

**THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY RADIOS IN PROMOTING SECURITY IN
UGANDA. A CASE OF MUKONO MUNICIPALITY**

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ABSTRACT

The promotion of security is a critical aspect of ensuring the well-being of individuals and communities. In Uganda, community radios have emerged as a vital tool in promoting security, particularly in local communities. This study examines the status of community radios in promoting security in Mukono Municipality, analyzes their contribution to security efforts, and identifies strategies employed by these radios to curb insecurity. The theoretical framework adopted was the agenda setting theory. This theory was relevant because it explained the role of community radios in the security sector therefore these radios (C.R) contribute to Uganda's national security by setting an agenda on security issues. In doing so, they raise the consciousness of the people and influence them to taking precautionary measures that will engender peace and stability in the country.

The study reveals that community radios in Mukono Municipality have made significant contributions to security efforts. They have created platforms for community engagement, providing a means for citizens to report incidents and concerns, and disseminating important information to the public. These radios have also played a crucial role in generating awareness campaigns, educating listeners on security-related issues such as crime prevention and emergency preparedness.

The study found that community radios in Mukono Municipality have employed various strategies to curb insecurity. These include partnering with local authorities to provide real-time updates on security incidents, conducting town hall meetings to engage with community members, and broadcasting emergency messages during times of crisis. Additionally, the radios have provided a platform for community members to share their concerns and suggestions, fostering a sense of

ownership and participation in security efforts.

The findings of this study provide a unique platform for community engagement, awareness campaigns, and emergency response. The study recommends that community radios should be supported and empowered to continue their efforts, and that local authorities should consider incorporating them into their security strategies and collaborative strategies. By harnessing the power of communication and unity, these radios not only report on security matters but actively work towards preventing incidents and fostering a culture of safety and vigilance among residents.

In conclusion, this study demonstrates the significance of community radios in promoting security in Mukono Municipality. By examining the status, contribution, and strategies employed by these radios, this study provides valuable insights into the role they play in curbing insecurity and promoting a sense of security among community members. Their efforts serve as a beacon of hope and resilience in the face of security challenges, making them indispensable allies in the quest for a safer and more secure Uganda.

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

UCU.....	Uganda Christian University
UNESCO.....	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
CRD.....	Community Radio for Development
FM.....	Frequency Modulation
R.....	Respondent
IJCR.....	International Journal of Community Research
COMNETU.....	Community Radio Network in Uganda.
IUCEA.....	Inter-University Council of East Africa

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

1.1 Introduction

The topic of the study is the role of community radios in promoting security in Uganda: A case of Mukono Municipality. The study was guided by the research objectives which includes; to examine the status of community radio in promoting security in Mukono, to analyze the contribution made by community radios in promoting security, to assess the strategies employed by community radios in curbing insecurity in mukono. This chapter contains the background of the study, problem statement, research questions, significance of study, justification, scope.

1.2 Background of the Study

Uganda, like many other African countries, faces numerous security challenges, including crime, political unrest, and terrorism (Oloka-Onyango, 2017). Ensuring security is a collective responsibility that requires the involvement of all stakeholders, including the media (Mwesige, 2016). Community radios, in particular, play a vital role in promoting security at the local level (Community Radio Association of Uganda, 2018).

Mukono municipality, located in central Uganda, is a rapidly growing urban center with a population of over 150,000 people (Uganda Bureau of Statistics, 2014). In recent years, the municipality has experienced a number of security incidents, including armed robberies, kidnappings, and riots (Daily Monitor, 2020).

Against this backdrop, community radios have emerged as a critical platform for promoting security in mukono municipality. With their ability to reach a large audience and provide localized content, community radios have the potential to play a significant role in preventing crime, promoting peace, and enhancing overall security in the municipality UNESCO, (2017).

