

**PROBLEMS FACED BY TEACHERS TEACHING MENTALLY
CHALLENGED LEARNERS IN MUSENGO ZONE IN KITUI
COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT

The study aimed at investigating the major challenges teachers' face when teaching mentally challenged learners in Musengo Zone Kitui County. The data was collected by the researcher who was able to visit the twenty selected schools in the zone. Questionnaires were given to respondents to assist in the investigation on the challenges faced by teachers teaching learners with mental challenge problems. The study targeted the teachers and the schools selected at random. Out of 22 schools in the zone twenty schools and five teachers per school were randomly selected. The data collected was analyzed and presented in tables. The findings of the research showed that teachers face challenges when handling mentally challenged learners. It also showed that the entire community has a negative attitude towards mentally challenged learners in Musengo Zone, Kitui County.

In addition, the researcher recommended that the community members, peers and all the stakeholders should be sensitized to accept learners who are mentally challenged. The teachers handling such learners should show love and acceptance to them and help them cope with the other learners. Finally, the researcher has the opinion that with the implementation of the given recommendations, teachers and the learners facing these problems would be in a better position to overcome the challenges.