

**TO ESTABLISH THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOCIO-
DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, AND CONDUCT DISORDER
AMONG GIRLS INCARCERATED AT KIRIGITI AND DAGORETTI
REHABILITATION SCHOOLS IN KENYA.**

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ABSTRACT

Behavioural problems have remained a critical problem among girls incarcerated in rehabilitation schools. The purpose of this study was to establish the relationship between socio-demographic characteristics and conduct disorder among girls incarcerated at Kirigiti and Dagoretti rehabilitation schools. The researcher purposively sampled the only two girls' government rehabilitation schools at Kirigiti and Dagoretti in Kiambu and Nairobi counties respectively. Quantitative method was used to collect the data through the use of questionnaire and Achenbach youth self-report (YSR) (11-18 years). Baseline data was collected in the two sites. The data was analyzed using SPSS version 21. T-test, Chi square, Anova as well as Ancova tests were carried. The prevalence rates conduct disorder was 55%.

Keywords: Conduct disorder, rehabilitation, and incarcerated.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In Kenya, the numbers of juvenile delinquents that joined rehabilitation school have been increasing from the year 1990; with the total juvenile arrest rates peaking in 1996 at 9,443 per 100,000 among youth aged 10 to 18 and falling by one-third in 2008 to 6,318 per 100,000 (Griffin, 2010). This trend changed with the current juveniles in custody having increased by over 60 % (2008-2012) from 6,318 to 13,108 per 100,000 (Griffin, 2010). Many Juvenile delinquents are apprehended for committing crimes such as disorderly conduct, drug and substance offences, prostitutions, truancy, loitering, as well as possession of stolen properties. It is important to note that not all girls in the rehabilitation centers are convicted for crimes. Some girls in these centers are victims of crime, or neglect by their families, hence they join rehabilitation centers for care and protection. They stay in these schools for a maximum of three years only, after which they are integrated back to their families and community at large.