THE EFFECT OF MOTHER’S EDUCATION ON CHILD SURVIVAL IN KENYA

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ABSTRACT

This paper aimed at investigating the effects of mother’s education on child survival using the selected independent variables which include: marital duration, maternal age at first birth and preceding birth interval. Descriptive and logit regression analysis were carried out on 1998 Kenya Demographic Health Survey in order to assess the effect of mother’s education on child survival.

Analytical result shows that preceding birth interval and maternal age at first birth were significantly related to child survival whereas mother’s education and marital duration was insignificantly and negatively related to child survival.

This study also recommends further research as to whether there is any association or effect between mother’s education and child survival in Kenya. It also recommends that proper intervention programmes be put in place to address the child mortality situation in Kenya while at the same time engaging in aggressive programmes to tackle childhood diseases.