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Prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse Among Pupils in Kisii County During The Covid-19 Pandemic

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Abstract

Child sexual abuse (CSA) is both a social and public health concern locally and globally. A common mistaken belief on child sexual abuse is that it is an uncommon occurrence committed against girls by male strangers in both rural and urban areas in Kenya. Notwithstanding myriad research on CSA, little is known about its Prevalence. It occurs at all levels of society affecting not only girls but also boys. The purpose of this study, therefore, was to investigate the prevalence rate of child sexual abuse among pupils during the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic is an international historic incident that will remain to affect approximately every facet of ordinary life, including affecting our economic, political, and healthcare eco-systems. The study was informed by the Attachment Theory which suggests that children's lives are centred initially on their parents, the family environment being their primary agent of socialization. Systematic random sampling was used to select the respondents to ensure that the sample was representative. The study utilized a descriptive survey design. The study population was 700 pupils out of which a sample size of 100 (14 per cent) pupils was selected. The study used questionnaires administered to each respondent. The researcher administered the questionnaires individually to the respondents. The study found out that threats from perpetrators were preventing the disclosure of child sexual abuse. The research recommends that research, programs and policies should be developed on child protection. The patriarchal narrative of manhood needs to change and boys should be encouraged to step from a different script on their roles and place in the society.

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