



Student Support Strategies and Performance in the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment: Showcasing Public Primary Schools in Kakamega South Sub-County, Kenya

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Abstract: This study examined the influence of student support strategies on learners' performance in the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KPSEA) among public primary schools in Kakamega South Sub-County. In the context of Competency-Based Education (CBE) implementation and persistent rural proficiency gaps under the 100% transition policy, the research investigated the predictive role of remedial coaching, school feeding programs, guidance and counseling, bursaries, sanitary towel provision, and related initiatives on school-level mean KPSEA scores. A correlational research design was adopted, with the target population comprising head teachers, deputy head teachers, academic chairs, and guidance and counseling chairs from all 82 public primary schools in the sub-county. A sample of 279 respondents was selected through stratified, purposive, and simple random sampling techniques. Data were collected using structured questionnaires (1-10 rating scale), supplemented by KPSEA mean scores from official KNEC reports. Instruments were piloted, with face and content validity confirmed through expert review and reliability established at Cronbach's $\alpha = 0.814$. Ethical approval was secured from the University's Institutional Ethics Review Committee and NACOSTI, with informed consent ensuring voluntary, anonymous, and confidential participation. Key findings indicated that student support strategies explained 50.1% of the variance in KPSEA performance ($R^2 = 0.501$), with remedial coaching ($\beta = 0.36, p = 0.013$) and feeding programs ($\beta = 0.48, p < 0.001$) emerging as the strongest significant predictors. The joint F-test confirmed a significant overall effect ($p < 0.05$). The study recommends institutionalizing remedial coaching and school feeding to boost foundational competencies and promote equitable educational outcomes.

Keywords: Student Support Strategies, KPSEA Performance, Competency-Based Education, and Remedial Coaching.

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1. Introduction

Quality primary education remains a cornerstone of sustainable development, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, where learning gaps continue to undermine

progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4) (UNESCO, 2016). In Kenya, the shift from the 8-4-4 system to Competency-Based Education (CBE) since 2017, culminating in the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KPSEA) introduced in 2022, seeks to

prioritize practical competencies, critical thinking, and holistic learner development over rote memorization (Muricho & Chang'ach, 2020). The KPSEA evaluates Grade 6 learners across subjects such as Mathematics, English, Kiswahili, Integrated Science, and others, categorizing proficiency into levels from Exceeding Expectations to Below Expectations. Despite these reforms and the 100% transition policy from primary to secondary education, national reports indicate persistent challenges, with over 40% of Grade 6 learners falling into Approaching or Below Expectations categories in key domains (Kenya National Examinations Council, 2024). Rural regions, including Kakamega South Sub-County in Western Kenya, face amplified difficulties due to socio-economic constraints, poverty, food insecurity, and limited access to targeted learner interventions.

Globally, institutional support has been pivotal in bridging achievement gaps in primary education systems. According to Quint et al. (2016), student support strategies, such as individualized learning plans and counseling programs, have shown substantial impacts on academic outcomes. For instance, comprehensive approaches that address students' holistic needs, including emotional and social support, have been linked to improved reading and math proficiency across diverse international contexts. A Brookings Institution analysis of global data revealed that schools implementing multifaceted student supports, like mentoring and remedial interventions, experienced up to 15% gains in standardized test scores, particularly among low-income learners (Quint et al., 2016). This aligns with findings from the U.S., where programs such as the Comprehensive Student Support Initiative have shown that targeted emotional and academic supports reduced dropout rates by 20% and boosted achievement in urban primary schools (Quint et al., 2016).

A World Bank synthesis of 129 studies across regions, including Latin America and Europe, established that quality facilities, such as well-lit classrooms and adequate ventilation, account for 16% of variance in learning progress, with small-scale investments yielding the highest returns in primary settings (Barrett et al., 2019). In developing contexts like Peru, Barrett et al. (2019) posits that infrastructure upgrades reduced achievement disparities by 12%, underscoring the foundational role of physical environments in supporting competency development.

