Abstract

Using data collected from December 1988 to March 1989 the author examines the spatial distribution patterns of marketplaces and market days in Nyeri District, Central Province, Kenya. The fact that there is a significant uniform distribution of marketplaces and market days coupled with a high significant relationship between population density and market provision leads him to conclude that marketplaces and market days in the district are spatially organized to serve the people. He also observes, however, that apart from Karatina and Nyeri marketplaces, the other marketplaces lack basic infrastructure such as stalls, warehouses, lighting, piped water and toilets. Bibliogr., sum.