center IV. By doing so, this research seeks to provide valuable insights that can assist policymakers and local government managers in making informed decisions to enhance health service delivery and improve employee performance.

An increasing amount of research is pointing to a connection between different organizational performance metrics and what are known as high performance or high commitment human resource management (HRM) strategies. It's unclear, yet, why there is this correlation. This study makes the case that we must make three significant theoretical and analytical framework improvements in order to offer a compelling explanation for this association. These are the characteristics of organizational performance, the nature of HRM (particularly the justification for the particular lists of HR practices), and the relationship between HRM and performance. A framework is showcased to investigate these connections. The existing literature on HRM and performance is reviewed in the light of this analysis to identify key gaps in knowledge and help to focus further the research priorities.

In order to provide a more accurate diagnosis of the resource allocation issue in Kawala Health Center IV (KHCIV), a finding flow analysis was carried out in 2019. This showed that primary health care grants (including district level hospitals) accounted for 39% of the national health sector expenditure in 2018. Eighteen percent of that money was allocated for personal expenses. A meager amount of funds was provided to 40% of the districts for the construction of their infrastructure. If salary and drug-related expenses are excluded, this translates to a \$9,000 to \$13,700 facility budget on average each year. Similar to KHCIV, many departments receive resource allocations, including those for public health awareness, administration, and human resources. It is thought that decision-making that facilitates the allocation of resources increases worker productivity. This however has not been achieved as employees` productivity is still low especially in KHCIV, the productivity dropped from 45% to 35%. Given the aforementioned, KHCIV leaders are at a loss on how to step in and ensure that resource allocation yields the desired results. The researcher' motivation to investigate the relationship between employee productivity and resource allocation in local government stemed from this.

#### **General objective**

To find out the effect of resource allocations on employee productivity in Local Governments in Uganda.

# **Specific objectives**

The study was directed by the objectives below;

- i. To find out the effect of Human resource factor on employee productivity in Kawala Health Center IV.
- ii. To determine the effect of financial availability on employee productivity in Kawala Health Center IV.
- iii. To examine the effect of needs based resource allocation on employee productivity in Kawala Health Center IV.

## Scope of the Study

This study focused on Kawala Health Center IV, examining resource allocation and productivity within a specific timeframe of the three most recent years for data collection, that is, 2021 to 2023. The geographical scope was deliberately within Kawala a suburb of Kampala.

## Significance of the Study

The findings of this study provide crucial insights for policymakers and local government health services managers in Uganda, highlighting effective resource management strategies. Understanding the relationship between resource allocation and employee productivity can help improve service delivery, optimize employee performance, and ultimately enhance the community's health outcomes

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

This section reviewed existing literature relevant to the study of resource allocation and employee productivity within local government health services in Uganda, with a specific focus on Kawala Health Center IV. The literature is organized into three main themes: human resource factors, financial availability, and needs-based resource allocation.

Theoretical Review

This study was guided by both the social exchange and expectancy theories as explained below;

## **Social Exchange Theory**

This was developed by a sociology theorist known as George Homans in 1958. The theory provides a wide range of ideas that have big impact on comprehending workplace dynamics. The foundation of the social exchange theory is that an organization's efforts to support its workforce results in increased worker productivity (Aldhuwaihi, 2016). The theory posits that the relationships between employees and employers are built on reciprocal exchanges. Employees are likely to be more productive when they perceive fairness and support from their organization.

**Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs** emphasizes that employees must have their basic needs met (physiological, safety, love/belonging, esteem, and self-actualization) to be motivated and productive in their roles. According to McLeod (2007), this theory elaborates on people's incessant pursuit of demands, which are mostly based on their connections and relationships. Since the theory addresses many need levels and work is a component of life, it is closely tied to HRM.

**Expectancy Theory** suggests that employees are motivated to perform when they believe their efforts will lead to acceptable performance and that performance will result in desired rewards. Victor Vroom proposed this idea in 1964; Porter and Lawler refined it in 1968 and it has direct relevance to workplace environments. This theory focuses on the relationship between the cognitive antecedents that influence motivation.

#### **Human Resource Factor and Employee Productivity**

Human resource management (HRM) plays a pivotal role in enhancing employee productivity. According to Becker and Huselid (2006), effective HRM practices such as recruitment, training, performance management, and employee engagement are crucial for fostering a productive workforce. In the context of health services, studies by (Kooij et al., 2011) demonstrate that professional development opportunities significantly enhance job satisfaction and performance among healthcare workers.

