

Effects of drug on academic performance in Kakamega East

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CHAPTER ONE:

1.0 Introduction.

Drug or substance abuse is a problem that has become a major threat to everybody and is a concern to every person on how to overcome the menace. My research is to try and see how the problem can be addressed for once and for all.

1.1. Background of the problem

Following the threat imposed by drug abuse and the use to our youth and the society at large, it is a high time that we look into ways of overcoming the problem once and for all. Drug use and abuse is a threat, a danger and a disaster to everybody in one way or the other.

Drug abuse, alcohol abuse and HIV/AIDS epidemic are some of the major burdens of societies in the 21st Century. Studies and statistics show that globally more preadolescent and teenage children are using drugs and alcohol (Australian Drug Foundation, 1999; Drug Nexus in Africa, 1998; National Drug Strategy Household Survey, 1995, 1998; National Household Survey on Drug Abuse 1994- 1999; World Drug Report, 1997). Drugs used and abused by children and youth include tobacco, alcohol, heroin, cocaine, mandrax, LSD, ecstasy, cannabis and hallucinogens.

During the past fifteen years, Africa has become a revolving door and a major centre of consumption for the drug trade. The main drugs of abuse or so-called 'danger drugs' are marijuana also known as dagga or ganja, cocaine, heroin and a number of other