

**FACTORS INFLUENCING THE USE OF DRUG ABUSE AMONG THE HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS IN KIAMBU COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study is to identify the commonly abused drugs and level of participation in drug abuse among the youths in selected schools in Kiambu County in Kenya.

The study will adopt a descriptive study design. The design will be adopted because it will enable the researcher to collect large-scale data in order to make generalizations. The data will be collected from purposively sampled fifteen schools, fifteen principals and fifty teachers from the purposively sampled secondary schools. The target populations will include all the 33 public secondary schools in Kiambu. These will comprise 13 day schools and 20 boarding schools. The teachers will be targeted because they were instruments for giving first hand information towards the research problem. The principals of these schools will also be sampled in this research since their schools are among the most affected by the drug and substance abuse. The data collected will be entailed to both qualitative and quantitative. This implies that two methods of data analysis will be used. Data from questionnaire will be quantitatively analysed to give out the descriptive outcomes, while those emanating from document sources will be qualitatively analysed to produce the in-depth outcomes. To achieve this, the computer application programmes (Ms Word and Ms Access) will be utilized to quantitatively analyse the data and then generate various descriptive statistics. The findings of this study will be presented in a report in form of qualitative description of findings, charts, tables and models. This will be used to make inferences based on the specific objectives