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ASSESSING THE EFFECTS OF EARLY AND FORCED MARRIAGES.

A case study of Budalangi Division of Bunyala District in Western
Province of Kenya.

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ABSTRACT

Early and forced marriages among the youth are on the rise; therefore much need to be done about this issue of student engaging in early and forced marriage.

The aim of the researcher carrying out this study was to determine the effects of early and forced marriages on teenagers and the community at large.

The study was carried out in two sub-locations (Sifungwe and Buremia sub-location) of Budalangi division in Bunyala district, where a sample size of 30 respondents was arrived at. Of these respondents, 16 students/pupils, 6 parents, 4 teachers and 4 community leaders were interviewed by use of a questionnaire and an interview guide. The finding shows the varying and shocking results that call for immediate intervention so that early and forced marriage is combated. It reveals that early and forced marriage is one of the cause of poverty and backwardness among the rural communities hence a need of working on it if we want development in rural area and especially in Budalangi.