

**AN INVESTIGATION INTO IMPACTS OF SOCIO- ECONOMIC FACTORS ON LOW  
RETENTION RATE OF GIRLS IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN NYAMIRA  
SOUTH SUB COUNTY, NYAMIRA COUNTY.**

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## ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to investigate the socio – economic factors contributing to low retention of girls in secondary schools. It was guided by three objectives which were: To find out how poverty contributes to low retention rate of girls in public secondary school. To find out how parents educational level affects low retention rate of girls in public secondary school. To find out how cultural beliefs and practices on girl child education contribute to low retention rate of girls in public secondary schools. Descriptive survey research design was employed in this study. This is because it made use of both qualitative and quantitative data to describe the state of affairs as they exist. The target population was Secondary school teachers and parents. The entire Sub County has 34 public secondary schools thus the target population will comprise of 500 Secondary school teachers and 1280 secondary parent representatives. The total target population was 1780 in which the sample size of 534 respondents was drawn from. The research instrument that was predominantly used was the Questionnaire. Qualitative data was first organized into themes, then descriptive statistical method was used after frequencies and percentages were calculated from the data obtained in the field. This information was presented on tables to make its interpretation easier and clearer. In interpreting the results, the frequency with which the items appear was treated as more important and attention and emphasis placed on it. Content analysis was used in order to determine the frequency and trends in the concepts and objectives of the study. This was then interpreted as a measure of direction regarding the objectives.