

Performance Appraisal An Outcome Of Performance Contracting In Insurance Firms In Kenya Nairobi County

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Abstract- Through performance appraisal an organization undertakes to measure the set goals against employee actual performance with respect to the period in question. It is also used to identify an employee's weaknesses and strengths and provide for appropriate adjustments. This study examined the importance of performance appraisal as an outcome of performance contracting in insurance firms in Kenya. The study employed a descriptive approach for and used a population that consisted of 49 heads of performance contracting sections of 49 Kenyan insurance firms. A census method of sampling was used due to the availability of the population. A standardized questionnaire was used as main data collection instrument. The Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS, version 24) analyzed the quantitative statistics and generate descriptive statistics. using the Using tables and figures for presentation, the study found that; performance appraisal affects employee performance among insurance firms in Kenya. The study findings revealed that there was effective performance appraisal procedures and methods in place that were used by the management in insurance firms in Kenya. The study recommends that; insurance firms in Kenya in collaboration with the IRA should structure and review their performance appraisal policy to include their support employee

Index Terms- Organizational Performance, Performance Appraisal, Performance Appraisal Methods, insurance firms

I. INTRODUCTION

Today's organizations seem to change much more rapidly than in the past because of increased competition and the ever-changing business environment. This explains why organizations require managing and improving their performance through performance contracting so as to be competitive. Lardi (2008), defines a performance contract as written agreement between a government or its affiliated organization and the management of public enterprises. It contains specific measurable objectives for a period and when the period lapses, the overall performance is examined using the set objectives. (World Bank, 2018). Performance contracting has been regarded as an effective measure of enhancing performance in organization as well as governmental agencies. (Prajapati, 2010).

The objective of introducing performance contracts was to advance on quality delivery and services through better performance by making managers accountable for results; maximize national resources through enhanced performance;

reduce dependency on the national treasury; effective resource usage by incorporating a culture of accountability and transparency, improve effectiveness and ensure that public resources were used on attaining national goals set out and reduced misunderstanding resulting from multiplicity of objectives (Boyne, 2015). The major contribution of performance contracting is that it focuses on attaining results - competitive products and services for customers inside and outside the organization. Opiyo (2006) notes that performance contracting has facilitated managers to have a positive attitude towards their staff and it has encouraged innovation, improved service delivery, better customer service, efficient resource utilization and performance centered culture in the public service. (Prajapati, 2010)

Performance contracts specify acceptable standards of performance or measurable targets which the insurance firms require its employees to attain in a given period. (insurance industry annual report, 2018).

Performance contracting from a Kenyan perspective designed by blending global best practices as well as borrowing from the Balanced Score Card. It also provides linkages between strategic objective, long term goals and the annually set budgets (GoK, 2010). PC in Kenya was first witnessed in government agencies in the management of state corporations in 1989 as a way of improving service delivery. The emergence of signing performance contracts between the Kenyan government and other agencies began in April 1989. The Kenya Railways Corporation signed the first contract. It was followed suit by the National Cereals Board (Kobia & Mohamed, 2006). The Cabinet Memorandum No. 90 of 1990 paved the way for PC in public institutions (Murui & Orwa, 2013). The Public Sector Reforms of 1993 by the Kenyan government rationalized and contained the public service resulted in a colossal job loss for employees in job group A-G. (Opiyo, 2006).

II. PAST STUDIES

Performance Appraisal (PA) is a formal process of reviewing and evaluating employee performance and providing a corrective action if targets are not met or giving a credit of work well done (Make staff Review Count, 2009). The aims of PA are; organizational goal alignment, manager-employee communication, employee development, effective personnel administration Organizations goal alignment is the ultimate objective of a performance management process where individual performance is aligned with organizational performance argues that the goal of alignment process is to create a result-oriented

culture which is a significant benefit of the performance appraisal exercise. According to argue that manager-employee communication is the rapport between employees and management about the feedback on organizational activities, events and performance towards organizational goals and objectives.

