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**ASSESSING THE EFFECT OF CHILD LABOUR ON
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

A case study of Laini-saba location Kibera slums

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ABSTRACT

This research project investigates the effect of child labour on school attendance in Iaini-saba location in Kenya slums.

Although children are considered to be tomorrow's leaders their welfare is ignored and unrecognized in Kenya more especially in slum areas. The total population of children engaging in child labour is insignificant and much as not yet been done.

Poverty and its related problems are key factors hindering school going children in the study area. Poverty in the house holds result in other problems such as unemployment, low level of education and low income among others. This leads to children dropping out of school hindering their future development to compete for better jobs hence lowering their living standards.

The first chapter comprises of the brief introduction of child labour among different countries, background information and problem statement of the study, research objectives and research questions, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study.

The second chapter entails literature review and conceptual framework.

Chapter three describes how data was collected. A sample size of 67 respondents was selected for the study. The questionnaires and interview guide were used as a tool for data collection.

Chapter four gives a presentation of how data was analyzed and a conclusion of the study revealed several factors which led to the effects of child labour and school attendance. The main causes were poverty, illiteracy among parents, unemployment, orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS pandemic and poor school environment.

Chapter five presents summary of findings, conclusion and recommendation of the study. As part of the recommendation the government should ensure that the total population of children in slum areas engaging in labour is accessed by researchers and scholars in order to pave way for sponsorships. Also the government should ensure equal distribution of public schools to make the policy of free primary education effective and mandatory to all children. Also the government should strengthen the child labour policy to ensure all children in Kenya are prevented from entering child labour and those already working are protected from having exploitation.