

## ABSTRACT

Internal efficiency is a major concern to many countries desire to provide secondary education to their citizens. However internal inefficiency has been experienced in many countries which is characterised by drop-out rates, repetition and low transition rates. The purpose of this study was to investigate the perception of Early Marriages on internal efficiency in public secondary schools in Narok South Sub-County. The selected indicators of internal efficiency in the study included dropouts' rates, repetition rates and transition rates. According to Basic Education Statistics Data, Ministry of Education (MOE, 2015) early marriages is a major cultural factor influencing girl's dropout rates, repetition rates and low transition rates in public secondary schools in Narok South Sub-County. The study adopted correlational research design. The theoretical framework was the production function theory which bases on the efficiency of a firm. The total target population was 177 of which 34 were principals and 133 class secretaries. The researcher sampled 155 respondents which comprised of 31 principals and 124 class secretaries in public secondary schools in Narok South Sub County. Purposive sampling was used to select the principals while stratified sampling to select the class secretaries according to the classes. Data was collected using interview schedule for principals and questionnaire for the class secretaries. Data was analysed qualitatively and quantitatively. The hypothesis was tested at 0.05 level of significance. The study found out that early marriages had a P-value of 0.01. This indicates a significant perception on internal efficiency in public secondary schools in Narok South Sub-County. The researcher recommended that the government and other stakeholders should enhance internal efficiency by creating awareness to parents on the retrogressive cultural practices in Narok South Sub-County. The ministry of education to increase the number of boarding secondary schools in Narok South Sub-County in order to help students to continue with education without internal inefficiency. Index Terms— Perception, Early Marriages and Internal Efficiency.