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ABSTRACT

Cattle rustling is an ancient practice of stealing either for economic gain or social gain. It is a practice that was reported even in the American old west where it was considered a serious offense, and it did frequently result in being punished by vigilantes. Conflict over alleged rustling was a major issue in the Johnson county war in the U.S state of Wyoming. The study is to investigate on the situation of cattle rustling in Baringo County, to identify the factors causing cattle rustling affecting the economy in Baringo County, to establish the impacts of cattle rustling on the economic development of Baringo County and to suggest ways that can be used to reduce cattle rustling in Baringo County. The significance of the study was to enable the community and researchers understand how cattle rustling affect economic development. The study also assisted in informing the government and other service providers to implement ways of curbing cattle rustling practice hence reduce crimes attributed to cattle rustling.

The study will be carried out in Baringo County as of late it has been facing many occurrences of cattle rustling. The study will select a sample size of 150 respondents derived from a target population of 500. The study will target chiefs, asst. chiefs, police officers, county administrators residents and elders in the County. Data will be collected using questionnaires and interview schedule which the researcher will personally present. The collected data will be analyzed using frequency tables and percentages. The conclusion will highlight how cattle rustling have impacted negatively on the economic development of the region the study will recommend ways of helping the community on how to diversify to other economic activities like farming so as to ensure that cattle rustling are minimized in the region