In a study on examining the transformation of the public service with regards to performance contracting Wanyama (2013) examined performance management in public institutions in Kenya. The study sought to examine whether performance contracting had an effect on government institutions in Kenya. From its onset, the study examined the efficiency and efficacy. Other areas examined were transparency and accountability of Resources. Mbua and Sarisar (2013) when exploring the challenges witnessed when implementing PC in the Kenyan public sector. The study established that several challenges face PC and the sustainability of performance gains remains a key issue. Public Contracting must strive to improve public sector delivery while at the same time addressing the challenges observed. Gakure, Muriu and Orwa (2013) examined the effect of PC on different departments in civil service performance in Kenya. through a proportionate sample of 108 respondents out of a possible 1072, the study results were analyzed and the correlations showed there is a strong relationship between performance contracting and performance effectiveness. The variance also revealed that performance contracting is significant on performance. The regression model shows that an increase in performance contracting increased in performance effectiveness. The study results show the effort the government is making in performance contracting in terms of effort and cost. It is concluded from the findings that performance contracting leads to effectiveness of performance. When it comes to Performance Contract on Organization Performance, Letangule, and Letting's (2012) study revealed the performance contracting affected delivery of service the overall service quality and employee creativity. On examining the influencing factors of PC in Kenya, Gathai, Ngugi, Waithaka and Kamingi (2012) examining employees of Kenya Civil Authority, examined contracts signed between 2009 and 2012. The results show that the targets achieved were in tandem with the organizations objectives. Akaranga's(2008), study reveals that all government parastatals and agencies had put performance contracting in place. The study results show that there was an improvement in incomes as well as the delivery of service by the said agencies. The financial year results for the year ending 2005/6 also show that revenue exceeded expenditure. Performance contracting can be detrimental when too much focus is given to targets and how they can be achieved. It is even more disadvantageous when the said targets are not in tandem with the expected outcomes. (Keelaar,2007). Kobia and Mohammed (2006) examined the challenges and successes that have been noted as a result of performance contracting. In their survey among civil servants, 280 respondents who consisted mainly of senior employees of the civil service noted that they did not have an understanding or the use of performance contracting at the organization level. The employees were stationed at the Kenya Institute of Administration. The results show that while PC had been implemented, there was little effort to make the employees know about it or its potential benefits.

In their study Marjorie et al (2006) identified the following as challenges of the process of appraisal. They are viz. increased red tape; little commitment; uncertainty when seeking areas for development and the rewarding process; and bias in judgment. Little devotion on the side of the government to the promised incentives was ranked highest by respondents. Similarly, Shirley et al (2001) ranked lack of commitment as the highest challenge in China. Bias in judgment was ranked second with a significant difference of 5% level of significance between high management and subordinates.

III. METHODOLOGY

A Research Design

This study adopted a descriptive research design. According to Kothari (2012) it is a systematic technique used to observe and describe the comportment of a matter without any influence. Descriptive research design is a design that is suitably used when explaining a phenomenon (for describing a situation and especially the manner in which independent variables influence the dependent variable). Notably the present study described the manner in which performance contracting is linked to employee performance in insurance firms in Kenya, rendering descriptive research design ideal for it (Gupta & Rangi, 2014).

B Target Population

The target population is defined as entire group of individuals or objects possessing same observable characteristics and from where the findings can be generalized (Mugenda & Mugenda, 2003). Insurance Regulatory Authority [IRA] (2018) indicates that there are 49 Registered Insurance firms in Kenya. So, in this study, the target population consisted of 49 heads of performance contracting sections of 49 insurance firms in Kenya as captured in the sampling frame (see appendix III). This population was chosen because they were the implementers of the performance contracting in insurance firms in Kenya. So, the respondents to the study were the heads of performance contracting sections of the insurance firms in Kenya while the unit of analysis was the insurance companies.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSIONS

Demographic information

The study found that 14 (34.15%) of the respondents were 51 years and above as 12(29.27%) of the respondents were between 41 and 50 years while 15 (36.59%) of the respondents were between 31 and 40 years. Majority of the respondents 23 (56.10%) had worked for a period between 16 years and above, 16 (39.02% of the respondents had worked for a period of 6-10 years, while 2 (4.88%) of the respondents had worked for a period of between 11 and 15 years as shown on figure 4.4. These results implies that majority of the employees of insurance companies at the management level have had over 6 years of work experience.

