

ABSTRACT

The objective of this study was to establish the causes, problems and solutions to problems affecting the orphans towards their academic achievement; and the administration of these orphans in the secondary schools of Busongora County – Kasese District in Uganda. This study involved the use of both primary and secondary data sources. Primary data was collected from primary sources. The main method of data collection involved the use of questionnaires, which were designed in English. This method was chosen because it enabled respondents to answer personal questions more accurately than face-to-face interviews with a researcher. The data obtained was edited or filtered, coded, and thereafter entered in Microsoft Office Excel for analysis. Tables and figures showing percentages and frequencies were used as the analysis technique for inferential statistics. The study established that the causes of orphanage do exist among which are diseases, motor accidents, wars, lightning, poisoning, witch craft, domestic violence and near drowning. There exist serious problems which affect orphans' academic performance negatively among which are Being over worked, poor feeding, denied chance to education and not being paid for school fees, psychological torture and frustration (stress). The study revealed a number of solutions to the problems such as family/organizations/ schools or government support, growing crops, Praying to God and being submissive to elders, seriously reading books and avoiding peer pressure, government/organizations/schools' fighting for and observing orphans' rights, provision of security and helping them put up shelter for their families and encouraging orphans to participate in academic activities. Therefore, schools and organizations should encourage orphans to engage in games and sports to develop their talents in sporting activities like football, netball, racing, volleyball and indoor games, practice Art and Craft, take up Social/leadership responsibilities, participate in music, dance and drama, and joining self help projects (microfinance projects).