

**THE EFFECTS OF HIV/AIDS ON PERFORMANCE AMONG SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS IN YATTA DISTRICT MACHAKOS COUNTY**

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Abstract

The study sought to find out the effects of HIV/AIDS on performance among secondary school students in Yatta district in Machakos county. The objectives of the study included; finding out the effects of HIV/AIDS on performance among secondary school students in Yatta district Machakos county, finding out the factors which lead to the spread of HIV/AIDS in Yatta district Machakos county and finding out the support given to students affected and infected by HIV/AIDS at family and school levels.

The study adopted descriptive survey research design. The respondents comprised of 5 principals, 4 guidance and counselling teachers, 4 class teachers and 17 students from 5 schools. The data was collected using questionnaires and interview schedules. Questionnaire were closed ended and open ended the test retest method of assessing reliability of data was used to test reliability of the research instruments. Descriptive methods were employed to analyze data and data was presented in form of tables and graphs that facilitated description and explanation of the study findings. From the findings it was noted that HIV/AIDS posed a great challenge to the learners leading to poor performance this was based on the fact that it affected the students more economically leading to poverty hence provision of basic needs such as food and clothing was a great challenge. The researcher then made recommendations to the teachers, religious groups, ministry and playmates to offer guidance and counseling services to the affected and the infected students and to avoid any instances of neglecting them because it would worsen the situation.