C Descriptive Analysis

Using quantitative analysis, the study yielded descriptive statistics showing the properties of the study variables when assessing the study objective as well as the manner in which the

variables affected each other and especially the independent and dependent variables. The results were just direct answers to the questions in the tool which were presented using percentages, frequencies, means and standard deviations

Performance Appraisal and Employee Performance

The study assessed the first objective to establish the importance of performance appraisal on employee performance in insurance firms in Kenya by first seeking to establish the level of goal setting at every performance appraisal. According to the

results, 154 (82.93%) of the respondents agreed that they set goals at every performance appraisal, while 34 (17.07%) of the respondents disagreed that they did not set goals at every performance appraisal as shown on figure 4.5. The findings are consistent with (Lorsch, 2002), who found out that, unless the supervisors do the appraising themselves, they cannot adequately discharge their responsibilities of assisting and training the subordinates.

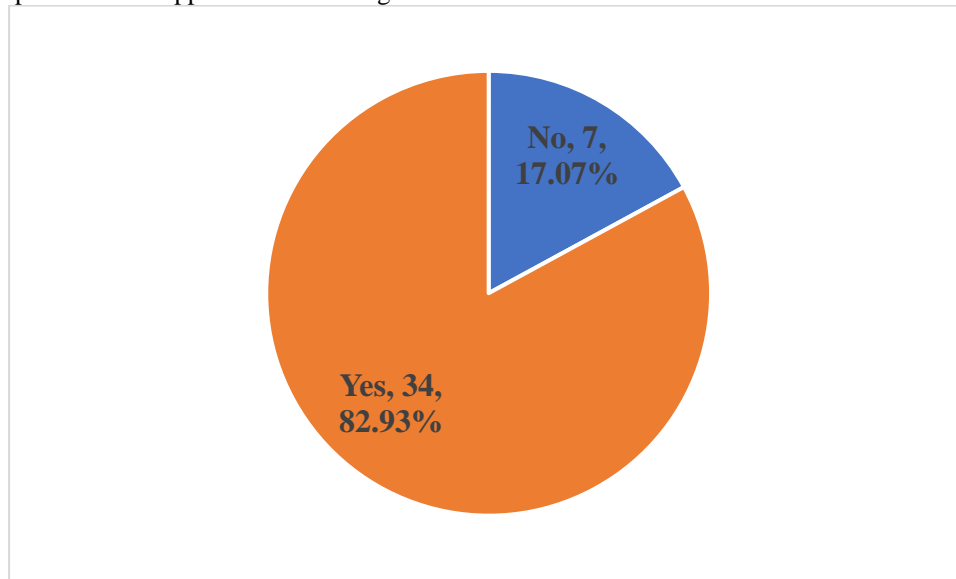


Figure 4.1: Goal Setting

Performance appraisal was used as one of the factors that affect employee performance of insurance firms in Kenya. The respondents were therefore required to rate their responses on a 5-point Likert scale of 1-5; 5= Strongly Agree;4= Agree; 3= Neutral;

2= Disagree; 1=Strongly Disagree as shown on Table 4.2. on average, they strongly agreed that the performance appraisal was high (M = 4.35; SD=0.88).