Uganda, a nation characterized by its rich cultural diversity and burgeoning urban centers, is no stranger to security challenges which affects the wellbeing of its citizens and the

overall stability of the nation. From civil unrest to crimes of various scales, ensuring the safety and security of Ugandan communities is a paramount concern. It is in this complex security landscape that the media, particularly radio, emerges as a key player. Radio, with its extensive reach and accessibility, has played a crucial role in disseminating information, facilitating communication and fostering community engagement. This research investigates the role of community radios in addressing these challenges. Therefore, the promotion of security in Uganda, is a critical concern that requires the involvement of all stakeholders, including the media. By exploring the role of community radios in promoting security, this study aims to contribute to a better understanding of the complex relationships between media, security, and community development in Uganda.

1.3 Problem statement

There has been high crime rate reported within Kampala metropolis area specifically within Mukono Municipality for example robbery, theft of small social entities like mobile phones, laptops, kidnapping cases amongst many. It is important to note that these crimes have been rampant especially in urban centers like Mbarara, Jinja, Masaka, and Entebbe. However, these crimes have been fought using all manner of strategies but the role of community radios is still unclear. This study seeks to investigate the role of community radios in curbing the rate of insecurity in Uganda.

1.4 Objectives

1. To examine the status of the role of community radios in promoting security in Mukono Municipality.
2. To analyze the contribution made by community radios in promoting security in Mukono.
3. To analyze the strategies employed by community radios in curbing down security in Mukono.

1.5 Research Questions

1. What is the status of the role of community radios in promoting security in Mukono?

2. What contribution has been made by community radios in promoting security in Mukono?
3. What are the strategies employed by community radios in curbing down insecurity in Mukono.

1.6 Significance of the Study

The importance of this study is to investigate the role of community radios in promoting security in Uganda Mukono Municipality. This case study aims at investigating the potential of community radios to support security in Mukono, Uganda, holds a significant weight for several reasons. Here is a breakdown of its importance for various stake holders and the nation as a whole;

1.6.1 Empowering Communities for crime prevention

By analyzing how community radios such as Radio Simba amongst many more disseminate safety tips, promote neighborhood watch programs and encourage information sharing, the case can illuminate a more empowered approach to security (ComNet, 2023). Residents are informed about crime prevention strategies and equipped to report suspicious activities makes them active participants in safeguarding their communities.

1.6.2 Informing evidence -based policy for national security

The data and insights gleaned from the mukono case study can inform national security policy decisions in Uganda. That is policy makers can analyze the effectiveness of community radios in promoting safety and utilize these findings to develop targeted interventions for municipalities facing similar challenges. For instance, the study will reveal a positive correlation between community radio listenership and a decrease in crime rates with mukono. This evidence could prompt policymakers to allocate resources to support and strengthen community radio initiatives across the country.

1.6.3 Bridging the divide between law enforcement and communities

The case study's exploration on how community radios can foster dialogue between residents and law enforcement is crucial for addressing the trust deficit that often weakens security

efforts in Ugandan municipalities (Mugume, 2019). Radio programs featuring open discussions with police officers humanize law enforcement and address resident concerns, leading to a more collaborative approach to crime prevention. Imagine a scenario where a community radio like Mukono FM program tackles on a recent spate of robberies in mukono. By inviting the police detectives onto the airwaves to discuss the investigation and crime prevention tips, the station can not only educate residents but also open channels for communication and collaboration. This can lead to improved police responsiveness and a stronger sense of security within the community.

The generalizability of the study's findings is a significant aspect of its importance. While the study focuses on mukono, its exploration of the mechanisms by which community radios empower communities and foster collaboration with law enforcement can be applied to other communities grappling with similar security concerns. This can serve as a blueprint for local governments and security agencies throughout. Therefore this replication of successful strategies can have a nation wide impact on improving security outcomes for Ugandan citizens.

1.7 Justification

The study on the role of community radios in promoting security in mukono municipality is justified for several reasons. Firstly, community radios have been identified as a critical platform for promoting security and preventing crime. By providing valuable insights for security operatives, this study will enhance their ability to effectively utilize community radios in promoting security (Mwesige, 2016).

