

CHALLENGES FACING LEARNERS WITH
AUTISM IN HOMABAY DISTRICT,
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ABSTRACT

There are many aspects of special needs education which have not been fully addressed. Among these aspects include autism. Autism is among learning disorders which has caused great alarm in the field of education. Educationists and the professionals have found it very difficult to cope up with it. It is this perplexion that the researcher decided to venture into. She noted with great concern that learners with autism face many challenges. These challenges not only face these learners at home, but also at school and the community in which they stay.

The 12 schools in Homabay District, Homabay County and 12 head teachers were selected by census. Stratified random sampling technique was used to obtain teachers making a total of 60 respondents. Questionnaires were used to collect data and validation was by expert judgment. Reliability of the instrument was determined using Pearson's correlation coefficient. Data analysis was done using descriptive statistics such as percentages. The results were presented in charts, graphs and tables.