

**AN INVESTIGATION ON THE IMPACT OF MIRAA (KHAT) ON LEARNERS'  
PERFORMANCE IN IGEMBE CENTRAL DISTRICT.  
A CASE OF KANGETA DIVISION**

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## 1 ABSTRACT

This investigation was carried out in Kangeta division, Igembe south district in public primary schools. The purpose of the study was to investigate the influence of miraa chewing and its relationship with school dropouts in public primary schools in Igembe south district and establish the strategies that can be used to address the problem. The study was guided by the following research questions; finding out the influence of using miraa as a miraa on students' performance, finding out the relationship between miraa farming, consumption, and trade and learners' school attendance, establishing the extent to which peer influence among learners to chew miraa affects learning and establishing strategies that can be used to reduce child labor and miraa abuse among learners. The target population consisted of all public primary schools in kangeta division , Igembe south district. Random sampling was used to sample 8 head teachers ,26 class teachers, and 134 pupils field survey method was used to collect data using questionnaires which was in three sets; Head teachers' ,class teachers 'and pupils' questionnaires .The questionnaires contained both open and closed-ended questions. The instrument validity was determined during a pilot study while reliability was determined using internal consistency. The researcher administered the questionnaires personally. Descriptive statistics was used to analyze quantitative data in form of frequencies, percentages, average tables, charts and graphs. The analysis of the structures of items was mainly done using the statistical package for social sciences [SPSS] version 17.0