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**THE IMPACT OF THE INFLUX OF URBAN REFUGEES IN
KENYA**

(A CASE STUDY OF NAIROBI COUNTY)

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ABSTRACT

The impact of the influx of urban refugees in Kenya is a major concern for the country. Influx of Urban refugees is the massive movement of refugees from the designated refugees' camps which are Kakuma and Daadab into various urban centers in Kenya.

This study sought to investigate the impact of the influx of urban refugees in the County/City of Nairobi. This study focused on the effects of the continuous registration and movement of refugees into the urban centers from their initial camps of registration.

The objectives of the study were to find out the effects of the influx of the refugees in Nairobi city in the aspects of economic, political and social. The study explored effects of the influx of the urban refugees on the specific variables as shelter and housing, infrastructure, trade/ employment, Security, social impact, and environment and health which all directly or indirectly affect the economic, political and social aspects of the country.

Literature review explored the various reports, journals, theories on the subject variables. The focus was on academic works of study presented by various researchers, scholars, analysts and authors that focus their analysis on urban refugees inhabiting towns of Nairobi, Nakuru, and Mombasa among Kenyan towns. The research drew materials from several sources, which were closely related to the theme and the objectives of the study. This was to enable the researcher to identify and confirm major gains in the area concerning the knowledge being investigated and strengthen the area of study.

The theories of Kunz and the Petersen's typology of migration were explored to give a strong base for the research.

The population was sampled using both purposive and non purposive methods. Research tools included interviews, a focus group discussion, a questionnaire, observation and content analysis.