Table 4.1: Performance Appraisal

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Neutral		Agree		Strongly Agree	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
My appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	7	17.07%	22	53.66%	12	29.27%
The performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance	0	0.00%	1	2.44%	2	4.88%	25	60.98%	13	31.71%
Employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance	0	0.00%	3	7.32%	8	19.51%	23	56.10%	7	17.07%

The results show that the majority of the respondents forming 22 (53.66%) agreed that the appraisers helped the employees to understand the process used to evaluate and rate their performance. Meanwhile a majority of 25 (60.98%) of the respondents agreed that performance review discussion is the only time they get feedback about their performance while a majority of 23 (56.10%) of the respondents agreed that they were provided with feedback to help them improve their performance. The results showed that the they set goals at every performance appraisal.

These results show that there was high appreciation of performance appraisal among insurance companies in Kenya where they had appraisers who were helping the employees to understand the process used to evaluate and rate their performance while they used performance review discussion is the only time they get feedback about the employee performance. according to these results, the performance appraisal exercise ensured employees were provided with feedback to help them improve their performance. Various empirical literature has associated

performance appraisal with employee performance with most of the studies showing that performance appraisal affects employee performance as confirmed in this study. In the study by Gakure *et al.* (2013), it was revealed that performance contracting significantly affects performance while in their Letangule, and Letting (2012) revealed that performance contracting affected service quality, efficiency, and consistency and employee creativity at the ministry of education to a great extent. Although In their study Marjorie *et al.* (2006) identified challenges of the process of appraisal as lack of commitment; tension about identifying development needs and allocation of rewards, Gathai *et al.* (2012) concluded that performance measurements are used

to evaluate, control and improve operations process for ensure achievement of organizational goals and objectives.

D Inferential Analysis

Performance appraisal and employee performance in insurance firms in Kenya

The study tested the null hypothesis

H₀₁: Performance appraisal has no significant effect on employee performance in insurance firms in Kenya

To produce the results in Table 4.7

Table 1: Analysis by Responses against predicted responses

Predicted responses categories		Count	%within
My appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance	Neutral	7	17.07%
	Agree	22	53.66%
	Strongly Agree	12	29.27%
The performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance	Disagree	1	2.44%
	Neutral	2	4.88%
	Agree	25	60.98%
	Strongly Agree	13	31.71%
Employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance	Disagree	3	7.32%
	Neutral	8	19.51%
	Agree	23	56.10%
	Strongly Agree	7	17.07%
Total		41	100.00%

According to these results, the model seems to be doing good of predicting outcome categories, for “My appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance (agree)” the models correctly classifies 53.66%, “the performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about

my performance (agree)” classifies 60.98%, and Employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance (neural) classifies 56.10%.

The regression results are captured in table 4.8

Table 2: Logistic Results for Performance appraisal and Service delivery

Model Fitting Information					
Model	-2	Log	Chi-	df	Sig.
	Likelihood		Square		
Intercept Only	62.807				
Final	59.195		3.612	8	0.890
Goodness-of-Fit					
		Chi-Square	df	Sig.	
Pearson		50.253	43	0.208	
Deviance		42.271	43	0.503	

Pseudo R-Square

Cox and Snell	0.084
Nagelkerke	0.094
McFadden	0.039

Test of Parallel Lines

Model	-2 Log Likelihood	Chi-Square	df	Sig.
Null Hypothesis	59.195			
General	.000b	59.195	16	0.000

Explanatory variables associated with high level of Service delivery

Item name	Regression coefficient	p-value
My appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance	-0.267	0.566
The performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance	0.15	0.725
Employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance	-0.003	0.996

The model fitting information show the p-value was 0.890 indicating that there is no significant reduction in the chi-square statistics ($p > .005$). The chi-square statistic (3.612) indicates that the model does not give a significant improvement over the baseline intercept-only model, implying that the model does not give better predictions than just guessing based on the marginal probabilities for the outcome categories.

