

**FACTORS AFFECTING GIRLS' ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC SECONDARY  
SCHOOLS IN MUKAA SUB-COUNTY MAKUENI COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to investigate factors affecting girls' enrollment in public secondary schools in Mukaa sub-county, Makueni County. The objectives of the study includes to establish how economic factors influence enrolment of girls in Public secondary schools , investigate how family background factors influence enrolment of girls in public secondary schools, determine how social factors influence enrolment of girls in public secondary schools, establish how cultural factors influence enrolment of girls in public secondary schools, determine how school and environmental factors influence enrolment of girls in public secondary schools.

Girl child education is very important to the wellbeing of the entire society. Educating a girl child is a commitment in empowering her in different social background which is the bedrock of our economic development at the grassroots. (KIANDA FOUNDATION 2011). This means that the enrolment of girls should increase in all institutions if we have to achieve all these. Therefore it is hoped that the study will shed light to the Ministry of Education and Kenya as a whole in recognition that Education has a critical role to play in addressing issues of gender which have a direct impact in the enrolment of girls in secondary schools which should lead to equality and equity in Kenya and the whole world.

The study population comprised of secondary school principals, class teachers, form two, form three and form four students and parents of the sampled schools. Three questionnaires were used to collect data and interview guidelines for parents.