

THE IMPACT OF PRIVATE EDUCATION SECTOR TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUKIMBIRI  
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## **ABSTRACT**

African countries embraced structural adjustment programs under the advisement of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in order to improve access to and participation in basic education for all; improve learning outcomes; and improve equity in educational opportunities. The policy of privatization has been extended into all spheres of the economy, which is very critical to realizing elements of development and equity in the "developing nations."

African economies usually manage to only fund half of their budgets and therefore are reliant on donor aid. The education sector is one sector that has been funded by donor money but is yet to witness a major change because it is still riddled with inadequate teachers, facilitation, and other challenges. This has pushed governments, Bukimbiri sub-county government being one of them, to open up the education spectrum to the public so that the "future leaders" are provided with education services at a "cheaper price" but of primary quality. Hence, countries are witnessing growth and development in their economies. This study found that the level of development in the African education sector has increased youth innovativeness and job marketability. Furthermore, it has improved learning outcomes and equity in educational opportunities. This has not happened in space but is due to better infrastructure and political stability. Levels of science and technology

The study found that privatization in the education sector has not really achieved what it set out to do. Rural people have cited primary school fees as one of the major challenges. Other institutional challenges mentioned include but are not limited to: limited funding; stringent government policies; primary taxation; poverty; poor infrastructural development; corruption; unrest; and population explosion (where infrastructure cannot handle the numbers). If some of these challenges are addressed, Africa may surely rise up like China and other Asian tigers that have become educational destinations.