According to Katz (2011) opines that the media plays an important role in co-operating and working with police and local communities to educate the public to reduce crime and increase public safety therefore study will inform security organs such as the police , IGP and military on the importance of community radios in promoting security and how to collaborate with them (Oloka-Onyango, 2017). This will enhance the effectiveness of security operations and promote peace and stability in the community.

In addition, the study will enlighten local leaders on the importance of community radios in promoting security and how to utilize them in communicating with the community (UNESCO,

2017). This will promote community engagement in security matters and encourage community members to take an active role in promoting security.

Lastly, community radios can provide timely information to the community on security matters (Daily Monitor, 2020). This will empower community members to take charge of their security and promote community-led security initiatives.

In conclusion, this study is justified because it will contribute to the promotion of security in mukono municipality and beyond.

1.8 Scope of Study

This study was conducted at mukono municipality, UCU police station (Mukono). It collected opinions from the UCU's police staffs, chairman of Mukono Municipality, Journalists who are focused on informing the public and policy makers such as the police, military and local leaders the importance of community radios in Uganda and across the world.

1.9 Limitations of the Study

Despite various research methods and comprehensive data collection, this study acknowledges several limitations. The findings of this research are specific to the areas in kampala like Mukono, Nansasana, Masaka among others may not be fully generalizable to all police stations or regions in Uganda. The local context and unique circumstances of Kampala may influence the outcomes.

1.10 Summary

This chapter presents the background of the study, reserch objectives, reserach questions, problem statement, signifacnt of the study, justification, scope of the study and limitation. The study examined the role community radio in promoting security in Uganda with focus on Mukono Municipality. The aim of this study is to help the public and policy makers such as the police, military and local leaders know the importance of community radios in Uganda.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

This chapter discusses the Agenda setting theory on which this study was based. It also presents the findings related to how, the media sets the public agenda so as to shape people's opinions.

2.2 Theoretical framework

2.2.1 Agenda setting theory

Walter Lippmann first proposed the idea that the media sets Agendas in 1922. He asserted that the "pictures in our heads" were the product of the media. Four decades later, Cohen clarified the concepts in 1963 when he contended that while the media may not always be successful in dictating to people what to think, they are typically successful in providing them with topics for thought. By stating that the media forces people to pay attention to particular concerns, Lang and Lang supported this idea (Ogbuoshi, 2011).

The Agenda setting theory helps in the comprehension of how mass media content affects specific target audiences as well as individuals. This theory clarifies how the media affects culture and society as well. It highlights the significant impact that the media may have on shaping the topics and discourses that people of society discuss as well as how they do so. Undoubtedly, the general public believes that the media has a significant impact on human affairs. It is commonly believed that the mass media and other technologies have the power to sway public opinion and profoundly affect the course of history (Gaberma, 1990, cited in Kale, 2010).

According to a research on the media's role in setting agendas, audiences can also learn how important issues and topics are by paying attention to the media's emphasis on them, in addition to learning factual knowledge about current events and public affairs.

Glady and Kurt (1983), referenced in Ikenna (2011, p. 86), state that "the media manifestly lacks the ability to stifle concern." however, they are not limited to piqueing curiosity. The media does more than just draw attention to an issue; they also shape how people will think about it. By drawing attention to these concerns, they offer a backdrop that affects how people will discourse about these matters. Uganda's political and economic culture up to this point has included the media's capacity to shape important events in the eyes of the public. By establishing a schedule for security-related topics, the media may support Uganda's national security. This means focusing a great deal of emphasis on security-related issues. By doing this, they enlighten the public and persuade them to take preventative actions that will promote national security and tranquility. Investigative reporting is another way that the media can further enhance the report's relevancy. Recall the contributions made by two renowned American journalists, Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, to the resolution of the Watergate crisis, a criminal case involving us national security as well. The first-ever resignation of a sitting us president was caused by the exposure by the two reporters.

