

Exploring Kenyan mothers' attention and child food choice through eye tracking in a natural environment

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Background

The production of nutritious and affordable child food by local women groups leads to women empowerment and enhances food security.

Research question

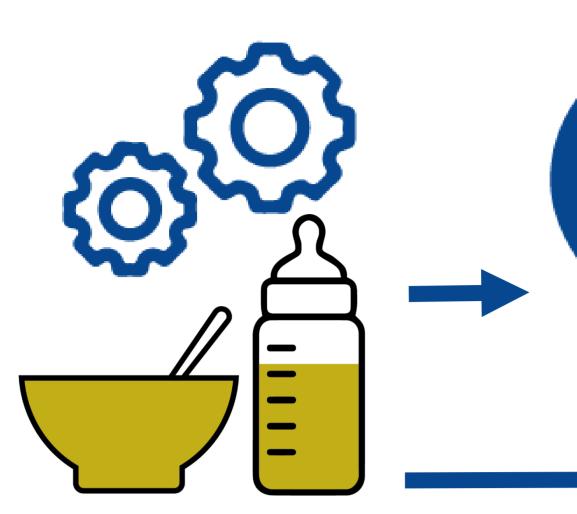
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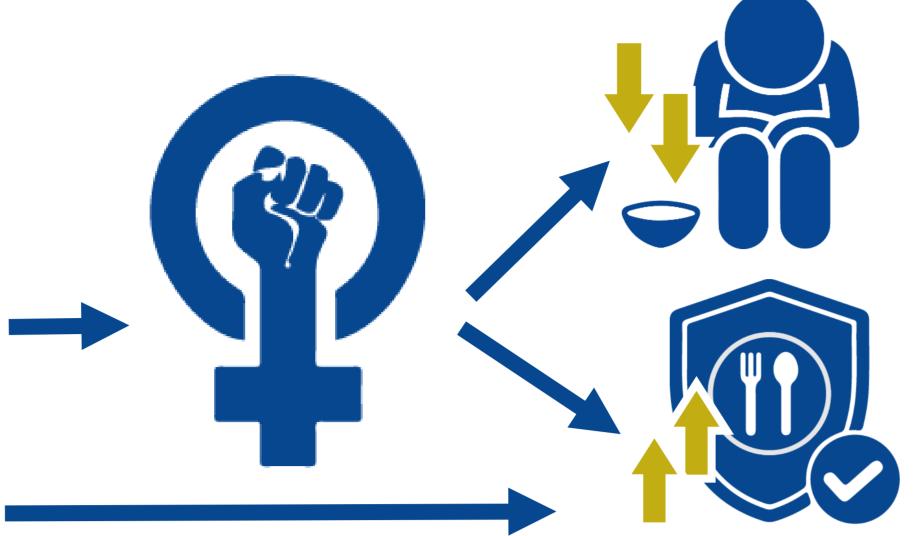
in a real supermarket?

are driving attention

and choice of

consumers





Research area

Marsabit, Kenya



Methods

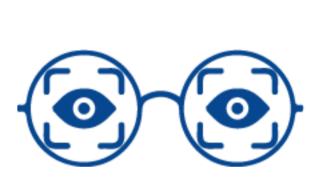
4 participants were

- given KSH 1000 (± U\$ 7,60),
- equipped with eye-tracking glasses,
- asked to select and purchase one or
- more child food products of their choice,
- while thinking aloud.

The number of fixations, voices and choices were recorded and analysed.





