

The Role of Libraries in Addressing Terrorism through Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): the Case of Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library, University of Nairobi, Kenya.

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In recent years, the East African sub-region and Kenya in particular has been grappling with rising insecurity and the threat of terrorist attacks, most of which have been blamed on Somali-based Al-Shabaab. This proposal seeks to examine the role of libraries in addressing terrorism, in addition to establishing a relationship between SDGs and terrorism, with the view of determining the role of librarians in tackling terrorism and fundamentalism. It will also examine how provision of information services contribute towards fighting against terrorism and suggest strategies that academic libraries could deploy to address terrorism and radicalization. This study adopts an exploratory case study and the population will consist of management, librarians and students (both postgraduate and undergraduate) of the University of Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta Memorial Library. Additionally, members of the University of Nairobi security services will be included to aid in assessing their responsiveness on issues of security in relation to the study. Both probability and non-probability sampling strategies will be applied. Purposive and stratified sampling strategies will be applied. Both interviews (structured and unstructured) and questionnaires (open and close ended) will be used to collect data. Findings from the study will be disseminated through workshops, conferences and journal articles. The proposal will also make recommendations for further research.

