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ABSTRACT

Alcohol and substance abuse is a major problem in almost all parts of the world Kenya in particular has a big problem with alcohol abuse. There are various factors which are to blame for the problem of alcohol abuse in Kenya. Of particular concern to this project, is the problem of alcohol abuse among the youth and the juvenile population in Kenya. Among the Kenyan youth and especially of the school going age, alcohol abuse has taken root and is affecting the young people and those living with them and around them. The poor living in slums and rural areas are most affected by this scourge of alcohol abuse.

It is important for us to analyze and discuss this problem because it affects all of us either directly and indirectly. This project will seek to analyze the major causes of alcohol abuse among the youth living in my case study area of Kiandutu Slums, in Kiambu County. It will also analyze the problem of juvenile delinquency and seek to identify whether a link does exist between juvenile delinquency and alcohol abuse.