

**ROLE OF WOMEN IN GROUPS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN
NAKURU COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

Women have been always considered inferior to men physically and intellectually. The purpose of this study was to investigate the factors that influence participation of women in community development projects to enhance community health. This study was guided by the following objectives; to determine the influence of government policy on the participation of women in community development projects in Nakuru County, to determine how socio-cultural factors influence the participation of women in community development projects in Nakuru County and to examine how the economic factors influence women participation in community development projects in Nakuru County. One of the limitations the study faced was the inaccessibility of Nakuru County which is the area of study. This was because the research will be carried out during the rainy season. This made it hard for the researcher to be able to reach all the targeted population because of the weather. The researcher had to be visiting the respondents when the rain had subsided which was time consuming but despite of this limitation the researcher was able to collect the needed data for this study. The study used descriptive Survey. The main goal of this type of research is to describe the data and characteristics about what is to be studied. The target population was a complete set of individuals of 40 respondents. These were women at the grassroots, the marginalized groups and they took part in community development projects. The study used Simple random sampling. The sample was selected by random selection of 10 locations from the locations of Nakuru County. This study used a questionnaire. This tool will be developed by the researcher with the help of the supervisors. The data collected was analyzed through descriptive statistics, frequency distribution tables were used to interpret the respondents issues raised in the questionnaires so as to answer the research questions. The research made the following research recommendations based on women groups in development of Kenya. NGOs and government agencies should encourage women to join a higher group than ones there are in. Example women in the national women groups should be encouraged to join international groups. Motivational forces which underlie welfare programmes of women should be encouraged by group leaders in women groups. NGOs should train women groups especially in technology inputs and extension services. Group members should use labour-saving farm implements to increase productivity