

**EARLY PREGNANCIES AND THEIR EFFECTS
ON PERFORMANCE OF THE GIRL CHILD: A
CASE OF LOWER WAGAI DIVISION- GEM
DISTRICT**

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ABSTRACT.

Cases of early pregnancy in Kenyan schools has been on the rise in the recent years, this has been more pronounced in the rural areas resulting in early school drop-out and poor examination results.

Indeed early pregnancy has a negative effect on the performance of the girl child in national examinations. Some of the objectives of the study are; to determine the main causes of early pregnancy in Wagai division, to find out the effects of early pregnancy on the performance of the girl child in national examinations, and to come up with possible solutions to curbing the cases of early pregnancies in schools.

During the study data collection done by administering questionnaires in person, face to face interviewing and phone surveys. The collected data was analyzed using tables and charts.

The final results indicated that early pregnancy did in fact affect the performance of the girl child in national examinations. 30% of girls in primary schools did register poor results as well as 40% in secondary schools.

The study concludes those relevant Government agencies, parents, teachers and the society at large to come up with adequate measures to stop cases of early pregnancies in schools.