

**THE APPLICATION OF BRITISH INDIRECT RULE IN THE KUMBA DIVISION:  
A DECOLONIAL ASSESSMENT 1916-1961**

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**ABSTRACT**

This paper attempts an evaluation of British administration in Kumba Division during the periods of the Mandate and Trusteeship. The adoption of the policy of indirect rule was intended to involve the people in the administration of their division with a view to quicken their development in all spheres of human endeavour. The study shows that while this was a lofty idea, it never operated in the interest of the people as there was total neglect in the provision of basic social services like health and education. This accounted for the relatively underdeveloped nature of the division before and after independence despite the fact that Kumba Division was one of the wealthiest divisions. I have used archival materials and some secondary sources to establish this analysis.