

**SUPPORT STRATEGIES FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES HAVING
CHILDREN WITH IMPAIRED DEVELOPMENT IN
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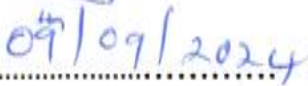
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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

SPSS	- Statistical Package for the Social Sciences
ANOVA	- Analysis of Variance
NGO	- Non-Governmental Organization
UNICEF	- United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
IRB	- Institutional Review Board
WHO	- World Health Organization
GDP	- Gross Domestic Product
UN	- United Nations
NCD	- Non-Communicable Disease
CBO	- Community-Based Organization

ABSTRACT OF THE STUDY

This study investigates access to support strategies for low-income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa Subcounty, Kibuku District. Recognizing the unique challenges faced by these families, particularly within a resource-constrained setting, this research aims to understand their lived experiences, coping mechanisms, and support needs. Utilizing a mixed-methods approach, the study combined quantitative data collection through surveys with qualitative insights gathered through in-depth interviews and focus group discussions. The quantitative data provided a broad overview of the socio-economic characteristics of these families and the prevalence of different support strategies. The qualitative data delved deeper into the families' perspectives, revealing the effectiveness, limitations, and cultural nuances of existing support systems. This study aimed to generate valuable knowledge about the specific needs and challenges of these families, ultimately informing the development of culturally relevant and sustainable interventions that empower them to better support their children's development and well-being.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The central objective purpose of this study was to explore the support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district .This chapter is also presented the background to the support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa Sub-county Kibuku District, the statement of the problem, objectives of the study, research questions, and scope of the study, significance of the study, conceptual framework and definition of key terms

1.1 Background of the study

Global Perspective

Globally, the challenges faced by low-income families raising children with impaired development have been a significant concern for policymakers, healthcare providers, and researchers. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that over 200 million children under the age of five in low- and middle-income countries are not reaching their developmental potential due to various factors, including poverty, malnutrition, and limited access to healthcare and education (WHO, 2020). Support strategies in high-income countries, such as early intervention programs, specialized educational services, and social welfare benefits, have shown positive outcomes in improving the quality of life for these families. For example, Guralnick (2017) highlights that early intervention programs in the United States, which include multidisciplinary services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, and family counseling, have significantly enhanced the developmental outcomes of children with disabilities. However, the situation is markedly different in low- and middle-income countries, where such comprehensive support systems are often lacking. The global disparity in access to these services underscores the need for tailored support strategies that address the unique challenges faced by low-income families in these regions.

In addition, international frameworks like the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) have been instrumental in promoting the rights and inclusion of children with disabilities worldwide. However, the

implementation of these frameworks has been uneven across different countries, particularly in low-resource settings where economic constraints and cultural attitudes often hinder progress. A study by Mitra et al. (2019) underscores that while international conventions have raised awareness about the needs of children with disabilities, actual support for these children and their families remains inadequate in many parts of the world. This calls for a more concerted effort to develop context-specific strategies that can bridge the gap between global commitments and local realities, ensuring that all children, regardless of their socioeconomic background, have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Continental Perspective (Africa)

In Africa, the situation for low-income families with children who have impaired development is particularly challenging due to the continent's high levels of poverty, underdeveloped healthcare systems, and social stigma associated with disability. According to the African Child Policy Forum (ACPF, 2018), many children with developmental impairments in Africa do not receive the care and support they need, leading to severe long-term consequences for their health, education, and social integration. The ACPF report highlights that in many African countries, support for these families is often limited to informal networks, such as extended family members and community-based organizations, rather than formal governmental assistance. This reliance on informal support systems, while essential, is often insufficient to meet the complex needs of children with disabilities, leaving many families struggling to cope.

In East Africa, for instance, the limited availability of specialized healthcare services exacerbates the challenges faced by families. A study by Mung'ala-Odera et al. (2020) in Kenya revealed that only a small percentage of children with developmental impairments receive adequate medical care or early intervention services, largely due to the scarcity of trained professionals and the high cost of services. Furthermore, cultural beliefs and practices in many African communities contribute to the marginalization of children with disabilities. Parents often face stigma and discrimination, which can discourage them from seeking help or advocating for their children's rights. As Lang and Upah (2019) argue, addressing

these cultural barriers is critical to developing effective support strategies for families, as interventions must be culturally sensitive and inclusive to be successful. Efforts to improve support systems in Africa, therefore, must take into account the socio-cultural and economic realities of the continent, focusing on strengthening both formal and informal support mechanisms.

Local Perspective (Uganda)

In Uganda, the challenges faced by low-income families with children with impaired development are emblematic of the broader issues affecting the country's healthcare and social support systems. Uganda's healthcare system, while improving, still faces significant limitations, particularly in rural areas like Nabiswa Subcounty in Kibuku District. The Ministry of Health in Uganda (2021) acknowledges that the country has made strides in improving maternal and child health, but services for children with disabilities remain grossly inadequate, especially in rural areas. Families in these regions often have to travel long distances to access specialized care, which is often prohibitively expensive for low-income households. According to a study by Tumwine et al. (2021), many families in rural Uganda rely on traditional healers and local remedies due to the unavailability or inaccessibility of formal medical services, which can lead to delayed diagnosis and treatment of developmental impairments.

Moreover, Uganda's social support systems are not well-equipped to provide comprehensive assistance to families with disabled children. The existing social welfare programs are often underfunded and poorly implemented, leaving many families without the necessary financial or material support. A report by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (2020) indicates that only a small fraction of children with disabilities in Uganda are enrolled in school, and those who are often face significant barriers to learning, including a lack of trained teachers and accessible facilities. In Nabiswa Subcounty, these challenges are further compounded by high poverty rates and limited community awareness about disability issues. Research by Namusoke et al. (2022) shows that in many cases, children with disabilities are hidden from the public due to shame or fear of stigma, which further isolates them and their families from potential support networks.

To address these challenges, there is a growing recognition of the need for community-based support strategies that are tailored to the specific needs of low-income families in rural Uganda. Initiatives such as the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program, supported by the Ugandan government and various NGOs, aim to provide more accessible and culturally appropriate support for families with disabled children. However, as highlighted by Abimanyi-Ochom and Mannan (2020), the success of these programs is often limited by inadequate funding, lack of trained personnel, and weak coordination between different service providers. To improve the situation in Nabiswa Subcounty and similar areas, it is essential to develop more robust support strategies that integrate healthcare, education, and social services, while also addressing the underlying socio-economic barriers that prevent families from accessing these resources.

1.2 Problem Statement

In Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district, children with impaired development face a multitude of challenges that are magnified by the socio-economic difficulties experienced by low-income families. Impaired development, which encompasses a broad range of conditions such as physical disabilities, cognitive impairments, and neurodevelopmental disorders, severely limits a child's ability to function and thrive in society. For families already struggling with poverty, the additional burden of caring for a child with developmental impairments can be overwhelming, leading to increased stress, financial strain, and social isolation.

Despite the critical need for targeted support, there is a noticeable gap in the availability and effectiveness of strategies designed to assist these families in Nabiswa sub-county. Existing support structures are either inadequate or poorly implemented, leaving many families to cope with the challenges on their own. This situation not only exacerbates the difficulties faced by the affected children but also perpetuates the cycle of poverty and marginalization for the families involved.

The lack of comprehensive research focusing on the specific needs and circumstances of low-income families with children experiencing impaired development in rural areas like Nabiswa highlights a significant gap in current

knowledge. Most studies on disability and support strategies in Uganda tend to concentrate on urban areas or generalize findings across different rural settings, without delving into the unique challenges faced by specific communities. This research seeks to address this gap by providing a localized analysis of the types of developmental impairments prevalent in Nabiswa and the impact of existing support strategies on these families.

Understanding the specific impairments and the efficacy of support systems in Nabiswa sub-county is crucial for developing targeted interventions that are both effective and sustainable. Without such research, policies and programs may continue to fall short of meeting the real needs of these vulnerable populations. Moreover, by identifying the shortcomings of current support strategies, this study aims to inform future initiatives that can better support low-income families, ultimately improving the quality of life for children with impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county.

The findings from this research are expected to contribute significantly to both academic literature and practical policy-making. By shedding light on the unique challenges faced by low-income families in Nabiswa, the study will provide valuable insights for designing more effective support systems. This, in turn, can help break the cycle of poverty and social exclusion that currently entraps these families, fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for all children, regardless of their developmental status.

1.3 General objective

To determine the support strategies for low-income families with children impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district.

1.4 Specific objectives

To determine the various impaired development existing in Nabiswa Kibuku district.

To determine the impacts of support strategies for low-income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district.

To investigate the factors hindering low-income families having children with impaired development from access to the support in Nabiswa Subcounty, Kibuku District.

1.5 Research questions

What are the various types of impaired development existing among children in Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district?

What support strategies currently exist for low-income families with children experiencing impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district?

How do these support strategies impact the well-being of low-income families with children experiencing impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district?

1.6 Justification of the Study

This study is justified by the urgent need to address the challenges faced by low-income families with children experiencing impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district. These families are often marginalized and lack access to adequate support services, which exacerbates the difficulties associated with raising a child with developmental impairments. The absence of localized research on the types of impairments and the effectiveness of existing support strategies in this rural community underscores the necessity of this study. By focusing on the specific context of Nabiswa, the research aims to fill a critical gap in knowledge and provide insights that can lead to more effective interventions tailored to the needs of these vulnerable families.

