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Unpacking the Private Education Premium in Kenya

ABSTRACT

There is widespread consensus that the quality of public education in many developing countries is low. To address this, the contribution of private education providers has gained attention, with scholars predominantly focusing on private schools. Nonetheless, use of extra private tuition is widespread. Using test score data for over 300,000 children in Kenya, this paper quantifies the individual and aggregate benefits associated with both private schools and private tuition. I find that tuition appears to deliver significantly larger overall benefits than private schools, mainly because tuition is associated with positive spillovers. In contrast, the benefits of private schools emerge only due to competition (sorting) between private schools.