

**A STUDY OF EFFECTS OF ILLICIT BREW ON THE
CITIZENS OF KENYA. CASE OF MUKANGO
LOCATION, KAHURO SUB-COUNTY IN MURANG'A.**

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ABSTRACT

The main concern of this project was to study the effects of illicit brew on the citizens of Kenya. It is a Case of Mukango location, Kahuro Sub County in Murang'a County. This study on illicit brews comes in the background of public and Government concern over increasing alcohol use in the County. The purpose of this study was to investigate principally through quantitative means the magnitude of alcohol use and the underlying effects. The ultimate goal was to gather data and information that would assist in formulation and implementation of effective prevention and control policies and other interventions. The specific objectives were to: ascertain the magnitude of alcohol abuse with respect to types of alcohol, age, gender, and other social, economic and demographic factors; establish the impact of alcohol abuse on health, security and socioeconomic indicators in the community and to make recommendations with regard to appropriate policies and interventions. The study was a 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 were presented in tables of frequencies, charts, bar graphs and percentages. This study will help the policy makers to understand the effects of illicit brews on citizens and help the government of Kenya and the relevant authorities in the proactive formulation of policies to mitigate the challenges and wipe out the sale of the brews. The study established that citizens suffered poverty, failed to secure employment, families broke and children engaged in delinquency as crime rates went up. It will help the Police, the Nyumba Kumi implementation committee and the Provincial Administration to address that social problem. Some suggestions for consideration in future were made. The study will help the researchers in Sociology and Criminology to understand the challenges facing the citizens and will improve on the academic knowledge on the field of the rehabilitation programs.