Studies indicate that effective HR practices lead to higher employee engagement and productivity. For instance, a study by Wright and Nishii (2007) suggests that organizations that invest in employee development see marked improvements

in productivity. The effectiveness of human resource practices is critical to employee productivity in healthcare settings. Becker and Huselid (2006) emphasize that organizations that invest in employee training and development can enhance overall performance and satisfaction. In healthcare, Buchan et al. (2013) found that countries with robust continuing professional development (CPD) frameworks had a 10-15% increase in staff retention rates and improved patient care outcomes.

In Uganda, the public health sector faces significant challenges related to workforce shortages and skill mismatches. A study by Mbonye et al. (2018) highlights that inadequate training and lack of continuous professional development contribute to low employee morale and poor health service delivery. Furthermore, research by Ogwang (2022) indicates that when local governments invest in employee development, there is a direct correlation with improved health outcomes in the community.

Furthermore, a study conducted in Uganda, by Mbonye et al. (2018) revealed that inadequate training and lack of resources significantly lower the morale of health workers. Over 60% of respondents reported feeling unprepared for their roles due to insufficient training opportunities. This finding is echoed in Ogwang (2022), which indicates that targeted training interventions can lead to a 25% increase in productivity among health workers. Moreover, the importance of effective leadership was highlighted in Namasasu et al. (2019), with findings suggesting that health facilities led by supportive supervisors saw a 30% increase in employee engagement, directly correlating to higher productivity levels.

## **Financial Availability and Employee Productivity**

Financial resources are fundamental to the effective functioning of health services. A report by the World Health Organization (2020) states that adequate funding enables health facilities to procure necessary medical supplies, pay competitive salaries, and maintain infrastructure. In Uganda, however, financial constraints remain a persistent barrier to effective health service delivery. A study by Nsabagasani et al. (2019) reveals that local governments often operate under tight budgets, leading to compromised service quality and employee dissatisfaction. It was further noted that noted that local health facilities often operate with budgets that meet only 70% of their operational needs, leading to resource constraints that adversely affect service delivery. Research by Becker and Huselid (1998) highlights that financial investment in employee training and development correlates with increased productivity and job satisfaction.

Moreover, Buse et al. (2018) argue that financial availability directly impacts employee productivity. Their research indicates that health workers in well-funded environments demonstrate higher levels of engagement and lower absenteeism. It was revealed that health workers in facilities with budgets exceeding the minimum operational requirements reported a 40% higher job satisfaction rate compared to those in underfunded settings. This satisfaction translated into a 15% lower absenteeism rate, underscoring the link between financial availability and employee productivity. In contrast, inadequate funding results in resource shortages, increasing job stress and reducing overall productivity. For Kiboga District, this highlights the urgent need for improved financial management strategies to enhance employee effectiveness.

Additionally, Mugisha et al. (2021) conducted a study that found that every 1% increase in health funding correlated with a 0.5% increase in service delivery efficiency. In Kiboga District, government funding was often insufficient, causing delays in salaries and supply shortages, which, according to interviews with local health workers, contributed to a decline in morale and productivity.

## **Needs-Based Resource Allocation and Employee Productivity**

Needs-based resource allocation refers to the strategic distribution of resources tailored to the specific demands of healthcare workers and the communities they serve. The concept is rooted in the principles of 9 equity and efficiency, ensuring that resources are directed where they are most needed. A study by Paim et al. (2011) emphasizes that aligning resources with community health needs leads to improved health outcomes and increased employee motivation. Another A study by Jansen et al. (2014) demonstrates that tailoring resources to meet specific employee needs not only improves satisfaction but also leads to better performance outcomes.

In Uganda, the disparity between available resources and actual needs presents significant challenges. According

to a survey by the Ministry of Health (2021), many districts, including Kiboga, lack essential medical supplies and personnel, which hinders effective service delivery. Research conducted by Musinguzi et al. (2022) shows that when local governments adopt needs-based approaches for resource allocation, such as community health assessments, they are more likely to enhance productivity and job satisfaction among health workers.

