

**AN INVESTIGATION OF CAUSES OF GIRLS DROPOUT IN
PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN GARBA TULLA DISTRICT IN ISIOLO
COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The studies done in many places and elsewhere have identified the problems of drop out from school especially girls. The drop out rate among the girl child remains a major problem in Kenya while little effort has been made. The female literacy rate in pastoralist community is 18% whereas that one of the male is 52% compared to 42% of female literacy nationally. The purpose of the study was to investigate causes of drop out rate among girls in public primary school in Garbatulla district. The specific objective was to find the contribution of parental attitude, parental level of education, cultural beliefs, teacher characteristics and distance from home to school on the drop out rate of girls in the district.

The study sampled 30% of the target population in total, 18 head teachers, 50 teachers and 200 pupils were randomly sampled for the study. The instruments for data collection were questionnaires, descriptive statistic such as frequency distribution, percentages, means and standard deviation were calculated and data was presented in form of tables, graphs and charts.

The study found out that there a number of factors that led to high drop out rate in public primary school in Garbatulla district. The factors included; distance from home to school, parents' level of education, parents' attitude towards education, teacher characteristics and behavior. The study recommends that the government should invest in education of parents and on importance of girls' education.