

**EFFECTS OF INSECURITY ON SOCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN
KENYA: A CASE OF SMALL SCALE BUSINESSES IN EASTLEIGH,
NAIROBI COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT

Fear and insecurity have become defining features of life in Kenya. The UN characterizes Nairobi as one of the world's most dangerous capital cities, and insecurity is a major deterrent to tourism, foreign investment and economic growth in the country (National Security Survey Report, 2013). High levels of violence and crime, combined with a lack of confidence and trust in the public police force, have resulted in a proliferation of private security providers. The previous attack on Lamu County is just but an example of how insecurity is at stake within the entire country. The current study will be limited to effects of insecurity on socio-economic development: A case study of small scale businesses in Eastleigh, Nairobi City County. The study will investigate the effect of capital flights, unemployment, personal safety and rent seeking effect on socio-economic development. The study may help the government of Kenya and law enforcement agents in providing sensitive information regarding to insecurity thereby enabling them to enforce appropriate control security measures. With the findings and recommendations from this study the small scale traders will learn on how to handle some of the myriad challenges facing Small Scale Traders within the country. The residents of Nairobi City County will use the recommendations from this study in enhancing security in their estate. The research will be limited to effects of insecurity on small scale traders within Eastleigh and will be carried out from May to September. The study will be based on Social Development Theory and Social Conflict Theory to bring out the theoretical context of the study. The research study will utilize descriptive survey design which is to look at the effects of insecurity on small scale business traders within Eastleigh. The target population for the study shall be 200 respondents comprising of general public, security officers, small scale traders. The research will use stratified random sampling technique to select the respondents. Questionnaires and interviews will be used as the instruments to collect data and data analyzed by use of SPSS method. The researcher anticipates the limitations to be from; the language barrier and fear of victimization, inadequate co-operation. The source of the literature was from the books in the library, journals, grey literature, and Africana sections in the library and theses and dissertations and governmental institutions which have the mandate on maintenance of security within the County.