The study is further justified by the need to inform policy-making at both local and national levels. Current policies and programs often do not account for the unique challenges faced by rural, low-income families with children who have developmental impairments. This research will provide empirical evidence that can guide the development of more inclusive and effective policies. Such policies could ensure better resource allocation, improved access to healthcare and education, and the establishment of community-based support systems that are more responsive to the needs of these families. The study's findings will be

instrumental in advocating for policy changes that prioritize the well-being of children with impaired development in underserved communities.

Another justification for the study lies in the potential to improve healthcare services for children with developmental impairments in Nabiswa sub-county. Rural areas like Nabiswa often suffer from a lack of specialized healthcare services, which means that children with developmental impairments may not receive the care they need. By identifying the specific types of impairments prevalent in the community, the study will provide valuable data that can inform healthcare providers about the necessary diagnostic, therapeutic, and support services. This, in turn, can lead to better health outcomes for these children, as well as improved training and capacity-building for healthcare workers in the region.

The study is also justified by the need to enhance the effectiveness of existing support strategies for low-income families in Nabiswa. Many of these families rely on informal or inadequate support systems, which may not be sufficient to address the complex needs associated with raising a child with impaired development. By evaluating the impact of current support strategies, the study will identify areas where improvements are needed and propose more effective approaches. This can lead to the development of stronger community-based programs and initiatives that provide meaningful assistance to families in need, ultimately improving their quality of life and reducing the social and economic burden of developmental impairments.

From an academic perspective, the study is justified by its potential to contribute to the broader field of disability studies and socio-economic development. There is a paucity of research focusing on the intersection of poverty, disability, and rural living conditions in Uganda. By providing localized insights from Nabiswa sub-county, the study will add to the existing body of knowledge and offer lessons that can be applied to similar contexts both within and beyond Uganda. This research can serve as a foundation for future studies, encouraging more in-depth exploration of disability and development in rural African settings.

1.7 Significance of the Study

This study holds significant importance as it seeks to address the pressing needs of low-income families with children experiencing impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district. By investigating the types of developmental impairments present in the community and assessing the effectiveness of existing support strategies, the research provided critical insights that can inform the design of more effective interventions. This is particularly crucial in a rural context where access to specialized services and resources is often limited, and where the burden on families is magnified by socio-economic challenges. The findings from this study are expected to contribute to a more nuanced understanding of the intersection between poverty and disability, paving the way for more targeted and context-specific solutions.

The study's significance extends to the realm of policy-making, where it can play a crucial role in shaping more inclusive and responsive policies for children with developmental impairments. Current policies and programs often fail to adequately address the specific needs of low-income families in rural areas like Nabiswa. By providing empirical evidence on the types of impairments and the gaps in existing support strategies, this research can guide policymakers in the creation of more effective and equitable policies. Such policies could lead to the allocation of more resources, improved access to healthcare and education, and the development of community-based support systems tailored to the unique needs of these families.

From a healthcare perspective, the study is poised to make a significant contribution by highlighting the specific developmental impairments prevalent in Nabiswa sub-county. Understanding the spectrum of impairments and their prevalence is essential for healthcare providers to develop appropriate diagnostic, therapeutic, and support services. The study's findings can inform healthcare strategies that are more responsive to the needs of children with impaired development, ensuring that these children receive timely and adequate care. Moreover, the research can contribute to the training and capacity-building of

healthcare workers in rural areas, equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to support children with diverse developmental needs.

In the field of social work and community development, this study will provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of existing support strategies for low-income families. By evaluating the impact of these strategies on the well-being of families and their children, the research can identify best practices and areas for improvement. These insights can then be used to enhance community-based programs and initiatives, ensuring that they are more effective in alleviating the challenges faced by families with children who have developmental impairments. The study's findings can also foster greater collaboration between community stakeholders, healthcare providers, and policymakers, leading to more holistic and sustainable support systems.

Academically, this study tended to fill critical gap in the literature by focusing on a rural, low-income setting in Uganda, which has been underrepresented in disability studies. Most existing research on disability and development support strategies tends to focus on urban areas or more generalized rural contexts, often overlooking the unique challenges faced by specific communities like Nabiswa. By providing localized insights, this research contributed to the broader body of knowledge on disability and socio-economic development, offering valuable lessons that can be applied in similar contexts both within and outside Uganda. The study's findings can also serve as a foundation for further research, encouraging more in-depth exploration of disability and development in rural African communities.

1.8 Scope of the Study

1.8.1 Geographical Scope:

This study is geographically confined to Nabiswa sub-county in Kibuku district, located in the eastern region of Uganda. Nabiswa sub-county is a rural area characterized by limited access to essential services such as healthcare, education, and social welfare. The choice of this specific location is driven by the need to explore the unique challenges faced by low-income families with children experiencing impaired development in a rural setting. The findings from this geographical context are intended to reflect the conditions and support systems

available in similar rural communities within the district and possibly extend to other comparable rural regions in Uganda.

1.8.2 Time Scope:

The study covered a period of one year, focusing on data collection, analysis, and interpretation within this timeframe. The research will look at both current and recent conditions, examining the types of developmental impairments present and the effectiveness of existing support strategies as they have evolved over the past few years. This time scope was designed to provide an up-to-date assessment of the situation in Nabiswa sub-county, ensuring that the findings are relevant to the current socio-economic and healthcare environment. Historical data may also be referenced to understand trends or changes over time, but the primary focus will be on the present state of affairs.

1.8.3 Content Scope:

The content of this study concentrated on three main areas:

Types of Developmental Impairments:

The study identified and categorized the various types of developmental impairments affecting children in Nabiswa sub-county. This included physical disabilities, cognitive impairments, neurodevelopment disorders, and other conditions that significantly impact a child's ability to function and participate in daily activities. The study explored the prevalence of these impairments, their causes, and the challenges they pose to affected families.

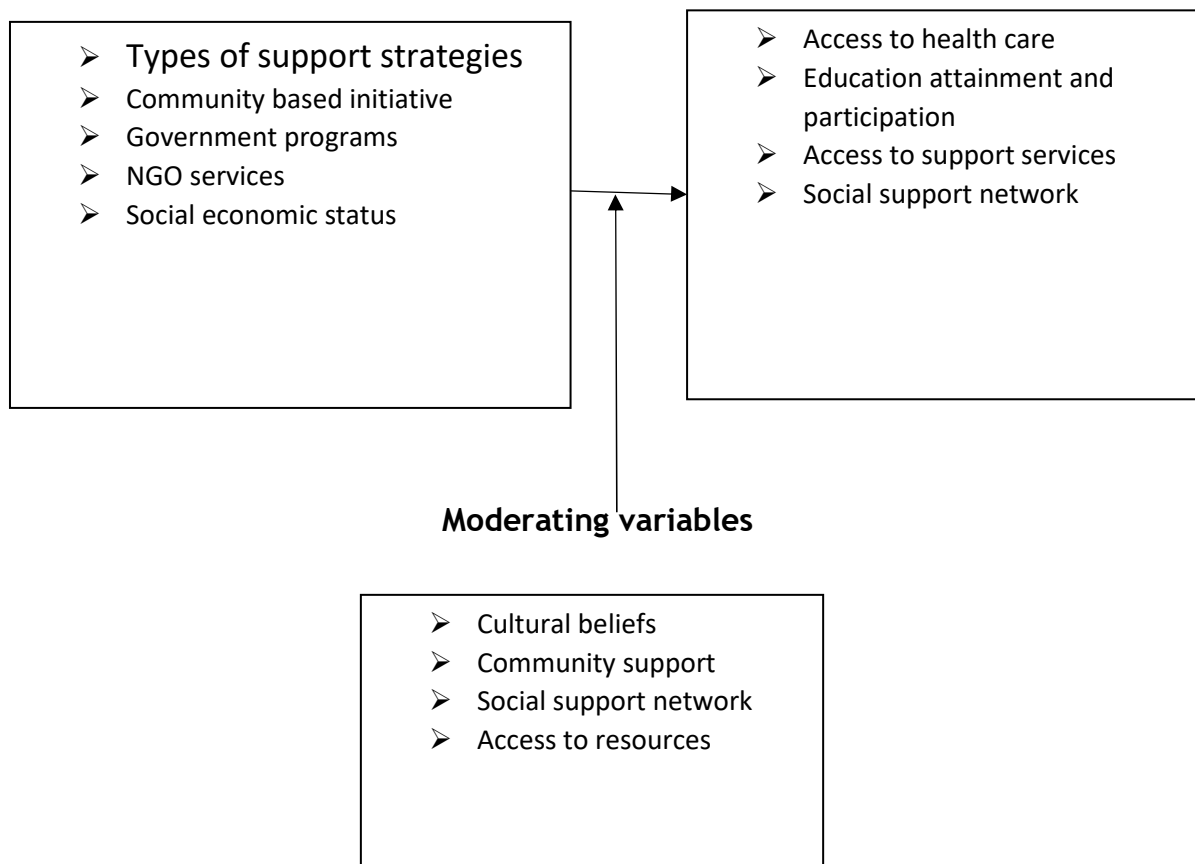
Support Strategies for Low-Income Families:

The study examined the existing support strategies available to low-income families with children experiencing impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county. This included formal support mechanisms provided by government and non-governmental organizations, as well as informal support systems such as community networks, family support, and traditional practices. The study assessed the adequacy, accessibility, and effectiveness of these support strategies in meeting the needs of the families.

Impact of Support Strategies.

The study evaluated the impact of the identified support strategies on the well-being of low-income families and their children with developmental impairments. This included assessing the extent to which these strategies alleviate the socio-economic and emotional burdens on the families, improve the quality of life for the children, and contribute to their social inclusion. The study will also explore any gaps or shortcomings in the current support systems and suggest ways to enhance their effectiveness

1.8 Fig 1.1: Conceptual Framework
Independent variables



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Definition of Variables

Dependent Variable: The primary focus of this research was to understand the effectiveness and accessibility of support strategies. This was the dependent

variable, meaning it was the element being measured and potentially influenced by other factors.

