

FACTORS AFFECTING WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, A CASE OF  
LOIMA, TURKANA COUNTY

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## ABSTRACT

This study is based on an examination of factors affecting women's participation in Community development projects; the case of the Loima, Turkana County. The study focused on the reasons why women do not actively participate in community development project activities. The notion of women on community participation in general and in particular how women's participation can be enabled at community projects. Descriptive research design was used. The research targeted a population of 2000 respondent. The sample size of 110 was used. Descriptive survey design was used in the study since it was the most suitable for social research and aimed at obtaining complete and accurate information regarding the relationship between two or more variables. Quantitative and qualitative research methods was employed to get required information about the factors affecting women's participation and community perceptions on the issue of women and community participation in community development projects. Quantitative and qualitative analysis was used in the study. Purposive sampling and random sampling methods was adopted to sample the population. The research instruments were tested for both validity and reliability before final administration to the respondents. Feminist theory, forms of participation and various social concepts like gender and empowerment was used to make analysis of the study. Data was also analyzed by use of descriptive statistics by SPSS. The study adopted the use of tables. The findings of the result indicated that women participation in community development projects was affected by funding and that there was a strong relationship between power and politics and women participation in community development projects. The study also established that social cultural factors and education did not affect women participation in community development projects. The study recommended the following; Governments (national and county) to invest more funding to the community development projects to empower women so that there is sufficient fund to enable them to carry out their activities without any hindrance, NGOs' should be advised to increase their funding level to community development projects as a way of solving insufficient funding levels in the community, the women should integrate their norms, beliefs and values with community development projects since it does not affect their participation and finally, both governments and NGOs' should can up with policies to train women on empowerment before releasing funding to enhance proper skills and knowledge of running community development projects.