

**EFFECTIVENESS OF NYUMBA KUMI INITIATIVE IN COMBATING
CRIME IN KENYA. (A CASE OF RUAI SETTLEMENT IN NAIROBI
COUNTY.)**

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ABSTRACT

This research paper investigated the effectiveness of Nyumba Kumi Initiative in preventing crimes. It was conducted in Ruai settlement of Njiru Sub County. The ambitious Nyumba Kumi plan in which people should know at least ten of their neighbours underlines how critically the government views security. It brings to the door step of individuals the mandate to ensure their own safety by knowing a few things about their neighbours. The study adopted a descriptive cross sectional design to evaluate the effectiveness of Nyumba Kumi Initiative on reducing crimes in Ruai. This allowed analysis of all relevant variables at the same time. The respondents were opportunistic that Nyumba Kumi initiative would help prevent crimes in settlement. The study revealed that diversification of crime prevention strategies is the major way curb crime in slum areas. For instance, notwithstanding the fact that reductions in the supply of motivated offenders take a long time to engineer, any approach towards this should however, be regarded as a vital component in any overall crime prevention strategy. Furthermore, Community crime prevention strategies were favoured to be more effective in curbing crimes as they foster community unity and partnership in crime prevention. The respondents however, advised that, the initiative should be self-sustaining and all inclusive without bias based on ethnicity, religion or gender.