

This study was about the factors that affect the performance of TIVET institution in Central Province.

The aim of the study was to establish whether facilities, staff competence, calibre of students' curriculum and marketing of TIVET programs affected the performance of these institutions. Recent KNEC results show a very alarming trend where performances in examinations were below 50%. The number of candidates sitting for examination has been on decline. For instance the total number of candidates who sat for December 2004 series in central province was 470 against 864 in July Series. In 2003 the MOEST undertook a comprehensive study on TIVET Programmes but mainly the focus was on National polytechnics and KTTC. The findings of the study were that those institutions have obsolete facilities. The curriculum which was being implemented was developed in 1980s and late 1990s and had not been reviewed yet, despite the wide range of changes that have occurred in the job market. Students' unrest had been a major concern to the institutions, MOEST and the - parents. A report by the MOEST (2001) recommended that selection in tertiary institution be based on ones career choice at form 4 and be a coordinated exercise.