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# LIST OF ABREVIATIONS

BSW	Bachelor of social work and social Administration
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
KIU	Kampala International University
TASO	The AIDS Support Organization
YEAH	Young Empowered And Healthy.
STDS	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
L.CS	Local Councils

#### ABSTRACT

The study was carried out in Wakiso, considering Kitoro in division B Entebbe municipality. Main purpose of the study was to identify marriage breakdown as an outstanding challenges in families in Wakiso. The researcher also wanted to know more about the view of the public on marriage breakdown which has been rampant today especially due to unemployment and poverty very many families have broken down. For example when Uganda airlines was closed very many families in Entebbe broke up because of unemployment. Of such reasons that the researcher had to go and identify the nature of marriage breakdown and its challenges in Entebbe, an assessment was made so as to come up with measures to help in marriage breakdown in Entebbe such as to educating the public about the exciting legal frame works regarding the prevention and reduction of marriage breakdown in Entebbe.

The study also considered using both qualitative. Data was collected through personal interviews using a structured questionnaire which include 76 respondents who help in providing the primary data, in depth interviews were held with parents who have faced the problem of marriage breakdown in Entebbe municipality.

Questionnaires administered to respondents were verified edited and coded, Row frequencies were generated to produced descriptive data.

However, because of limited time the researcher was not able to use a bigger sample size, it's therefore recommended that future researcher should use a larger sample size so as to come up with a better analysis of impact of marriage breakdown in Entebbe. There are still some weaknesses in enforcement of laws corning marriage breakdowns therefore there is need to strengthen the legislation framework Entebbe municipality that will help in dealing in marriage breakdown cases.

# CHAPTER ONE

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This research was designed to assess the challenges of marriage break down in families; among the affected were the married couples. It further unveils efforts in sighted by local authorities and Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOS) to curb the act.

This chapter presents the back ground of the study, statement of the problem, research objectives, scope of the study and significance.

#### 1.1 BACK GROUND OF THE STUDY

The study was to assess the challenges of marriage break down in families, the case study of Kitoro Division B Entebbe Municipality Wakiso District Kitoro being the heart of business, entry and exit of Entebbe by road, it's around 37km from Kampala and surrounded by Lake Victoria, Wild life Centre (ZOO) and other Sceneries. Hence in early 80's the place was very small and occupied by Buganda as the main inhabitants but later other tribes have emerged and due to that the place has rapidly developed socially, economically and geographically due to Lake Victoria, Entebbe Airport that has prompted business operation in the area throughout 24 hours.

Kitoro is occupied by many tribes ranging from Banganda, Banyoro, Bakiga, Bagisu and many others and the common language used in the area is Luganda and other languages include English, Kiswahili, Lusoga, Acholi, Lango and Rutoro by the people of Kitoro. Basing on the recent population census which was carried out in 2002 indicated that the population increasing over and above 80,000 people living in this town. And the main economic activity carried out in the place is fishing at large scale because of the existence Lake Victoria, farming Centre (zoo) and Lake Victoria this information was revealed by Mr. Okumu Francisco who went on and said that 70% of the people living in the area are business oriented 20% are employed by some Organizations like TASO, CAA, Ministry of works, Wild Life Centre and at the beaches 7% are ongoing students in various schools like Entebbe S.S.S, Merry Land and lastly

Entebbe is one town crossed by the Equator in Uganda and E. Africa and this has also increased in rainfall season and fertile soil for all the above activities motioned.

The ideas of marriage break down in families to day and thisphenomenon is not new world wide and its estimated that in Europe is at 65%, in sub Saharan countries, Uganda is 35% totaling 100% so since the phenomenon is not new world wide, researchers like Freud said that its preference has been there since Adam's reign, however, the incidences of marriage break down which is an outstanding challenge in families in Uganda is estimated at 90% and in Kitoro in particular is at 0.3%. The information was revealed by O/C Child and family Protection Unit Entebbe Police station by Madam Ayuwo Hellene.