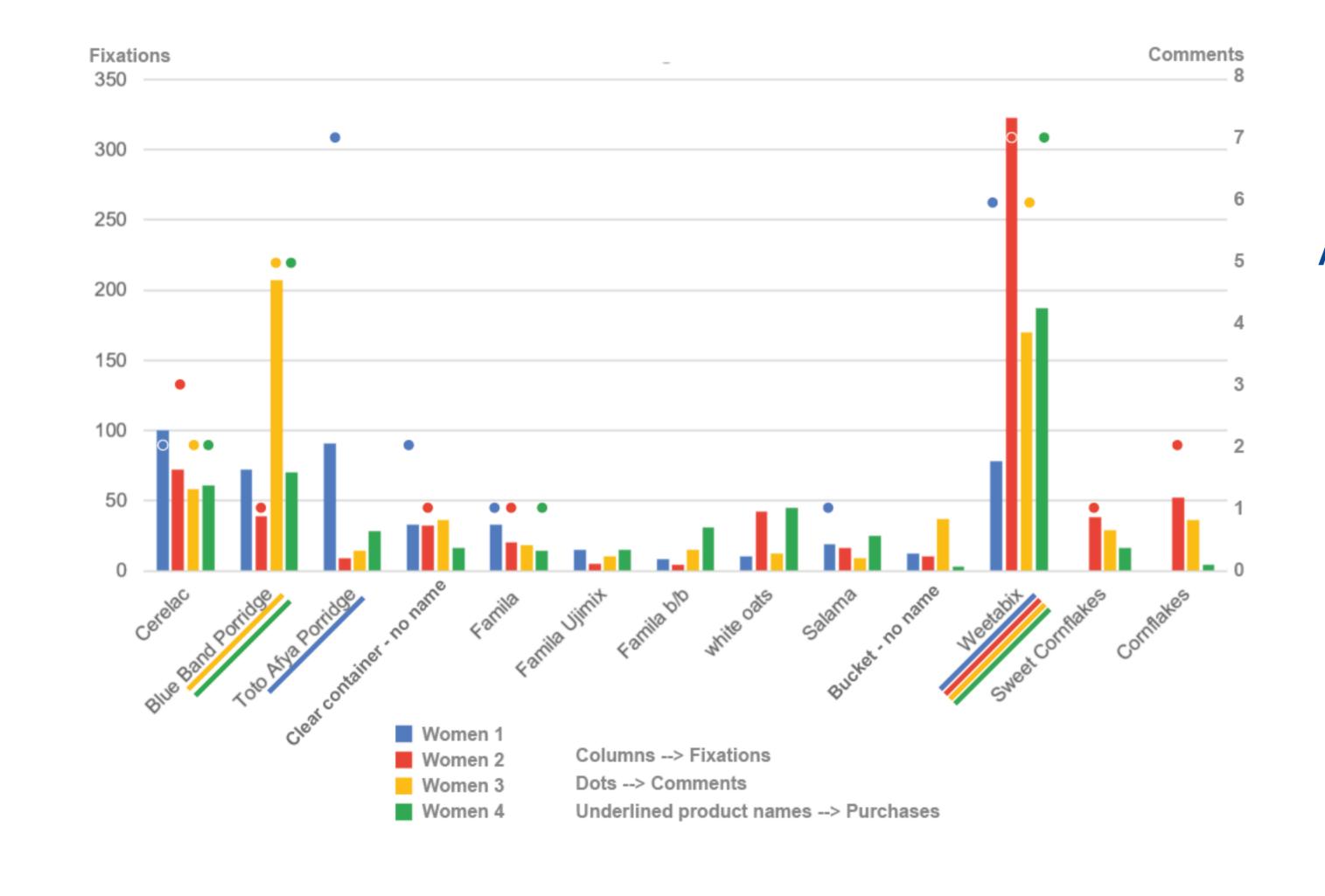






Results

Table 1 Fixations, comments and purchases of the four participants



Three categories of products could be identified:



Almost ignored products: Briefly viewed, not commented on and not purchased.



Interesting products: Viewed for longer and commented on, but not purchased.



Purchased products: Viewed the longest, commented on most

frequently and purchased.



Comments re purchases

The analysed voice comments indicate that only products that were known to the study participants, that they considered to be good and that were within their price range were purchased.

Conclusion



In a supermarket setting, it is not easy for new products in this segment to compete with products that are already known and recognised as good.

To stand a chance against established products, they need to be eye-catching, visually appealing to their target customers and especially reasonably priced.



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