A STUDY INTO FACTORS LEADING TO CHILD LABOR: CASE OF MVURWI FORRESTER ESTATES

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Abstract

The overall aim of the study was to explore the causes of child labour on Mvurwi Forester Estates. The study was carried out at Forrester Estate. A descriptive research design was chosen and stratified sampling was used to carry out the study. Interviews were also carried out. The sample consisted of 41 children aged between 7 and 16 years. Interviews were conducted with teaching staff and parents. The study exposes the negative impacts of child labour on the child’s health and society. It also sought ways to minimize child labour and protect the rights of children as enshrined in various instruments such as the Convention on Rights of Child (CRC) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The findings of the research were that poverty is a major cause for the societal problems of child exploitation. Another finding was that the scourge of HIV and AIDS has left children orphans and the socio-economic hardship in the country further worsened poor households and this lead to children fending for themselves. In light of these findings the research recommends that there should be targeted projects to address social attitudes through awareness raising campaigns that focus on the extent and nature of children labour. To add on subsidies were as a way to encourage and enable families with limited resources to choose school over work for their children. Future research in this area must use large sample in order to ensure great