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## ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this study is to investigate why there is high school dropout among girls in Masinga Division in Masinga district. This problem is at rise in most schools and it is alarming that little attention has been devoted to it in academic works on education. In Kenya, the parliament enacted the children act that recognizes education as a basic right for all children. In 2003, the government declared free primary education after the NARC government took over authority. Girls have been the most affected group in school despite the introduction of free primary education (F.P.E.) in 2003.

For the last six years Masinga division has been faced with high number of girls dropping out of school. The findings revealed that there are many factors causing school dropout among girls. Recommendation has been made to correct these vice in most schools. Public awareness on the importance of girl child education has been given the greatest opportunity to help the child grow and develop in the society.