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Spiritual Care Programs and Recidivism Prevention among the Prison Inmates in Selected Prisons in Nairobi County, Kenya

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ABSTRACT

The responsibility of the prisons is rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders to the community. Despite going through the prisons, a great number of offenders still commit crime and are convicted again. The study was done to assess the role of spiritual care programs employed in addressing recidivism among the inmates in Nairobi Kenya. The study was guided by Reintegration theory and Cognitive behavior theory. A convergent parallel research design- Mixed method research approach was adopted. Six prisons with inmates serving up to 10 years were selected purposively, simple random sampling techniques was used to select 323 re- offenders, 36 leaders of the inmates was selected purposefully and 22 Key informants from prison administration and 4 probation officers selected purposively. The study used questionnaires, focus group discussion schedules and interview guides in data collection. Descriptive and inferential statistics was used to analyze quantitative data using, Qualitative data was analyzed through thematic analysis and presented through verbatim. The study found a weak positive overall correlation .095 which was statistically significant as ($P\text{-Value}=0.000 < 0.05$)

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