

**IMPACT OF POVERTY ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN KATUTU ZONE,  
KITUI WEST DISTRICT IN KITUI COUNTY.**

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## ABSTRACT

The aim of the research was to investigate the impacts of poverty on academic performance in Katutu Zone, Kitui West District of Kitui County. To collect the data the researcher used survey strategy and in particular questionnaire as the instrument of research since they are cheap and reached the targeted respondents. Out of the twenty primary schools in the zone four schools which form a 20% of the total were chosen. They had a total of 212 standard one pupils. The schools were chosen through random sampling. The respondents were teachers handling class one last year. In these classes it was learnt that there had been an increasing dropping out of which a larger percentage were boys. The reason behind the dropping out being the effects of poverty. Children from poor families indicated performing poorer than those from well up families. Teacher handling these classes had problems when handling such learners. These problems included lack of resources among others. Although there were some measures taken by the teachers the research would help in equipping them with other means of handling the children. The research would also highlight the impacts of poverty on academic performance which would make the relevant authorities take the necessary measures to eradicate poverty. This will not only help the young one but the teacher handling them as well. This will ensure that the rate of dropping out of school is brought down and therefore the improvements of the schools at large.