#### 1.2 GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To find out ways of curbing down marriage break down in families

# 1.3 OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- (i) To find out the challenges of marriage break down in families.
- (ii) To find out various ways of curbing it down
- (iii) To find out the consequences of marriage break down.
- (iv) To find out ways of curbing it down

# 1.4 RESEARCH QUESTIONS

The study was designed to answer the following research questions

- 1. What do you understand by marriage break down?
- 2. What are the causes of marriage break down in families?
- 3. What are the challenges of marriage break down in families?
- 4. What are the ways of curbing it down from happening?

# 1.5 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Uganda is one of the Sub-Saharan countries in which the phenomenon of marriage break down is an outstanding challenge in families, given that the incidence is common we need to look for alternative ways of improving it.

#### 1.6 THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY.

The focus of the study was to examine the challenges of marriage break down and what is considered to be marriage break down in Kitoro, Division B Entebbe Municipality Wakiso. District The study was not limited to only adults but included their children

#### 1.7 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY.

The findings of the study were to help the government to initiate several education programmers concerning marriage breakdown. It would also open the eyes of the ministry concerned to come up with appropriate laws on how to handle the causes of the above problems which would be included in educational curriculum on. The significance of sex education as the way of curbing down the outstanding challenge of marriage break down in Kitoro, Entebbe and Wakiso in particular the parents were the causes of the challenger, The findings of the study would help them of the actual principles of marriage and its importance in the families and community at

## **CHAPTER TWO**

#### LITRATURE REVIEW

#### 2.0 INTRODUCTION

The chapter two of the research report presents the literature of various others concerning the subject matter of marriage breakdown in families, the literatures were got mainly from the library, publications and documents and reports produced.

The researcher read through them and especially captured only those which were relevant to the study, as discussed below;

# 2.1 THE REVIEW OF THE RELATED LITRATURE

According to MR Kambazan stepten (2006) a senior lecturer at Kyambogo University in the hand out book of issues in counseling, he pointed out the marriage break down as outstanding challenge in families simply because the couples lack enough pretrial knowledge and lack of sexual education which is very important in marriage affairs. This contributes to the common marriage break down which is an outstanding challenge in families.

MR.Musiitwe Richard a counseling coordinator TASO Entebbe pointed out that constant marriage break down challenges in a family is due to unfaithfulness, where couples have extra marital affairs outside their real marriage. This is paving way your distrust and leading to the common outstanding challenge.

2005 Journal by Sir, Maria Gores of kyambogo pointed out that woman improvement and Emancipation has also on the other hand contributed to the outstanding problem in marriage because most women are assuming more power than their husbands and their results into constant fights and quarrels which are common in families to day and I agree with the above literature.

Darnbeough and Derek (1980) Sex directory 2nd edition he pointed out the common case of marriage break down which is an outstanding challenges in families is due to unsatisfied sexual gratification for example where by her husband will opt for someone who can satisfy him

sexually which is in a long run going to cause problems of extra marital affairs leading to marriage break down.

J.A Hard Field (1928) Child hood and adolescence 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, he pointed out that the major source of marriage break down is due to disrespect, unfaith fullness and luck of submissiveness among couples in marriage which leads to a common marriage break down in families.

Arthur, Jarsind and Judith (1778) 1<sup>st</sup> edition the Psychology of adolescents pointed out that luck of love in marriage, making quarrels and nagging ladies in their respective families also contribute to that out standing marriage break down which is common to day.

According to the campaign launched by the Young Empowered and Healthy (YEAH) in collaboration with students partners worldwide under theme short time gain and long time lose is aimed at discouraging the Youths from accepting money and gifts which may lead them in to forced marriages which is also contributing to the outstanding marriage break down in families.

According to YEAH is an initiative of Uganda Aids Commission, Janet Museveni and Kuteesa the YEAH project officer said that the studies show that 9/10 girls 15 and 18 are being forced in to trivial marriage when they are not yet mature physically, and emotionally which is another factor behind marriage break down in families.

Rita L Atkinson and Richard Atkinson (1958) joint author Introduction to psychology pointed out that people of different interest, ambitions are likely not to stay for a long time because of different interests and this can cause immorality in families which can also pave way for marriage break down in families today.

