

**EFFECTS OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT ON STUDENTS OF SOME
SELECTED SCHOOLS OF KIAORA SUB-LOCATION, JUJA LOCATION
THIKA WEST DISTRICT.**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to determine effects of corporal punishment on students in some selected schools of Kiaora Sub-location, Juja location in Thika West District. Specific objectives of the study were to identify causes of corporal punishment, determine the psychological effects of corporal punishment, investigate the social consequences of corporal punishment, and determine how corporal [punishment leads to school drop out.

In Kenya, corporal punishment was declared illegal in the year 1997, since then, children are not supposed to be punished through caning, slapping or in any way that would hurt them. This kind of punishment should not be carried out either at home or at any institution of learning. At school, corporal punishment may be caused by frustrations by teachers due to failure by students to follow instructions; work related stress like over work and poor pay; teachers' anger caused by ignorance and lack of support by parents and the community in general; desire by teachers to excel and failure by students to respond accordingly because of the competitive nature of Kenyan educational program which recognizes top achievers irrespective of the means.

At home, children may be exposed to corporal punishment due to poverty and family related stress; drug and substance abuse by parents or relatives and frustration by parents when faced by serious economic hardships and family strife especially where parents blame each other for their woes hence venting their frustration on the children. Thus, children end up becoming victims of circumstances that are not of their making. The researcher will use both interviews and questionnaires whereby the respondents will be given questionnaires to fill in and also analyzed using statistical method which will be interpreted to give meaning to the study.