

AN INVESTIGATION FOR THE REASONS WHY WOMEN COMMIT PETTY  
CRIMES IN NAIROBI COUNTY: A CASE STUDY OF KIBRA INFORMAL  
SETTLEMENT.

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## ABSTRACT

Development Planners in both the public and private sectors, especially those interested in urban planning and development have now established a consensus that different social cultural processes should constitute both driving shafts to stimulate urban development on the other hand, and also devastating bottlenecks on the other. Peace and security are integral ingredients in establishing an environment that is conducive to successful efforts in development project planning and implementation. In this context, reasons why women commit petty crimes are viewed as critical social features that require informed understanding, in order to enhance security in Nairobi and its environs.