The Goodness-of-Fit, which contains Pearson's chi-square statistic for the model and chi-square statistic based on the deviance for testing inconsistencies of observed data with the fitted model, shows that these statistics not significant. However, they are large enough to conclude that the data and the model predictions are similar. So, the model is a good one. The

Nagelkerke R^2 (0.094) indicates the model can account for 9.4% of the variance in service delivery. The test of parallel lines rejects the null hypothesis of the assumption that across response categories". So, the model does not fit the data well since the observed significant level is very small.

These results show that :”my appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance” (p-value = 0.566), “the performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance (p-value = 0.725), “employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance” (p-value = 0.996) are not significant with service delivery.

Table 3: Logistic Results for Performance appraisal and Employees motivation

Model Fitting Information					
Model	-2 Log Likelihood	Log Chi-Square	df	Sig.	
Intercept Only	64.321				
Final	58.423	5.897	8	0.659	
Link function: Negative Log-log.					
		Chi-Square	Df	Sig.	
Pearson		37.320	60	0.991	
Deviance		38.023	60	0.988	
Pseudo R-Square					
Cox and Snell		0.134			
Nagelkerke		0.147			

McFadden	0.059				
Test of Parallel Linesa					
Model	-2	Log	Chi-Square	df	Sig.
Intercept Only	75.514				
Final	67.350		8.163	8	0.418

Explanatory variables associated with high level of employee’s motivation

Item name	Regression coefficient	p-value
My appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance	-0.112	0.802
The performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance	0.444	0.280
Employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance	-0.882	0.117

The model fitting information show the p-value was 0.659 indicating that there is no significant reduction in the chi-square statistics (p>.005). The chi-square statistic (5.897) indicates that the model does not give a significant improvement over the baseline intercept-only model, implying that the model does not give better predictions than just guessing based on the marginal probabilities for the outcome categories.

The Goodness-of-Fit, which contains Pearson's chi-square statistic for the model and chi-square statistic based on the deviance for testing inconsistencies of observed data with the fitted model, shows that these statistics not significant. However, they are large enough to conclude that the data and the model predictions are similar. So, the model is a good one. The

Nagelkerke R² (0.149) indicates the model can account for 14.90% of the variance in service delivery. The test of parallel lines accepts the null hypothesis of the assumption that across response categories”. So, the model fits the data well since the observed significant level is large.

These results show that :”my appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance” (p-value = 0.802), “the performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance (p-value = 0.280), “employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance” (p-value = 0.117) are not significant with employees motivation.

Table 4: Logistic Results for Performance appraisal and customers satisfaction

Model Fitting Information					
Model	-2	Log	Chi-Square	Df	Sig.
Intercept Only	75.514				
Final	67.350		8.163	8	0.418
Goodness-of-Fit					
		Chi-Square	df	Sig.	
Pearson		46.505	60	0.899	
Deviance		47.778	60	0.873	
Pseudo R-Square					
Cox and Snell		0.181			
Nagelkerke		0.195			
McFadden		0.076			
Test of Parallel Linesa					
Model	-2	Log	Chi-Square	df	Sig.

Null Hypothesis	67.350			
General	39.422b	27.928c	24	0.263

Explanatory variables associated with high level of customers satisfaction

Item name	Regression coefficient	p-value
My appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance	1.863	0.007
The performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance	-0.575	0.170
Employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance	0.401	0.471

The model fitting information show the p-value was 0.419 indicating that there is no significant reduction in the chi-square statistics ($p > .005$). The chi-square statistic (8.163) indicates that the model does not give a significant improvement over the baseline intercept-only model, implying that the model does not give better predictions than just guessing based on the marginal probabilities for the outcome categories.

The Goodness-of-Fit, which contains Pearson's chi-square statistic for the model and chi-square statistic based on the deviance for testing inconsistencies of observed data with the fitted model, shows that these statistics not significant. However, they are large enough to conclude that the data and the model predictions are similar. So, the model is a good one. The

Nagelkerke R^2 (0.195) indicates the model can account for 19.50% of the variance in service delivery. The test of parallel lines accepts the null hypothesis of the assumption that across response categories". So, the model fits the data well since the observed significant level is large.