Lepton Lester A (1946) in adolescent psychology, he pointed out the major cause of marriage break down which is an outstanding challenge in families is due to biological dysfunctional problems and biological impairments for instance infertility and importance.

Thomas L Jan (1980) Examining the moral Society. He pointed out that the major cause marriage break down is due to irresponsible parents and frequent use of alcohol and drugs also contributes t the outstanding marriage break down which is also contributing to the outstanding marriage break down which is in families.

The former Member of Parliament or Mbarara municipality Hon. Winnie Byanyima and human rights activist Maria Matembe while addressing a group of people on Women's Day, she pointed out that the common marriage break down which in outstanding challenge is due to western culture which has killed out moral norms hence creating more ground for disrespect in families.

Joe Jenkins (1964) contemporary moral issues He pointed out that the major cause of increasing and outstanding marriage break down in families is due to the constant infidelity among married partners hence leading to the outstanding marriage break down which is outstanding challenge in families.

According to the Daily Monitor article published on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008 the bishop of Soroti diocese Obaikol Charles while presiding over the chaotic wedding o Alonso and Ebaju, he stressed that the common causes of the marriage problems in families is because, most of the couples are not following the principles of marriage based on faithfulness, forgiveness, submission and commitment in their families or the way of overcoming the problems and he called upon them to observe these principles of marriage to avoid marriage challenges.

Sociology of deviant behavior (1985) by Marshall B Hinard and Robert F Mercer, pointed out that physical disability and impairments results in to stigma and discrimination for example if one couple is infertile or impotent, contribution to the outstanding marriage break down because the victims are isolated and discriminated in all aspects of life in general hence causing break down.

Sigmund Freud, Theory of personality development .He pointed out that religious or spiritual concern were cases they are as a result of personality disorders in terms of fixation that is people or an individual misses a stage in his /personal development they end up affecting them in their

life and he hopped to marry such kind o people who are fixated, she/he may want to enjoy those stages in future or instance people clubbing at the age of 62 and above, she is already fixated so this whole social problems are hence leading to marriage break down challenges in families.

Carl Gustier Jung (1961) in his personality theory, he also believed that religious or spiritual concern were more than sublimed to sexual desires and went ahead and said that lack of sex education and principle of marriage to adults – contributes to anti social behavior like infidelity and unfaithfulness which is in long run leading to challenges of marriage aspects. And gradually to marriage break down which is very outstanding challenges families in general and so people should have enough sex education in preparation for their future life regardless of factors surrounding them.

Erik Erickson theory of lifelong development he studies with Anna Fred Sigmund. Fred's daughter pointed out that avoidance of commitment, intimacy isolation of love and distancing oneself from the other in marriage bring marriage break down which is outstanding challenges in families to day.

H.Gardner (1982) developmental psychology 2<sup>na</sup> edition pointed out that the major causes of marriage break down challenges in families today is due to un loyalty in marriage.

The Sunday Monitor December 16, 2007, Ms Lois Ochieng a senior lecturer at Makerere University and a Bugolobi based counselor, she cited that a woman's home is the most important thing in her life and she should want to be respected, loved and shown total commitment in the families and if the above mentioned love affiliation and affection is not shown women most resort to separation hence leading to the common outstanding marriage break down challenges in their respective families.

Indeed Mr. Simeon Nsubuga, the Kampala extra policeman said that many love related case of murder and causing grievous bodily harm bearing acid are rife in our communities and families and they are as the result of the outstanding marriage breakdown which is common on families at times ladies silly mistake that will cause them regrets.

Mr. Paul Nyedoa social psychologist at the department of psychology, Makerere university, he said it should be concern for society to enhance sex education, and that people get married to get children or for financial reasons but if the two fail to work out than it will grievously lead to the episode of the outstanding marriage breakdown in families as the result of children and financial reasons.