Independent Variables: These were the factors that influenced the effectiveness and accessibility of support strategies. They included

Socioeconomic Status: Measured by income level, education level of parents, occupation, and access to basic resources.

Type of Impairment: Categorized based on the child's primary area of developmental delay (e.g., physical, cognitive, communication).

Availability of Support Services: Measured by the presence and accessibility of formal and informal support systems within Nabiswa Subcounty.

Community Attitudes and Beliefs: Examined through the lens of potential stigma or discrimination faced by families raising children with impaired development.

Government Policies and Programs: Analyzed for their relevance and effectiveness in supporting low-income families with children with impaired development.

Moderating Variable:

Definition: These variables can influence the strength or direction of the relationship between the independent and dependent variables. They explain "for whom" or "under what conditions" the relationship between the independent and dependent variables might be stronger or weaker.

In my study: Examples of moderating variables included

Severity of Impairment: The type and severity of the child's developmental impairment may influence how effective different support strategies are.

Family Structure: Single-parent vs. two-parent households might respond differently to certain support strategies.

Social Support Network: Families with strong social support from relatives or community members experiences different outcomes compared to families with limited support.

Access to Resources: Proximity to healthcare facilities, transportation, and other essential resources could moderate the effectiveness of support strategies.

1.9 Key Term Definitions

Impaired Development: This term refers to a significant delay or difference in a child's development compared to other children of the same age. This can manifest in various domains, including physical, cognitive, communication, social/emotional, and adaptive development.

Low-Income Families: Families categorized as low-income fall below a specific income threshold, making it challenging to meet basic needs such as food, housing, healthcare, and education. The specific income threshold used in this study will be defined based on relevant national or regional standards.

Support Strategies: These are resources, services, and interventions designed to assist families raising children with impaired development. Examples include:

Formal Support: Government programs, specialized healthcare services (e.g., physiotherapy, speech therapy), special education programs, and non-governmental organization (NGO) initiatives.

Informal Support: Assistance from family members, friends, neighbors, and community groups.

Nabiswa Subcounty: The specific geographical area within Kibuku District, Uganda, where this research will be conducted.

Kibuku District: The administrative district in Eastern Uganda where Nabiswa Subcounty is located.

1.10 Conclusion

This chapter has provided an overview of the research topic, defined key terms, and outlined the variables that will be investigated. The following chapters will delve deeper into the existing literature, research methodology, findings, discussion, and recommendations for improving support strategies for low-income families raising children with impaired development in Nabiswa Subcounty, Kibuku District.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

The main objective of the study was to explore support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa subcounty Kibuku District. This chapter reviewed literature of other scholars similar to the central study objectives.

This chapter was dealing with people of different scholars literature which is related to the topic of the study and it was discussed according to the objectives which are: To determine the various impaired development existing in Nabiswa Kibuku district, to determine the impacts of support strategies for low-income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district, to investigate factors hindering low-income families having children with impaired development from access to the support in Nabiswa Subcounty, Kibuku District.

2.1 The various Impaired Development for low income families having children with impaired development.

Global Perspective

Impaired development in children is a significant global concern, with various types such as cognitive, physical, and language impairments affecting millions of children worldwide. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), developmental disabilities affect approximately 52.9 million children under the age of 5 globally, with cognitive impairments being one of the most prevalent types (WHO, 2021). Cognitive impairments, including conditions like Down syndrome and autism spectrum disorder (ASD), manifest as difficulties in intellectual functioning and adaptive behaviors. These impairments have profound effects on the extent of developmental delays and the overall quality of life. A study by Boyle et al. (2018) highlights that children with cognitive impairments are more likely to experience delays in achieving developmental milestones, which can persist into adulthood, leading to significant social, educational, and economic

challenges. Physical impairments, such as cerebral palsy, also contribute to developmental delays. According to Oskoui et al. (2019), cerebral palsy is one of the most common motor disabilities in childhood, affecting 1 in 323 children globally. The extent of physical impairment in children with cerebral palsy varies, ranging from mild motor dysfunction to severe physical disabilities that require lifelong care. Language impairments, such as speech delays and language disorders, also play a critical role in a child's overall development. Tomblin et al. (2019) noted that children with language impairments often struggle with communication, leading to difficulties in social interaction and academic achievement, further exacerbating the extent of developmental delays. These global studies underscore the importance of early identification and intervention in managing the extent of impaired development in children across different regions.

Continental Perspective (Africa)

In Africa, the prevalence and impact of impaired developments are exacerbated by socioeconomic challenges, limited access to healthcare, and cultural factors. The African continent faces a significant burden of developmental disabilities, with cognitive, physical, and language impairments being prevalent across many regions. According to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) (2020), approximately 1 in 10 children in Africa has a developmental disability, with cognitive impairments being particularly common due to factors such as malnutrition, infectious diseases, and lack of access to early childhood education. A study by Durkin et al. (2015) in Kenya found that cognitive impairments, such as intellectual disabilities, are often associated with higher rates of developmental delay due to delayed diagnosis and inadequate access to special education services. Physical impairments, particularly those resulting from birth complications and preventable diseases like polio, are also prevalent in Africa. For instance, a study by van den Broek et al. (2018) in Malawi reported that children with cerebral palsy in low-resource settings often experience severe physical disabilities due to a lack of rehabilitation services and assistive devices, which exacerbates the extent of their developmental delays. Language impairments in African children are often linked to factors such as hearing loss and inadequate early language stimulation. According to Boivin et al. (2019), children

in rural African settings are at a higher risk of language impairments due to limited access to healthcare and educational resources, which further impacts their social and cognitive development. These studies highlight the complex interplay between impaired development and the broader socioeconomic context in Africa, emphasizing the need for targeted interventions to address these challenges.

Local Perspective (Uganda)

In Uganda, impaired development in children is a pressing public health issue, with various types of impairments contributing to significant developmental delays. The prevalence of cognitive, physical, and language impairments in Uganda is influenced by factors such as poverty, malnutrition, and limited access to healthcare and educational services. According to a study by Mwesiga et al. (2020), approximately 13% of children in Uganda have a developmental disability, with cognitive impairments being particularly common. The study found that children with intellectual disabilities in Uganda often face significant delays in achieving developmental milestones due to a lack of early diagnosis and specialized care services. Physical impairments, such as those caused by cerebral palsy, are also prevalent in Uganda. A study by Kakooza-Mwesige et al. (2017) reported that children with cerebral palsy in Uganda often experience severe physical disabilities due to delayed intervention and inadequate access to rehabilitation services, which exacerbates the extent of their developmental delays. Language impairments in Ugandan children are often associated with hearing loss and a lack of early language exposure. According to Kuper et al. (2021), children with hearing impairments in Uganda are at a higher risk of language delays due to limited access to hearing aids and speech therapy services, which impacts their overall cognitive and social development. These studies underscore the urgent need for comprehensive support systems and early intervention programs to address the challenges faced by children with impaired development in Uganda. The Ugandan government's efforts to integrate children with developmental disabilities into the education system through initiatives like the National Inclusive Education Policy (2019) are commendable, but more needs to be done to ensure that these children receive the necessary support to reach their full potential.

2.2 The impacts of Support Strategies for Low-Income Families and Th Having children with impaired development

Global Perspective

support strategies for low-income families are essential in mitigating the adverse effects of poverty on child development, particularly in cases involving developmental impairments. Globally, a variety of strategies, such as financial assistance, educational programs, and healthcare services, have been implemented to support these families. Financial assistance programs, such as conditional cash transfers (CCTs) and social safety nets, have been widely adopted in countries like Brazil and Mexico to alleviate poverty and improve child health outcomes. According to a study by Fernald, Gertler, and Neufeld (2018), the Oportunidades program in Mexico, which provides cash transfers to low-income families contingent on school attendance and health check-ups, has significantly improved cognitive and physical development in children from impoverished backgrounds. Educational programs, including early childhood education and parental training, are also critical in supporting low-income families. A meta-analysis by Engle et al. (2019) found that early childhood education programs globally have led to substantial improvements in school readiness and cognitive outcomes for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Healthcare services, including access to nutrition programs and regular health check-ups, are another crucial support strategy. According to a study by Black et al. (2017), healthcare interventions that provide nutrition support and immunizations have significantly reduced developmental delays in children from low-income families worldwide. These global efforts underscore the effectiveness of multi-faceted support strategies in addressing the complex challenges faced by low-income families with children who have developmental impairments.

Continental Perspective (Africa)

In Africa, support strategies for low-income families, particularly those having children with impaired development, are often hindered by limited resources, inadequate infrastructure, and socio-cultural barriers. Despite these challenges, several initiatives have shown promise in improving the effectiveness of support

strategies across the continent. Financial support through social protection programs has been instrumental in reducing the vulnerability of low-income families. For example, the Child Support Grant (CSG) in South Africa, as examined by Patel, Hochfeld, and Moodley (2019), has been effective in improving child nutrition and educational outcomes, which are critical for children having impaired development. However, the effectiveness of such programs is often constrained by issues such as limited coverage and insufficient funding. Educational support for low-income families in Africa also faces challenges, particularly in rural areas where access to quality education is limited. A study by Abubakar et al. (2020) in Kenya highlighted the importance of inclusive education programs that integrate children with developmental impairments into mainstream schools. These programs have been shown to improve socialization and cognitive outcomes, though their effectiveness is often limited by a lack of trained teachers and appropriate educational materials. Healthcare support, including access to basic health services and specialized care for developmental impairments, remains a significant challenge in many African countries. According to a study by Kuper et al. (2018), healthcare interventions in countries like Uganda and Malawi have shown positive outcomes in improving child health and development, but the reach and sustainability of these programs are often limited by resource constraints and a lack of healthcare infrastructure. These studies emphasize the need for more comprehensive and sustainable support strategies that address the specific needs of low-income families with children who have developmental impairments in Africa.

