

**FACTORS LEADING TO LOW ENROLMENT OF GIRL CHILD IN SCHOOLS IN
KALACHA ZONE, CHALBI DISTRICT IN MARSABIT COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this study was to investigate the factors leading to low enrollment of girl child in schools in Kalacha zone, Chalbi district. Factors leading to low enrollment is neither adequately investigated nor well understood. This has hindered the development of girl child education in education in the district. The objective of the study was to examine socio-economic factors that affect girls' enrolment in primary education. Socio-cultural factors was also another objective of the study and to establish school based factors that affect girl's enrolment in primary education in Kalacha zone. The study was also to facilitate making recommendations for the improvement of girls 'enrolment in primary education.

The researcher used a sample of 240 respondents in the Study which is quite appropriate for good results using random sampling method. The researcher selected a size of 180 girls, 30 teachers, 20 SMC members 10 head teachers. The head teacher, teachers and the SMCs were selected purposively (3 class teachers per school each representing class 6, 7 and 8).

The researcher used statistical package for social sciences (SPSS) version 11.5 to aid in data analysis. Descriptive statistics involving frequencies and percentages were used to analyze the data. Each of the following objectives data was presented using frequencies and percentages to examine socio-economic factors that affect girls' enrolment in primary school education in Kalacha zone Chalbi district, to examine socio-cultural factors that affect girls' enrolment in primary school education in Kalacha zone Chalbi district and to establish school-based factors that affects girls' enrolment in primary school education in Kalacha zone Chalbi district.

The researcher concluded that the increase of girl child enrolment in schools and the support and improvement of female education worldwide especially at the primary level provides benefits to the family and the society at large. Moreover Recommendations and suggestions for further study were made.