

**IMPACTS OF DRUG ABUSE TO EDUCATION IN TALA ZONE  
MATUNGULU SUB – COUNTY, MACHAKOS COUNTY**

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**ABSTRACT**

This project focused on impacts of drug abuse to education in all Secondary schools in Tala Zone,

Matungulu sub-county, Machakos County in Eastern Province. Drug and substance abuse has been a great problem that has affected teaching and learning process. Drug and substance abuse has also affected the individuals' health and even social being of the individuals. The main effects investigated in this project include academic effects investigated in this project include academic effects, health effects and even social effects. These effects have been hindering individuals' performance in Secondary Schools in the zone. They affect individuals social well being and even shorten life therefore causing death. In this study, the main effects of drug and substance abuse were investigated and conclusions drawn unto the reality of the effects of drug and substance abuse in the Secondary Schools in Tala Zone . This research highlights the importance of controlling drug and substance abuse in order to make learning effective to the students in this zone. This investigation used both primary and Secondary data collection procedures and techniques. The researcher used survey design in collecting and analyzing the data. The researcher carried out the study in sampled secondary schools in Tala Zone, Matungulu sub-county, Machakos county, Samples comprised of 500 students from all school categories. The sample consisted both gender. The number of teachers sampled from the total population was fifty. The researcher used convenience and stratified sampling. Interviews and questionnaires were used to gather information.