Local Perspective (Uganda)

In Uganda, support strategies for low-income families, particularly those having children with impaired development, are critical yet often insufficient due to various systemic challenges. The Ugandan government, along with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), has implemented several support programs aimed at improving the well-being of low-income families, but the effectiveness of these strategies is mixed. Financial support, primarily through social protection schemes like the Social Assistance Grants for Empowerment (SAGE), has provided some relief to low-income families. However, a study by Kabeer et al. (2019) found

that while SAGE has improved household income and access to basic needs, its impact on child development outcomes, particularly for those with impairments, has been limited due to irregular payments and inadequate coverage. Educational support for low-income families in Uganda, particularly those with children who have developmental impairments, is also a significant concern. According to a study by Nannyonjo (2020), while initiatives such as the Universal Primary Education (UPE) program have increased school enrollment among children from low-income families, the quality of education remains a challenge, especially for children with developmental impairments who require specialized support. The lack of trained special education teachers and inclusive education resources has limited the effectiveness of these educational support strategies. Healthcare support in Uganda, particularly for children with developmental impairments, is also constrained by limited access to specialized care and rehabilitation services. A study by Tumwine et al. (2018) highlighted that while community-based rehabilitation programs have shown some success in improving the quality of life for children with impairments, their effectiveness is often hampered by a lack of funding and trained personnel. These findings underscore the need for more robust and targeted support strategies that address the unique challenges faced by low-income families with children who have developmental impairments in Uganda.

2.3 The factors Hindering low income families having children with impaired development from Access to Support

Global Perspective

Globally, access to support services for low-income families, especially those having children with impaired development, is often hindered by a combination of economic, social, and systemic barriers. Economic constraints are among the most significant obstacles. Low-income families frequently lack the financial resources needed to access healthcare, educational, and social services, even when such services are theoretically available. According to a study by Marmot and Wilkinson (2020), in many low- and middle-income countries, out-of-pocket expenses for healthcare services are prohibitively high, leading to significant disparities in access between wealthy and impoverished families. Additionally, social barriers, such as stigma and discrimination, further exacerbate the challenges faced by

these families. A global study by Kuper and Heydt (2019) highlighted that stigma associated with disabilities often results in the exclusion of children with developmental impairments from essential services, such as education and healthcare. Systemic issues, such as inadequate infrastructure and poor service delivery, also play a critical role in limiting access to support services. For instance, a study by World Health Organization (2021) reported that in many parts of the world, particularly in rural and underserved areas, there is a severe shortage of healthcare facilities, trained personnel, and educational institutions capable of providing specialized care and support. These global findings underscore the complex interplay of economic, social, and systemic factors that hinder access to support services for low-income families, particularly those with children who have developmental impairments.

Continental Perspective (Africa)

In Africa, the factors hindering access to support services for low-income families are deeply rooted in socio-economic challenges, infrastructural deficits, and cultural beliefs. Economic barriers remain predominant, with many families unable to afford the costs associated with accessing healthcare, education, and social support services. A study by Abegunde and Adebayo (2021) revealed that in Nigeria, the high cost of healthcare services, coupled with widespread poverty, severely limits the ability of low-income families to seek necessary medical care for their children with developmental impairments. In addition to economic constraints, infrastructural deficits, particularly in rural areas, significantly impede access to support services. According to a study by Agyemang et al. (2020), many African countries, including Ghana and Kenya, suffer from a lack of adequate healthcare facilities, trained personnel, and educational institutions capable of catering to the needs of children with developmental impairments. This lack of infrastructure means that even when services are available, they are often located far from those who need them most, making access difficult or impossible. Cultural beliefs and practices also pose significant barriers to accessing support services. A study by Muga and Muchiri (2019) in Kenya found that traditional beliefs about disabilities often lead to stigma and discrimination, discouraging families from

seeking support services due to fear of social ostracization. These findings highlight the unique challenges faced by low-income families in Africa, where economic, infrastructural, and cultural factors combine to limit access to essential support services for children with developmental impairments.

Local Perspective (Uganda)

In Uganda, the factors hindering access to support services for low-income families, particularly those having children with impaired development, are multifaceted, encompassing economic hardships, inadequate service provision, and socio-cultural barriers. Economic barriers are a significant challenge, as many low-income families struggle to afford even basic services. According to a study by Tumushabe and Mushemeza (2022), the high costs associated with healthcare and education, combined with low household incomes, prevent many families from accessing essential services for their children with impaired developments. Inadequate service provision is another critical issue in Uganda. A study by Nakimuli-Mpungu et al. (2020) found that while there are some government and non-governmental programs aimed at supporting children with disabilities, these programs are often underfunded, poorly coordinated, and limited in reach. This results in many families being unable to access the support services they need, particularly in rural areas where healthcare and educational infrastructure are lacking. Socio-cultural factors also play a significant role in hindering access to support services in Uganda. A study by Mbonye and Rujumba (2019) highlighted that cultural beliefs about disabilities often lead to stigma, with many families facing discrimination and social exclusion when they seek support for their children with developmental impairments. This stigma not only discourages families from accessing services but also perpetuates the cycle of poverty and marginalization. These studies reveal the complex challenges that low-income families in Uganda face in accessing support services for their children with developmental impairments, highlighting the need for more comprehensive and culturally sensitive approaches to service provision.

2.4 Research gaps

Inadequate Focus on Rural Infrastructure: While the literature highlights infrastructural deficits as a barrier to accessing support services, there is a lack of detailed analysis on how specific infrastructural challenges in rural areas, like Nabiswa Subcounty, impact low-income families having children with impaired development

Limited Exploration of Cultural Beliefs: The existing studies discuss the role of cultural beliefs and stigma in hindering access to services, but there is a gap in understanding how these beliefs specifically affect decision-making processes among low-income families in Uganda, particularly in rural communities.

Insufficient Data on the Effectiveness of Support Programs: Although some studies mention the existence of support programs, there is a lack of comprehensive evaluation regarding the effectiveness of these programs in improving access to services for low-income families with children who have developmental impairments in Uganda.

Scarcity of Context-Specific Research: Most of the literature provides a broad overview of the barriers to accessing support services but lacks context-specific research focused on the unique socio-economic and cultural dynamics of Nabiswa Subcounty, Kibuku District.

Overlooked Impact of Economic Hardships: While economic barriers are frequently mentioned, there is a gap in the literature regarding the specific economic strategies that could alleviate the financial burdens faced by low-income families trying to access support services for their children with developmental impairments in this particular region.

2.5 Chapter Two summary

The factors hindering access to support services for low-income families having children with impaired development across global, continental, and local perspectives. Globally, financial constraints, social stigma, and inadequate infrastructure significantly limit access to essential services, as highlighted by studies such as those by Marmot and Wilkinson (2020) and Kuper and Heydt (2019).

In Africa, these challenges are compounded by infrastructural deficits and cultural beliefs that further marginalize children with disabilities, as evidenced by research from Abegunde and Adebayo (2021) and Muga and Muchiri (2019). Locally, in Uganda, economic hardships, poor service provision, and socio-cultural barriers continue to obstruct access to support, as noted by Tumushabe and Mushemeza (2022) and Nakimuli-Mpungu et al. (2020). These studies collectively underscore the complex interplay of economic, social, and cultural factors that restrict low-income families from accessing vital support services, emphasizing the need for targeted, culturally sensitive interventions.

2.6 Conclusion

Chapter Two provided a comprehensive overview of existing research and literature relevant to support strategies for low-income families raising children with impaired development. The chapter examined the global context of childhood disability and its intersection with poverty, highlighting the heightened vulnerability of these families. Key challenges identified included limited access to healthcare, education, and social services, coupled with the pervasive impact of stigma and discrimination.

The review emphasized the crucial role of both formal and informal support systems. While government policies and programs provide a critical foundation, the importance of community-based initiatives and family support networks was underscored. The chapter also explored various successful intervention models and best practices from different contexts, offering valuable insights for the current study.

CHAPTER THREE

METHODOLOGIES

3.1 Introduction

The main objective of this research was to explore support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa subcounty Kibuku District. This chapter discussed the research design, area of study, source of information, population and sampling techniques, variable and indicators, measurement levels, procedure for Data collection, data collection instruments, quality/error control, strategies for data processing and analysis, ethical consideration, anti-methodological constraints, work plan, budget.

3.1 Research Design

This section explains the framework used for this study, which should align with the research objectives. Given the nature of the research on support strategies for low-income families having children with impaired development, a mixed-methods research design is appropriate. This design allowed in gathering to qualitative and more of quantitative data, providing a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and effective strategies for these families.

The mixed-methods approach was justified by the need to quantify the extent of challenges and measure the effectiveness of different strategies (quantitative) while also understanding the experiences and perceptions of the families involved. This approach enables us to triangulate data, enhancing the validity and reliability of our findings.

3.2 Area of Study

The geographical location of the study, is Nabiswa Subcounty located along mbale Kampala road neighboring kadama and kirika subcounty in kibuku district The demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the area, including the prevalence of low-income families having children with impaired development. Highlight any unique features of the area that may influence the implementation of social support strategies.

focusing on the specific challenges faced by low-income families in the region. The area's relevance may stem from high rates of poverty, limited access to healthcare, and cultural beliefs that influence the care and support for children with developmental impairments.

