

**IMPACT OF DRUG AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ON  
PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN KIHUMBU-INI ZONE  
IN GATANGA DISTRICT OF MURANG'A COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

Many experts have reported about the scope of countries affected by drug exits, causes and effects to the children and families. Drugs and substance abuse is indeed a social problem and Kenya has been shown to be among these countries trafficking drugs and her peoples are at risk. The purpose of the research study was to investigate the impact of drugs and substance abuse on primary school children in Kihumbu-ini zone in Gatanga district of Murang'a County. The research study adopted the survey design. The target populations in the research study were primary school teachers, primary school parents and assistant chiefs in Kihumbu-ini zone. The study used simple random sampling method to select the sample size. The sample size comprised of 19 primary school teachers, 24 parents and 3 assistant chiefs. For the purpose of raw data collection, the researcher used questionnaires for the teachers and assistant chiefs and interview guides for the parents. The raw data collected were analyzed quantitatively and presented in form of tables and figures.

The researcher drew the following conclusions from the raw data analyzed:

Family chaos, children abandonment and separation were the main effects of drugs and substance abuse by the parents supporting pre-primary children education as shown in table 4.1 and fig 4.1, Chang'aa and miraa were the mostly commonly abused drugs and substance abuse by the parents in Kihumbu-ini zone as shown in table 4.2 and figure 4.2. chang'aa and tobacco were the commonly abused drugs and substance as reported by the Primary School teachers as shown in fig 4.2, Drugs and substance abuse by the parents supporting the pre-primary children education had mostly led to the pre-primary children dropouts as shown in table 4.3 and fig 4.3.