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ABSTRACT

There is ample anecdotal and correlational evidence suggesting that education and economic growth are related and therefore poor education standards can adversely affect economic development in any region of the world. The role of improved schooling, a central part of most development strategies, has become crucial because expansion of school attainment is seen as to guarantee improved economic conditions. In Kenya, government propelled interventions such as the free primary education and tuition waiver for secondary schools have been introduced to enhance access to education to all children in the republic.

This paper reviews the effects of poor education standards on economic development in Wajir County. Wajir County is one of the neglected and marginalized areas of Northern Kenya whose education sector and economic development compares poorly with the rest of Kenya. The study will be guided by the structural-change theory and constructivism theory.

The researcher used a descriptive case study design employing both quantitative and qualitative procedures. The researcher used Simple Sampling Method to arrive at the sample of 100 students and their teachers in the study. Representative samples were arrived at through random sampling and questionnaires administered to key informants. Data was analyzed using descriptive statistics with the aid of the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). It was found out that poor education standards affected the economic development in Wajir County.