

**A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AS MECHANISM TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY IN  
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**Major recommendations to address the findings these included the point that:**

- The study recommended that the provision of more resources for LED projects in improving the role of the municipality in ensuring effective Implementation Without reliable funding for economic development, LED will not succeed. The municipality should find a way of creating a specific budget for LED purposes only
- The municipality must ensure the training of beneficiaries on critical skills such as financial, business and project management so as to sustain the projects after handing over by the municipality. This will enable them to be self-reliant. Most importantly, these projects would be more sustainable.
- There should be allocation of more funding for high impact projects that yield sustainability rather than small projects that are not sustainable. The municipality should promote self-reliance to the project beneficiaries.