

EXTERNAL FACTORS AFFECTING WOMEN
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to establish the factors that influence the sought to assess the influence of discriminatory attitudes on women involvement in peace building in Garissa District. Research objective two sought to determine the influence of traditional working patterns of leadership influence women involvement in peace building. Research objective three sought to establish the extent to which ideological framework influence women involvement in peace building. Research objective four aimed at assessing the extent to which women networks influence women involvement in peace building while research objective five sought to explore the level at which of political strength influence women in their involvement in peace building

The objective purpose of this study was to establish the factors that influence women involvement in peace building in Garissa District. The study used the descriptive survey design using both qualitative and quantitative approaches. The study employed purposeful sampling and the target population for this study included women in the communities, elders, members of the Provincial Administration and official and employees of women organizations operating in the area.

The study used questionnaire for all the targeted respondents, focus group discussions for women in the community and interview schedules for key informants including women group officials. The researcher used test-re-test type of method in order to establish the reliability of the instruments. The findings concluded that discriminatory attitudes on women hindered their involvement in peace building. It was also concluded that traditional working pattern of women hindered them from getting involved in peace building.

Women network influenced women involvement in peace building. It was also reported by the respondent that women groups from warring communities have shared values and activities that can be used in conflict resolution and peace building. The recommendations include the government and the civil society should take part in involving women in issues of peace since they have the capacity to be key negotiators of peace and empower them educationally so that they have bargaining power in matters of peace.