YOUTH PEACE BUILDING INITIATIVES IN KAMUKUNJI CONSTITUENCY,
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ABSTRACT

Youths the world over, are a big force to reckon with due to their sheer numbers. They have been known to bring change through peaceful organised groups like the YMCA as well through war and involvement in violence by organising themselves into political movements like the young Turks in Turkey. Of recent times, youths participation has become a fad and many organisations, government and donors want to see the youths involved in project and programmes as well as in governance. A call by the UN to involve the youths as a human right in 1989 is the impetus behind the clamour for youth participation. However, youths have been participating in peace building initiatives at a peripheral level and their efforts have not been documented and where they have, they show that the participation is not authentic but prescriptive, making it have no impact and bring change as intended. There are gaps showing how youth have been understudied as well as lack of clarity on their role in peace building. The purpose of this study is to assess the role of the youth in peace building from 2008 to 2013 in Kamukunji, Kenya. The study will be guided by four objectives, namely: to identify peace building initiatives targeting the youth in Kamukunji, establish the levels of participation of the youth in these initiatives, determine the challenges that hinder the full participation of the youth and lastly, establish the options that can be used to involve them fully. The study assumes that there are peace building initiatives targeting the youth in Kamukunji and that youth are seen as valuable participants in these initiatives. The study also assumes that youth involvement is inadequate at all the necessary levels and that youth experience block to participate in peace building initiatives. The research is guided by four questions specifically: What peace building initiatives are targeting the youth in Kamukunji? How are the youth involved in peace building since 2008? and What challenges do they experience while participating in peace building? The research design is descriptive survey. The study sample comprises of youths aged 15-24years. Data will be collected using structured and semi structured questionnaires while secondary data will be collected from existing literature .The study will use qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis techniques to collect and present results. Ethical considerations will be held to protect respondents as relevant permission is sought from the concerned bodies.