FACTORS INFLUENCING GIRL-CHILD ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN SELECTED SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KINANGO DISTRICT KWALE COUNTY, KENYA

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This research project was conceived as a result of observing disparity between the girl child's education performance as compared to boys and the fact that there is gender discrimination in our society where the girl child is segregated against the boy child. It therefore sought to study factors influencing girl-child academic performance in secondary schools in Kinango District.

The hypothesis of the study was also tested using chi square inference analysis technique. The findings were that the girl child's academic performance in Kinango is influenced by several, diverse, and complex phenomena that exist in our society. Poor academic performance was a matter of concern and needed to be looked into by all stakeholders. The study therefore recommended that community should be educated on the importance of girl child, the government is to put all the girls in a boarding school so cadet can be far from distance they make to and from school, training involvement in domestic chores and reduce cases of sexual harassments on the way, separate girls' and boys' schools, and post more female teachers and promote them into leadership positions and strengthen the guidance and counseling in schools. It also gave suggestions for further research on the factors determining the girl child lagging behind in academic performance as a result of many factors among them cultural and social economic factors influencing boys and girls performance in the region with particular focus on Kinango District.

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