

**EFFECTS OF OVERPOPULATION ON ECONOMIC GROWTH IN  
ITETANI SUB-LOCATION, MAKUENI COUNTY  
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## ABSTRACT

The objectives of the study were to find out the effects of unemployment on economic growth in Itetani Sub- Location., to find out the effects of illiteracy on economic growth in Itetani Sub- Location., to find out the effects of health on economic growth in Itetani Sub-Location., to establish the relationship between overpopulation and economic growth in Itetani Sub-Location.

The study employed descriptive and correlation designs of research as a strategy to attain the objectives. The data was collected using semi-structured questionnaires administered and interview randomly to 309 respondents and were selected by using purposive and snow ball sampling. The data collected was codified, entered and analyzed through descriptive and correlation statistics through Statistical Packages for Social Science (SPSS) tool and the data was presented in terms of tabulation including frequency and percentages

The findings revealed that the views of single 188(61%), 103(33%) were age16-20,121(39%) were in college/ university and 136(44%) of the respondents were in any other occupation mostly students. It was discovered that most the youths in Itetani were not able to access education because most of the families were not able to support their children for secondary education. As agreed by scholars, the impact of education and literacy level on education is very high.

The study findings on the effects of health on economic growth in Itetani Sub-Location showed that youths in Itetani Sub-Location were able to access safe and clean water, were able to access health care services but were unable to afford clean water , nutritional food and health care services