

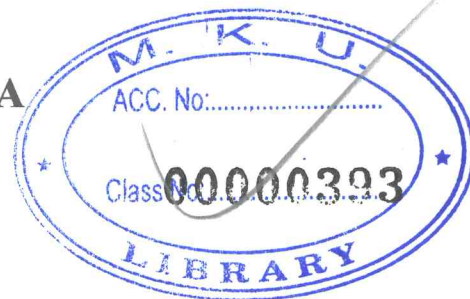
**EFFECTS OF HIV/AIDS ON FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION IN
MATHIOYA DISTRICT RESIDENTS.**

(A case study of schools in Njumbi location in Mathioya district).

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Abstract

The challenge of HIV/ AIDS has been with us for over two decades. HIV/AIDS have had numerous social, economic and political effects society. For this it has long been declared a national disaster by the government.

The government and the society have taken measures to deal with this endemic. Various intergovernmental agencies have been established to alleviate the suffering of people living with HIV/AID, reduce stigma and care for the orphans.

In addition, the education of our children is one that the government and the society have been taking seriously. The Kenyan government through the leadership of his Excellency, the President Mwai Kibaki demonstrated this by enacting the free education in 2003 and free secondary education policy in later. This policy has seen over 2 million children who were previously out of school get free and compulsory education.

The right to free and universal primary education has been enshrined in the new constitution promulgated on August 2010. It is now a crime for a parent or a guardian to willingly deny a child his/her right to education.

However, these gains in the education sector risk being eroded if the effects of HIV/AIDS menace are checked. The welfare of the infected and affected children, their parents and guardians needs to be enhanced if the free primary and secondary education is to be meaningful.

This research study therefore serves to underscore the urgency and significance by seeking to add a body of knowledge and new insights.