Abstract
In spite of the far-reaching studies, policy developments and agencies practice to remedy violence and its effects on children, violence against children continue to happen in all corners of the society. Empirical studies indicate that violence is more prevalent among the communities living in deprived social economic conditions. Furthermore, apart from the physiological harm, violence robs the children their sense of self-confidence, hope, security and wellbeing.
This study employs qualitative research paradigm in a multiple case study strategy to explore how and why violence against children continue to happen in Kenya despite the interventions initiated to expand knowledge and to eradicate it. The study is conducted in the three major cities of Kenya in Kisumu, Nairobi and Mombasa, and explores narrations of the children and adult informants about their experience of violence through interviews, group discussions, observations and documents analysis. The study outcome is projected to inform and stimulate systems and practice that protect children and inspire future research.

Key words: children, violence

Research Objectives
1. To analyze what is known about violence against children in Kenya.
2. To explore the role of the relevant national and international child protection guidelines and policies in mitigating violence against children in Kenya.
   a. Investigate the agency practices that are widely held in mitigating violence against children and why.
3. To examine the nature and types of programmes that tackle violence against children in Kenya.
   a. Understand how the children, the state and the wider society involve themselves in mitigating violence against children.

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