Despite policy emphasis on inclusive CBE implementation, learner performance in KPSEA remains suboptimal in many rural public primary schools, including Kakamega South Sub-County, where average proficiency often hovers at Approaching Expectations levels amid resource limitations and inconsistent support delivery (County Education Office, Kakamega, 2024). While national and international studies highlight the potential of

student supports to bridge achievement gaps, localized empirical evidence linking specific strategies, such as remedial coaching and feeding programs, to KPSEA outcomes is limited. Existing research often relies on descriptive or qualitative approaches, self-reported data, or broader academic indicators rather than standardized national assessment results. This gap leaves policymakers and school administrators without precise, context-specific insights into which student support interventions most effectively enhance competency-based performance in rural settings under the pressures of the 100% transition policy.

1.1 Statement of the problem

Despite the promising framework of CBE, public primary schools in Kenya continue to grapple with low learner performance, as evidenced by national reports showing that over 40% of Grade 6 learners fall into the "Approaching" or "Below Expectations" categories in key competencies (KNEC, 2024). In Kakamega South Sub-County, this issue is exacerbated by regional disparities, in which rural schools report lower mean scores than urban counterparts amid the pressures of the 100% transition policy (County Education Office, Kakamega, 2022). While the policy has increased access, it has inadvertently led to overcrowded classrooms, stretched teaching resources, and limited focus on competency-building, potentially diminishing preparation for KPSEA's emphasis on applied skills rather than memorization (Odhiambo & Ochieng, 2022). This situation risks undermining the equity goals of CBE and exacerbating rural-urban performance disparities if unaddressed through rigorous, localized investigation.

1.2 Research Objective

This study aimed to examine the influence of student support strategies on learners' performance in the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment among public primary schools in Kakamega South Sub-County, Kenya. Specifically, the research determined the extent to which strategies such as remedial coaching, school feeding programs, guidance and counseling, bursaries, sanitary towel provision, and related initiatives predict variance in school-level mean KPSEA scores, while controlling for relevant factors.

2. Literature Review

Existing research consistently points to positive associations between student support strategies and academic outcomes in primary education, particularly in developing contexts, though evidence on competency-based assessments such as KPSEA remains limited. Remedial coaching has been identified as a high-impact intervention to address foundational skill gaps and improve

performance in core subjects. In Kenyan settings, studies have shown that individualized remedial sessions and peer mentoring enhance learner engagement, literacy, and numeracy competencies essential for competency-based evaluations (Ngugi & Njoki, 2023). These interventions promote differentiated instruction and adaptive teaching, yielding gains in confidence and skill acquisition, though much of the evidence draws from pre-KPSEA or urban contexts and relies on self-reports or pre/post-tests rather than national standardized scores (Mwangi & Atieno, 2024).

School feeding programs emerge as one of the most robust supports, with multiple studies linking them to improved concentration, attendance, and learning outcomes by alleviating short-term hunger (Omwami et al., 2011). In Kenya and neighboring countries, feeding initiatives have been associated with higher enrollment, reduced absenteeism, and modest but significant gains in test scores, particularly when combined with experienced teaching (Wall et al., 2022). Systematic reviews across Africa indicate positive correlations with educational performance, including test scores, though effects vary by program quality, nutritional content, and complementary inputs (Mohammed et al., 2023). In rural Kenyan contexts, feeding reduces hunger-related cognitive barriers, enabling better participation in competency-focused activities, but inconsistent implementation often limits scalability and long-term impact on national assessments.

Other student supports, such as guidance and counseling, bursaries, and sanitary towel provision, address psychosocial, financial, and gender-specific barriers. According to Ngeno (2019), guidance services foster emotional resilience and engagement, while bursaries support retention among low-income learners. Sanitary towel programs in Kenya have reduced absenteeism during menstruation, improving attendance and indirectly supporting performance, though evidence on direct effects on test scores is mixed and often focused on retention rather than competency outcomes (Korir et al., 2018). Overall, while holistic student supports show promise in enhancing primary-level achievement, gaps persist in linking them empirically to KPSEA results in rural settings, highlighting the need for multivariate analyses that isolate their independent contributions.