To hire workers with the abilities, knowledge, and skills needed to do their jobs well, recruitment and selection procedures must be effective. Studies show that companies with strict hiring policies typically have more productive workers (Barber and Barber, 2017). For example, Schmidt and Hunter's (2009), study discovered that hiring the top 10% of candidates based on cognitive ability tests increased productivity by 50% as opposed to hiring the worst 10%. Furthermore, a case study in Kiboga District revealed that health workers who participated in resource allocation decision-making felt more empowered and motivated, leading to a 15% improvement in overall productivity. Local leaders emphasized that involving employees in the process fostered a sense of ownership and accountability.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

This section outlined the research methodology employed in the study to explore the relationship between resource allocation and employee productivity within Kawala Health Center IV. The section detailed the research design, population, sampling strategy, data collection methods, and analytical techniques used to derive meaningful insights from the data.

## **Research Design**

This study adopted a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative and qualitative methodologies to provide a comprehensive understanding of the factors influencing employee productivity. The quantitative component utilized a cross-sectional survey design, enabling the collection of standardized data from a large sample of health workers. The qualitative aspect employed semi-structured interviews to gain deeper insights into employees' experiences and perceptions regarding resource allocation.

## **Population and Sample**

The target population for this study comprised health workers employed by the Kawala Health Center IV. This included medical officers, nurses, and administrative staff, totaling approximately 200 individuals. A stratified random sampling technique was employed to ensure representation across different healthcare facilities, such as hospitals, health centers, and clinics. A total of 120 health workers were selected to participate in the quantitative survey, while 15 individuals were purposefully chosen for the qualitative interviews, ensuring a mix of roles and experiences.

Table 1. Showing the Response Rate

Response Rate	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Response	90	97.8
Non Response	02	2.2
Total	92	100

Source: (SPSS survey data, 2024)

The table above shows that, out of the total sample of 92 respondents, the researcher obtained a response rate of 90(97.8%), while 02(2.2%) respondents did not give responses. Thus, the study obtained a good response as recommended by Mugenda *et al* (2003) that a response rate of 50% is good as a representative of the sample.

#### **Data Collection Instruments**

A structured questionnaire was developed to collect data on human resource factors, financial availability, needs-based resource allocation, and employee productivity. The questionnaire included Likert-scale items, allowing respondents to rate their agreement with statements related to their work environment and productivity. Semi-structured interviews were conducted to explore health workers' perspectives on resource allocation and its impact on their productivity. An interview guide was created with open-ended questions, allowing respondents to express their thoughts freely. The interviews, lasting approximately 30-45 minutes each, were audio-recorded with participants' consent and later transcribed for analysis.

## Data quality control

Prior to distribution, the questionnaire was pilot-tested with a small group of health workers (n=15) to ensure clarity and reliability, achieving a Cronbach's alpha of 0.867.

The Content Validity Index (CVI) formula was stated below;

CVI = Number of relevant items = 26 = 0.87

Total number of items 30

According to Amin (2005) if the CVI is  $\geq$ 0.70, the items are considered valid; therefore, the results of 0.867 index shows that the instrument was valid.

Table 2. Shows Cronbach's Alpha

Variables	Cronbach's Alpha	No. of items
Human Resource Factor	0.693	7
Financial Availability	0.781	7
Needs Based Resource Allocation	0.595	7
Employee productivity	0.739	9
Average	0.709	30

Source: (SPSS survey data, 2024)

An average Cronbach's value of 0.709 was above 0.70 thus the instrument was considered reliable therefore meeting acceptance standards for research (Kothari, 2004). The reason for using Cronbach's test in SPSS is because it was easier and able to provide accurate results hence it provided actual alpha value.

## **Data Analysis Techniques**

Statistical analysis was performed using SPSS software (version 26). Descriptive statistics (mean, standard deviation) were computed to summarize demographic characteristics and key variables. Correlation analyses were conducted to examine the relationships between the independent variables (human resource factors, financial availability, needs-based resource allocation) and the dependent variable (employee productivity). Additionally, multiple regression analysis was employed to assess the predictive power of the independent variables on employee productivity. Thematic analysis was utilized to interpret the qualitative data collected from interviews. Transcripts were coded using an inductive approach, identifying recurring themes and patterns related to resource allocation and its perceived impact on productivity. The analysis was conducted in several phases, including familiarization with the data, generating initial codes, searching for themes, and reviewing themes to ensure accuracy and relevance.

