

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE CAUSES OF URBAN YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

NAIROBI COUNTY:

CASE STUDY OF KIBERA SLUM

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Abstract

The youth are universally recognized as an important social fabric of any society by both global and local programmes endeavours as well as in the institutions. The objective of this research project was to carryout an investigation of the causes of urban youth unemployment in Kenya.

The study's target population was 200 and comprised of residents of Kibera slums. A sample size of 90 was used from which respondents were randomly selected to take part in the study. The collected data was analyzed for processing to generate the relevant information which came from the research and presented in tables, figures, and graphs. The study findings reveal that unemployment among the youth majorly denies them basic needs which accounts for 26% of the respondents. From the analysis, an inference can reasonably be drawn that unemployment among the youth sets a loose foundation for family establishments and retards the country's economic development since majority of Kenyan population youths account for 75% on the completion of the study, lack of adequate skills was the main cause of youth unemployment that was coupled with low level of education. It is therefore recommended that the government must play vital role by increasing social services in education so that programs be rolled out that would enhance necessary skills to make them become job creators but not job seekers. This would also curtail rural-urban youth migration.