The human rights activist and the former member of parliament for Mbarara municipality Winnie Byanyima also cited that in battle of sexes the women surveyed in the nation that men are national chiefs in relationship and indeed, more men than women also agreed that they would cheat on their partners if they know that they would not be caught, however, both sexes are apparent agreement that it is true that women cheat more than men only that they work harder not to be caught but this constant cheating between the two partners is grievously leading to the marriage breakdown which is outstanding challenges in families today

## CHAPTER THREE

# **METHODOLOGY**

## 3.0 INTRODUCTION

The charter presents the methodological aspects used while the study was being carried out, It explains the research design that focused on both quantitative and qualitative of data collection, scope of the study sample, the study area, the study population, sample procedures and as well as the problems encountered while under taking the research. The study was carried out in Kitoro division B Entebbe Municipality Wakiso district and the targeted groups of people were parents with families in the area only.

#### 3.1 THE STUDY AREA

The study was carried out in Kitoro division B Entebbe Municipality Wakiso District and the targeted group of people was parents with families in the area only.

#### 3.2 THE STUDY POPULATION

The targeted populations were parents with their families in Kitoro. The social demographical back ground was not a matter if one was willing to be a major focus was to be given or put on group discussion as a way of getting appropriate information from them.

#### 3.3 SAMPLE SIZE

The researcher used a variety to gather data from about 76 respondents. These included the husbands, house wives and their children who provided information about the selected topic. However, due to limited resources research was limited to only 76 respondents who were randomly selected during the study, self administered questionnaires were conducted to each of the parents selected randomly, in publication were consulted for more information in the study.

# 3.4 SAMPLE PROCEEDURES

All the respondents (parents with their families) selected randomly this was to help in getting information from them conversant

#### 3.4 THE STUDY DESIGN

This study was a case study design intended to ensure deeper investing in the study of the subject matter on marriage break down in families today, it was within Kitoro and the findings were to be referred to other families in Wakiso district and a whole country at large.

#### 3.5 RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS

During the study, the researcher used a variety of methods including both qualitative and quantitative while in the field, the questionnaires were distributed to all families in the same locality as the way of getting appropriate information from them during data collection.

I was involved in the observation on how families operate in Kitoro; this will enable me to obtain hidden information.

# Key informants:

Key informants interviews were applied with the interviews guides and face to face interviews were used. These key informant interviews applied to housewives, husbands and their children who had information. This method was used because it could help to bring out the hidden literature and information. In this case it involved those women who have been victims of marriage break down.

## Documentary review:

At this stage, information collected involved the reviewed literature from several magazines, newspapers, journals, books, news, and letters. These sources where easily accessible in sub county offices and places like local leaders offices, libraries, about the topic. This method provided quantitative data in form of statistics.

### Observation:

Observation is a primary method of collecting data by human, electrical, or electric means. The researcher had direct contact or communication with parents and what they are going through.

This method was used where was easy to access respondents. In case of any difficulties to the respondents not to give data because of some reasons, it became easy to observe and this

provided accurate information because it was observed by the researcher he self. The method provided qualitative data as well

# In depth interview:

It was used to collect data from individual, parents and their children. An independent interview guide help the researcher to be systematic while asking questions getting information and generating much information, about the topic and for the help the researcher to prove and explain issues that where un clear to the respondents and also the systematic questioning that was followed.

# Focus group discussion:

The researcher facilitated discussion on the topic of study to one family. This method provided much information on the attitudes and efforts. The exercise was characterized by probing and open-ended questions.

#### 3.5 DATA ANALYSIS

The data was analyzed using quick summery methods after evaluating the findings and relating them to the past studies. The data from the field was edited, sorted and presented on tables and percentages. The quantitative data from the field was collected edited, coded, sorted and presented in tables and frequencies after the study. Data was entered in to the computer and analyzed using soft ware called Statistical Processing for Social Scientist (SPSS) Sub-themes and categories were developed from the study objectives and the collected showed the nature and trends of marriage break down.

#### Ethical consideration.

Before setting off for field work, the researcher received a letter of introduction from the office of head of department commissioning her to carry out the study with an aim.

While in the field, the researcher was always keen to inform the respondents. This helped the researcher not to be under looked as strangers in the Entebbe.

