

**ANALYSIS OF SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF POLICING STRATEGIES USED IN
CURBING CATTLE RUSTLING IN SAMBURU**

ABSTRACT

This study analyzed security implications of policing strategies used in curbing cattle rustling in Samburu. Specific objectives included: to analyze the security effect of disarmaments as a policing strategy for curbing cattle rustling, assess the security implication of police deployment as a policing strategy for curbing cattle rustling, examine the security impact of curbing illegal arms trade as a policing strategy for curbing cattle rustling, and determine the security impact of community policing on curbing cattle rustling in Samburu. The target population for the study was 574 individuals which were categorized as Church leaders, Local Chiefs and their assistants, deputy county commissioner, National police unit, community elders, and teachers of Samburu County. The study's 157 respondents were selected purposively and through stratified sampling procedures using Kathuri and Pals formula of 20-30% of the target population. Data was collected using a questionnaire and interview guide. SPSS and Excel worksheets were used to analyze quantitative data descriptively and inferentially whereas qualitative data was analyzed thematically. Analyzed data was presented in tabular and narrative form. Based on findings, more than 48% of the respondents revealed that disarmament efforts, police deployment, curbing of illegal trade, and community policing were concurrently applied in curbing of cattle rustling in Samburu, with significant positive outcomes. Other critical players in the fight against livestock theft in the area included the Kenya police reservists, NGOs, churches, and community leadership, among others. However, persistent of cattle rustling practices called for more collaborative efforts necessary for enhanced curtailing of the menace through long-lasting solutions. The study recommendations included the fact that the government should always conduct disarmament exercises in a holistic manner; more police-public partnership should be encouraged; collaborative efforts should be increased to eradicate illegal firearms; and that community policing structures should be enhanced to monitor and report cases of livestock theft to relevant government authorities.