

**INVESTIGATE THE EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE ON PARTICIPATION
OF YOUTH IN DEVELOPMENT. A CASE STUDY OF YOUTH IN KIBERA SLUM,
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ABSTRACT

This research was aimed at investigating in to the effects of alcohol/drug abuse on participation of youth in development imitative in kibera slum. The main objective of the study research was: to investigate the effects of alcohol/drug abuse among the youths in relation to development. To investigate the reasons that prevent the youth to participation in community development. To find out the effects of alcohol/drug among the youth on their participation in development initiatives in their area. To investigate the community attitude towards the alcohol/drug abusers. The researcher collected data from both primary and secondary sources. Primary data was gathered from interviews schedule on 50 selected youth and observation made by the researcher. Secondary data was from the books, journal and newspapers.

The research was descriptive one, employed simple random sampling by using the ballot method to get representing sample of 50 youth heads. The study had various limitations such us hostility to the researcher, weather, resistance from respondents, financial difficulties and limited time. Beside all these problems encountered by the researcher has able to collect the required data which enabled him to meet the objectives. The finding shown that alcohol/drug abuses among the youth are caused by peer group pressure, home life, poor role models and frustrations. It was also discovered that people rationing as the main escape mechanism to curb the alcohol/drug abuse. In addition the research revealed that alcohol/drug abuse affects people negatively, it plays leading role in crime and deviance behaviors because of its effects on the brain. It increased illiteracy and also lack of basic needs (clothing, housing and food) . in conclusion the researcher strongly asserts that alcohol/drug abuse is caused by peer group pressure in slum due to economic difficulties hence the researcher call for more effort from the government to alleviated poverty in such place thus reduce the crime rate and enhance youth participation in development activities.