ABSTRACT

This study was carried out on teenage marriages and girl’s education in three sub-counties of Kanungu District that is, Kirima, Kihhi and Mpungu. A representative sample size of 120 respondents was used. These included elders, local leaders, youths like boys and girls, religious leaders, head teachers, DEO, inspectors of schools and district population officers. Data was collected using interview guides and questionnaires, and both qualitative and quantitative approaches were used in data analysis. It identified the challenges faced by teenage marriages, analyzed by the effects of teen marriages on girl’s education and suggests ways of addressing teen marriages in Kanungu District. Harassment by teachers, girls feeling that they are too mature to be in schools, parental pressures so as to get bride wealth, defilement and rape were among other causes. It was recommended that teachers should stop corporal punishments, give counseling services, enough parental care and local councils must enforce the laws guiding the young children and the local leaders need to emphasize laws that protect childrens’ rights, policy to cater for the girl children who give birth to be allowed to get back to school and this should be a government policy, parents should be counseled to get out of the trauma of their daughters, early pregnancies. Lastly, the public should be sensitized that education has no age limit. The age limit can be there if what you are learning is harmful to your life.