**TWINKLE-TWINKLE LITTLE STAR, WHAT CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS ON COMMUNITY-BASED GOVERNANCE ARE?**

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**ABSTRACT.** This systematic review article focuses on the critical success factors on community-based governance. Generally, the fact that community-based governance is not a new area has attracted scholars to conduct numerous relevant studies. Much of the focus surrounding community-based governance has targeted the community security in the rural area. The current study presents a systematic review of papers within the last five years. The study reviewed a considerable amount of past studies on the critical success factors on community-based governance that are highly related to community’s natural resources and energy utilisation. Meanwhile, Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta Analyses (PRISMA) was adopted for the review of the current research which utilised two main journal databases, namely Scopus and Web of Science. Accordingly, the searching efforts resulted in a total of 15 articles that can be analysed systematically. By adopting a systematic review approach, the current study attempts to present a suitable explanation for the factors that leads to the success of the implementation of community-based governance. Finally, a number of recommendations were presented at the end of this research for the reference of future scholars.

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