

**ASSESSMENT OF POLICE PROCEDURES IN HANDLING GENDER BASED  
VIOLENCE CASES REPORTED IN KENYA. A CASE STUDY OF NYERI POLICE  
DIVISION, NYERI COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

This is a project assessment of police procedures in handling gender based violence cases reported in Kenya. In the recent past, cases of gender based violence have been highlighted in the media, with Nyeri County being portrayed as being one of the most affected regions in the country. The study was conducted to investigate the Assessment of police procedures in handling gender based violence cases reported in Kenya. The study seeks to understand the extent of the GBV problem in Nyeri country, as well as the police procedures they follow in handling the cases. The study was necessary due to the fact that police being a crucial element of social control in society, they are seen as a solution to all social problems within the society and Gender based violence was not an exception. The Kenya police have a duty to maintain law and order preserve peace, protect life and property. However this seen not to be the case in Nyeri because of the reported cases. The study established the strategies and procedures employed by police in dealing with reported cases of gender based violence, and assessed the level of reporting of this violence. The study was carried out in Nyeri police division which has five stations. The target population was three hundred (300) police officers with a sample population of 30 respondents drawn from each station through purposive sampling strategy. Various data collection instruments were used to collect the data. Questionnaires were administered to the respondents by hand, guided and collected by the researcher. They were analyzed by SSPS according to the objective of the study. The findings were presented by use of graphs and tables.