

Gender Issues Affecting the Girl Child in Kenya

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Abstract

This paper examines the experiences of Kenyan children with a special emphasis to the girl child. The paper brings out some major gender concerns that affect the girl child in Kenya. The main question of this paper is how the girl child in Kenya can escape the effect of the gender issues that tend to affect the girl child's present and later stage of adulthood. The paper found out that Kenya girl child is adversely affected by gender issues ranging from female genital mutilation, early marriage, girl child drops out of school since most parents prefer educating the boy child rather than the girl child when faced with financial constraints, sexual abuse and gender based labor division which affect the girl child school performance since the girls fail to competitively do their school given home work.

Key words: Child, Female Genital Mutilation, Sexual Abuse, Child labour, Early Marriage

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