

**AN ASSESSMENT ON THE CAUSES OF HIGH DROP OUT RATE IN SECONDARY SCHOOL IN
TIMAU DIVISION, BUURI DISRICT MERU COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT

Secondary education is fundamental need to the child. This is vital because it helps the child develop holistically.

The study sought to find out causes of drop-outs on secondary school students in Ontulili zone, Timau Division, Buuri District.

The research used descriptive research design to come up with factors that contribute to drop-outs in public secondary school. It focused on secondary students within Timau Division, Buuri District. Simple random sampling was used to select representative sample of 20 parents 10 teacher who were to contribute the sample. The data collection was generated by use of questionnaires, interview schedule, data analysis tabulation, bar graphs, and pie-charts to clarify the statistics of the data representation.

The research findings were useful to the government, parents and community in curbing the alarming rate of drop outs.