

The Causes of Primary School Dropout among Rural Girls in Morocco: a Case Study of Sidi Smail District

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Abstract

The present study reflects on the causes of primary school dropout among rural girls in Morocco. It takes Sidi Smail, a rural area in El Jadida province as a case study. The main goal of this study is to find out and discuss the root causes contributing to the problem and provide some recommendations in an attempt to fight the female dropout plight. The study opts for a qualitative research method, using a semi-structured interviewing technique. The causes of female dropout found in this study are related to financial circumstances, health problems, child labour, remote school, school related issues, girls' lack of motivation, parents' negative perception of female education, and early marriage.

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