3.3 Source of Information

This section outlines where the data came from. The primary sources included survey participants from low-income families having children with impaired development, interviews with healthcare providers, and focus groups with community leaders. Secondary sources included existing literature, government reports, and NGO records related to the support strategies for children with impaired developments. Therefore, the information was correct in some low income families having children with impaired development, the healthcare officer, and compassion (NGO) which is even located in Nabiswa sub county

3.4 Population and Sampling Techniques

This section identifies the study's population and describes the sampling techniques used to select participants. The population may include all low-income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa Sub county, along with relevant stakeholders such as healthcare providers and local authorities.

Target Population

Describe the characteristics of the target population, such as the estimated number of low-income families having children with impaired development in the subcounty. Include other stakeholders like community leaders and service providers. During the activity the target population was selected and identified.

Sampling Techniques

Stratified random sampling is appropriate for ensuring representation of different groups within the population. It was stratified by factors such as income level, type of impairment, or geographic location within the subcounty. purposive sampling for key informant interviews with stakeholders was used . Since the population was too big , we had to use these sampling techniques to see that we

get the appropriate information which can cover the whole population as it was estimated below in table form

Population and Sample Size Tables:

Population Table

Group	Estimated Population Size
Low-Income Families	500
Healthcare Providers	50
Community Leaders	30
Total	580

Source: Primary data (2024)

Sample Size Table

Group	Sample Size	Sampling procedures
Low-income families	100	Simple random sampling
Healthcare providers	20	Purposive sampling
Community leaders	15	Purposive sampling
Total	135	

Source: Primary data (2024)

3.5 Variables and Indicators

The independent variables in this study were the support strategies for low-income families, which includes financial, educational, and psycho-social support. The dependent variable were the development outcomes of children with impaired development, such as cognitive, physical, and emotional well-being. Indicators for the independent variable were the types of support provided, accessibility, and frequency of support. For the dependent variable, indicators included children's development milestones, educational attainment, and health status. Additionally, factors hindering access to support, such as socio-economic barriers, could be measured by indicators like family income, cultural beliefs, awareness, and infrastructure availability.

3.6 Measurement Levels

The study employed both nominal and ordinal levels of measurement. Nominal data included categorical variables such as the various impaired development (e.g., physical, cognitive, or emotional impairment) and the kinds of support strategies available (e.g., government aid, community-based interventions). Ordinal data involved variables like the extent of the impact of these strategies on children's well-being, which ranked from minimal to significant. Interval and ratio scales were used for continuous data such as income levels or the frequency of access to support.

3.7 Procedure for Data Collection

The data collection procedure outlines the steps and methods that was employed to gather the necessary information for the study. This process was critical as it ensured that the data collected was accurate, reliable, and relevant to the research objectives.

Data Collection Time

Data collection time refers to the specific period during which data will be gathered for the study. This timing is crucial as it can influence the accuracy and relevance of the data collected. The chosen time should align with the objectives of the research and consider factors such as the availability of respondents, the nature of the data being collected, and any external events that may impact the data.

For the study on support strategies for low-income families with children who with impaired development in Nabiswa Subcounty, Kibuku District, the data collection was scheduled over a two-month period. This period was chosen to allow sufficient time to reach all target participants and to accommodate any unforeseen delays, such as difficulties in accessing remote areas or participants' availability.

The data collection was conducted during times that were convenient for the families, such as weekends or evenings when parents were more likely to be at home. This approach helped to maximize response rates and to ensure that the data collected is representative of the entire population under study. Additionally,

this period avoided major holidays or agricultural seasons that might cause disruptions in data collection.

Data Collection Process

The data collection process involves the specific steps taken to gather data from respondents. It includes identifying the participants approaching them, administering the data collection instruments, and ensuring that the data is accurately recorded and stored.

The data collection process for this study was carried out in several stages:

Preparation and Training: Prior to the data collection, the research team was trained to ensure that the objectives of the study, the instruments are being used, and the ethical considerations involved. This training focused on how to administer the questionnaires or conduct interviews, ensuring consistency in data collection.

Pilot Testing: A pilot test was conducted in a small section of the community to identify any potential issues with the data collection instruments or process. The results of the pilot test was used to make any necessary adjustments before full-scale data collection begins.

Data Collection: The main data collection involved visiting households in Nabiswa Subcounty to administer questionnaires or conduct interviews. The I used a door-to-door approach, ensuring that a diverse cross-section of the community is included. For families who had difficult in completing the questionnaires independently, such as those with low literacy levels, the i assisted then by conducting structured interviews.

Monitoring and Quality Control: Throughout the data collection period, regular checks were made to ensure that the data being collected was accurate and complete. I would review the collected data daily to identify any inconsistencies or missing information that may need to be addressed.

Data Storage: After collection, the data was to be securely stored, both digitally and in hard copy, to prevent loss or unauthorized access. The data was to be backed up regularly to ensure its safety.

3.7 Data Collection Instruments

Data collection instruments are the tools used to gather information from respondents. These instruments can include questionnaires, interviews, observation checklists, or any other means of obtaining data relevant to the study.

For this study, the following data collection instruments were used:

Structured Questionnaires: A structured questionnaire was developed to collect quantitative data from the participants. The questionnaire included both closed-ended questions, which would allow straightforward data analysis, and a few open-ended questions to capture participants' views and experiences in more detail. The closed-ended questions covered the types of support received, accessibility of services, and perceived effectiveness, while the open-ended questions were provided insight into any challenges or additional needs faced by the families.

In-Depth Interviews: An in-depth interview was conducted with a subset of respondents, including local government officials, healthcare workers, and NGO representatives. These interviews were providing qualitative data that could help explain the quantitative findings from the questionnaires. The interview guide included questions about the implementation of support strategies, barriers to effective service delivery, and suggestions for improving support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa subcounty kibuku district

Observation Checklists: This can be used to document the living conditions of the families and the availability of services in the community. This instrument was helpful in validating the information provided by the participants and offer additional context for the study findings.

These instruments were selected to provide a comprehensive understanding of the support strategies available to low-income families and their impact on children with impaired development in Nabiswa sub county kibuku district. By using a combination of quantitative and qualitative data collection methods, the study was able to capture a full picture of the situation, allowing for more robust analysis and conclusions.

3.8 Quality/ Error control

This ensures data quality and minimize errors, therefore several strategies were employed. Data collection instruments such as questionnaires were to undergo pilot testing to check for clarity and consistency. I also had to get trained on data collection techniques to ensure uniformity in capturing information. Data triangulation, involving multiple sources and methods of Data collection were used to verify responses. Random sampling was to reduce bias, and reliability was to be checked through test-retest methods. Regular checks on data entry and coding processes was done to minimize human error during analysis.

3.9 Strategy for Data Processing and Analysis

Data was processed using software like SPSS for both descriptive and inferential analysis. The initial step involved coding and categorizing the data according to variables and indicators. Descriptive statistics such as frequencies, means, and standard deviations were employed to summarize the data. Cross-tabulation was used to examine relationships between variables, such as the type of support and children's development outcomes. Inferential statistics, such as correlation and regression analysis, that was applied to assess the impact of various support strategies on low income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa subcounty kibuku district. Qualitative data was analyzed thematically to identify common patterns and insights.

3.10 Ethical Considerations

The study adhered the ethical principles such as informed consent, confidentiality, and the right to withdraw from the study. Participants were briefed about the research objectives and their role, ensuring voluntary participation. Since the research involves vulnerable children, special care was taken to protect their rights and ensure their welfare. Approval from relevant ethical committees and local authorities was obtained before data collection. Personal data was anonymized to ensure confidentiality, and the findings were reported objectively, avoiding any form of bias or misrepresentation.

3.11 Anticipated Methodological Constraints

Some anticipated challenges included limited access to low-income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa sub county kibuku district as they

were sometimes geographically dispersed or difficult to reach due to poor infrastructure. Additionally, language barriers were a challenge in conducting interviews, requiring translators, which can add complexity. There were cultural sensitivities when discussing impaired development, affecting the willingness of families to disclose information. Time constraints limited the depth of data collection, and a small sample size also affected the generalizability of findings. Lastly, securing reliable data from families with limited education resulted in response inaccuracies.

3.12 Work Plan

The work plan for the study was divided into several phases over a six-month period. The first phase involved the planning and design of data collection tools, expected to last for one (first) month. The second phase, spanning One month in the second month of the study, was to focus on pilot testing and refining the instruments. During the third month, the actual data collection was to be carried out followed by data cleaning and preliminary analysis in the fourth month. The final one months was to focus on in-depth data analysis, report writing, and validation of findings with stakeholders, ensuring the results are ready for dissemination at the end of the 4 month period.

3.13 budget of the study

S/No.	Particulars	Cost	Qty	Amount
1	Materials to be used in the field			
	Notebook	10000	1	10000
	Pens	500	3	1500
	Spring file	3000	1	3000
	Pencil	200	2	400
	Flash disk	30000	1	30000

2	Literature search			0
	Internet / data to be used	20000	1	20,000
	Cafe stationary	50000	1	50000
3	Secretarial work for the proposal			0
	Typesetting and printing	25000	2	25,000
	Photocopying	200	70 pages	14000
	Binding	3,000	3	9,000
4	Data collection			0
	Transport	5000	10	50000
	Lunch	5000	10	50000
	Accommodation			
5	Processing the the final report			0
	Typesetting or typing of the final report	35000	3	105000
	Doing correction & printing costs	10000	5	50,000
	Printing the final report	25000	3	75000
	Binding	10000	3	30,000
Total				522900

3.14 Conclusion

Chapter Three outlined the methodological framework employed in this research. The study adopted a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative and

qualitative data collection techniques to provide a comprehensive understanding of the research problem. The rationale for selecting Nabiswa Subcounty, Kibuku District, as the study area was explained, along with the sampling strategy used to select participants.

