

**EVALUATION OF RESPONSE STRATEGIES OF THE
MINISTRY OF LANDS IN LAND ADJUDICATION.**

***(A CASE STUDY OF LAND ADJUDICATION IN
FORMER MERU CENTRAL DISTRICT)***

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ABSTRACT

In adjudication programmes in Kenya a total of 1,559,479 titles covering 8.01 million hectares have been realized, while under settlement programmes a total of 445 settlement schemes exists countrywide covering 1.02 million hectares on which 179,300 families are settled. However, even with this impressive performance, the Ministry of Lands is bogged down with numerous challenges in fulfilling its land adjudication targets and this is the reason that has prompted this study to establish why after 44 years of independence the issue of land rights ascertainment has not been finalized in the larger Meru Central District. The main objective of the study is to evaluate various strategies that the department of land adjudication and settlement has implemented to achieve its target in the larger Meru Central District. The research findings are that the Ministry of Lands is negatively affected by under-staffing, limited resources at its disposal for Service Delivery, weak non-responsive organization structure that does not allow switching of staff among the departments. The study strongly supports the entire null hypothesis on organization structure, financial resources and staffing.