

**THE EFFECTS AND THE EXTENT OF CHILD
ABUSE IN KATANGI SUB - ZONE.
IKOMBE DIVISION - MACHAKOS COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The early years of development in children are very important in an individual's entire life. For a child to develop well in all dimensions, he or she needs to be well nourished and provided with essentials like protection against any form of abuse. Child abuse is a major threat towards child's education in many districts. It is a major factor that challenges children's learning. The aim of this research project was to find out the extend and effect of child abuse in Katangi sub-zone in Yatta District. The target population was the pupils teachers and parents within the named sub-zone, survey method and random sampling was employed in the study. The researcher gathered information on the subject from other researcher's work which proved to be relevant to the study. Through questionnaires parents and teachers, oral interviews to the pupils the researcher managed to get vital information on the causes of child abuse in the area of study. Data collected was analyzed in tables, pie charts figures accompanied by descriptive notes.

The researcher found that child abuse has adverse effects on Childs learning and developmental process. Finally the researcher made a summary of findings, conclusions and recommendations to the various stakeholders with aim of sensitizing them on the situation at the ground and how to combat it.