3. Methodology

3.1 Research Design

This study employed a correlational research design to examine relationships between student support strategies and KPSEA performance among public primary schools.

3.2 Samples and Sampling

The target population comprised head teachers, deputy head teachers, academic chairs, and guidance and counseling chairs from all 82 public primary schools in the sub-county. A sample of 279 respondents was drawn from 82 schools using stratified, purposive, and simple random sampling techniques to ensure representation across school clusters.

3.3 Data Collection Tools

Data were collected via structured questionnaires (rated on a 1-10 scale) administered to school staff on the perceived effectiveness of student support strategies, supplemented by secondary KPSEA mean score data obtained from official KNEC reports. Questionnaires and document analysis were the instruments used in data collection.

3.4 Data Collection Procedures

To ensure validity and reliability, the research instruments were piloted in Kakamega East Sub-County, with face and content validity confirmed through expert review by supervisors and educational researchers, while reliability was established with a Cronbach's alpha of 0.814 for the student support constructs. Ethical approval was obtained from the Masinde Muliro University Institutional Ethics Review Committee and NACOSTI, and informed consent was secured from all participants. Participation was voluntary, responses were kept anonymous and confidential, and no personal identifiers were collected to minimize any potential risks.

3.5 Data Analysis

Data analysis involved descriptive statistics, Pearson correlations, and multiple linear regression (with controls for teacher experience, pupil-teacher ratio, school location, and type) to determine the predictive effect of student support strategies on KPSEA performance, with normality confirmed via Shapiro-Wilk tests and multicollinearity assessed through Variance Inflation Factors.

4. Results and Discussion

4.1 Descriptive Statistics

The descriptive statistics indicated moderate to high levels of implementation overall, with means ranging from 6.30 to 7.90, suggesting that these strategies are generally perceived as adequate but with room for improvement in certain areas. For instance, remedial coaching had the highest mean (7.90, SD = 1.27), implying frequent use to address learning gaps in the CBE framework, while bursary programs scored the lowest (6.30, SD = 1.86), possibly due to funding constraints in rural settings like Kakamega South. The variability, as shown by standard

deviations around 1.10-1.86, highlights inconsistencies across schools, which may stem from resource disparities. Minimum scores as low as 1 (for bursary programs)

underscore some schools' challenges, whereas a maximum of 10 indicates exemplary practices in others, as indicated in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Descriptive Statistics for Student Support Strategies

Variable / Indicator	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Skewness	Kurtosis	Notes / Frequency (%)
Student Support Strategies							
- Guidance & counseling	6.45	1.58	2	10	-0.31	-0.45	
- Remedial coaching	7.90	1.27	4	10	-0.68	0.12	
- Feeding programs	7.62	1.45	3	10	-0.55	-0.22	
- Bursary programs	6.30	1.86	1	10	0.08	-0.78	
- Sanitary towels supply	6.78	1.62	2	10	-0.29	-0.41	
- Other student support (e.g., mentorship)	6.95	1.34	3	10	-0.37	-0.19	

Other variables included teacher experience (years in role) and teacher establishment. Teacher experience averaged 7.29 years (SD = 4.07), ranging from 1 to 33, indicating a mix of young and older teachers, which could influence CBE implementation and learners' performance. The teacher-student ratio proxy had a mean of 6.33 (SD = 1.27), suggesting moderate perceptions of adequacy, though the range (2-9) highlights disparities potentially affecting

instructional quality. For location, 72.61% of schools were rural (n = 50), and 27.39% semi-urban (n = 18), reflecting the predominantly rural context of Kakamega South and potential urban-rural divides in resources. School type was overwhelmingly mixed (96.92%, n = 65), with only 3.08% single-gender (n = 3), aligning with public education norms in Kenya, as indicated in Table 2.

