

**INFLUENCE OF PRIVATE BUSINESS ON PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER  
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## **ABSTRACT**

This research report was about “Influence of Private Business on Teacher Attendance in Masaba Sub-county Primary schools, Busia District, (2020-2022)”. Masaba Sub County was research area. Questionnaire interviews & focused group discussion among others were used to collect data. The objective was to find out how teachers with private businesses attended to duty; and to identify why privates businesses attracted teachers.

Outcome was 78% had private businesses, most of these were irregular. The attraction was failure to achieve greatest happiness for extended family life

Researcher recommends further research to improve income levels within teaching life from within school and training.

## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Background to the study**

This research study was about “Influence of Private Business on Teacher Attendance in Masaba Sub-county, Busia District, and (2020-2022)”. The community where the research was carried out was Basamia who live in Busia district. Geographically they are located in Eastern Uganda bordering the Republic of Kenya and north-eastern shores of Lake Victoria.

The main economic activities are mixed farming and fishing in the main lake mentioned above and some swamps within. From the ages memorial the ancestors have engaged in fishing which forms the main component of their diet.

Perhaps the most important economic activity is cross-border trade. Many Basamia have prospered building beautiful homesteads and educating their children mainly due to trade with the neighboring Kenya. Trade across the border has indeed become a cultural menu in the life of the people.

This research was partly motivated by this factor – business and business culture of the people of Masaba Sub County. The researcher noticed that nearly every person who has any professional career also has side business to support the official salary. School going adolescent children as well their parents also engage in this activity that seems lucrative.

However, the most important observation and question focused on the teacher in primary schools in Masaba Sub County. Most of the teachers in Masaba Sub County primary schools run private businesses. The question that came up in the mind of the researcher was, “are the teachers who

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