

**EFFECTS OF DRUG USE AND ABUSE AMONG THE YOUTHS ON THEIR  
SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS IN DAGORETTI SUB LOCATION,  
NAIROBI COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

Drug abuse is one of the most monsters threatening to destroy the youths in Kenya. Most youths have engaged in drug abuse and this is seen as a National disaster. Previously there has been no research study conducted to investigate effects of drug abuse on various areas of development. The purpose of the study was to investigate and determine effects of drug use and abuse among the youths on their socio-economic status in Dagoretti Sub Location. Specifically the study aimed at finding out the effects of drug abuse on youth, explore the causes of drug abuse among the youth, investigate the common drugs abused, approaches utilized by provincial administration to curb drug abuse among the youth and to determine the relationship between drug use and abuse and income level. The study targeted approximately 10,000 young people aged between 14 and 28 years from where a sample of 50 was drawn by purposive sampling technique. A semi-structured questionnaire and interview was employed in collecting data which was in turn analyzed by descriptive statistics that entails use of frequency and cross tabulation, graphs and pie charts. The study revealed that majority of the youth abusing substances is males aged between 20-22 years. Drug abuse among youth contributes to crimes and that provincial administration arrest drug traffickers in an attempt to curb drug abuse among the youth. After data analysis recommendations were given among them include the government should intensify crack down illicit drugs in the Dagoretti Sub Location by arresting and a reining the concerned individuals in court, ministry of education need to include drug abuse courses in its curriculum, and parents should monitor their children closely to make sure that their behavior in accordance with societal norms among others.