

# **The Burden of Financing Secondary School Education in Kenya**

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## **Abstract**

This paper examines the contributions financing of secondary education in Kenya by parents. The provision of widely spread education and training opportunities has been a long-standing objective of the Government of Kenya (GoK) Provision of quality secondary education is important in generating the opportunities and benefits of social and economic development. The study uses data from various sources, including school fees statements from various schools and newspaper reports and news items touching on school fees January 2014 to the present. The paper discusses the burden being borne by Kenya parents to finance secondary education including effects of high school fees/ consequences of high fees, how schools conceal school fees increases implying high household financing mainly through user charges and community reactions to the high school fees. The paper concludes with suggestions on what should be done on harmonization of secondary school fees charged to parents.

**Key words:** *school fees, education financing, burden*