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Abstract

The need for researching and interrogating the drinking culture and the emerging effects on the youths and older population especially in the Mt. Kenya region cannot be underestimated. The youth who are the future of any developing country like Kenya should be given special attention through proper education on alcohol consumption. Alcoholism continues to eat away at productive youth in their prime who totally fall off the employment radar and are neither in the labour market or seeking to be in the labour market. Otherwise productive people in rural areas are ‘lounging’ away their entire lives doing the bare minimum in terms of labour participation to sustain their alcohol needs.

This study was cross-sectional and sought to establish the relationship between wage income from quarrying activities and alcoholism status. The research was carried out in Nkuene Division of Meru County due to the unique characteristics of the rural area of study and the quarrying sub-sector. Research questionnaires were prepared and administered to participants in the sub-sector in the study area. In the research we find a correlation between wage income and alcoholism status by OLS specification. Data analysis was done using gretl (Gnu Regression, Econometrics and Time-series Library) which is an open-source statistical package, mainly for econometrics.