

**FACTORS INFLUENCING NUTRITIONAL STATUS OF PRE-SCHOOL  
CHILDREN IN MFANGANO DIVISION, MBITA SUB-COUNTY**

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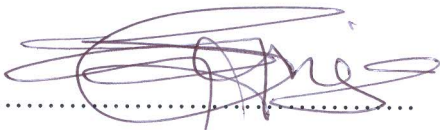
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## **ABSTRACT**

The purpose of this study was to investigate factors affecting nutritional status of pre-school children in Mfangano Division, Mbita sub-county. The study considered socio – economic factors, bio- demographic factors and cultural factors as some of the main cause of poor nutritional status in the division. In the literature review, the study examined related studies on issues affecting nutritional status of pre-school children in the Division. The study adopted social constructivist theory to inform the data collection and analysis. The study used questionnaire, interview and observation as the principal data collection instrument. These were administered on the sampled ten pre- schools that were randomly selected. For data analysis and discussion, the researcher used tables, charts and graphs followed by descriptive statistic. The study found that most children in the Division, suffered from poor nutritional status. For proper child development in the division, the government, community, parents and other stakeholders should address the problem of poor nutritional status in the Division.