

**AN INVESTIGATION ON FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO CHILD ABUSE IN
URBAN SLUMS: A CASE STUDY OF MATHARE SLUMS NAIROBI COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT

The main objective of the study was to determine the factors contributing to child abuse in urban slums. The specific objectives are; to determine how family structure, attitude and knowledge, environment, substance abuse and culture contribute to child abuse in urban slums.

The study is important to the author because it will enable him be awarded bachelors degree in education science at Mount Kenya University. The study will help the government of Kenya, stakeholders and the community to understand the factors contributing to child abuse in urban slums which will them in coming up with strategies or implementing the recommendations of the this study in order to eradicate child abuse in our country.

The researcher used descriptive or Survey Research Design, It attempts to describe and explain conditions of the present by using many subjects and questionnaires to fully describe a phenomenon. The study covered Mathare slums, Starehe constituency in Nairobi County. The study targeted various households from the slums.

The sample was drawn using stratified random sampling technique. This method is recommended when the researcher is dealing with a population, which is heterogeneous. Both primary and secondary data will be used to collect data. Primary data was collected by use of questionnaires and interviews whereas secondary data was collected from text books, journals, magazines and other publications. The data collected was edited, coded, tabulated and interpreted in relation to the research objectives.

From the study analysis the researcher noted that family structure, attitude and knowledge, environment, substance abuse and culture contribute to child abuse in urban slums.

From the study the researcher came up with the following recommendations; The government should come up with clear policies that will govern and help in protecting the abuse of children in urban slums. The community and other stakeholders should also come together so that they can shade right on the slum dwellers and the community at larger on the importance of taking care of our young children.