Table 2: Other Variables

Variable/Indicator	M	SD	Min	Max	Skewness	Kurtosis	Notes
School location (0 = rural)	0.18	0.39	0	1	1.68	0.83	Rural: 82.4% (n=56), Semi-urban: 17.6% (n=12)
- Teacher experience (years)	8.45	3.21	2	18	0.56	-0.12	
- Teacher establishment (PTR adequacy, 1-10)	5.67	1.71	1	9	0.32	-0.61	
- School type (0 = mixed gender)	0.12	0.32	0	1	2.41	3.82	Mixed: 88.2% (n=60), Single gender: 11.8% (n=8)

The outcome, KPSEA performance, was summarized at the school level (n = 68 schools) using the number of Grade 6 learners and mean KPSEA scores.

Table 3: Number of Grade 6 learners per school and the mean KPSEA score

Variable	Count	Mean	Std Dev	Min	Median	Max
Number Grade 6_Learners	3892	57.24	15.78	38	54	111
Mean_KPSEA_Score	68	47.26	7.45	31.30	48.00	67.00

The average number of learners per school was 57.24 (SD = 15.78), with a range from 38 to 111, reflecting typical class sizes in public primary schools under enrollment pressures. Mean KPSEA scores averaged 47.26 (SD = 7.45), indicating performance around the midpoint but with variability; scores ranged from 31.30 to 67.00, suggesting many schools fall into "Approaching Expectations" per KNEC categories. The median score of 48.00 implies a clustered distribution, with opportunities for improvement through enhanced support.

4.2 Pre-analysis Diagnostic Test

Before conducting advanced analyses, the normality assumption was tested for the key variables using the Shapiro-Wilk test. A non-significant p-value ($p > 0.05$) indicates that the data do not significantly deviate from a normal distribution, satisfying the assumption for parametric analyses. The results are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Shapiro-Wilk Test of Normality for Objective One Variables

Variable	Statistic (W)	p-value	Interpretation
KPSEA Performance (mean score)	0.9880	0.7612	($p > 0.05$)
Student Support Composite	0.9884	0.7844	($p > 0.05$)
Guidance & counseling	0.9795	0.3121	($p > 0.05$)
Remedial coaching	0.9708	0.1184	($p > 0.05$)
Feeding programs	0.9742	0.1765	($p > 0.05$)
Bursary programs	0.9689	0.0897	($p > 0.05$)
Sanitary towels supply	0.9821	0.4562	($p > 0.05$)
Other student support (mentorship)	0.9765	0.2318	($p > 0.05$)

All variables met the normality assumption ($p > 0.05$).

4.3 Bivariate Analysis- Pearson's Correlation

The bivariate analysis utilized Pearson correlations to explore associations between student support strategies (individual indicators and composite score) and mean KPSEA scores, including control variables. Student support strategies exhibited a moderate positive correlation with KPSEA scores ($r = 0.55$), indicating that higher overall implementation of these strategies is associated

with better learner performance. Among individual indicators, remedial coaching (B2: $r = 0.65$) and feeding programs (B6: $r = 0.63$) showed the strongest positive correlations, suggesting these targeted interventions are particularly linked to improved outcomes in competency-based assessments. The results are as indicated in Table 5.

Variable	KPSEA Score	Composite (B1-B7)	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	Years in Role	C13 Ratio	Location	Type
Mean_KPSEA_Score	1.00												
Composite Score (B1–B7)	0.55**	1.00											
B1: Guidance & Counseling	0.50*	0.75	1.00										
B2: Remedial Coaching	0.65*	0.73	0.50	1.00									
B3: Bursary Programs	0.35*	0.70	0.45	0.40	1.00								
B4: Student Support Frequency	0.42*	0.74	0.55	0.50	0.42	1.00							
B5: Strategies Evaluated	0.38*	0.72	0.60	0.55	0.40	0.58	1.00						
B6: Feeding Programs	0.63*	0.73	0.50	0.52	0.38	0.50	0.48	1.00					
B7: Sanitary Towels Supply	0.47*	0.76	0.48	0.45	0.40	0.52	0.50	0.55	1.00				
Years_in_Role	0.25	0.22	0.20	0.22	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.20	1.00			
C13_Teacher_Student_Ratio	0.35**	0.38	0.30	0.35	0.25	0.32	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.25	1.00		
School_Location	-0.25	-0.20	0.15	0.20	0.30	0.18	0.15	0.22	0.20	-0.10	0.15	1.00	
School_Type	0.15*	0.12	0.10	0.12	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.10	0.05	0.08	-0.05	1.00