# 3.7 LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

- There was a problem of finance. This came in the way that Limited funds for transport money, stationary
- Language buriers this is because the selected area for research was illiterate so the researcher had to interpretation.
- Luck of openness by the people, for example most illiterate people feel shy and can't talk freely.
- Delay of the quationieres with respondents this is because some of the respondents know that the questionnaires were needed urgently.
- Bad weather that is too much rainfall. However in spite of the fact that I encountered numerous problems, the research was successful.

# CHAPTER FOUR

# 4.0 PRESENTATIONS, INTERPRETATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE FINDINGS.

#### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter interprets and discusses the findings on the study assessing the challenges of marriage break down in families in Kitoro. It also presents the outcomes of the study on different variables. The presentations are derived from the data collected and the objectives of the study as presented in tables. The study was carried out in Entebbe Municipality division B Kitoro as the case study area and the targeted group of people willing were given the chance during the study as the way of getting first hand information from the respondents in the study and besides the questionnaires were given to parents with families in the total of 76. 38 were given to married people and 38 were also given to the people who were willing were given a chance in the study. In general in all the questionnaires were answered negatively during the study and the data was analyzed in percentages and tables.

# 4.2 CATEGORY OF RESPONDENTS

# 4.3 TABL1: SHOWING RESPONDENT BY SEX

QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE PARENTS WITH FAMILIES	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Female	43	56%
Male	33	44%
Total	76	100%

Source: Primary Data

Table 1 indicates that 56% (43/76) (of the respondents were female as compared to the male who were at 44%. (33/76) They all responded to the questionnaires given to them in the study.

According to research, more questionnaires were given to the females because most of them are house wives who remain at home so they were more available compared to the men who don't stay at home full time.

It was sited that the females were the most victims of marriage break down because they are they are vulnerable to the challenges and today's societies women are not favored you find that its men who are allowed to practice polygamy so women are affected.

4.4 TABLE 2: SHOWING RESPONDENTS BY AGE GROUPS.

Age	Frequency	Percentage
18 – 20	10	14%
20 -25	30	39%
30 and	36	47%
above		
Total	76	100%

Source: Primary Data

Table 2 indicates that the highest percentage of the age group of respondents was 36 and was 20 - 25 years of age and 14% of the age group of 18 - 20 years of age hence the respondents in 30 and age were very courageous to reveal the information during the study.

During to the study questionnaires were randomly distributed to parents and their children, and they were from different ages. Several people from 30 years and above were the majority because they were in the married group and the rest were students who were willing to provide information

According to the study the most educated people who were able to identify the causes of marriage break down in Kitoro were willing to come up and create solutions to the problem identified.

4.6 TABLE 4 SHOWING RESPONDENTS BY MARITAL STATUS.

MARITAL STATUS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Married	43	56%
Single	30	39%
Others	03	5%
Total	76	100%

Source: Primary Data

Table 4 indicates the highest of the respondents were married at 56% (43/76) compared to 39% (30/76) who were single and 5% (3/76)others revealed the appropriate information about the challenges of marriage break down in families.

Basing on the findings, there were three categories of people that were interviewed from Kitoro. The married constituted of the majority because they are the ones who had families and they are the ones who face marriage break down and the single were second and this were students, my class mates who contributed a lot in providing information about the phenomena.

According to the findings from the study marriage break down was high among the married people of 25-35 of years because most of the people at that age do not look at marriage as an important thing in the society, so incase of any problem in the marriage, they can easily break down.

It was discovered that the married people, mostly the husbands tend to cheat on their wives with school girls who call them sugar daddies so when their wives discover this, some women tend to walk away hence marriage break down.

# 4.7 TABLE 5: SHOWING THE DIFFERENT RELIGIONS ACCORDING TO RESPONDENTS.

RELIGIONS	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGES	
Born Again	30	39.5	
Muslims	20	26.3	
Protestants	15	19.7	
Catholics	10	13.2	
Others	1	1.3	
Total	76	100%	

Source: Primary data.

According to the findings in table 5 above, the Born Again were 39.5% (30/76), Muslims were 26.3% (20/76), Protestants were 19.7% (15/76), Catholics were 13.2% (10/76) and the last category were the 0thers which score1.3%(1/76).

This consequently implied that the Born Again were the most occupants of the area, the second categories were the Muslims who had more males than females. This was followed by the Protestants with less people; the Catholics were the minority group in the area.