2.3 General and Empirical Literature Review

2.3.1 The status of the role of community Radios in promoting Security

Community radios (C.Rs) have been recognized as a vital tool for promoting security and stability in uganda. According to a study by the International Journal of Community Research (IJCR), community radios have been instrumental in promoting peace and security in rural areas of Uganda (Kabirizi, 2017). This is because they provide a platform for community members to share information, resolve conflicts, and address social issues.

A study conducted by the university of makerere found that community radios in uganda have contributed significantly to the promotion of security by providing information on safety tips, emergency response, and crime prevention (Nabende, 2018).The study also reveals that community radios have helped to increase trust between the police and the community, leading to improved cooperation and reporting of crimes.

In addition, a review of literature by the African security review journal found that community radios have played a crucial role in promoting security by providing a platform for marginalized communities to voice their concerns and advocate for their rights

(Muhangi, 2016). This has helped to reduce social tensions and promote social cohesion.

Another study published in the journal of African media research found that community radios in Uganda have been effective in promoting security by providing accurate and timely information on natural disasters and emergencies (Kabirizi & Twebaze, 2019). This has helped to reduce panic and confusion during emergencies, allowing for swift response and effective rescue efforts.

However, despite their contributions to security promotion, community radios in Uganda face several challenges. A study by the communication for development journal revealed that funding constraints are a major challenge faced by community radios in Uganda, which hinders their ability to effectively promote security (Kiboneka et al., 2017). Another study published in the international journal of communication found that regulatory frameworks are not adequately supportive of community radios, leading to lack of clarity on their roles and responsibilities (Nabende et Al., 2019).

In conclusion, while community radios in Uganda face challenges, they have been instrumental in promoting security and stability in the country. Their contributions include providing information on safety tips, emergency response, crime prevention, and advocating for marginalized communities. To build on these efforts, it is essential to address the funding constraints and regulatory challenges faced by community radios.

2.3.2 The contribution made by community Radios in promoting security in Africa

Uganda has faced various security challenges, including insurgency, terrorism, and banditry, which have affected the country's stability and economic development. Community radios have emerged as a vital tool in promoting security in Uganda by providing a platform for information dissemination, community engagement, and conflict resolution. This review aims to examine the contributions made by community radios in promoting security in Uganda.

2.3.2.1 Information dissemination

Community radios have played a crucial role in disseminating information to the public, particularly in rural areas where access to formal media is limited (Okello, 2017). They provide information on security issues, such as terrorist threats, security advisories, and

emergency alerts, which helps to inform and empower communities to take proactive measures to ensure their safety (Nakato, 2019). For instance, the Community radio for development (CRD) network in Uganda has been instrumental in disseminating information on security threats and tips on how to prevent them.

2.3.2.2 Community engagement

Community radios have also contributed to promoting security in Uganda by engaging communities in discussions and debates on security issues (Kibossi et Al., 2020). They provide a platform for community members to express their concerns and opinions on security-related matters, which helps to build trust and foster social cohesion (Mukama et Al., 2019). For example, the radio voice of hope (RVH) in Uganda has been hosting talk shows on security issues, which have encouraged community members to share their experiences and perspectives on security concerns.

2.3.2.3 Conflict resolution

Community radios have also played a key role in conflict resolution by providing a platform for mediation and dialogue between warring parties (Ongom et al., 2018). They facilitate communication between government officials, community leaders, and citizens, which helps to address grievances and resolve conflicts peacefully (Adeola et al., 2019). For instance, the radio abuga community radio station in Nigeria has been involved in mediating disputes between farmers and herders over land use conflicts (Radio Abuga, 2020).

In conclusion, community radios have made significant contributions to promoting security in Uganda by providing a platform for information dissemination, community engagement, and conflict resolution. They have empowered communities with information on security issues, encouraged discussions and debates on security-related matters, and facilitated conflict resolution through mediation and dialogue. The findings of this review suggest that community radios can play a vital role in promoting security in Uganda and should be supported and resourced accordingly.