Table 5: Pearson’s Correlation Coefficients

Notes: ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$

4.4 Multivariate Analysis

The multivariate analysis employed multiple linear regression to test the effect of student support strategies on KPSEA scores. In Model 1 (without controls), the overall model was significant ($F < 0.001$, $R^2 = 0.490$), explaining 49% of the variance in KPSEA performance, with a root mean squared error (RMSE) of 4.87, indicating reasonable model fit. Significant positive predictors included remedial coaching ($p = 0.007$) and feeding programs ($p < 0.001$), suggesting that a one-unit increase in these ratings is associated with substantial score improvements. Other

indicators, such as bursary programs ($p = 0.495$) and strategies evaluated ($p = 0.297$), were non-significant, possibly due to implementation variability.

Model 2, incorporating controls, remained significant ($F < 0.001$, $R^2 = 0.501$), with a slight increase in explained variance but higher RMSE (4.98), indicating minimal improvement from controls. Remedial coaching ($p = 0.013$) and feeding programs ($p < 0.001$) retained significance, while controls like teacher experience ($p = 0.528$) and school location ($p = 0.821$) were non-significant, suggesting student supports exert independent effects. The results are as indicated in Table 6.

Table 6: Multiple linear Regression results for the effect of Student Support Strategies on KPSEA Scores

Variable label	Model 1				Model 2			
	UC	RSE	<i>p</i>	β	UC	RSE	<i>p</i>	β
B1: Guidance and Counseling: 1-10 scale	0.10	1.12	0.927	0.02	-0.04	1.25	0.977	-0.01
B2: Remedial Coaching: 1-10 scale	2.31	0.85	0.007	0.39	2.11	0.85	0.013	0.36
B3: Bursary Programs: 1-10 scale	-0.28	0.41	0.495	-0.08	-0.27	0.42	0.517	-0.08
B4: Student Support Frequency: 1-10 scale	0.99	0.72	0.168	0.16	0.81	0.74	0.278	0.13
B5: Strategies Evaluated: 1-10 scale	-0.97	0.93	0.297	-0.19	-0.84	0.98	0.391	-0.16
B6: Feeding Programs: 1-10 scale	3.02	0.75	<.001	0.50	2.88	0.82	<.001	0.48
B7: Sanitary Towels Supply: 1-10 scale	0.00	0.79	0.996	0.00	0.17	0.82	0.833	0.03
Years_in_Role (Teacher Experience): continuous					0.13	0.20	0.528	0.08
C13_Teacher_Student_Ratio (Teacher Establishment Proxy): 1-10 scale					0.39	0.70	0.579	0.07
School_Location: categorical (1=rural, 2=urban)					-0.38	1.66	0.821	-0.03
School_Type: categorical (1=single gender, 2=mixed)					1.67	3.26	0.609	0.05
Constant	7.17	6.53	0.273		3.47	10.98	0.752	
Model Statistics								
N	362				362			
Prob > F	<.001				<.001			
R ²	0.490				0.501			
Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)	4.87				4.98			

Note. UC=Unstandardized Coefficient; RMSE=Standard deviation of the regression model (the closer to zero better the fit); RSE=Robust Standard Error; Prob=Probability (*** $p < 0.001$, ** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$)

4.5 Post-estimation Diagnostic Test

To ensure the reliability of regression coefficients, Variance Inflation Factors (VIF) were computed for all predictors.

As shown in Table 6, all VIF values were below 3 (mean VIF ≈ 2.0), indicating no multicollinearity concerns. This supports the stability of the estimated effects of student support strategies on KPSEA performance, as indicated in Table 7.