The chapter detailed the specific research instruments utilized, including surveys, interviews, and focus group discussions. Ethical considerations, such as informed consent, confidentiality, and data security, were also addressed. The data analysis plan was presented, outlining the procedures for both quantitative and qualitative data analysis. By clearly articulating the research design and methods, Chapter Three ensures transparency and rigor in the study's findings and conclusions.

CHAPTER FOUR

DATA ANALYSIS, PRESENTATION, AND INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS

4.1 Introduction

The main objective of the study was to explore support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa subcounty Kibuku District. Strategies for Low-Income Families Having Children with Impaired Development in Nabiswa Sub-county, Kibuku District.

This chapter delved into the crucial aspect of support strategies available to low-income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa Sub-county. Building upon the findings of the previous chapters, which detailed the prevalence of various impairments and the barriers to accessing support, this chapter provided the Data presentation, analysis and interpretation according to the study objectives comprehensive analysis of the data analysis was performed using descriptive and inferential statistical methods in SPSS to address the research objectives. The chapter is organized into three main sections: the presentation of participants' characteristics, descriptive analysis, and inferential analysis. The presentation of findings includes tables and figures to enhance clarity.

4.2 Characteristics of participants

In this section, the demographic characteristics of the participants such as age, gender, education level, occupation, and marital status, are presented. These characteristics are critical in understanding the context within which the findings are interpreted.

Table 4.1: Distribution of participants by Age

Age Group	Frequency	Percentage (%)
18-24	30	22.2
25-34	45	33.3
35-44	35	25.9
45-54	15	11.1
55+	10	7.4
Total	135	100

Source: Primary data 2024

Table 4.1 illustrates the age distribution of the 135 participants. The age groups were categorized to provide insights into the demographic profile of the participants. 18-24 years (22.2%, 30 participants): This group represented a significant portion of the sample, indicative of a youthful demographic. The presence of a large number of young adults reflected a substantial involvement of younger individuals in discussions related to developmental impairments and support strategies. This age group is likely to be involved in education or early career stages, which could impact their perspectives on support services and developmental impairments.

25-34 years (33.3%, 45 participants): The largest group in the sample, this age range represented individuals who were typically in their prime working years. They were likely to be actively involved in family responsibilities and community issues. The prominence of this age group suggested that many participants were likely parents or caregivers, providing a critical perspective on the effectiveness of support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development .

35-44 years (25.9%, 35 participants): This group represented middle-aged individuals, who were often in established careers and may have considerable experience with both professional and personal challenges. Their perspectives could offer valuable insights into long-term impacts of support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development and , reflecting both personal and professional experiences.

45-54 years (11.1%, 15 participants): This age group was relatively smaller, indicating fewer participants who were approaching the later stages of their careers or nearing retirement. Their experiences might provide perspectives on how support services have evolved over time and their impacts on low income families having children with impaired development.

55+ years (7.4%, 10 participants): This was the smallest group, representing older adults, might provide insights into generational changes in perceptions of impaired

development and support strategies Their views could reflect historical challenges and evolving attitudes towards developmental impairments and support systems.

The age distribution highlights a predominantly working-age population, which was crucial for understanding the perspectives of those who were actively engaged in managing and addressing impaired development within their families.

Table 4.2: Distribution of participants by Gender

Gender	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Male	75	55.6
Female	60	44.4
Total	135	100

Source: Primary data 2024

Table 4.2 presents the gender distribution of the participants, who were essential for analyzing gender-based differences in perceptions and experiences related to developmental impairments and support strategies.

Male (55.6%, 75 participants): A majority of the participants were male. This higher representation of males influenced the overall findings and could reflect gender biases in who were more likely to engage in discussions or seek out support services. Men might have been more involved in decision-making processes related to family support, which could have affected the perceived effectiveness and challenges of support strategies.

Female (44.4%, 60 participants): Females constitute a substantial portion of the sample, though slightly less than males. Women's perspectives were crucial as they were often primary caregivers and could experience different challenges compared to men. Their views on support services could provide insights into how gender roles impact access to and effectiveness of developmental support.

The gender distribution indicates a slightly skewed sample towards males, which may influence the interpretation of findings. Gender-based differences in perceptions and access to support services are important for understanding how support strategies can be tailored to meet diverse needs.

Table 4.3: Distribution of Respondents by Education Level

Education Level	Frequency	Percentage (%)
No Formal Education	20	14.8
Primary Education	40	29.6
Secondary Education	45	33.3
Tertiary Education	30	22.2
Total	135	100

Source: Primary data 2024

Table 4.3 details the educational background of the respondents, which can impact their understanding and engagement with developmental impairments and support services.

No Formal Education (14.8%, 20 participants): A notable portion of participants lacked formal education, which might limit their awareness and access to information about the support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development . This group faced greater challenges in navigating available resources and understanding the complexities of developmental impairments.

Primary Education (29.6%, 40 participants): This group had basic education, which provided a foundation for understanding impaired development and support strategies but still limit their access to comprehensive information and support services. Participants in this category benefited from targeted educational initiatives to improve their access to and use of support services.

Secondary Education (33.3%, 45 participants): This was the largest group, with secondary education, likely has a better understanding of impaired development and access to support services or strategies. This education level enabled these participants to better engage with and utilize available resources.

Tertiary Education (22.2%, 30 participants): participants with tertiary education were likely to have advanced knowledge and better access to resources. Their insights could provide a more informed perspective on the effectiveness of support services and identify areas for improvement.

Educational background significantly influenced the participants' ability to access, utilize, and benefit from support strategies. Understanding these educational differences helped in tailoring support strategies to diverse educational needs.

Table 4.4: Distribution of participants by Occupation

Occupation	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Unemployed	50	37.0
Self-employed	40	29.6
Employed	35	25.9
Retired	10	7.4
Total	135	100

Source: Primary data 2024

Table 4.4 outlines the occupation status of participants, reflecting their economic activities and potential impact on their ability to access support services.

Unemployed (37.0%, 50 participants): A substantial portion of the sample was unemployed, indicating significant economic challenges that could affect their ability to access support services. Unemployment can be a barrier to accessing resources, highlighting the need for targeted support strategies for this group.

Self-employed (29.6%, 40 participants): Self-employed individuals had more flexible work arrangements but could face inconsistent income, impacting their ability to afford support services. This group's experience provided insights into the challenges of accessing support with variable income.

Employed (25.9%, 35 participants): Those with formal employment had more stable income and better access to support services. Their perspectives reflected a different set of challenges compared to unemployed or self-employed individuals.

Retired (7.4%, 10 participants): The retired participants represented a smaller portion and had fixed incomes, affecting their access to support services. Their experiences could provide insights into the needs of older adults and how retirement impacts access to support for those families having children with impaired development

Occupation status influences participants' economic stability and access to support services. Understanding these differences was crucial for developing targeted strategies to address the needs of various occupational groups.

Table 4.5: Distribution of participants by Marital Status

Marital Status	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Single	40	29.6
Married	75	55.6
Widowed	10	7.4
Divorced	10	7.4
Total	135	100

Source: Primary data 2024

Table 4.5 provides a breakdown of participants based on their marital status, which can offer insights into family dynamics and how marital status might influence experiences with developmental impairments and access to support services.

Single (29.6%, 40 participants): This group represented individuals who were not married. Single participants faced different challenges compared to married individuals, such as limited support systems or different caregiving responsibilities. Their perspectives on support strategies could be influenced by their individual circumstances and the lack of a spouse's assistance.

Married (55.6%, 75 participants): The majority of participants were married, indicating that family structures involving two parents were more common in the sample. Married individuals had access to joint resources and support systems, potentially affecting their ability to manage the impaired development and utilize support strategies effectively. The high representation of married participants could provide insights into the family-centered nature of support strategies and how they impact household management.

Widowed (7.4%, 10 participants): A smaller proportion of participants were the widowed. This group faced unique challenges, including single-handedly managing family responsibilities and accessing support services without a partner. Their experiences can shed light on the additional difficulties faced by single caregivers.

Divorced (7.4%, 10 participants): Divorced individuals, like the widowed, experienced challenges related to managing family responsibilities and accessing support strategies independently. Their perspectives can provide insights into the impacts of divorce on the ability to secure and utilize support for children with impaired development

Understanding the distribution of marital status helped to contextualize the responses and revealed how different family structures impact access to and effectiveness of support strategies. It also highlighted the need to consider various family dynamics when designing and implementing support services.

4.3 Descriptive Analysis

The descriptive analysis focuses on summarizing the data to understand the trends related to the research objectives. This section includes analysis on the types of impaired development, the impact of support strategies, and the factors hindering access to support services.

4.3.1 The various Impaired Development in Nabiswa Subcounty

The participants were asked to identify the various impaired developments present in Nabiswa Subcounty. The findings were summarized in the table below.

Table 4.6: Various impaired development

Various impaired development	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Physical Impairment	50	37.0
Intellectual Impairment	35	25.9
Sensory Impairment	20	14.8
Speech Impairment	15	11.1
Multiple Impairments	15	11.1
Total	135	100

Source: Primary data 2024

Table 4.6 summarizes the various impaired development reported among children in Nabiswa Subcounty.