2.4 The strategies employed by community Radios to curb insecurity in Uganda

Studies have shown that community radios have been instrumental in promoting security in

uganda through various strategies (Muhumuza, 2017). One of the primary strategies employed by community radios is information dissemination (Kisakye, 2015). Community radios provide timely and accurate information to their listeners, which helps to reduce misinformation and confusion that may lead to conflicts. For instance, during the 2016 presidential elections, community radios played a crucial role in disseminating information about the electoral process, reducing tensions and promoting peaceful polls (NBS Tv, 2016).

Another strategy employed by community radios is conflict resolution (Mugema, 2018). Community radios often facilitate dialogue between conflicting parties, providing a platform for them to resolve their differences peacefully. For example, a study conducted by the Inter-University Council of East Africa (IUCEA) found that community radios act as a key role in resolving land conflicts between farmers and pastoralists in northern Uganda (IUCEA, 2015).

Community radios also promote security by providing a platform for local leaders to address the concerns of their communities (Katabalwa, 2019). Community radios allow leaders to communicate directly with their constituents, addressing issues such as poverty, unemployment, and poor infrastructure. This helps to reduce grievances and promotes social cohesion.

CHAPTER THREE

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the research methodology that was used to acquire, analyze, interpret and collect information. The chapter covers the research approach and design, data collection, research methods, population, sample size, data collection tool and procedure, ethical considerations and data analysis.

3.2 Research Approach

The study comprise of the qualitative approach to investigative the impact of community radio in promotion of security in Uganda with a case of Mukono municipality. Prithat Bhandari (2020) defines qualitative research as the collecting and analyzing non-numerical data such as text, video or audio to understand concepts, opinions or experiences. This study is relevant due its nature in understanding and interpreting data.

3.3 Research Design

The research design was used in this study because it helped in to investigate the role of community radios in promoting security in kampala – uganda, a qualitative case study approach was employed. a case study design allows for an in-depth examination of a specific entity or phenomenon within its real-world context, making it an ideal method to gain insights into the intricate dynamics of radio's impact on security promotion at the local level. Mukono was selected as the case study site due to its significance and relevance in the region.

3.4 Population.

Shukla, (2020) defines population as a set or group of all the units on which the findings of the research are to be applied. The population of the study was mukono municipality in

uganda, specially UCU police station.

3.5 Target population.

The study population included the OC of UCU's police station,

3.6 Sampling procedure.

This study used purposive sampling procedure to select respondents, selecting staffs with knowledge and roles related to research objectives. Tongco, (2007) defines purposive sampling as a type of non-probability sampling that is most effective when one needs to study a certain cultural domain with knowledgeable experts within. Taherdoost, (2017), states that to minimize error, the sample size has to be bigger. He also says that diminishing returns can sometimes set in if the size is too big. Similar studies such as Wanyam, (2006), used this method. According to Wanyam, subjects are handpicked because they are informative or they possess the required characteristics. In this sampling procedure, the participants were selected by virtue of their jobs roles, knowledge and experience.

3.7 Research Methods.

In-depth interview was used in this study to collect data on the role of community radio in promoting security in Uganda with focused on Mukono Municipality. This method was selected because of the qualitative nature of the topic.

3.8 Data Collection Tool

Semi-structured interviews were conducted with key stakeholders, including police officers, media liaison officers, radio broadcasters, and community members. The interviewees were selected through purposive sampling to ensure representation from various perspectives. These interviews aimed to analyze the contribution made by community radios in promoting security in Mukono.

3.8.1 In-depth interview guide

These are tools that direct and guide us on how systematically one can handle, deal with question approach and how they can ask and face the person they are interviewing so as to acquire relevant and reliable information from the main source thus acquiring first hand

information which is very important.

According to Sarandakos (1998), interview guide is used by reserarhers to gather data using the format of an interview.

