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A Comparison of Academic Performance of Learners in Day Secondary Schools and Those in Boarding Secondary School in Kenya

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Abstract

Given the rising cost of education, there has been a growing consensus of establishing Day Secondary School to provide school places for the increasing number of learners joining secondary level of education. Day schools have been associated to low performance at the national examinations. This study compares academic performance of learners in Day Secondary Schools and those in Boarding Secondary Schools in Nandi County, Kenya. This study was guided by Cost Function derived from the Education Production Function theory. This study employed a cross-sectional survey as a research strategy. This study targeted all the principals in 186 public secondary schools in the Nandi County. It employed stratified random sampling so as to achieve representation from the school types. The sample size was determined by use of the published table by Krejcie and Morgan. Questionnaire and document analysis were the main instrument of data collection. A pilot study was used in determining the reliability while validity of the research tool was achieved through a carefully and critically examination of the instruments by experienced team of supervisors. Data was analyzed using frequency, means, range, percentages and t-test. It was found out that, academic performance for the period (2012-2015), recorded an average mean of 7.1184 and 4.7391 for Boarding and Day secondary schools respectively. This study found out that, there was a significant difference in academic performance between Boarding and Day secondary schools ($t(121) = 9.990, p = 0.000$); The findings of this study will generate ideas for better and more resourceful cost management in secondary schools, which is useful for policy makers and managers in education sector. The study makes recommendation that, there is need to improve effectiveness and efficiency of school management, effectively utilize monetary resource, appropriately allocate resources and practice prudence in financial management.

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The results showed that all the explanatory variables except exchange rate were positively linked with economic growth. More so, all the explanatory variables were statistically significant with economic growth except net export. The Durbin Watson statistics value of 1.81 suggested that the explanatory variables in the model are not serially correlated. Thus, the model is good for policy implementation. Based on the findings, the paper recommended that; Government should maintain a good market driven exchange rate policy in order to encourage local production that will lead to increase in international competitiveness which in turn will result to increase in economic growth. Also, government should implement efficient and specific macroeconomic policy geared toward improving safe business environment that will attract more foreign investment in order to increase the growth of the Nigerian economy.

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Housing Development, Poverty Alleviation and Cooperative Societies: The Nexus

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 **Abstract**

Housing is one of man's basic essentials of life which ranked second to food. In spite of this, its development requires huge initial capital outlay, hence the ownership is steadily becoming elusive especially for those within the low- income cadre. Nigeria as one of the developing nations of the world is faced with the twin problems of poverty and housing provision. Housing financing and poverty alleviation has become problematic issues for successive government in Nigeria as the various poverty alleviation and housing financing options in the country has failed largely due to bureaucratic bottleneck and other corrupt practices. The paper therefore evaluates the efforts of the Federal Polytechnic Ede academic staff union cooperative society at alleviating poverty through housing development financing. To achieve this, the study explored both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies in order to empirically investigate the activities of the society and established the nexus between housing development, poverty alleviation and cooperative societies. Both primary and secondary data were collected and analyzed using descriptive statistical tool. Findings from the study revealed that 270 staff members have benefitted from the housing provision initiatives of the society with their properties at various stages of completions, while 24 members have also obtained their PhD and Master's degree, 18 members got exotic cars through the dedicated education and car loan options. More so, the society provided soft and flexible loan facilities at low interest rates through which staff members have been empowered. The paper concluded by recommending the introduction and sustenance of co-operative societies in government institutions as a sure means for housing ownership and urban poverty alleviation in the country.

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