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**RESEARCH PROJECT ON CAUSES OF DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AMONG
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Abstract

The main purpose of the study is to find out causes of drugs and substance abuse in Gachoka Division, Mbeere South District. The study is aimed to enlighten teachers, parents, administrators and society at large on how to share the problem of drug and substance abuse in Gachoka division. In the study the researcher used questionnaire and interview guide as instruments of data collection. The researcher used this tool because it is convenient, genuine, accurate and advantageous according to the one of carrying out the research. The research design used by the researcher was survey design of quantitative approach. The target population was teachers, parents and students in Gachoka Division. Twenty teachers, parents and students were selected from 10 secondary schools using simple random sampling to students and teachers while in parents used purposive sampling.

The study revealed the causes of drugs and substance abuse in Gachoka Division. These causes are peer pressure, availability of drugs, poor parenting style family problems, media influence, excess pocket money influence of parents and coping with daily challenges.

The researcher recommended ways of curbing causes of drug and substance abuse among secondary school students in Gachoka Division.