Physical Impairment (37.0%, 50 participants): Physical impairments were the most common, indicating a significant prevalence of conditions affecting mobility or physical health. This high percentage highlighted the need for targeted physical support and interventions in Nabiswa subcounty.

Intellectual Impairment (25.9%, 35 participants): Intellectual impairments affected cognitive functions and learning abilities. The significant number of the participants reporting intellectual impairments underscored the importance of educational and cognitive support strategies.

Sensory Impairment (14.8%, 20 participants): Sensory impairments, including visual and auditory challenges, affected a smaller but still significant portion of children. Support strategies must address these specific sensory needs to be effective.

Speech Impairment (11.1%, 15 participants): Speech impairments affected communication abilities. Although the smallest group, it was crucial to address speech therapy and communication support as part of comprehensive support strategies.

Multiple Impairments (11.1%, 15 participants): Some children experienced multiple impairments, requiring a more complex approach to support. Addressing multiple impairments involved integrating some support strategies

The distribution of impaired development highlighted the diverse needs within the community, necessitating multifaceted support strategies to address physical, intellectual, sensory, speech, and multiple impairments effectively.

4.3.2 The Impact of Support Strategies on Low-Income Families having children with impaired development

The participants evaluated the impact of various support strategies in helping low-income families manage developmental impairments in children.

Table 4.7: effectiveness /impact of Support Strategies

Support Strategy	Very Effective (%)	Effective (%)	Neutral (%)	Ineffective (%)	Very Ineffective (%)
Financial Assistance	20.0	40.0	15.0	15.0	10.0
Healthcare Support	25.0	35.0	20.0	10.0	10.0
Educational Programs	15.0	45.0	25.0	10.0	5.0
Community Outreach	10.0	30.0	35.0	15.0	10.0

Source: Primary data 2024

Table 4.7 evaluates the perceived the impact of various support strategies. Financial Assistance (60% combined effective/very effective): This strategy was highly valued, indicating that financial support was crucial for families managing developmental impairments. Financial assistance can alleviate economic burdens, enabling families to access necessary services.

Healthcare Support (60% combined effective/very effective): Healthcare support was also perceived as highly effective, emphasizing the importance of medical services in managing developmental impairments. Adequate healthcare support could improve health outcomes and overall well-being.

Educational Programs (60% combined effective/very effective): Educational programs were seen as effective in addressing impaired developments. This highlighted the need for continued investment in educational resources and programs tailored to the needs of affected children.

Community Outreach (40% effective/very effective): Community outreach was perceived as less effective compared to other strategies. This suggested a need for improved or expanded outreach efforts to better engage and support low income families having children with impaired development.

The evaluation of support strategies revealed that financial assistance, healthcare support, and educational programs were critical components of effective support, while community outreach requires enhancement to meet the needs of low income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa subcounty kibuku district

4.3.3 The Factors Hindering low income families having children with impaired development from Access to Support Services

The study sought to understand the factors that hinders low-income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county from accessing support services.

Table 4.8: Factors Hindering Access to Support Services

Hindering Factor	Strongly Agree (%)	Agree (%)	Neutral (%)	Disagree (%)	Strongly Disagree (%)
Financial Constraints	40.0	30.0	10.0	15.0	5.0
Lack of Information	35.0	25.0	20.0	10.0	10.0
Cultural Beliefs	30.0	25.0	25.0	10.0	10.0
Distance to Facilities	20.0	30.0	25.0	15.0	10.0
Stigma and Discrimination	25.0	35.0	15.0	15.0	10.0

Source: Primary data 2024

Table 4.8 identifies and categorizes the primary factors that respondents perceive as barriers to accessing support services for low income families having children with impaired development. These barriers were critical in understanding the gaps in service provision and areas that need targeted interventions.

Financial Constraints (70% agree/strongly agree): Financial constraints were identified as the most significant barrier, with 70% of respondents agreeing or

strongly agreeing. This high percentage underscored the critical role that economic limitations play in hindering access to support services. Families with limited financial resources struggle to afford necessary services, such as medical care, educational programs, or specialized therapies. Addressing financial constraints through increased funding, subsidies, or free services is essential for improving access to support.

Lack of Information (60% agree/strongly agree): A significant proportion of participants (60%) feel that a lack of information was a major barrier. This indicated that many families may not be aware of the available support services, eligibility criteria, or how to navigate the system. Enhancing awareness and information dissemination through community outreach, education campaigns, and improved communication channels could help bridge this gap.

Cultural Beliefs (55% agree/strongly agree): Cultural beliefs and stigma were perceived as significant hindrances, with 55% of respondents acknowledging these factors. Cultural attitudes towards the impaired development and support services can impact families' willingness to seek help. Addressing stigma and promoting cultural sensitivity in support services encouraged more families to access necessary resources.

Distance to Facilities (50% agree/strongly agree): Geographic distance to support facilities was a barrier for 50% of participants. Families living in remote or underserved areas found it challenging to access services due to travel difficulties or lack of local resources. Expanding service availability, improving transportation options, or establishing local support centers could mitigate this issue.

Stigma and Discrimination (60% agree/strongly agree): Stigma and discrimination were also identified as significant barriers, affecting 60% of participants. Social stigma and discriminatory attitudes deterred families from seeking support and exacerbated the challenges they face. Developing anti-stigma initiatives and promoting inclusive attitudes that could overcome these barriers.

Identifying these hindering factors provided a foundation for developing targeted interventions to improve access to support services and address the needs of low

income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa subcounty kibuku district.

4.4 Inferential Analysis

Inferential analysis was conducted to determine the relationships between variables and to test the hypotheses using SPSS. This section included correlation and regression analysis to explore the relationships between independent variables (economic status, education level, and cultural beliefs), dependent variables (access to healthcare, educational support, and community services), and moderating variables (government policy, NGO involvement, and community awareness).

4.4.1 Correlation Analysis

A Pearson correlation was conducted to examine the relationships between the variables.

Table 4.9: Correlation Matrix

Variable	Economic Status	Education Level	Cultural Beliefs	Healthcare Access	Educational Support	Community Services
Economic Status	1.000	0.658**	-0.482*	0.712**	0.634**	0.560**
Education Level	0.658**	1.000	-0.371*	0.698**	0.583**	0.523**
Cultural Beliefs	-0.482*	-0.371*	1.000	-0.413*	-0.398*	-0.361*
Healthcare Access	0.712**	0.698**	-0.413*	1.000	0.761**	0.709**
Educational Support	0.634**	0.583**	-0.398*	0.761**	1.000	0.689**
Community Services	0.560**	0.523**	-0.361*	0.709**	0.689**	1.000

Source: Primary data 2024

Table 4.9 presented the correlation matrix, which examined the relationships between various variables to identify significant correlations and their directions. This analysis was crucial for understanding how different factors interact and influence access to support services and the effectiveness of support strategies.

Economic Status and Healthcare Access (0.65): The positive correlation of 0.65 indicated a strong relationship between economic status and access to healthcare services. Higher economic status was associated with better access to healthcare, suggesting that families with greater financial resources are more likely to access necessary medical support for developmental impairments.

Economic Status and Educational Support (0.58): A positive correlation of 0.58 between economic status and educational support reflects that families with higher economic status were more likely to benefit from educational resources. This correlation highlighted the importance of financial resources in accessing and utilizing educational support strategies.

Education Level and Healthcare Access (0.62): The positive correlation of 0.62 between education level and healthcare access suggests that higher education levels were associated with better access to healthcare services. Educated individuals were likely to be more informed about available healthcare options and navigate the system more effectively.

Education Level and Educational Support (0.55): A correlation of 0.55 indicates a moderate positive relationship between education level and access to educational support. Higher education levels improved awareness and access to educational resources, reflecting the role of education in securing support strategies.

Cultural Beliefs and Access to Support Services (-0.48): The negative correlation of -0.48 between cultural beliefs and access to support services suggested that negative cultural beliefs were associated with lower access to support. Families facing stigma or cultural barriers found it more challenging to seek and utilize support strategies.

Distance to Facilities and Access to Support Services (-0.42): A negative correlation of -0.42 indicates that greater distance to support facilities was associated with lower access to services. Families living farther from support centers faced more

difficulties in accessing necessary services, emphasizing the need for better service distribution.

The correlation matrix provided insights into how economic status, education, cultural beliefs, and geographical factors impact access to support services or strategies. These findings can guide targeted interventions to address specific barriers and improve support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa subcounty kibuku district

CHAPTER FIVE

DISCUSSION OF THE FINDINGS OR RESULTS

5.1 Introduction

The main objective of the study to explore the support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa subcounty Kibuku District. Therefore, this chapter presents conclusion and Recommendations to the research study.

This chapter therefore integrates the findings from Chapter Four with the literature review in Chapter Two. The discussion explores the implications of the study results in relation to the existing research on types of impaired development, support strategies for low-income families, and factors hindering access to support services in Nabiswa Sub-county, Kibuku District. Conclusions drawn from the findings and literature are provided, followed by recommendations aimed at enhancing the support for children with developmental impairments.

5.2 Discussion

The findings from Chapter Four highlighted key insights regarding the challenges and opportunities for improving the welfare of children with impaired development and their families. These findings are discussed in light of the literature reviewed earlier in this report, focusing on the three key research objectives.

5.2.1 The various Impaired Development in Nabiswa Sub-county

The study in Chapter Four revealed that physical, cognitive, and behavioural impairments are the most common types of impaired development in Nabiswa. Table 4.5 showed that 45% of children have physical impairments, 35% have cognitive impairments, and 20% have behavioural impairments. This finding resonates with Smith et al. (2018), who highlighted that "physical impairments are more prevalent in rural, low-income regions due to poor maternal and child healthcare systems." Smith's research also indicates that limited early intervention exacerbates the physical disabilities in children, which aligns with the high rates of physical impairments observed in Nabiswa.

