

**CONTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY-BASED POLICING IN CRIME  
MANAGEMENT ALONG THE THARAKA-TIGANIA BORDER, KENYA**

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## ABSTRACT

Community-based policing has been used in an attempt to reduce crime, but crime rates have remained elevated, especially along Tharaka and Tigania border in Kenya. There have been sporadic outbreaks of violence against residents living close to this border, including organized terror groups, violent robberies, kidnappings, poaching, cattle theft, and killings. Research was needed to determine how community-based policing affected crime management along the Tharaka-Tigania Border in Kenya. The study's goal was to determine how neighborhood watch programs, team policing, police-community collaborations, and police-community communication about crime management strategies along the Tharaka-Tigania border in Kenya contribute crime management. Four objectives guided the study; To examine the contribution of police-community partnership, to assess the contribution of police-community communication, to determine the contribution of team-policing and to examine the contribution of neighborhood watch groups in crime management along the Tharaka-Tigania border in Kenya. This study was underpinned by the normative sponsorship theory, which argues that community planning and problem-solving should not be the exclusive domain of law enforcement. The focus of the study was on those involved in security issues in Tharaka and Tigania border in Kenya including police personnel, chiefs, and community leaders. Using simple random sampling and proportionate sampling, this study recruited a sample of 398 community members and 8 police officers who fit the study's target population. Two chiefs were chosen from the study area using simple random sampling. To gather information for this study, questionnaires were distributed to community members and chiefs and police officers were interviewed. 39 research instruments were pilot tested in Isiolo-Samburu border in Kenya. Reliability of the instruments was tested using Cronbach's Alpha where the instruments were found to be reliable for the study. Descriptive statistics such as mean, mode and standard deviation and inferential statistics such as chi square were used to analyse data with the aid of Statistical Package for Social Sciences version 26.0. Hypothesis was tested at 0.05 level of significance. According to the study findings, there was a statistically significant and positive association between each of the four independent components and crime management. The finding suggests that security professionals and the general public along the Tharaka-Tigania border in Kenya may consider collaboration between the people and police officers. This encourages positive working connections between the police and the local administration. There was need to ensure community and law enforcement agencies are working together to combat criminal behavior. The findings of this study are expected to be helpful; the ministry of interior security policy makers in formulating measures intended to address the problem posed by crime in Kenya. The study may help the ministry of interior and coordination of the national government to allocate resources for crime reduction strategies in Tharaka -Tigania border. The findings may assist the law enforcement agencies to develop the crime prevention tactics such as creating policies, working together on patrols and organizing vigilante groups. Additionally, the study is expected to act as a platform for additional criminology research, particularly in the field of community policing. Lastly this study also could assist county government in evaluating their community policing initiatives and enhancing their capacity to assist the citizens under their control and community members living at peace within their neighborhoods