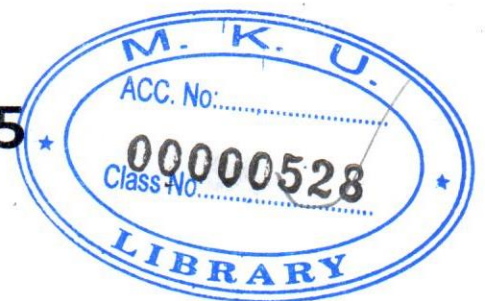


**AN INVESTIGATION ON THE EFFECT OF  
FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION ON K.C.P.E  
PERFORMANCE IN LARI DIVISION: KIAMBU  
COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

This is a research on the investigation on the effect of free primary education on K.C.P.E performance case study Lari Division. Lari division is located in Kiambu County. The constituency has been characterized by poor performance in standard eight national exams which have been translated to low enrolment in secondary schools in the region. It is also an area characterized by high insecurity drug abuse high rate of unwanted pregnancies and poverty.

The researcher believes that this research is important in that it will reveal to the government the weaknesses of free primary education .parents will be brought to awareness of the actual cause of poor performance in the schools in the region. Though the researcher encountered many limitations e.g. limitation of resources, movement problem and the inaccuracy of information provided, the study elicit a lot of enthusiasm and support among parents teachers and local leaders as it addresses contemporary issues of performance in national exam that affect every family. The factors suspected by the researcher which have caused poor performance in K.C.P.E in Lari constituency. They include, Understaffing, over enrolment, Poor teacher motivation, overwhelmed facilities and Poor administration the researcher intends to sample ten of the fifty two public primary schools in the Division.

Cluster sampling and stratified sampling applied are the sampling methods applied by the researcher. From the sampled institutions, Data has been collected by use of questionnaires and interviews. Among the primary schools reached by the researcher are Kamahia, Kagaa, Kibathithi, Kwaregi and matimbei primary schools. In the report the researcher have used tables and graphs to analyse the data.

The researcher found that there is understaffing in primary schools in Lari constituency. He also found that facilities are more than enough for pupils in the constituency. The researcher recommends that the government to replace all the retired teachers in the region so as to be able to deal with understaffing. Headmasters also need to be empowered some as to be able to influence the course of their schools.