These results show that :my appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance" (p-value = 0.007)was significant with customers satisfaction while "the performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance (p-value = 0.170), "employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance" (p-value = 0.471) are not significant with customers satisfaction.

Table 5: Logistic Results for Performance appraisal and Employee commitment

Model Fitting Information					
Model	-2 Log Likelihood	Chi-Square	df	Sig.	
Intercept Only	70.263				
Final	63.990	6.273	8	0.617	
Goodness-of-Fit					
	Chi-Square	Df	Sig.		
Pearson	41.329	60	0.969		
Deviance	41.627	60	0.966		
Pseudo R-Square					
Cox and Snell	0.142				
Nagelkerke	0.152				
McFadden	0.057				
Test of Parallel Lines					
Model	-2 Log Likelihood	Chi-Square	df	Sig.	
Null Hypothesis	63.990				
General	41.548b	22.442c	24	0.553	

Explanatory variables associated with high level of Employee commitment

Item name	Regression coefficient	p-value
My appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance	2.189	0.001
The performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance	0.066	0.870
Employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance	0.383	0.48

The model fitting information show the p-value was 0.617 indicating that there is no significant reduction in the chi-square statistics ($p > .005$). The chi-square statistic (6.273) indicates that the model does not give a significant improvement over the baseline intercept-only model, implying that the model does not give better predictions than just guessing based on the marginal probabilities for the outcome categories.

The Goodness-of-Fit, which contains Pearson's chi-square statistic for the model and chi-square statistic based on the deviance for testing inconsistencies of observed data with the fitted model, shows that these statistics not significant. However, they are large enough to conclude that the data and the model predictions are similar. So, the model is a good one. The

Nagelkerke R^2 (0.152) indicates the model can account for 15.20% of the variance in service delivery. The test of parallel lines accepts the null hypothesis of the assumption that across response categories". So, the model fits the data well since the observed significant level is large.

These results show that :my appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance" (p-value = 0.001) was significant with employee commitment.while "the performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance (p-value = 0.870), "employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance" (p-value = 0.480) are not significant with employee commitment.

Table 6: Logistic Results for Performance appraisal and Employees promotion

Model Fitting Information					
Model	-2 Log Likelihood	Log	Chi-Square	df	Sig.
Intercept Only	68.694				
Final	56.643		12.050	8	0.149
Goodness-of-Fit					
	Chi-Square		df		Sig.
Pearson	30.169		60		1.000
Deviance	34.045		60		0.997
Pseudo R-Square					
Cox and Snell	0.255				
Nagelkerke	0.274				
McFadden	0.110				
Test of Parallel Linesa					
Model	-2 Log Likelihood	Log	Chi-Square	df	Sig.
Null Hypothesis	56.643				
General	41.364b		15.280c	24	0.912

Explanatory variables associated with high level of Employees promotion

Item name	Regression coefficient	p-value
My appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance	2.708	0.000
The performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance	2.62	0.039
Employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance	1.811	0.046

The model fitting information show the p-value was 0.149 indicating that there is no significant reduction in the chi-square statistics ($p > .005$). The chi-square statistic (12.050) indicates that the model gives a moderate significant improvement over the baseline intercept-only model, implying that the model gives better predictions than just guessing based on the marginal probabilities for the outcome categories.

The Goodness-of-Fit, which contains Pearson's chi-square statistic for the model and chi-square statistic based on the deviance for testing inconsistencies of observed data with the fitted model, shows that these statistics not significant. However, they are large enough to conclude that the data and the model predictions are similar. So, the model is a good one. The

Nagelkerke R^2 (0.274) indicates the model can account for 27.40% of the variance in service delivery. The test of parallel lines accepts the null hypothesis of the assumption that across response categories". So, the model fits the data very well since the observed significant level is large.