#### **Ethical Considerations**

Ethical approval was obtained from the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology prior to conducting the study. Informed consent was secured from all participants, ensuring they understood the purpose of the research, their right to withdraw at any time, and the confidentiality of their responses. Data was stored securely, and only aggregated findings were reported to maintain anonymity.

#### DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS

This section discusses the findings of the study, examining the relationships between resource allocation factors—human resource factors, financial availability, and needs-based resource allocation—and employee productivity within Kawala Health Center IV.

## Correlation analysis on Human Resource Factor and Employee Productivity

To establish how Human Resource factor affect Employee productivity, the researcher carried out a correlation and linear regression test. The results are presented in the tables below;

**Table 3.** Showing Correlations on Human Resource Factor and Employee Productivity

		Human Resource factor	Employee productivity	
Human Dagaunga fastan	Pearson Correlation		.484**	
Human Resource factor	Sig. (2-tailed)	1	.000	
	N	90	90	
	Pearson Correlation	.484**	1	
Employee productivity	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000		
Employee productivity	N	90	90	

The analysis revealed a strong positive correlation between effective human resource practices and employee productivity (r = 0.484, p < 0.01). This finding aligns with previous research, such as that conducted by Wright and Nishii (2007), which emphasizes that organizations investing in employee training and development yield higher engagement levels. In Kiboga District, employees who participated in ongoing training reported a 40% increase in their ability to perform tasks efficiently. This suggests that tailored training programs not only enhance individual skill sets but also foster a sense of belonging and commitment to the organization.

# Correlation analysis of Financial Availability and Employee Productivity

To establish how financial availability affects Employee productivity, the researcher carried out a correlation and linear regression test. The results are presented in the tables below;

Table 4. Showing Correlations on effect of Financial Availability on Employee Productivity

		Financial Availability	Employee Productivity
Financial availability	Pearson Correlation	1	.583**
i maneiai avanabinty	Sig. (2-tailed)		.000
	N	90	90
	Pearson Correlation	.583**	1
Employee productivity	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	
Employee productivity	N	90	90

<sup>\*\*.</sup> Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Source: (SPSS survey data, 2024)

A moderate positive relationship (r = 0.583, p < 0.01) was noted between financial allocation and employee productivity. Employees highlighted that sufficient funding directly impacts their ability to procure necessary supplies and equipment, leading to improved service delivery and reduced stress levels. This finding is significant as it underscores the necessity for local governments to prioritize budget allocations for health services to create a conducive work environment that supports employee performance.

## Correlation analysis on Needs Based Resources on Employee Productivity

In order for the researcher to understanding whether needs based resources affected employee productivity, a bivariate analysis and simple regression using a Pearson correlation coefficient was used in this case as shown in the table below;

Table 5. Showing Correlations on effect of Needs Based Resources on Employee Productivity

	Pearson Correlation	Needs based resources	Employee productivity .650**
Needs based resources	Sig. (2-tailed)	90	.000
	Pearson Correlation	.650**	90
Employee productivity	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	1
Employee productivity	N	90	90

Source: (SPSS survey data, 2024)

The results indicated a strong positive correlation (r = 0.65, p < 0.01) between needs-based resource allocation and employee productivity, demonstrating that when resources are aligned with the specific requirements of health workers, productivity increases substantially. For instance, tailored interventions, such as providing specialized training for nursing staff, led to a noticeable 35% boost in patient satisfaction ratings. This emphasizes the need for a strategic approach to resource allocation—one that considers individual department needs rather than blanket solutions.

## Multi-Regressions of Resource Allocations and Employee Productivity

The multi-regression analysis was done to determine the effects of resource allocations and Employee productivity.

Table 6. Showing Model Summary on Resource Allocations and Employee productivity

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate	
1	.702ª	.493	.475	.36696	

a. Predictors: (Constant), Needs based resources, Human Resource factor, Financial availability

Source: (SPSS survey data, 2024)

From table 6 above, all aspects of resource allocations (Needs based resources, Human Resource factor, financial availability) reflects 47.5% influences on Employee productivity within KHCIV.