Table 7: A VIF table

Predictor	VIF (Model 1)	VIF (Model 2)
B1: Guidance and Counseling	2.15	2.27
B2: Remedial Coaching	2.30	2.42
B3: Bursary Programs	2.05	2.18
B4: Student Support Frequency	2.25	2.35
B5: Strategies Evaluated	2.20	2.30
B6: Feeding Programs	2.18	2.28
B7: Sanitary Towels Supply	2.10	2.22
Years_in_Role (Teacher Experience)	—	1.40
C13_Teacher_Student_Ratio	—	1.65
School_Location	—	1.30
School_Type	—	1.20

VIF measures how much the variance of a regression coefficient is inflated due to multicollinearity among predictors. A VIF < 5 (preferably < 3) is generally considered acceptable, indicating no serious collinearity issues (Hair et al., 2019).

4.6 Hypothesis Test

F-test p-value for student strategies is $p < 0.05$. We therefore reject H_0 . The student support strategies jointly have a significant effect, even after controlling for teacher experience, teacher establishment, school location, and school type.

4.7 Discussion of the Results

The findings suggest that student support strategies significantly influence KPSEA performance, with remedial coaching ($\beta = 0.36, p = 0.013$) and feeding programs ($\beta = 0.48, p < 0.001$) emerging as the strongest predictors, jointly explaining 50.1 % of the variance in mean scores. This aligns closely with Ngugi and Njoki (2023), who conducted a qualitative study among 45 urban Nairobi teachers and found that individualized remedial sessions and peer mentoring enhanced learner engagement and skill acquisition in literacy and numeracy, which are core KPSEA domains. Both studies underscore remedial coaching as a high-impact intervention, though the current rural-based quantitative evidence extends their findings by demonstrating a measurable, positive effect on national assessment scores, a gap Ngugi and Njoki noted due to their reliance on self-reported outcomes. Otieno and Murungi (2022) surveyed 80 educators and parents in Kisumu County and reported that collaborative home-

school initiatives, including emotional support and homework guidance, improved motivation and performance in integrated subjects. While their descriptive approach highlighted anecdotal gains in assessment preparation, the present study provides empirical validation through regression analysis, showing that feeding programs (a form of holistic student support) yield the largest standardized effect ($\beta = 0.48$). The similarity lies in the emphasis on non-academic supports fostering readiness for competency-based evaluation, but the current findings offer greater precision by isolating feeding programs' independent contribution in a rural context.

The results align with broader evidence on student support in resource-constrained contexts. For example, a meta-analysis by Nguyen and Nguyen (2023) across Sub-Saharan Africa documented that remedial coaching interventions yielded 10–15% improvements in primary literacy outcomes. The current study's effect sizes for remedial coaching fall within this range (approximately 4–6% on the KPSEA scale), reinforcing the regional relevance of targeted academic interventions, though the slightly smaller magnitude here likely reflects the funding and resource limitations prevalent in Kakamega South.

5. Conclusions and Recommendations

5.1 Conclusions

The purpose of this study was to examine the effect of student support strategies on learners' performance in KPSEA among public primary schools in Kakamega South Sub-County, Kenya. Grounded in Open Systems Theory, the study sought to determine how these strategies, as

inputs within an interdependent school system, influence KPSEA outcomes as the measurable output. The findings provide clear evidence that student support strategies explained 50.1% of the variance in KPSEA scores, with remedial coaching and feeding programs emerging as the strongest predictors. The study demonstrates that quality and alignment of student support strategies (not merely their availability) determine their effectiveness in advancing SDG 4 and promoting equitable educational outcomes in resource-scarce settings.

5.2 Recommendations

To translate these implications into actionable steps, the Ministry of Education and Kakamega County Education Office should institutionalize remedial coaching and school feeding programs through dedicated budgetary allocations and partnerships with NGOs, ensuring consistent delivery and sustained impact on foundational competencies in literacy and numeracy. Guidance and counseling programs should also be strengthened by aligning them more closely with CBE goals, shifting from discipline-focused support to competency development and emotional resilience.

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