

**EFFECTS OF CHILD ABUSE ON THE ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 6-17 IN  
MIKINDANI ZONE, MOMBASA COUNTY.**



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## ABSTRACT

Child abuse became a global problem that needs to be tackled if children were given the right to education and freedom. For a child to develop well in all dimensions, he or she needs to be provided with essentials like protection against any form of abuse. Child abuse was a major challenge towards child's education in many districts. The objective of this research project was to find out the effect of child abuse in relation to their poor academic performance in schools at Mikindani division, in Changamwe district Mombasa County.

The population targeted was that of the pupils, teachers and parents within the named county, survey method and random sampling was employed in the study. The study gathered the information through questionnaires and oral interviews to parents, teachers and pupils. The study managed to get vital information on the causes of child abuse in the area of study.

Child abuse had become a global problem that needed to be tackled if children were to be given the right to education and freedom. More research and knowledge of additional preventive methods and interventions that assist the child victims were needed and advocated by concerned professionals, families, and community members. The issue of child abuse was given serious attention in many parts of the coast province and Mikindani division was not left out. Given that serious effort, one would have thought that such menace would not persist. However a look at the society shows that child abuse occurred not only at home but found its way into the school system thus constituting a barrier to the attainment of better educational development in the Mombasa County. This project discussed the prevalence of child abuse in the school and its impact on the educational development of the child.