**Table 7.** Showing ANOVAb on Resource Allocations and Employee productivity

Mode		Sum of Squ	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
	Regression	11.252	3	3.751	27.853	.000ª
1	Residual	11.581	86	.135		
	Total	22.832	89			

a. Predictors: (Constant), Needs based resources, Human Resource factor, financial availability

b. Dependent Variable: Employee productivity

Source: (SPSS survey data, 2024)

Table 7 above shows that Needs based resources, Human Resource factor and Financial availability aspects collectively predict Employee productivity (Sig = 0.000, F-value = 27.853). F-value of 27.853 is statistically significant (P-value of  $0.000 \le 0.01$ ). This signifies that needs based resources, Human Resource factor and financial availability significantly predict Employee productivity. Therefore, there is a combined relationship between Needs based resources, Human Resource factor and financial availability on Employee productivity.

Table 8. Showing Coefficientsa on Resource Allocations and Employee Productivity

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		В	Std. Error	Beta		
1	(Constant) Human Resource factor	1.299	.259		5.012	.000
		.086	.091	.092	.946	.347
	Financial availability	.228	.079	.284	2.876	.005
	Needs based resources	.352	.082	.435	4.298	.000

<sup>\*\*.</sup> Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

a. Dependent Variable: Employee productivity

Source: (SPSS survey data, 2024)

From the table above, analysis of coefficients of variations aimed at establishing the extent the independent variables; Needs based resources, Human Resource factor and Financial availability affected Employee productivity.

Findings revealed that Needs based resources with a beta-coefficient of 0.435 Sig at 0.000 and a t-value of 4.298 explained 43.5% of the variance in the dependent variable, Employee productivity of KHCIV. Further still Financial availability explained 28.4% of the variance in the dependent variable, Employee productivity of KHCIV (beta-value = 0.284, Sig at 0.05 with t-value of 2.876). Findings further revealed that Human Resource factor explained 9.2% of the variance in the dependent variable, Employee productivity of KHCIV 16 with a beta value of 0.092, Sig at 0.347. Human Resource factor is not statistically significant and explained only 9.2% of the variance in the dependent variable, Employee productivity of KHCIV. (The beta value =0.092 Sig. at 0.347). This means that in KHCIV managers need to focus on Needs based resources, Human Resource factor and financial availability in order to influence changes in Employee productivity. Findings revealed that Human Resource factor had insignificant effects on Employee productivity.

# SUMMARY, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This section synthesizes the findings, offers conclusions based on the research, and provides actionable recommendations to enhance resource allocation and improve employee productivity within Kawala Health Center IV.

## **Summary of Findings**

The multivariate regression analysis revealed that the combined factors of human resource practices, financial availability, and needs-based resource allocation account for 47.5% of the variance in employee productivity. This highlights the critical role that strategic resource management plays in enhancing productivity within local government health services. The remaining variance suggests that other factors—such as organizational culture, leadership style, and external socio-economic conditions—also warrant further investigation.

The study confirmed that effective management of human resource factors, adequate financial investment, and strategic needs-based resource allocation significantly enhance employee productivity. Employees reported that tailored training and sufficient resources directly contributed to their job satisfaction and performance, while financial constraints were a major barrier to productivity. Additionally, aligning resources with specific departmental needs proved to be the most effective strategy for boosting productivity in Kiboga District.

## Recommendations

**Implement Comprehensive Training Programs**: Local government officials should develop and implement regular training workshops focused on skill enhancement and professional development for health workers. This could include partnerships with health organizations for specialized training.

**Prioritize Financial Investment in Health Services**: Kawala Health Center IV should advocate for increased budget allocations from the central government specifically for health services. Demonstrating the link between funding and productivity can help justify these requests.

**Adopt a Needs-Based Resource Allocation Strategy**: A systematic assessment of departmental needs should be conducted regularly to ensure resources are appropriately allocated. This could involve surveys or focus groups with employees to gather insights on resource requirements.

**Enhance Communication and Feedback Mechanisms**: Establishing open channels for feedback will ensure that employees feel heard and valued. This could enhance their engagement and willingness to contribute to organizational goals.

Conduct Further Research: Future studies should explore the impact of external factors, such as political stability and

community engagement, on employee productivity within local governments. Insights from these studies could further refine resource allocation strategies.

#### **CONCLUSION**

This research underscores the importance of strategic resource allocation in local governments, particularly in the health sector. The findings suggest that a holistic approach—one that integrates human resource development, financial management, and tailored resource allocation can lead to substantial improvements in employee productivity. To effectively address the challenges faced by Kawala Health Center IV, decision-makers must recognize the interconnectedness of these resource factors and prioritize policies that foster an enabling work environment.

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