

**EFFECTS OF MILD VISUAL IMPAIRMENT ON LANGUAGE  
DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AGED 5-6 YEARS IN  
KALUNDU ZONE IN KITUI COUNTY.**



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## **Abstract**

The researcher carried out an investigation on the effects of mild visual impairment on language development of the children aged between 5-6 years in Kalundu zone, Kitui Central District.

The main objectives of the study were on language development. The objectives of the study were to find out causes of mild visual impairment on ECDE children, to investigate effects of mild visual impairment on language development, to establish intervention measures on visually impaired aged 5-6 years ECDE children.

The researcher used survey method in carrying out the research and the tools he used were questionnaires which were filled by ECDE teachers, parents and head teachers of primary schools in Kalundu zone, Central Division, Kitui Central District.

The target population was children aged 5-6 years in twelve ECDE centers in Kalundu zone central division Kitui district. The researcher randomly sampled out four ECDE centers that he carried out the research. The centers were Kaveta, Iloi, Isaangwa and Unyaa. The information which was collected was presented in tables, graphs and pie charts. Findings showed out that mild visual impairment has got greater effects on language development in that they are not able to participate fully in class activities. The researcher aimed at applying the recommendations from the respondents to reduce cases of mild visual impairment in Kalundu zone, Central Division, Kitui Central District.