

**EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE ON THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN
UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN MATHIOYA DISTRICT.**

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ABSTRACT

This research project is a cross sectional study designed to determine the factors associated with drug abuse among Upper Primary schools and how they affect the academic performance of Upper Primary school students in their exams.

The main objective of this study was to determine the reasons as to why Upper Primary school students in Mathioya District abuse drugs and how the various drugs they abuse impact on their academic performance. It also aimed at finding mitigation, control and curative measures to the drug abuse problem in Upper Primary schools in the said district. The results were generalised for other students in other schools and in the republic.

The study targeted all the Upper Primary schools in Mathioya District in the Central province. This study proposed to use a stratified method of sampling the respondents involved in the research study. A total of 450 students (220 boys and 230 girls) and 50 teachers were selected from the Upper Primary schools in the district.

This study used face to face interview and telephone interview in some far flung school with the students and teachers in the selected schools. A combination of open ended and close ended questionnaire were prepared and given to the students and teachers in the schools. In addition the study also used some case studies especially of known drug abusers in the schools and the rehabilitation centre in the district