

**EFFECTS OF CHILD ABUSE ON CHILDREN WITH  
SPECIAL NEEDS IN NDUMBERI ZONE, KIAMBU  
COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

The central problem of this study is the an investigation of the effects of child abuse on the children with special needs among Public primary school in Ndumberi zone, Kiambu County and to strategize the best methods to curb it. The parenting problems influencing learning program like culture, discrimination, discipline, poverty have not been adequately investigated and well understood, hence hindering the development of children in the zone and all over the country. The purpose of the study was to find out the investigation of child abuse on children with special needs among Public primary school in Ndumberi zone, Kiambu County. The study sampled parents, teachers, and school going children using purposive sampling techniques. From the sampled schools, an equal number of children, teachers, and parents will be taken yielding 200 persons. The data was collected using interview schedule and observation checklist is used to investigate the type of factors affecting enrollment of children with special needs among Public primary school in Ndumberi zone, Kiambu County. Data collected will analyze using tables. The main finding of the research that negatively affect of child abuse on children with special needs in Public primary school are; poverty, Implication of Poor Child Development, Humanitarian situations, Stigma and discrimination, Limited access to programmes and services, HIV/AIDS, Child – Parent / Caregiver interaction, Institutionalization, Cultural Practices and Beliefs of the community, Violence, exploitation and neglect. Mechanisms to curb some situations are; parents to be advised to be attending HIV/AIDS, taking their children to anti – natal care for early check up for any disability and to be corrected if it's possible. Based on these findings the researcher recommended that; parents, and caregivers/teachers should be advised of the dangers of discrimination of disabled children that negatively affects child entire life. Lastly, attending seminars for good and moral advice on how to up bring their children special needs with love and passion.