

**CAUSES OF SCHOOL DROPOUTS IN THIKA EAST DISTRICT. A CASE
STUDY OF KAKUZI ZONE.**

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ABSTRACT.

This project provides the causes of school dropout in Thika East District.

In Kenya many children who enter the school system at the primary level do not complete the cycle. Pupil's dropout at various stages of education system. This is more in Kakuzi Zone where several factors are responsible for high dropout rates.

This project provides an in- depth review and analysis of literature on drop out from school and focuses on children who have gained access to school but fail to complete a basic education cycle. The main discussion focuses around why and how children dropout from school, the effects of school dropout and the measures that can be applied to stop dropout rates in Kakuzi Zone. Here dropout is taken as distinct event, but rather a process where range of supply-demand factor interacts to influence schooling access. The researcher looked at literature in relation to households, community and social context of dropping out as well as school supply and practices.

In summary the study found out factors that caused school dropout established effects of school dropout and determined measures of curbing school dropout in Kakuzi Zone Thika East District. (RedMond 2008) explains that absolute poverty does not solemnly lead to school dropout but rather the social exclusion theory provides the best explanation into why learners dropout in basic education. The capabilities approach provided clues into why learners dropout. Qualitative and quantitative design were used during the study. The research was conducted in Kakuzi Zone Thika East District. Basing on the study it can be concluded that poverty deprives children off education. According to the study school factors like infrastructure lead to school dropout. Most of the respondents agreed that teacher's attitude towards learner's leads to school dropout. However most of the respondents disagreed that community's attitude leads to school dropout. The study also revealed that cultural practices like early marriages and initiation ceremonies lead to school dropout. According to the study indiscipline cases such as drug abuse leads to school dropout. Finally the study revealed that HIV/AIDS leads to school dropout. The community and the parents should be sensitized on the importances of education especially to girls. The government should supervise schools to make sure that the environment is conducive for the pupils. Policies should be made to prevent some cultural practices that effect the education of children.