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ABSTRACT

The study aimed at investigating the factors affecting pupils' enrolment in Tanzanian primary school and to propose measures to solve problem. The study also examined application of Education and Training policy, Acts, Regulations and Circulars, Which are used as directives in pupils' enrolment in primary schools.

The researcher used interviews to collect data from school Committee chairperson, village council chairperson, parents whose children are not enrolled in primary school and the children who are not enrolled in primary schools. Questionnaires were used to Head Teachers, ward Education coordinators and the District Education Officer because they can read and write.

The findings revealed that several factors such as lack of special schools and classrooms for the children with disabilities, low income child labor, and lack of family planning and early marriages. Others were divorce, parent' death and improper application of education Act, Regulation and circulars.

The researcher recommended that:

Government and Non-government organization should increase mass mobilization and sensitization on education issues. Government and Non government organizations should increase education budget to cover education costs, specifically to meet requirements of the children with disabilities and other marginalized groups., Also Government and Non government organizations should advocate changes of

bad cultural behaviors such as divorce, early marriages and encourage family planning.

Government and Non-government organization should take special attention to orphans and street children by providing education serves.