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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to investigate on the effect of drug abuse on the learners in secondary schools at Karama division in Tigania east district Meru County. In Karama Division, Tigania East and Meru County. The objectives to guide the study are as follows: First is to investigate on the causes of drug abuse among students. Second is to investigate the effect of drug abuse on their academic performance. Third is to recommend appropriate measures to control drug abuse in secondary school in Kenya. The study will be guided by two main theories which best address the issue of the substance abuse among secondary school students this include; Cognitive-Affective Theories and Conventional Commitment and Social Attachment Theories. The researcher used descriptive research, in attempts to describe such variables as possible characteristics, behaviour, values and attitudes. The study will be conducted in selected and secondary school Karama division in Tigania East district Meru county. The target population will comprises student and teachers in sampled schools. Karama division consist seven (7) secondary schools. Target population was made up of 200 students all form three and form four students from the four secondary schools chosen as a sample. Subject teachers were included in addition to the target population. Researcher used a systematic random sampling of 10 people from a population of 50 students from each secondary school's. The researcher then picks a random number, 4, as the starting number. The sampling interval is calculated by dividing the population size by the sample size. This is arrived at by $50/10=5$. The coded data was edited, organized, classified and presented using percentage indices. This helped in the proper organization and interpretation of data in tables and graphs. The researchers used simple random sampling methods where every member will be given an equal chance. Also self administering will be used to collect data from respondents; the data will be analyzed through comparing the findings of the study. The researcher will use questionnaire as a research instrument.