These results show that :”my appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance” (p-value = 0.000), “the performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance (p-value = 0.039), “employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance” (p-value = 0.046) are significant with employees promotion.

Table 7: Logistic Results for Performance appraisal and Performance contracting

Model Fitting Information					
Model	-2 Log Likelihood	Chi-Square	df	Sig.	
Intercept Only	70.655				
Final	58.820	11.835	8	0.159	
Goodness-of-Fit					
	Chi-Square	df	Sig.		
Pearson	32.966	60	0.998		
Deviance	36.458	60	0.993		
Pseudo R-Square					
Cox and Snell	0.251				
Nagelkerke	0.269				
McFadden	0.107				
Test of Parallel Linesa					
Model	-2 Log Likelihood	Chi-Square	df	Sig.	
Null Hypothesis	58.820				
General	118.528b	.c	24		

Explanatory variables associated with high level of Performance contracting

Item name	Regression coefficient	p-value
My appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance	2.575	0.001

The performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance	0.031	0.938
Employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance	0.722	0.193

The model fitting information show the p-value was 0.15 indicating that there is no significant reduction in the chi-square statistics ($p > .005$). The chi-square statistic (11.835) indicates that the model gives a moderate improvement over the baseline intercept-only model, implying that the model gives a better prediction than just guessing based on the marginal probabilities for the outcome categories.

The Goodness-of-Fit, which contains Pearson's chi-square statistic for the model and chi-square statistic based on the deviance for testing inconsistencies of observed data with the fitted model, shows that these statistics not significant. However, they are large enough to conclude that the data and the model predictions are similar. So, the model is a good one. The Nagelkerke R^2 (0.269) indicates the model can account for 26.90% of the variance in service delivery. The test of parallel lines accepts the null hypothesis of the assumption that across response categories". So, the model fits the data very well since the observed significant level is large.

These results show that :my appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my performance" (p-value = 0.001) was significant with performance contracting while "the performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance (p-value = 0.938), "employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance" (p-value = 0.193) are not significant with Performance contracting.

According to these results, while all other relationship were significant;

- my appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance" (p-value = 0.007) was significant with customers satisfaction
- my appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance" (p-value = 0.001) was significant with employee commitment
- my appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my Performance" (p-value = 0.000), "the performance appraisal review discussion is the only time I get feedback about my performance (p-value = 0.039), "employees are provided with feedbacks to help improve their performance" (p-value = 0.046) are significant with employees promotion
- my appraiser helps me to understand the process used to evaluate and rate my performance" (p-value = 0.001) was significant with performance contracting

V. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A Conclusion

It was found that performance appraisal has relationship with employee performance among insurance firms in Kenya. It was further found that there is very high level of goal setting at every performance appraisal among insurance firms in Kenya where these companies set goals at every performance appraisal. The appraisers help employees understand the process used to evaluate

and rate their performance while the performance review discussion is the only time the companies get feedback about employee performance. the study found that the employees are provided with feedback to help them improve their performance. notably, there is high performance appraisal among insurance firms in Kenya which spurs the employee performance of these institutions. The study concludes that there is effect of performance appraisal on employee performance among insurance firms in Kenya. The performance appraisal is necessary for helping employees understand the process used to evaluate and rate their performance, assisting the firm to get feedback about employee performance and providing employees with feedback which helps employee improve their performance.

VI. RECOMMENDATION

The study made related policy recommendation as informed by the findings. Firstly, the study recommends that insurance firms in Kenya in collaboration with the IRA should structure and review their performance appraisal policy to include their support employee (low level staff) through representatives into the performance contacting team. These representatives are vital for informing the performance contacting team on issues bedeviling the employees as it also makes the employees clearly understand the evaluation process. Inclusion of the se of employees will also release the tension that builds between the different levels of employees in organizations and hence create conducive performance appraisal process.

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