

**AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CHALLENGES FACING
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NYUMBA KUMI
COMMUNITY POLICING IN KENYA. THE CASE
OF RUIRU SUB COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT

The main concern of this study was to make an assessment of the challenges facing the implementation of the Nyumba Kumi community policing initiative. It attempted to evaluate the challenges facing the implementation of the Nyumba Kumi program in Kenya, in Ruiru sub county, and more specifically to, identify the organizational challenges facing the implementation of the Nyumba Kumi initiative in Ruiru, to examine the process of coordinating the Nyumba Kumi program and to identify the possible results of the Nyumba Kumi initiative. The study was both a qualitative and quantitative research and it used a descriptive design. A pilot study on the questionnaires was carried out prior to actual data collection. The questionnaires were administered by the researcher in person to the 200 respondents. Data analysis was done using the Software Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). Results are presented in tables of frequencies, charts, bar graphs and percentages. This study will help the policy makers to understand the challenges facing the implementation of the Nyumba Kumi program and help the government of Kenya and the relevant authorities in the proactive formulation of policies to mitigate the challenges. The study will help the researchers in Sociology and Criminology to understand the challenges facing the initiative and will improve on the academic knowledge on the field of the program. It will help the Police, the Nyumba Kumi implementation Committee and the Administrators to address the various challenges found on the way while implementing it. The results of the study revealed fear of reprisal attacks by residents, abuse of the program by officials, lack of enough resources, lack political goodwill, intrusion to privacy, conflicting roles between police and civilian, and corruption as the challenges, among other challenges, as the main ones that face the implementation of the Nyumba Kumi initiative. It also revealed that there was need for a rigorous public awareness on the program, to win the full community support. Some recommendations for consideration in future were made for a similar study to be conducted in other areas in Kenya to compare the findings.