

**INFLUENCE OF CHILD-FRIENDLY SCHOOLS ON PUPILS
PARTICIPATION IN PRIMARY EDUCATION IN KITHYOKO ZONE,
MASINGA SUB-COUNTY, MACHAKOS**

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ABSTRACT

The main objectives of the study were to establish the influence of CFS programmes on pupils. Participation in primary education in Kithyoko zone, Masinga sub-county, Machakos County. The specific objectives were to establish the extent to which water, sanitation and hygiene services influence pupils' participation in primary education, determine how entertainment facilities and activities influence pupils' participation in primary education and examine the extent to which health services at school influence the pupils' participation in primary education in public primary schools in Kithyoko zone, Masinga sub-county, Machakos county. The study adopted a descriptive survey design. The study targeted all the ten public primary schools serving Kithyoko zone All the head teacher, fifty teachers, eight hundred and twenty four pupils, and one key informant from the city education department. The data was collected by use of questionnaires, interviews schedule and focus group discussions. Descriptive and analytical statistics were used to analyze the data obtained. The data collected from the field was coded and entered in the computer for analysis using the statistical package for social sciences (CPSS). Qualitative and quantitative data were analysed thematically and using descriptive statistics including frequency counts and percentages. The data was presented in summary form using frequency distribution tables. The study recommends that the government facilitate for the disposal of the used towels, e.g. by sinking pit latrines, to avoid the problem of disposal which might impede participation. Since hygiene lessons and practices have very high potential of curbing contamination which can impede participation then they be strengthen to curb it up to their homes. Because many playing areas for the schools have been grabbed or occupied with other activities the government facilitate the recovery of the same. The educational administrators to strengthen the school feeding programmes to see that schools provide more than one meal. Special meals be provided in the school in Kithyoko zone for the ECD pupils and the ailing pupils who suffer from H.I.V & Aids and other diseases. The education authorities in Machakos facilitate for a frequent visit of the schools by health attendants to do checkups, treat pupils and to curb the spread of the various disease which can hamper participation.