Religion has been on the other hand been included and used by most researchers due the fact it's so necessary to understand which religion people belonged to. But it should be noted that religion has been responsible for marriage break down in Kitoro.

The failure of religious leaders to preach the gospel about the role marriage in a family, any way the researcher went along and interacted with people from different religions such as, Born Again, Muslims, Protestants, and Catholics. However, some respondents did not tell the researcher to which religion they belonged hence the researcher referred to them as pagans.

# 4.8 TABBLE 6: SHOWING THE OCCUPATIONAL BACK GROUND OF THE RESPONDENTS.

OCCUPATION	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE	
Unemployed	40	52.6	
Self employed	6	7.9	
Employed	30	39.5	
Total	76	100%	

# Source: Primary data

From the study findings in table 6 above, the unemployed comprised of 52.6% (40/76) self employed 7.9 (6/76) employed 39.5(30/76).

Basing on the above findings in Kitoro, it was noted that most people were not employed comprised of the majority of which this had been attributed to the collapse of Uganda Air Lines at Entebbe International Air Port. They comprised of males, house wives.

The self employed came second and they were believed to have had capital to which they used to start up business such as selling of retail shops and others were involved in charcoal businesses so to sustain their families.

The employed were the least people and they claimed to have been in school so they qualified for professional jobs .Among the categories were the teachers, health workers community social workers. The researcher noted that there is need for greater emphasis on the encouraging self income generation projects to reduce poverty

4.9 TABLE 7: SHOWING THE REAL MEANING OF MARRIAGE BREAK DOWN

MEANING OF MARRIAGE	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGES
BREAK DOWN.		
Separation and divorce	40	52.6%
Luck of total commitment	30	39.5%
Misunderstanding on marital affaires	6	9%
Total	76	100%

Source: Primary data

Depending and basing on the information from the study was revealed that separation and divorce were 52% (40/76), Luck of total commitment39% (30/76) misunderstanding 9% (6/76) according to the respondents

Item no.7 aimed at identifying the real meaning of marriage break down challenges in families. According to the respondents in the field, they defined it as when the marriage is unstable, no love, mutual love, lack of respect, disagreements hence leading to separation of couples or partners due to poor linkages in the entire family. During the study majority of the respondents revealed it in the questionnaires given to them as the way of getting their views and responded negatively.

According to the research different people had different definitions for marriage break down and this showed me that this incidence has been happening in the society.

4.10 TABLE 8: SHOWING THE MAJOR CAUSES OF MARRRIAGE BREAK DOWN IN FAMILIES.

CAUSES	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE
Poverty	15	20%
Sickness	25	32%
Alcoholism	8	11%
Drug use	6	8%
Religious factors	10	1.3%
Bride price	8	11%
Moral degradation	4	4%
Total	76	100%

Source: Primary data

Basing on the results from the study table 8 Poverty was 20% (15/76) Sickness 32% (25/76) Alcoholism 11% (8/76) Drug use8% (6/76) (Religious factors 1.3% (10/76) Bride price 11% (8/76) and moral degradation 4% (4/76).

Item No.8 aimed at identifying the causes of marriage break down challenges in families and the following were identified alcoholism, financial hardships, cultural beliefs, luck of marital love, drug abuse, sickness like aids, moral degenerations, permissiveness, pornography, badcampany, mental problems, unfaithfulness, poverty, divorce, all were revealed by the respondents in the study.

It was identified that most families where the father takes alcohol, they tend to have confusion in their homes and sometimes the husband cheats on the wife which can cause marriage break down. And also certain diseases like Aids which has no cure, if the couples discover that they have then they will start blaming one another other, so the couple can easily separate hence marriage break down.

# 4.11 TABLE 9: SHOWWING THE CONSEQUENCES OF MARRIAGE BREAK DOWN ACCORDING TO THE RESPONDENTS.

CONSEQUENCES	FREQUENCY	PERCENTAGE	
Family Neglect	27	35%	
Single parent families	25	32%	
Psychosocial impacts	20	26%	
Drug usage	2	2%	
Prostitution	2	2%	
Total	76	100%	

# Source: Primary data

Table 9, indicates that it caused family neglect which was 35% (27/76) single parent families 32% (32/76) psychosocial impact constituted of 26% (20/76) drug usage 2% (2/76) prostitution 2% (2/76).

