

**FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO INSECURITY IN KAMIRITHU LOCATION, LIMURU
CONSTITUENCY, KIAMBU COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The study was set out to establish the factors that are causing an increase in crime in the Kamirithu location, Limuru constituency, Kiambu County. The main objectives were: to find out the percentage of the population of the youth that were unemployed, to understand the factors that caused unemployment, to gauge the mentality of the population on crime, to find out measures taken to prevent further crime. The study used questionnaires and interview as a means to collect the data. Both open and closed ended questions were used to gather the information. Information gathered was tabulated and illustrated in graphs and charts. Sampling was the main method used to identify the respondents. The type of sampling done was random in almost all the scenarios. To acquire well distributed data, all age groups were incorporated as respondents. Also, different days of the week were used and the research extended to different institutions in the selected area. These were the surrounding hospitals, schools, institutions of higher learning and homesteads. The most outstanding response with a margin of about eighty percent was the fact that unemployment was the prime source of crime in the area. Also, another important fact that came up was that the levels of crime had increased significantly over the last five years. The respondents felt that the government had failed them in terms of providing adequate opportunities to the citizens. The recommendations of this study were that there should be more non academic opportunities provided to the population. It was my conclusion that maybe education geared towards academic success was the greatest mistake being made by the government and the society as a whole. Another solution should be better birth control amongst the citizens. The rate of population growth was alarming and this fact seemed to be ignored by the government. It was sad to note that actually the waiver of maternity fees seems to be an encouraging move to the population to continue with this trend. The recommendation was that a lot of emphasis, similar to that given to AIDS prevention should be done.