

**THE EFFECTS OF SINGLE PARENTHOOD ON CHILDREN'S SOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR HURUMA ESTATE, IN NAIROBI COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The study ascertains the link between single parenting and socio-behaviour growth of children in single parent homes. The study moves a step ahead to examine the day to day effects of the phenomenon of single parenting on the socio-economic development of the parent as well. The main instruments employed for the collection of data were questionnaire and interview guide. The data collected were analyzed by using simple frequency tables, as well as bar charts and pie charts. The study unveils single parenting as antagonistic to the social and economic development of children and hence a cause of poor socio-economic development in children as well as parents. It opines that besides robbing pupils of their precious time to go to school, single parenting makes them to sleep in places where it is inappropriate to sleep; and to do work that a child is not supposed to do. The study finally recommends among other measures that the Government of Kenya should enact that will help minimize single parenting. There should also be sex education, alleviating poverty and parental involvement in the choice of spouse as well as marital matters as other ways of minimizing single parenting