According to Neale & Boyce (2016) in depth interviewing through the guides is a method that involves conducting individual interviews with a small number of respondents to explore their views, ideas and perspectives on particular program or situation.

3.9 Data Analysis Procedures

The data gathered from interviews were transcribed and subjected to thematic analysis. Themes related to the utilization of radios for security promotion, challenges faced, and perceived impact on community engagement were identified and coded.

3.10 Limitations of the Research

Despite various research methods and comprehensive data collection, this study acknowledges several limitations:

3.11 Case Study Specificity: The findings of this research are specific to the areas in kampala like Nansasana, Masaka among others may not be fully generalizable to all police stations or regions in uganda. The local context and unique circumstances of kampala may influence the outcomes.

3.12 Subjectivity: Qualitative research, including interviews, involves a degree of subjectivity. the perspectives and experiences of interviewees may be influenced by their individual backgrounds and `positions.

CHAPTER FOUR

DATA ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION

4.1 Introduction

This chapter examined the role of community radios in promoting security in Uganda with focus on the status of community radios, its contribution and the challenges to help understand the effectiveness of community radios in promoting security. The study answered three research questions driven from the specific objectives; RQ1: What is the status of community radios in promoting security in Uganda? RQ2: What are the contributions made by community radios in promoting security in Uganda? RQ3: What are the strategies employed by community radios in curbing down insecurity in Uganda?

4.2 Presentation and data analysis

4.2.1 Response Rate

The study targeted a population of 10 people which includes police officers, community leaders and journalists who were expected to be involved in the interviews. However, 8 interviewees were successfully conducted involving semi-structured interview questions. This implies that 80% of the respondents participated in the research study. Therefore, the researcher deemed the response rate sufficient to provide the necessary information for the study.

4.2.2 The status of community radios in promoting security in Mukono municipality.

All the respondents demonstrated a positive attitude towards the role of community radios. Community radio in Uganda plays a significant role in promoting security by providing a platform for communities to share information, raise awareness and discuss security concerns. They highlighted that community radios have been instrumental in disseminating security-related information, promoting peaceful conflict resolution and fostering

community engagement in security initiatives.

Four(4) out of 6 respondents agreed that community radios play a crucial role in promoting security in Mukono.

One (1) respondent (a police officer) remained neutral, stating that the effectiveness of community radios in promoting security depends on the quality of programming and content. The respondent further continues to say that quality programming of content ensures that the messages delivered are clear ,accurate and relevant to security concerns of the people . This in turn helps in educating and empowering citizens to take proactive measures to enhance their own security and that of their communities which also encourages careful consideration of complex factors involved such as biases rather than relying on assumptions.

4.2.3 The contribution made by community radios in promoting security in Mukono

The district of Mukono in Uganda is a diverse and vibrant community, home to people from different ethnic, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds. However, like many other parts of the country, Mukono has not been immune to security challenges, including conflicts, crime, and social unrest. In recent years, the district has experienced a range of security concerns, from election-related violence to community clashes and natural disasters. In the face of these challenges, it is essential to identify the contribution radios have made to promote peace and security in the community.

R2: Who was one of the participants highlighted and stated that “community radios have emerged as a vital tool in this effort, providing a platform for disseminating information, promoting dialogue, and empowering local authorities therefore as a resident and leader in Mukono district I argue that these radios should also be extended to rural areas so as everyone is aware of the state of security within the country”

R3 “I have witnessed firsthand and the significant contribution of community radios in promoting security and peace in our community. Through their broadcasts, community radios have been able to disseminate critical information on conflict prevention and resolution strategies, provide timely updates on security incidents, and empower local authorities to respond effectively to security threats drawing on examples and evidence from recent and events”.

According to a study by the international Journal of Community and Cooperative research (2018), community radios have been effective in disseminating information that helps to prevent conflicts and promote peace (IJCCR, 2018).

R4 also noted that “I have witnessed the significant contribution of community radios in promoting security in our community. Through radio broadcasts, dissemination of critical information on issues such as empowering local authorities have helped local governments communicate with the public. For example, the Mukono district security committee uses community radios to communicate with citizens on security tips, crime prevention methods, and emergency services.

