

**CAUSES OF POOR PERFORMANCE IN SCIENCE IN YATTA ZONE OF KITUI
COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The study was carried to find out the causes of poor performance in science in primary schools. It covered primary schools in Yatta zone of lower Yatta district. The study was based on socio-economic factors and therefore explained how these have raised eyebrows in Kitui county and Kenya as a whole. It outlined measures by the government to try and curb the problem of socio-economic status that affected the child's learning and development. The study sought to investigate the main causes of poor performance in science subjects in Yatta zone primary schools so as to recommend the best way to curb the continued poor performance in the subject. The study tried to seek information on the economic status of people of Yatta zone that may have had contributed to the problem not leaving behind the socio-cultural factors. This would help to create awareness by availing crucial and important information that would help suggest possible solutions to the problems that lead to poor performance. Cultural practices like female genital mutilation, forced early marriages, were some of the aspects which were investigated to know whether they had contributed to the poor performance. Poverty, poor health was also investigated. Survey method was used as a research design to investigate the factors which contributed to the poor performance in science.