ABSTRACT
The focus of this research is to reconstruct the life and times of Jane Mumbi Kiano, one of the women public figures and serves as a role model to most aspiring young women in the contemporary Kenyan society. It highlights the beginnings, the struggles and the perseverance of Jane Mumbi Kiano. In addition, it demonstrates how she influenced the political career of her husband, Dr. Kiano, women empowerment in the contemporary society and advocating and protection of women rights among others.
The study highlights the historical journey that women have walked in the colonial and postcolonial Kenyan society. It shows how they were portrayed in the society as well as their position socially, politically and economically. It also discusses the journey women have travelled through the birth of Maendeleo ya Wanawake Organization, among other women’s organizations, and how they impacted the lives of women in the post-colonial Kenya and other areas in the globe.
The position of women in Kenya today is also highlighted in the study and it presents information on the education as a tool for the empowerment of women in the contemporary Kenyan society. Furthermore, it highlights the reasons for the lack of women’s empowerment in society due to discrimination in the provision of education and fairness in schools and employment positions among others.