

**INFLUENCE OF REGULATORY STRUCTURES ON THE QUALITY OF LAW
ENFORCEMENT IN KENYA**

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ABSTRACT

The central problem of this study is that despite the many government initiatives towards improving security in the country, actual law enforcement has been declining in the country Influences to this low quality of law enforcement in the country have not been investigated nor understood by the concerned, thus hindering democratic policing and lack of accountability to civilians in the exercise of police power by the law enforcement agency Kenya police service,

who are mandated with law enforcement in the country. The consideration of the relationship between regulatory structures as the independent variable in this study and the quality of law enforcement as the dependent variable was sought. The purpose of this study was to determine the influence of regulatory structures on the quality of law enforcement in Kenya. The unit of analysis was the Kenya police. Service. The study used a descriptive survey design that was cross-sectional with the list of the Administrative officers of the Kenya police service as the sampling frame. The questionnaire and an interview guide were used to gather relevant information from the respondents. Data collected was analysed using both the descriptive and inferential statistics. The study established that regulatory structures have a positive significant influence on the quality of law enforcement in Kenya. The study recommended that both Internal and external regulatory structures should seek to achieve the objectives of the constitution and government policy, and it is important that they are able to work together. The Kenya police service needs to recognize the importance of the role that oversight structures can play in providing constructive recommendations and promoting public support while the oversight body should recognize police independence.

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