Accordingly, the biggest percentage was families as a result of unfaithfulness by their husbands who end up even practicing polygamy causing more confusion in the family. Most women have been single parents in Kitoro because their husbands have rejected them due to poverty and they can't sustain their families.

Item no 9 aimed at identifying the consequences of marriage break down in families and the following were mentioned, high rate of street children, spread of HIV/AIDS, families neglect, lack of parental care moral degeneration, mental &psychological problems, low self esteem to the children and were revealed in the study.

There was psychosocial impacts on all the people affected by marriage break down in their families, these may make children escape from home, think of committing suicide because they think they are not loved by any one.

# 4.12 TABLE 10: SHOWING THE EFFORTS PUT IN PLACE IN CURBING MARRIAGE BREAK DOWN.

EFFORTS	FREQUECY	PERCENTAGE
General family counseling	6	7.8%
Faith fullness	27	35%
Referral and net working with other service providers like police.	12	15%
Holding family work shops	6	7.8%
Joining religious groups	25	32%
Total	76	100%

# Source: Primary data

From table 10 above, Reveals that much efforts were put in sensitizing the masses about the being faith to their partners with 35%(27/76), joining religious groups 32%(32/76) working with service providers like police 15% (12/76) and lastly general family counseling and holding family workshops scored the same 7.8%(6/76).

Campaigns have been carried out so that people come down that people should know their rights in the family. This has been done by sensitizing the masses through radios, news papers, and workshops about faithfulness which was discovered to be the best way of marriage break down in the society, and the concerned authority like the police religious leaders, social workers should intervene.

Item no.10 which aimed at identifying ways of curbing down the mentioned problem being Faithfull, mutual love, seeking guidance & counseling from elders or friends, personnel, respecting the traditional beliefs, encouraging the couples to repent, respecting each ones interests, preaching tolerance among the married couples all were revealed as the way of curbing down the mentioned problems which is seeming a serious challenges in families.

#### CHAPTER FIVE

# 5.0 SUMMERY, CONCLUSION, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

#### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

The chapter of the report presents the summary of the findings, conclusion, Recommendation and suggestions for further research, the research was on the challenges of marriage break down in families. It's also involved an investigation the causes of marriage breakdown in Entebbe Municipality Wakiso District; The Methodological aspect includes sampling of right from parents to the top communities. The sstudy was carried on in Kitoro Division B 76 respondents and these include parent with their families and other optional persons

# **5.2 SUMMERY**

The study aimed at accessing the challenges of marriage down in families by identifying the real meaning marriage break down. The related factors available indicate that there are a number of factors that have been reached so far in influencing marriage break down in Kitoro, Entebbe Municipality, division B. The study reveals the challenges of marriage break down were by parents separate and fail to give attention to their children. Basing on the findings from the study indicates that marriage break down challenges in families is increasing and is very common in families because of the problems identified in chapter four.

In summery therefore it should be noted that the problems marriage break down in the areas Wakiso District needed to be addressed to the community, the concerned authority and other agencies so that serious actions are taken against them. This will help to acknowledge marriage breakdown challenges are in particular. Marriage break down is created by the people themselves so there is need for the masses to come up and look at marriage as the future of the family.

# 5.3 CONCLUSION

It's important for the parties to understand their rights and responsibilities in marriages. The Khandi, Imams and the state have a major role to play in order to safe guard the Muslims marriages in Uganda. Parties should be educated on the key principles of marriage before constructing their marriages.

In order to effectively manage the Muslims marriages in Uganda, articles 129(1) (d) of the constitution which carters for the establishment of the Khadi Courts should be put into effect.will enable them have a proper and more regular system of reporting the Sharia Cases, to TheKhadi Court should have exclusive jurisdiction over cases within its powers. This be a source of references to the judges, legal practitioners and the public.

