

**ANALYSIS OF THE CHALLENGES FACING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
DEVOLVED GOVERNMENTS IN KENYA: A CASE OF KIAMBU COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

Since Kenya adopted the devolved system of Government, many challenges have been faced by different counties in the process of attempting to introduce new governance methods in every county. The challenges faced have been based on the political and ideological differences of policy makers, the process and method of disbursing funds to various sectors, differences between the MCAs and the county administration, lack of adequate finances to run the counties. This study set out to analyze the various challenges facing the devolved system of government in Kiambu County in Kenya. The independent variables included political interference, County internal management, policies and legislation and financial allocation. The research adopted descriptive approach. A population of 102 members of the community residing in Kiambu namely; County Administrators, MCAs and selected members of public such as members of women groups, members of youth groups and business people were considered in the study. The sample was drawn from the population through random stratified sampling method. Primary data was then collected using a guided questionnaire and an interview guide from the selected participants. Data was then coded, processed and analyzed using various statistical methods such as regression progression data analysis methods or ANOVA. The report was presented using diagrams, figures, percentages and tables. It is hoped that the findings would be used to improve the governance methods of Kiambu County and other counties in Kenya. The study covered the period between May 2013 and May 2015.