

**THE EFFECTS OF HOME ENVIRONMENT IN RELATION TO
COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AMONG EARLY CHILDHOOD
CHILDREN IN BABA DOGO ZONE, NAIROBI COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT.

Some studies have shown that home environment has some relationship with the cognitive development of ECDE children aged 2-8 years. The purpose of the study was to establish the effects of home environment in relation to cognitive development of ECDE children. The researcher used the cross-sectional research design because it was deemed appropriate in this data of study. The researcher used the design because the study involved children of different ages between 2-8 years at the same time and place in Baba Dogo Zone. The objectives in this study include finding out if there is a relationship between home environment and cognitive development of a child, find out if quality home environment influences cognitive development of a child to discuss the importance of stimulating home environment for better cognitive development of a child. The research targeted five estates in Baba Zone. This was done on the basis of age, sex, number of children and accessibility. To get the sample size of the study, the researcher used random and voluntary sampling. The researcher used both open-ended and closed questionnaires to gather the information. Oral interviews and observations were also used during information gathering. The data was analyzed using tables. After analyzing the data, the researcher found out that a quality home environment stimulates better learning of ECDE children hence improving their overall performance. The finding will help parents, caregivers, ECDE children, guardians and community to improve total home environment for better growth and development of ECDE children.