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List of Acronyms

DEO : District Education Officer

DIS : District Inspector of Schools

EAC : East African Community

EMCDDA : European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction

EU : European Union

NACADA : National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse

NIDA : National Institute on Drug Abuse

OAS : Organization of American States

SAMHSA : Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

SANCA : South African National Council on Alcoholism

UNECA : United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

UNODC : United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

UNODC : United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

WHO : World Health Organization

CICAD : Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission

Abstract

The study examined how managing drug usage affects the psycho-social well-being of secondary school pupils in Mbale City, Uganda. This study aimed to investigate the connection between drug abuse education and awareness, the availability of drug abuse prevention and intervention programs, the enforcement of drug abuse policies, and the psycho-social well-being of students in secondary schools in Mbale City. This study utilized a cross-sectional survey methodology, incorporating both quantitative and qualitative research methods with a sample size of 316 respondents (comprising 108 teachers, 201 students, 5 head teachers, 1 DIS, and 1 DEO) in Mbale city. A total of 301 responses were collected. The questionnaire's reliability and validity were determined using the Cronbach Alpha coefficient ($\alpha = 0.805$) and the Content Validity Index (CVI) of 86.5%. The study included Simple Random Sampling, Purposive Sampling, and Census Inquiry methodologies. The data collection instruments used were questionnaires and interview guides. The data were analyzed using SPSS software version 23, focusing on descriptive statistics, Pearson correlation, and Multiple Regression analysis. The qualitative data were analyzed using the verbatim approach, which involved capturing direct quotes from the data set that were relevant to the study objectives. Pearson's correlation coefficient was used to assess the statistical significance of the association between drug abuse management and the psycho-social well-being of secondary school pupils in Mbale City. The study found a positive, statistically significant but moderate relationship between drug abuse awareness and education and learners' psycho-social well-being (r= 0.371**p > 0.05), a statistically significant but moderate relationship between drug abuse prevention and intervention programs and learners' psycho-social well-being (r= 0.445**p < 0.05), and a statistically significant but moderate relationship between drug abuse policy enforcement and learners' psycho-social well-being (r= 0.417**p < 0.05) in Mbale city. This study examines drug abuse education programs in secondary schools in Mbale city, assessing the effectiveness of policies and regulations in addressing drug abuse issues and providing insights into school-based drug abuse prevention programs. The report suggests that schools should prioritize training teachers in drug abuse prevention and education. Schools and educational authorities should allocate resources towards extensive training and professional development programs for teachers engaged in drug misuse prevention.

Chapter One

Introduction

1.0 Introduction to the Study

This study examined the influence of drug abuse management on learners' psycho-social well-being among secondary school students in Mbale City. The chapter presents the background, problem statement, purpose of the study, objectives, research questions, hypotheses of the study, conceptual framework, and scope of the study and significance of the study.

1.1 Background to the study

Drug abuse is a global issue that has been a concern for governments, healthcare professionals, and society at large. Its placement on the Psycho-social well-being on the learners is little talked about and yet it's a big issue. Over the years, various approaches have been implemented to manage drug abuse and its associated problems. These approaches include prevention programs, treatment options, harm reduction strategies, and law enforcement efforts (WHO, 2021).

It is evident that, the United States has faced persistent issues related to drug abuse. Efforts to manage drug abuse in the country have involved a combination of prevention programs, treatment services, and law enforcement measures. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has played a crucial role in providing treatment resources and coordinating prevention efforts across different states (National Institute on Drug Abuse [NIDA], 2021). Similarly, Europe has grappled with drug abuse problems, particularly concerning the use of illicit substances such as heroin, cocaine, and amphetamines. The European Union (EU) has prioritized drug abuse management through a comprehensive approach that encompasses prevention, treatment, and harm reduction measures. The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) provides valuable data and

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