

Examining the Impact of Community Policing In Curbing Crime in Kenya

Case Study of Kasarani Police Division

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ABSTRACT

Community policing in Western democracies is often a unilateral action of the police promoting community self-rule, in most of the rest of the world informal policing in communities is ubiquitous, popular, and sometimes excessive. Bracketing the Western ideology of community policing as state-initiated and controlled (top-down) allows discovering a rich field of informal policing widely practiced by communities in Asia, Latin America or Africa (bottom-up). Using secondary data as material, the article suggests accounting for these patterns of community policing with a state-centered model. Key variables identified by the authors are the service delivery capacity of the state, the dominant ideology, indirect or dual rule, political alliances as well as the framing of opportunities by civil society entrepreneurs or police managers and available cultural repertoires of policing.

The researcher's main aim was to find out the impact of community policing program on Kasarani Division, Nairobi North District. The objective of this study was to find out the relationship that exists between the residents and the community policing program. It also looked at the public's view of this program.

A descriptive survey method was adopted, whereby respondents were questioned. Questionnaires were developed for the respondents. The instrument covered areas like their view on the community policing strategies put in place, Police role, and whether it is working or not.

The researcher found that community Policing strategy is not well adopted by the people of Kasarani, factors like lack of initiative by the government, hate for the Police, lack of proper procedures and policies have adversely impacted negatively to this program.