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## **ABSTRACT**

The prison system, as a microcosm of society, necessitates effective public administrative practices to ensure the welfare of its inmates. Inmates are thereby dependent on these practices in providing their welfare needs as they undergo the process of rehabilitation. The goal of rehabilitation within prisons is effectively realized through the integration of several public administrative practices and the effectiveness of these practices is crucial for governance, as a result, they are considered as fundamental methods of implementing government policies and managing public affairs. Grounded in POSDCORB (Planning, Organising, Staffing, Directing, Coordinating, Reporting, and Budgeting), the study provides a structured lens to analyse the practices of planning, organising, and directing, and unveils its intricate relationship on healthcare, housing and feeding of inmates at the Monrovia Central Prison. The study therefore adopted the Institutional theory. Thus, with the use of a literature review, a questionnaire, and an interview, both primary and secondary data were gathered. Utilising frequency, percentage, and correlation analysis, the data collected were analysed. The research revealed that public administrative practices have a statistically significant relationship and negative effect on inmates' welfare at the Monrovia Central Prison, that an increase in public administrative practices will lead to an increase in inmate's welfare. The study identified critical deficiencies and challenges such as extreme overcrowdedness, old and deplorable infrastructures, inadequate medications, a shortage of medical staff, untreated illnesses, low feeding and malnutrition. The study therefore recommends healthcare support programmes, overcrowding policies, infrastructure renovation, nutritional support and private collaborations to enhance administrative practices towards the better welfare of inmates. The study concludes that interconnected issues of planning, directing, and budgeting has several effects on inmate welfare and advocates for a comprehensive approach to the rehabilitation and well-being of prisoners aiming to reshape the administrative system of prisons in Liberia.

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