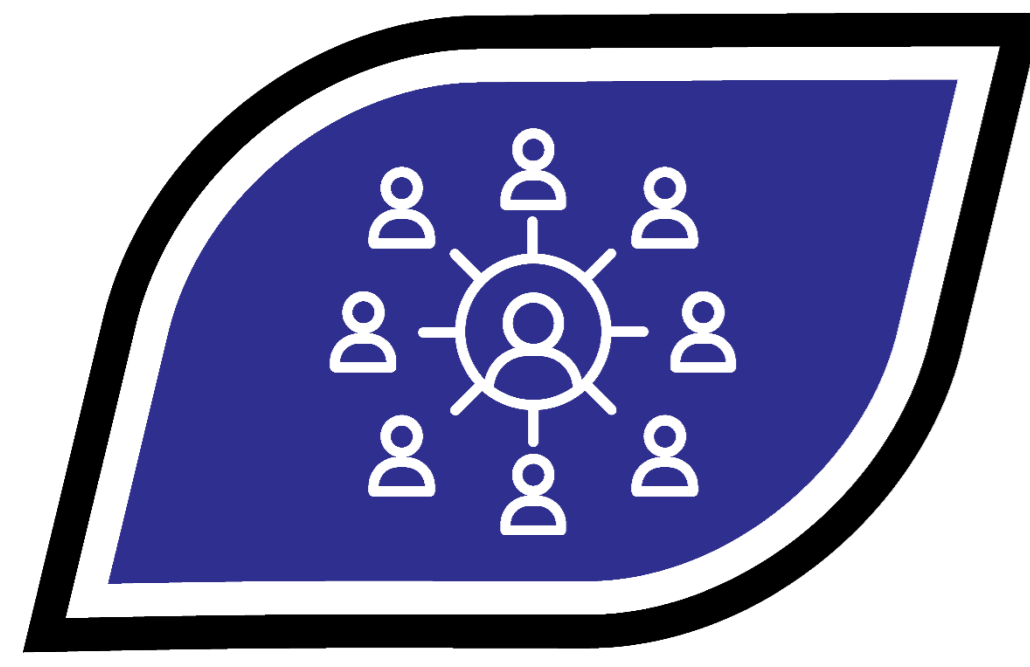


THE EFFECT OF BOARDING SCHOOLS ON CHILDREN

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Introduction

The term boarding is derived from the term room and board, which means children eat their meals with their fellow pupils and teachers and lodge with them in dormitory buildings or small housing structures. Most boarding schools close during holidays, providing pupils time to spend with their families. Although not so common, some boarding schools even permit parents to visit their children in day in a month.

AIM OF THE PROJECT.

-The aim of the project is to analyze the effect (positive and negative) of sending children under 10 years to boarding schools just because many women are busy with employments and business. Also, the project aims to advise the majority on which age is most suitable to send their children to boarding school.

Method

WHY DO PARENTS SEND CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS TO BOARDING SCHOOLS?

Because of various challenges of life, and because so free education in Tanzania, the majority are educated and employed and others are self-employed in business and majority also think that women are more faithful to supervise business than men, so, it is this situation that makes parents to have no free time to stay with their families. However many parents consider that boarding schools as the only solution prior to solve the challenge of staying with children most of time. However, some parents who enrolled their children in boarding school normally do so with hope of reaping the educational benefits, children are often excited to build lifelong relationship with their peers. Also due to a large number of people in the society to be employed especially women. Children lack the parent who could take care; thus, parents send them to boarding schools.

Example we visited Njombe town and met Mr. Given Mwalongo, the chairperson of BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NJOMBE(UMOJA WA WAFANYA BIAHARA NJOMBE) and gave us the data of people who are business people in Njombe and most of the were women as shown below in the table



Results

The following figure shows the rate of involvement of women in business in Njombe region.

In our findings we also discovered that a lot of parents who sent their children in boarding schools were employed by the government and become difficult for them to stay with their children at home therefore they sent their children to boarding schools. And others who sent their children to boarding schools are the one who are economically stable. The table below the percentage of parents who were employed and of those who were not employed after asking the children.

The following is the general results summary on the impact of sending children under 10 years to boarding schools from the data collected

In our findings we have come to the conclusion that even if many parents claim that they send children under ten years to boarding schools just because of quality education, the truth we have got from children is that it is just because of circumstance and environment that force these children to be sent to boarding.

Therefore, in our research we came to the conclusion that there are few advantages and many disadvantages of sending children under ten years to boarding schools as follows:

ADVANTAGES

(a) Children learn to be independent. Boarding schools are the perfect place to self-reliance. These schools have strict rules and regulations that every student has to follow, so it becomes normal for children to do their chores, like checking if schools' uniform is clean or not, organizing their bookshelves and more, they also learn to solve their daily problems themselves, which help them in future.

Conclusion

As scientist we have passed in schools and seen the way children are living and behaving psychologically, we advise the parents to send the children to boarding schools at least after primary school, because when a child has completed primary school he or she is already more than 13 years, at this age a child can have self-reasoning and control on so many things.

Also, we advise parents to ensure that they are economically stable before sending their children to boarding schools. This will help children to live comfortable without any disturbance like dropping out due to lack of school fees.

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AREA OF WORK	WORKERS OF THE SHOP	
	MALE	FEMALE
NJOMBE MARKET	31	168
SOKO LA WAKULIMA	08	39
SOKO MIJINGA	-	19
MTAA WA POSTA	12	28
SOKO LA DODOMA		
MTAA WA MACHINGA	87	07
MTAA WA VEGAS	12	27
CHAUGINGE	15	29

