

**THE EFFECT OF CHILD ABUSE ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF
PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN OF MUGOIRI ZONE KAHURO
DISTRICT IN MURANG'A COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

This study intends to establish the effect of child abuse on the academic performance in primary schools. The study was carried out in Mugoiri Educational Zone, Kahuro District in Murang'a County.

The study employed both the qualitative and quantitative methods of research. Descriptive survey design was specifically used since it attempt to obtain pertinent and precise information concerning the current status of phenomena. The study has the two variables the independent variable. Child Abuse and the dependent the academic performance.

The study was carried out in six selected schools out of the twenty seven school in Mugoiri zone. The researcher interacted with about 90 children from the selected Schools and about 18 teachers. In total the respondents were 108. the targeted population consisted of the primary School teachers and the Primary School Children both in lower and upper classes.

Random sampling was chosen to allow the researcher to select only six Schools to participate in the study. The teachers in the selected Schools helped the researcher to select the learners randomly from their particular classes.

The researcher employed research made questionnaires to collect data. Questionnaire provide a cheaper means of collecting data from a large number of people (Reil 1995). the questions in the questionnaires were specifically designed in line with the objectives thus the research questions. After the data was collected, items from the questionnaire were arranged and grouped according to the particular research questions. The responses that were received from the various respondents were organized in tables and frequently distributions include : Purpose of study