

**THE ROLE OF ISLAMIC BANKS IN SOCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN
KENYA
(A CASE OF GULF AFRICAN BANK LTD GARISSA BRANCH)**

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ABSTRACT

The people of Garissa have been for a long time and are still earning their living from livestock keeping like rearing cattle, goats, sheep and a few earn their living from peasantry agriculture where bananas, maize, mangoes and tomatoes are grown mainly for subsistence purpose. Few others in Garissa County are dealing motor vehicles business such as track owners, taxi drivers, still others (Women inclusive) are traders with retail and wholesale business.

The research focuses on the role played by Gulf African Bank Ltd as an Islamic commercial bank to the society in Garissa County. During the study, oral interviews, questionnaires, observations and review of related literature were used to correct the necessary data.

It was recommended that the feasible way to foster socio-economic development in Garissa County is by extending/offering credit services to the society by Islamic banking institutions and also to mobilize their saving culture and direct them to profitable microeconomic ventures. In this, many will get access to funds which can be invested in time; they may raise enough so as to fend for themselves. It is hoped that when the number of people who get access to those credit services increase in Garissa County, socio-economic development will be achieved.