THE ROLE OF HEALTH ON ECONOMIC GROWTH IN KENYA

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ABSTRACT

Good health produces healthy people of participating in economic, social and political development of a country. Better health improves labour productivity as it reduces production losses caused by worker illness and permits the utilization of national resource that would otherwise become inaccessible because of ill health. Healthy children will also result in enhancement of school enrolment and makes them better able to earn.

The main objective of the study was to examine the impact of health on economic growth in Kenya. The study found that morbidity is negatively related to economic growth while life expectancy was found to be insignificant. Education, gross capital formation, population and labour force are positively related to economic growth in the long run model.

The study also found out that more emphasis should be put in place in regards to the malaria alienation as it's the leading killer disease in Kenya and it on an increasing trend. It later concludes by calling for serious attention on the need to increase GDP per capita in Kenya. This can be done through financing programs in health, education, industrial and population that will contribute to higher economic growth as well as economic development.