

**AN INVESTIGATION ON THE EFFECTS OF MICROFINANCE ON  
ENTERPRENUERS IN TURKANA COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

Governments, donors and NGOs have over the years initiated and implemented programs aimed at empowering underprivileged communities economically and socially. Despite these efforts some challenges still remain. Microfinance as tool for empowerment has become the main subject of many global and regional conferences, seminars and workshops. This study therefore examined the contribution of microfinance institutions on entrepreneurs in Turkana County.

The study was guided by the following objectives; to find out the situation of microfinance in Turkana County, to establish the roles of Microfinance on growth of entrepreneurs in Turkana County, to investigate the roles of microfinance on the economic development of the Turkana County, to find out the challenges facing entrepreneurs in relating with microfinance in Turkana County and to find out the measures used in promoting better relationship between the microfinance institutions and the entrepreneurs

The study was carried out in Turkana County where it targeted the business persons, residents and the officers in the county offices. The survey method was adopted where questionnaires were administered to respondents. The findings from the study revealed that access to microfinance has contributed immensely to the economic empowerment of the residents of the County through improvement in their businesses. Besides, the study shows that access to microfinance has improved the status of every individual both at the family level and in society as a whole.