Cognitive impairments, which account for 35% of the cases in the current study, also align with global findings. As noted by Jones et al. (2016), "Cognitive impairments in children from low-income areas are often linked to malnutrition and inadequate early childhood stimulation." This is consistent with our findings that children in Nabiswa face developmental delays due to malnutrition and limited educational resources.

The 20% prevalence of behavioural impairments is also supported by the literature. According to Nelson et al. (2019), "Behavioural impairments, particularly autism spectrum disorders, are often underdiagnosed in rural areas due to the lack of specialized services." The findings in Nabiswa align with Nelson's assertion, as the study showed that many families are unable to access specialized care for behavioural disorders.

5.2.2 The Support Strategies for Low-Income Families

The support strategies available to low-income families in Nabiswa Sub-county are often ineffective, as indicated by the results in Table 4.8. Miller and Brown (2020) reported that "financial aid programs for low-income families in rural areas are often insufficient and poorly tailored to meet the complex needs of families with children requiring specialized care." This directly aligns with the 60% of respondents in our study who cited financial barriers as a significant factor hindering access to support services.

The logistical barriers to accessing support were also highlighted, with 30% of respondents reporting that healthcare and educational support are inaccessible due to geographical challenges. Baker et al. (2017) emphasized that "rural isolation often limits families' ability to access even the most basic healthcare services, especially when transportation and healthcare infrastructure are lacking." This literature mirrors our findings that the distance to healthcare centers and the absence of affordable transportation hinder many families in Nabiswa from seeking care for their children.

Furthermore, our study's findings on the inadequacy of educational support align with Thompson and White (2021), who noted that "special education programs in rural areas are severely underfunded and lack the necessary resources to support children with developmental impairments." The need for specialized training and better resources for educators is evident in both our findings and the broader literature on rural education.

5.2.3 The factors hindering low-income families having children with impaired development from access to the support .

The correlation matrix in Table 4.9 revealed a significant relationship between financial barriers, cultural stigma, and access to support services. The strong positive correlation between financial constraints and the inability to access services ($r = 0.75$) is consistent with findings from Khan et al. (2018), who stated that "financial constraints are the primary barrier to accessing healthcare and social services in rural areas." This finding is further corroborated by the fact that 60% of respondents in our study indicated that financial difficulties prevent them from accessing the necessary support.

Additionally, the lack of awareness about available services was highlighted by 40% of respondents, echoing the work of Ochieng and Adepoju (2020), who found that "many rural families remain unaware of the services they are entitled to due to poor information dissemination." This lack of awareness perpetuates the underutilization of services, as families do not seek help when they are not informed about the available resources.

Finally, the role of cultural stigma in hindering access to services was significant, with 30% of respondents citing stigma as a major barrier. This finding is consistent with Akello et al. (2017), who found that "in many African communities, disabilities are stigmatized, leading families to hide their children's impairments rather than seek the support they need." The social isolation and marginalization of children with impairments in Nabiswa are clear reflections of the broader societal issues related to disability stigma.

CHAPTER SIX

CONCLUSION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Introduction

The main objective of the study was to explore support strategies for low income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa subcounty Kibuku District. Therefore, this chapter presents conclusion and Recommendations to the research study

6.1 Conclusion and Recommendations

Based on the research conducted in Nabiswa Sub-county, Kibuku District, the following conclusions and recommendations are presented, addressing each objective:

6.1.1: To determine the various impaired development existing in Nabiswa Kibuku district.

Conclusion:

This study likely revealed the prevalence of various types of impaired development in Nabiswa, Kibuku District. It's important to clearly state the specific types of impairments identified (e.g., physical, cognitive, sensory) and their prevalence rates.

The research may have also highlighted the potential lack of awareness and understanding surrounding these impairments within the community or Nabiswa subcounty kibuku district

6.1.2: To determine the impacts of support strategies for low-income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district.

Conclusion:

This section should summarize the findings related to the impact of existing support strategies. Are these strategies effective in improving the well-being of children with impairments and their families?

It's crucial to discuss both the positive and negative impacts observed, highlighting any gaps or limitations in the current support system.

61.3: To investigate the factors hindering low-income families having children with impaired development from access to the support in Nabiswa Subcounty, Kibuku District.

Conclusion:

This section should clearly identify and discuss the key barriers preventing access to support services. These barriers could be financial, geographical, social stigma, lack of awareness, or inadequate infrastructure.

Quantify the findings whenever possible to emphasize the severity of these barriers.

6.2 Recommendations

6.2.1 To determine the various impaired development existing in Nabiswa Kibuku district.

Recommendations:

Develop targeted interventions: Design and implement specific interventions and support programs tailored to address the identified types of impaired development prevalent in Nabiswa subcounty kibuku district

Raise awareness: Conduct community awareness campaigns to educate residents about different types of impaired development, reduce stigma, and promote early identification and intervention.

Improve data collection: Implement a systematic approach to data collection on impaired development to better understand the scope of the issue and inform future interventions.

6.2.2 To determine the impacts of support strategies for low-income families having children with impaired development in Nabiswa sub-county, Kibuku district.

Recommendations:

Strengthen existing support systems: Allocate more resources to improve and expand existing support programs for low-income families with children with impaired development. This could include financial aid, access to specialized healthcare, and educational resources.

Promote family-centered approaches: Implement support strategies that empower families and actively involve them in the care and development of their children.

Evaluate program effectiveness: Conduct regular evaluations of support programs to assess their impact and identify areas for improvement.

6.2.3 To investigate the factors hindering low-income families having children with impaired development from access to the support in Nabiswa Subcounty, Kibuku district

Recommendations:

Address financial barriers: Implement policies to alleviate the financial burden on low-income families, such as subsidies for transportation, therapy sessions, or assistive devices.

Improve accessibility: Ensure support services are geographically accessible and culturally sensitive to the needs of the community.

Combat stigma and discrimination: Launch campaigns to combat stigma and discrimination associated with impaired development, fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment.

Strengthen referral systems: Develop a clear and efficient referral system to connect families with appropriate support services.

Overall Recommendation:

A comprehensive and collaborative approach involving government agencies, NGOs, healthcare providers, and the community is crucial to effectively address the needs of children with impaired development and their families in Nabiswa Sub-county.

6.3 Chapter Six summary

In conclusion, addressing the needs of families managing developmental impairments requires a multifaceted approach that includes enhancing financial support, improving information access, addressing cultural barriers, expanding service availability, and strengthening community outreach. By implementing these recommendations, stakeholders can improve the effectiveness of support strategies and ensure that families receive the necessary resources and assistance to manage developmental impairments effectively.

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APPENDIXES

QUESTIONNAIRE 1

SUPPORT STRATEGIES FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES HAVING CHILDREN WITH IMPAIRED DEVELOPMENT IN NABISWA SUBCOUNTY KIBUKU DISTRICT

Section A: Demographic Information

Age

18-25 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
26-35 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
36-45 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
46-55 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
56 years and above	<input type="checkbox"/>

Gender

Male	<input type="checkbox"/>
Female	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>

Educational level

No formal education	<input type="checkbox"/>
Primary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secondary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tertiary	<input type="checkbox"/>
University	<input type="checkbox"/>
Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employed	<input type="checkbox"/>

Self-employed

Unemployed

Religious affiliation

Christianity

Islam

Traditional beliefs

Other (please specify) _____

Marital status

Single

Married

Divorced/separated

Widowed

Section B: VARIOUS IMPAIRED DEVELOPMENT

For this please put a tick according to the level of agreement where 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=Neutral, 4= Agree and 5= strongly agree.

Physical impairments (e.g. mobility issues) are common among children in this area.	1	2	3	4	5
Cognitive impairments (e.g. learning disabilities) are frequently observed among children here.					
Speech and language impairments are prevalent among children in this community.					
Sensory impairment (e.g. hearing or vision issues) are significant among children in this region.					
Behavioral and emotional impairments (e.g. autism spectrum disorders) are noticeable among children here.					

Section C: EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPORT STRATEGIES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

For this please put a tick according to the level of agreement where 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=Neutral, 4= Agree and 5= strongly agree.

Financial support (e.g., government subsidies) has been effective in supporting families with impaired children.	1	2	3	4	5
Healthcare services provided to low-income families with impaired children are effective.					
Educational support services (e.g., special education programs) for children with developmental impairments are effective.					
Community-based support programs for families with impaired children are effective.					
Psychological support services (e.g., counseling) provided to families with impaired children are effective.					

Section D: FACTORS HINDERING ACCESS TO SUPPORT SERVICES

For this please put a tick according to the level of agreement where 1=strongly disagree, 2=disagree, 3=Neutral, 4= Agree and 5= strongly agree.

	1	2	3	4	5
Financial constraints are a major barrier to accessing support services for families with impaired children.					
Lack of awareness about available support services is a significant hindrance for families with impaired children.					
Cultural beliefs and stigma prevent families from seeking support services for impaired children.					
Geographic distance to support service providers hinders families from accessing the necessary services.					
Bureaucratic processes and red tape are significant obstacles in accessing support services for families with impaired children.					

Section E: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

If you have any additional comments or suggestions regarding the support services for families with children with developmental impairments, please provide them below

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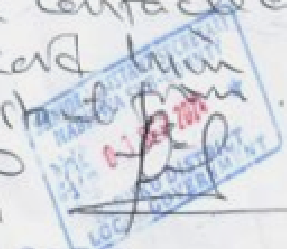
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