

Youth Livelihood program and economic empowerment among youths in Kwania District.

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ABSTRACT

Background: This study assessed youth livelihood programs and economic empowerment among youth in Kwania District. The study's aims were to establish the relationship between economic empowerment and livelihood, and assess youth livelihood programs and livelihoods of youths, investigate the moderating effect of economic empowerment on the relationship between youth livelihood program and livelihood among youths in Kwania district. The specific objectives of the study 1) To establish relationship between economic empowerment and livelihoods among youth in Kwania district. 2) To assess the relationship between youth livelihood programs and the livelihoods of youths in Kwania district, and 3) To investigate the moderating effects of economic empowerment on the relationship between youth livelihood programs and livelihood among youth.

Methods: Cross-sectional research design was used aligning to quantitative and qualitative approach was adopted. The study used probabilistic and non-probabilistic sampling techniques to select 366 respondents who participated in. District Executives, and technocrats involved in youth empowerment programs were selected purposively, while the youth interests' groups and members were selected using simple random sampling logic. Qualitative data was collected using interview methods as we collected quantitative information using survey questionnaires. Data analysis was computer-assisted using SPSS version 26.

Findings: Findings revealed the there is no significant relationship between economic empowerment and the livelihoods of youths in Kwania district. On the contrary, there was a significant relationship between youth livelihood programs and livelihoods among youths in kwania district. Economic empowerment was found not to moderate the relationship between youth livelihood programs and livelihoods among youth in Kwania district.

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