

Chapter 2

2.0 Literature Review

The novel coronavirus was first detected in Wuhan china in December 2019 and by February 2020 had already spread all over the world due to the interconnectedness of the twenty first century. The WHO declared it as a pandemic on (date) and since this virus was spread through human contact the WHO advised all world governments to implement social distancing policies inorder to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Learning institutions were identified as major hotspot due to the fact that learners are from diverse backgrounds and interact a lot. Thus as a mitigation measure learning instituions were closed indefinitely all around the world. This caused about 1 billion students world wide to be out of school and about 15 million learners in kenya(reference knut/MoE)

The president of the republic of Kenya HE Uhuru Kenyatta ordered that primary and secondary schools be closed by and higher learning institutions by (date) This caused a major disruption in the school calendar of activities , leaving a lot of questions on when schools would reopen and whether the dates of the national examinations would be postponed.

The closure of schools resulted in the embrace of distance learning in the country . This was majorly done through television and radio programmes approved by KICD and for some through the use of e-learning portals. Although the government tried its best not all learners were able to access the educational content due to the diverse economic challenges in the country.

The government still insisted that the national examinations would still be carried out as scheduled until jun 17th.

2.1 Introduction

The Kenyan educational calendar is usually rigid and not well prepared for any changes that may occur especially the primary school and secondary calendar. This is especially of interest since Kenya is a stage where it is phasing out the 8-4-4 system and phasing in the CBC curriculum. Moreover , the national exams which usually take place during the month of December and November are of great importance to learners in the country and are of great interest to the whole of the country.

In order to determine the impact of the coronavirus on the education calendar we had to ask parents what part of the calendar they were really concerned about
- how long the virus will last

