

The Role of Traditional Leadership Institution, Governance, And Fight Against Covid-19

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Abstract

This paper examines the role of traditional leadership institutions, governance, with specific reference to the fight against COVID-19. The rationale behind the investigation is by Section 212 (1) of the Constitution of South Africa, 1996, which states that national legislation may provide for a role for traditional leadership as an institution at the local level on matters affecting local communities. For data collection, the study will rely considerably on both primary data and secondary data. The study will use both conceptual and empirical approaches to explore the role of traditional leaders and governance in combating COVID-19. The paper also discusses the challenges of traditional leadership in the fight against COVID-19. It further explores the role played by the Free State Province traditional leaders as well as the role played by the Royal Bafokeng Nation in the fight against COVID-19. The recommendations of this study will enable both traditional leaders and government to synergies to achieve the set governmental objectives. The paper concludes by presenting the findings from the literature review and the empirical study.

Keywords: Covid-19, Traditional Leadership, Governance, Municipalities, Councillors, Role, Traditional Councils, Pandemic and Rural areas.

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