

**INVESTIGATING FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO EARLY PREGNANCIES AND THEIR  
EFFECTS ON GIRL CHILD PERFORMANCE IN MWEA WEST, KIRINYAGA COUNTY.**

**BY**

**CAROLINE WAMWITHA MARI**

**BEDA/000513121/09815**

**A RESEARCH PROJECT SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL  
MANAGEMENT AND CURRICULUM STUDIES IN PARTIAL FULFILMENT FOR  
AWARD OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS).**

**APRIL 2015**

## **ABSTRACT**

Today early pregnancy have become a public health issue as well as a major concern in education set up because it affects the performance of a girl child in schools which later on leads to school drop out. The high rate of young maternal age has lately raised great concern in schools and therefore a lot need to be done to reduce the rate of early pregnancies in schools. However the by high prevalence of poverty, lack of parental guidance, lack of guidance and counseling and ignorance results to high incidences of early pregnancies among school going girls. The increased number of early pregnancy has brought about the ultimate goal and effort to reduce the number of teenage pregnancy among school going students. Through the introduction of sex education in schools as well as provision of effective birth control measures for students which are easily accessible by the students. The purpose of this report is to review current trends and issues related to adolescent pregnancy as well as to update practitioners on the topic.