

**CHALLENGES FACED BY ORPHANED LEARNERS IN AN
ENCLUSIVE SETTING: CASE OF THIKA WEST DISTRICT,
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ABSTRACT

The main objective of this study is to find out challenges faced by orphaned learners in an inclusive setting. Orphans are different from other vulnerable children in that they have lost a parent. They are grieving; Grieving is a process and some children will never stop grieving. The research has four specific objectives which include the financial support, counseling, prevalence of orphans and strategies to overcome the challenges. The research questions are derived from the specific objectives of the study.

The research will adopt a descriptive survey design. The population of the study will be orphaned learners and teachers in Thika West District division. Stratified random sampling will be used to sample 60 pupils while purposive sampling will be used to sample 26 teachers. The questionnaire will be used to collect data. After the collection of the data, the data will be coded and tied in various categories that relate particular questions. The data will then be summarized in frequencies, percentages and presented in tables. Interpretation will be made based on the values and percentages.