

**EFFECTS OF POVERTY ON
PERFOMANCE
OF PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION IN
KALUNDU ZONE, KITUI DISTRICT,
KITUI COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT

This study was investigating in the effects of poverty on performance of primary school education in Kalundu zone, Kitui County. The study was guided by the following objectives, to find out the causes of poverty in Kalundu zone, to identify the effects of poverty on primary school education in Kalundu zone, to determine out of school factors that affect learners achievement in Kalundu zone and lastly to suggest ways of eradicating extreme poverty and improving performance of primary school education in Kalundu zone. Literature was adapted from different demographic reports and theory on cognitive development. The study gave ideas and challenges to caregivers, teachers, parents, the government and the community on how to improve the performance of primary school education. in chapter three, survey method was used to collect information. Purposive sampling technique was also involved to select 3 learners in the three sampled schools. Data was collected using questionnaire, interview schedule and observation checklist and it was analyzed using tables, tallies, percentages, pie charts and graphs. The major conclusion was that lack of education was the main cause of poverty in Kalundu zone. The major recommendation was that parents and teachers should be educated and be sensitized to improve the performance of primary school education. The government may also improve the capacity to essential goods and services, including potable water, affordable food, primary health care education and fast track interventions geared towards enhancing food availability through increased agricultural productivity so as to improve house hold access to food in sufficient quantity and quality.