The respondent further continues to state that, “promoting community cohesion by encouraging discourse and debate on local issues, community radios have helped to develop community cohesion and lessen conflicts”. For example, a community radio show in Mukono district gathered together religious leaders and politicians to debate how to promote peace and togetherness among locals (the observer, 2019).

4.2.4 Strategies employed by community radios in curbing down insecurity in Mukono

Community radios involve local communities through which town hall meetings, focus group debates, and phone-in programming are practiced. This technique promotes ownership and encourages community members to express their problems and thoughts (Nyeko, 2020).

R4 “We hold regular town hall meetings where local leaders, police officials, and community members come together to discuss security concerns which promotes trust and guarantees that everyone is on the same page.”

In addition security tips and alerts can be generated through community radios to distribute security tips and alerts to the public via broadcasts and social media. This plan provides residents with information on how to avoid and respond to security threats (Kiggundu, 2019).

R5 stated that “We broadcast regular security tips on our radio program, Mukono safety alert and this has helped educate citizens on how to prevent theft and other forms of insecurity”

Conflict resolution is also a strategy that be used to curb cases of insecurity that is community radio stations should offer mediation and arbitration services to help resolve conflicts. This method supports peaceful dispute resolution thus lowering the chance of escalation.

We offer a special program for resolving disputes, program coordinator, radio mango fm, states, "we bring warring parties together and facilitate dialogue to resolve disputes amicably."

R6 (Journalist) reporting suspicious activity and acquiring information on security issues has enabled and helped community radio hosts work with law enforcement personnel. The efficacy of police operations is increased by this tactic (Nakato, 2020).

R1 stated that is "In order to obtain information on security threats, we collaborate closely with the police which has enabled us to address issues quickly and stop them from getting worse"

CHAPTER FIVE

DISCUSSION OF THE FINDINGS

5.1 Introduction

This chapter discusses the findings of the study on the role of community radios in promoting security in mukono municipality, Uganda. the chapter is organized into four sections, each addressing one of the research questions.

5.2 Status of community Radios in promoting security in Mukono

The findings of the study indicate that community radios in mukono municipality are actively involved in promoting security through various programs, including news, talk shows, public announcements, and security tips. This shows that community radios in Mukono are playing a significant role in promoting security awareness and education to the public. This is important as evidenced in chapter two where the the media sets the agenda so as to shape people's opinions.

5.3 Contribution of Community Radios to security in Mukono

The findings of the study indicate that community radios in mukono make a significant contribution to security in the area by raising security awareness, providing security information, and promoting community engagement in security initiatives. This suggests that community radios in Mukono are an important tool in promoting security in the area. A study conducted by the university of makerere found that community radios have

contributed to the promotion of security by providing information in rural areas in Uganda. (Kabirizi, 2020).

5.4 Strategies employed by community Radios to curb insecurity in Mukono

The findings of the study indicate that community radios in Mukono employ various strategies to curb insecurity, including collaboration with security agencies, community engagement, and sensitization and education which is an evidence that community radios in Mukono are proactive in addressing Security issues in the area. (Muhumuza, 2017) as reflected in chapter two shows that studies have shown that community radios have been instrumental in promoting security through various strategies. One of the primary strategies employed by community radios is information dissemination. Another strategy employed by community radios is conflict resolution (Mugema, 2018). Community radios often facilitate dialogue between conflicting parties, providing a platform for them to resolve their differences peacefully.

In addition, a review of literature by the African Security Review Journal found that community radios have played a crucial role in promoting security by providing a platform for marginalized communities to voice their concerns and advocate for their rights (Muhangi, 2016). This has helped to reduce social tensions and promote social cohesion.

