

Gender Issues Affecting Girl Child Education in Northern Kenya

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Abstract

Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting -FGM/C is recognized internationally as a violation of the human rights of girls and women. It's debated for a long time and it is one that brings about an emotional response from all who understand it or have come across it. Many do believe that this practice should be eliminated from the face of the earth as it does more harm than good to the physical being of the girl child. This paper examines the experience of Kenyan child with a special emphasis to the girl child. The paper brings out some major concern that affects the girls in Kenya. The main question of this paper is how the girls in Kenya can escape the effects of the gender issues that tend to affects the girl's child present and later age of adulthood. the paper found out that Kenya girl child is adversely affected by gender issues ranging from female genital mutilation, early marriage of girl child dropout of school since most of parents prefer educating the boys child rather than the girls child when faced with financial constraints, sexual abuse and gender based labor division which affect the girls child school performance since the girls fail to competitively do their school given home work.

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