

Assessment of Male Underrepresentation in MVP Primary Schools in Ruhiira, Uganda

Research Questions

1. What explains the gender disparity in favor of female students in MVP schools?
2. What are the characteristics of the students who drop out of school?
3. Why are some students, particularly boys, dropping out of school?
4. How can this phenomenon be prevented through changes at the school and community level?

Methodology

- Focus group discussions and interviews with 50 teachers
- Community meetings and home visits
- CEW meeting

According to FGDs and KIIs with parents, teachers, and CEWs, boys leave school because of:

- **Economic opportunities**
- **Lack of parental care**
- **Lack of school fees**
- **Students are too old**
- **Demotivation of male students**
- **Lack of role models**

You will find that that [overage] kid really doesn't like studying as those young ones. It's like to a certain extent he is losing hope or he is losing morale. It's like he's here passing time.

-Teacher at Ngoma

