OVERPOPULATION IN THE SCHOOL SETTING

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Overpopulation is a condition when an organism’s number exceed the carrying capacity of its ecological position. In common dialect, the term usually refers to the relationship between the human population and its setting, the Earth. It is not simply about the size or density of the population. Overpopulation can be determined using the proportion of population to available justifiable resources.

As it seems, when there is overpopulation, there will be insufficient resources. When we have insufficient resources, our clientele will not receive a quality service from us. At the same time, because of this, overcrowding will take place that will lead to inability to create proper schooling environments, funds or even the necessary materials.

Akech (2016) in his study entitled “The Impact of Over-Crowded Classrooms to Teachers and Students” aimed at investigating the impact of classroom over crowdedness on teacher-student collaborations in teaching and learning progression. In addition, he specifically identified the problems both teachers and students face in over-crowded classrooms and identified solutions to the problems. He determined the relationship between over-crowded classrooms and teacher-student interaction in learning and teaching process.

The researcher used questionnaires to collect data. The findings came up with the facts that noise making, restriction of teachers movement in the class, cheating in exams, wastage of time setting orders in class, failure to attend each student’s need, difficulty in marking, and both teachers and students being stressed are the impacts resulting from over crowdedness in classrooms.

Overpopulation by then is really a serious matter. To address this issue, involvement of stakeholders is needed to provide ways and means. Teachers should have

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the know-how in the use of different strategies to provide to their learners. As administrators, aside from involving the stakeholders, they should always have accurate report on the needs of the school so that the education department will be able to provide the needs of the school.

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