

Assessment of Secondary School Students' Opinions Towards Pursuing Agriculture Related Courses at Post Secondary Institution A Case of Secondary Schools in Teso South Sub County

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ABSTRACT

The economy of each country relies on the sustainability of her youths and the vision they have in terms of serving their country through quality service delivery in the professions they chose. However in some cases students in secondary might dislike some professions as its with agriculture in Kenya. The declining interest of learners towards pursuing Agriculture related courses at post-secondary level if not addresses will lead to the decline of personnel in the near future which in itself will lead to low production or poor agricultural services. The study using survey design sought to find the opinion of secondary school students in Teso south sub county towards advancing in Agricultural related courses. The study used a target population of 150 students derived from 10 secondary schools from the area mostly day schools as these respondents directly relied on agriculture for food and school fees. Questionnaires were developed from the objectives then distributed to all the selected 150 students through drop and pick method so that they are optimally collected to get information for validating the study. The study found out that majority who chose to study agriculture at secondary level enjoyed it but they were not willing to study it at post-secondary level. Though negative on furthering they believed that agriculture is still like backbone of the country's economy. The study recommended empowering students to lucrative fields like Agribusiness and sponsoring those willing so that they are motivated alongside creating self-employment opportunities through grants by so doing the students will be encouraged to work harder and contribute to nation building.

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