

**FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION AND ITS EFFECTS ON  
SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF KENYA  
ACASE STUDY OF BALANBALA DISTRICT  
GARISSA COUNTY**

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## **Abstract**

The study attempts to investigate Female genital mutilation and its effects on socio-economic development of Garissa County. The study employed both the quantitative and qualitative approach in that it was based on variables measured with numbers and analyzed with statistical procedures. In particular this study was a descriptive research based on a cross-sectional survey. The main purpose of the study was to find out the effects of FGM on female socio-economic development Garissa County. The findings indicated that Garissa County is dominated by males and FGM has negative effects on women socio-economic development. This is because FGM has affected the health of many women hence reducing their contribution to the socio-economic development of Garissa County.