

**“INFLUENCE OF INCREASED ENROLMENT ON PUPILS’ ACADEMIC
PERFORMANCE IN PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN BELGUT DIVISION,
KERICHO COUNTY”**

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ABSTRACT

There has been increased enrolment of pupils in public primary schools in Kenya due to the implementation of Free Primary Education in 2003. The enrolment was perceived to have led to poor academic performance. This study therefore sought to establish how the increased enrolment had affected learners' academic performance in public primary schools in Belgut Division of Kericho County, Kenya. The objectives of this study were: To measure the influence of increased enrolment on academic performance of pupils in public primary schools in Belgut Division, Kericho County; To compare the influence of increased enrolment on pupils' academic performance against demographic variables in selected public primary schools in Belgut Division, Kericho County; To identify and rate some of the challenges faced in public primary schools due to increased enrolment and To obtain suitable strategies to mitigate some of the challenges associated with increased enrolment in relation to pupils' academic performance in public primary schools in Belgut Division, Kericho County. There were several limitations to the study in that most of the public schools are located in interior and remoteparts of thecounty where road network is not well developed and therefore hindered access to the schools at the stipulated time. Theories related to the study area were looked at and a conceptual framework showing the relationship among variables. The study adopted survey research design. The study population comprised of all the public primary schools, Head Teachers, Deputy Head Teachers and Class Teachers within Belgut Division Kericho County. A questionnaire was used as an instrument to collect data. The validity was determined by experts who were involved with the research while reliability was determined at piloting stage. Average and percentage analysis were the methods employed to analyse the data which were later presented in form of tables and pie charts. The findings of the study are expected to be used to assess the influence of increased enrolment on pupils' academic performance in public primary schools in Belgut Division, Kericho County.