

**CAUSES OF HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES IN
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN MALINDI SUB COUNTY
KILIFI COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

This work is a research project on the causes of high school dropout rates in secondary schools in Malindi sub County, Kilifi County. In Kenya many people who enroll to secondary schools don't complete the cycle and they end up dropping out of school at various levels of education. This situation is evident in Malindi Sub County where various factors claim responsibility of the situation. School dropout is a major drawback to the education sector and the economic growth of the country as well. It is also a loss to the parents and the society in general. It challenges the achievements of the government's strategy of attaining Education for All(UPE) goal by the end of 2015.

The research was prompted by the review of related literature and it was found out that several studies had been carried out here in Kenya and different parts of the world as well but none had been carried out in Malindi Sub County, Kilifi County. The discussion focusses around why and how learners drop out of school, the effects and the measures that can be applied to curb the problem in this area. The researcher looked at literature in relation to households, community and social context of dropping out as well as school practices and supply.

All the respondents in the research exercise were taken from the sample.

From the information gathered, it was possible to unveil the causes of secondary school dropout in Malindi Sub County, Kilifi County and some recommendations given to the stakeholders i.e. education officials, school management, teachers, parents, learners and the society in general.