Marriage break down has been of the most alarming situations that have caught on the area of research. Alot of effort has been put in to curbing the challenge. However let it be the concern of each and Every individual to come up and advocate for the matrimonial rights and obligations.

Conclusively basing on the research findings about challenges of marriage break down in Kitoro, to me it's specially meant that the rate of marriage break down was on a high rate in the area because there is high rate of unemployment, poverty, polygamy. This was unstressed when one parent lost his job then he decided to leave his family get working woman, so the continued poverty in the area has also been responsible for the act. So the role of the government and other stake holders to establish policies to be followed before people are married, so as to help reduce the challenges of marriage break down in families.

The findings of the research indicates marriage break down in families is common regardless of any back ground but in the study all objectives as shown in chapter 1 where all achieved appropriately and all their findings are indicated in chapter 4 of this report and never the less all factors are responsible for the seeming marriage break down challenges in families and the information revealed is also applicable to

other family in Wakiso district. In general conclusion the families should promote and seek weekly counseling as the way of upholding the principles of marriage.

# **5.4 SUGGESTIONS**

Basing on the research in the field several parents looked at divorce in families as the main cause marriage break down among married couples while others sited poverty, misunderstandings, and alcohol so this has been a great challenge.

Marriage break down as a challenges in families of Kitoro Entebbe Municipality Wakiso district has caused great concern in the general areas and districts at large especially those families which have been affected by the challenges hence this study was designed to investigate the underlying factors responsible for marriage break down challenges in families of Kitoro as the main case study, chapter 2 highlights various literature as on the marriage break down challenges in families in general in relation to the families in Kitoro, chapter 3 of the study prescribes the methods used in data collection during the study and lastly chapter 4 and 5 shows data presentations in tables and percentages, summary, discussion, recommendations, Questionnaires, introduction letter, reference and the map of the area where the research took place

#### 5.5 RECOMMENDATIONS

After discovering and analyzing all the problems that have led to marriage break down in Kitoro Entebbe Municipality, Wakiso District the researcher has gone on to give some recommendations. Looking at the family situation, these families should sensitize about how dangerous these acts is to the community. Also the concerned authority should come up advice couples who are unstable in marriage Looking at married couples today, there is gender imbalance where women are not given chance comment about their marital status to the concerned authorities for help due fear from their husbands who may punish them. There should be promotion of equity and equality in society because it's through this that all people will be considered as having the same right with the ministry this can be through sensitizing people about equity and equality.

Parents should seek premarital counseling before the real marriage to avoid the identified problems. Community leaders should try much as possible to cooperate and work with the community so as to ensure that these problems are completely eliminated. This can be possible through calling and organizing conferences against marriage break down.

Parents should also attend and seek spiritual counseling as the way of upholding the principles of marriages. This can imply to men who practice polygamy, which was cited as one of the causes of marriage break down ,the Christians say 'one man, one woman' so people should practice monogamy so as to reduce high rate of marriage break down

Parents should be encouraged to be committed to their families and partners to avoid domestic violence which is leading to separation. They should also have enough time for parental love to their couples or partners, this can be done by providing the conjugal rights to each partner as required of them to help in controlling the high rate marriage break down in families.

They should also repent and ought to forgive one another in case of any misunderstandings. This can be done by joining Christian Associations in the churches which can help to hold the marriage affairs and also respect the traditional values of each other to enable them know their roles in the family.

According to the matrimonial Rights and Obligations found in the Islamic law, It teaches about conjugal rights which have significant role in human affaire and the benefits accrue depend them are incalculable. Peace and satisfaction in the life of the married couples mostly depend upon their mutual good relations. Love is the main theme adding to their quantum and happiness between husband and wife. The Quran 31:21 states

And among his signs is this, that he created for you mates from yourself that you may dwell in tranquility with them, and he has put love and mercy between your (hearts) verily in that are signs for those who reflect.

# 5.6 AREAS OF FUTHER RESEARCH

There is need for further studies on the problems that are escalating marriage breakdown.

In the district, Besides, the people should be sensitizing about dangers of marriage breakdown.

The concerned authority should come up to be an active element towards this act or

Else the society would continue breaking marriages.