

**ROLE OF FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. A
CASE STUDY OF ANGLICAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OF MT
KENYA(ADSMKE) PROGRAMS ,EMBU COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to enhance the knowledge about the role of FBO's in community development work. To attain this the researcher chose to study ADSMKE as case study of how an FBO contribute to development. The objectives of the study were; to find out the role of faith based organization in community development, to investigate the role of faith in development and to investigate the obstacles and Challenges to Faith-Based organization in community development. To achieve these objectives a descriptive study was be undertaken based on quantitative and qualitative research designs. Various research methods and tools for data collection were used respectively interviews with semi-structured questionnaires, key informant interviews were use to collect data. A sample size of 46 respondents was selected among the beneficiaries and the organization staff. Data collected was cleaned, coded and analyzed using SPSS computer program and presented in frequency tables and pie charts. The study found out that FBO's play a vital role in community development. Some of the activities undertaken include value addition, water conservation, HIV eradication among others. Faith was found to be a key element in development undertaken by FBO's. it can be a hindrance to development if not well checked. The main challenges indentified include value differences and pressure from donors. The study concludes that FBO are key partners in development and the integration of faith in development should be carefully balanced with the expectation of the beneficiary. The study recommends that the county government and other stakeholders should work hand in hand with the FBO's in order to achieve grater impacts and supplement the efforts of the FBO's.