

**AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE IMPACT OF LOW INCOME ON
EDUCATION IN MWALA SUB COUNTY, MACHAKOS COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

Low income leads to lack of basic needs to support the better upkeep and better growth of these young children. UNICEF (1998) characterized poverty as the inability to meet life needs like the provision of food, enough and suitable clothing, poor or no shelter. Children at this tender age of school need a lot of care for their holistic growth and development. The United Nations International children Education Funds (UNICEF) stated more than 50% Kenyans live below poverty line. Children are born with potential to learn which is inherited from parents but the nature and environment shapes the learning. A child should be recognized as an able creature being provided with the adequate opportunity and necessity to learn and develop. Mwala Sub-County's one of the semi-arid areas of Machakos County within Ukambani Region. Low income has affected many school going children in many primary schools. Some cannot feed well and affects their mental growth and hence learning. Other homes have orphaned children and there is rampant poverty in many households which cannot support good learning of these young children. This proposal therefore addresses the impact of low income on education within this region.