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**TO INVESTIGATE THE FACTORS INFLUENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON
FAMILY GROWTH AT LARI LOCATION OF LARI SUB-COUNTY IN KIAMBU
COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

Domestic violence refers to acts of violence that occur within intimate relationships and take place in domestic settings. It includes physical, sexual, emotional and psychological abuse. The purpose of this study was to investigate the factors influencing domestic violence on family growth taking a case study of Lari Location of Lari Sub-County in Kiambu County. The objectives of the study were to identify Socio-cultural Factors influencing domestic violence on family growth of Lari sub-county in Kiambu County, to study the social background of the stratified groups among Lari people which influencing domestic violence on family growth and to compare the status of domestic violence on family growth of Lari sub-county people. The theory of the study expounded on how domestic violence incurs significant social, emotional and economic costs to victims, their families and the broader community (Laing & Bobic 2002). Findings from victimization surveys suggest that women are more likely than men to become victims of domestic violence, but that domestic violence can occur in a range of different relationship types, circumstances and settings. Research suggests that some women may be more vulnerable to becoming victims and less capable of exiting violent relationships, depending on their age, living arrangements and English language abilities. This research project adopted a case study descriptive design. The sampling technique that was used for the study is stratified sampling while the sample size for the study was 50% of the total target population from different categories. The tools that were used to collect data for the study include questionnaires and interviews. The data was analyzed using statistical tables that are easy to understand and comprehend. The recommendation for the study include the need for carrying our public awareness on domestic violence, supporting the victims of domestic violence to report the matter to the relevant authorities and having a close working relationship with various agencies that deal with domestic violence matters in the community.