

EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

This very first issue of Kibogora Polytechnic Scientific Journal contains a total of eleven papers pertaining to health sciences, education, and entrepreneurship. Three papers are systematic reviews which analyze and discuss studies that investigated three major non-communicable diseases (i.e. diabetes, hypertension, and cervical cancer) in Africa, extract recommendations for future interventions and research agenda. Other two papers report the actual prevalence of diabetes and hypertension in surrounding communities of Kibogora Polytechnic, show the population perceptions about those specific diseases, and reveal factors associated with their prior screening and early detection. This issue also publishes one study conducted in twelve health centers of Nyamasheke District, Rwanda, to further the current understanding of stunting among children under five years old. It reveals a number of factors explaining why stunting is persisting in these communities despite notable efforts of the Government of Rwanda to improve nutritional status. We also publish four papers that investigated crucial problems in education and point out where stakeholders can act to improve performance of schools and students, overcome gender-related challenges, and boost access to tertiary education. Moreover, we publish a paper that analyzed the impact of women entrepreneurs on their families' welfare in Kanjogo Sector of Nyamasheke District, Rwanda, and reports challenges they are encountering.

Enjoy the reading!

All the best,

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