

**EFFECTS OF POVERTY ON THE PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS IN THE  
SELECTED SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN MATHIRA EAST DISTRICT OF  
NYERI COUNTY, KENYA**

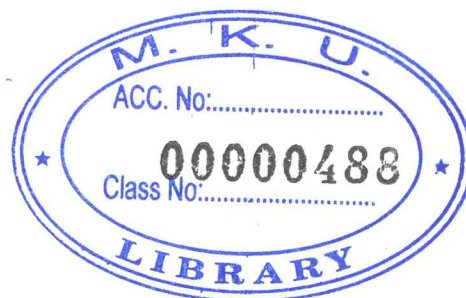
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## **ABSTRACT**

*The purpose of this study was to establish the effects of poverty on pupil's academic performance of the selected secondary schools in Mathira East District, Nyeri County. The specific objectives of the study were to investigate the relationship between the effects mentioned and academic performance in Mathira East District, and to investigate the role of the community in alleviating poverty and improving education in Mathira East District. The methods used for data collection were questionnaires to the staff members of the schools and students involved in the study. The findings were presented and interpreted in relation to the study objectives and research questions-. While linking to the existing literature, results included demography characteristics, frequency and percentages. Based on the findings it was observed that poverty affected the academic performance of students negatively. In chapter five, development of solutions to the problem, summary of the findings and conclusions were attempted. The findings suggested recommendations on areas pertaining to the provision of school facilities for students to learn well.*