

**THE CAUSES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN RUAMBWA
LOCATION, BUDALANGI DIVISION OF BUSIA COUNTY.**

MARIA ANYANGO OTIATO

BDS/NRP/103/0021

**A RESEARCH PROJECT SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL
SCIENCES MOUNT KENYA UNIVERSITY IN PARTIAL FULFILMENT
FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
DEVELOPMENT STUDIES.**

AUGUST 2013

ABSTRACT

Violence is the act of depriving an individual of his or her right as a human being. It is a global problem that affects so many women in the whole world. According to WHO, violence affects so many millions of women in Africa. In a 2005 study on women's health and violence, it was found that 50% of women in Tanzania and 71% of those in Ethiopia's rural areas reported beatings or other forms of violence by husbands or other intimate partners. The vice goes beyond beatings; it includes forced marriages, dowry-related violence, marital rape, sexual harassment, intimidation at work and educational institutions. Such practices cause trauma, injuries, and deaths in some extreme cases. Kenya as a country has not been spared either since cases of women being violated are so many and so is the Ruambwa area. This study however is going to look into some of the causes of violence against women.