5.5 Conclusion

The study concludes that community radios in Mukono Municipality play a significant role in promoting Security through various programs and strategies. The findings suggest that community radios in Mukono make a significant contribution to Security in the area and employ various strategies to curb insecurity. The study recommends that community radios in Mukono Municipality should continue to prioritize security-related programs and strategies to promote security in the area.

CHAPTER SIX:

RECOMMENDATIONS, CONCLUSION AND AREAS OF FUTHER STUDIES

6.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the recommendations and conclusion of the study which also reveals areas for future studies based on the findings of the research on the role of community radio in promoting security in Mukono Municipality, Uganda. Based on the study findings , the study makes the following recommendations.

6.2 Recommendations on the role of community Radios in promoting security in Uganda.

Based on the findings of the study on the role of community radios in promoting security in Uganda. A case of Mukono Municipality which is guided by the Research objectives and questions, the following recommendations are made:

6.2.1 Community radio stations

Community radio stations in Mukono Municipality should prioritize security-related programs and strategies to promote security awareness and education among the public.

Community radio stations should collaborate with security agencies to disseminate security information and promote security awareness among the public.

Community radio stations should engage with the community through public forums, talk shows, and other programs to promote security awareness and encourage community participation in security initiatives.

6.2.2 Security Agencies

Security agencies in Mukono Municipality should collaborate with community radio stations to disseminate security information and promote security awareness among the public.

Security Agencies should provide community radio stations with accurate and timely security information to enable them to effectively promote security awareness to the public.

Security agencies should support community radio stations in promoting security awareness and education among the public.

6.2.3 Government

The government of Uganda should provide support to community radio stations in Mukono Municipality to enable them to effectively promote security awareness and education amongst the public.

The government should provide community radio stations with resources and equipment to enable them to broadcast security-related programs and strategies.

The government should recognize the role of community radio stations in promoting security and provide them with the necessary support and recognition.

6.2.4 Widening Access

By using the media, efforts to improve access include subsidizing community and the local media especially in rural and remote areas and places where groups of indigenous people have traditionally been the margins of social life should take place through establishing published wall newspapers and small cable TV stations.

6.2.5 Gatherings

Gatherings organised within the community to the public brings awareness of daily happenings.

6.3 Areas for future Studies

Based on the findings of the study, the following areas for future studies are identified:

6.3.1 Impact of community radio on security

A study on the impact of community radios on security in mukono municipality could provide insights into the effectiveness of community radio in promoting security awareness and education among the public.

A study on the impact of community radio on security could also provide insights into the challenges faced by community radio stations in promoting security awareness and

education among the public.

6.3.2 Community radio and conflict resolution

A study on the role of community radio in conflict resolution in mukono municipality could provide insights into the effectiveness of community radio in promoting conflict resolution and peacebuilding in the area.

A study on community radio and conflict resolution could also provide insights into the challenges faced by community radio stations in promoting conflict resolution and peacebuilding in the area.

6.3.3 Community radio and disaster management

A study on the role of community radio in disaster management in mukono municipality could provide insights into the effectiveness of community radios in promoting disaster preparedness and response in the area.

A study on community radio and disaster management could also provide insights into the challenges faced by community radio stations in promoting disaster preparedness and response in the area.

6.4 Conclusion

The study on the role of community radios in promoting security in uganda with focus on mukono municipality, has provided insights into the role of community radios in promoting security awareness and education among the public. The study has also identified areas for future studies, including the impact of community radios on security, community radio and conflict resolution, and community radio and disaster management. The recommendations made in this chapter are intended to improve the role of community radios in promoting security in Mukono Municipality.

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APENDICES

APPENDIX A: INTERVIEW GUIDE

Topic: the role of community Radios in promoting security in Uganda, a cases of Mukono Municipality

1. can you please tell me about yourself and your work ?

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2. what is the status of the role community radios in promoting security in uganda?

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3. can you please tell me about the contribution made by community radios in promoting in security uganda?

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4. what are the strategies employed by community radios in curbing down insecurity in uganda?

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5. kindly tell me any additional information that can help enrich this study.

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