

The study assessed determinants of alcohol consumption among out of school adolescents in Katanga slum, Kampala district.

Objective: The specific objectives of the study were; To assess individual factors influencing alcohol consumption among out of school adolescents, to identify socio-economic factors influencing alcohol consumption among out of school adolescent, and to examine environmental factors influencing alcohol consumption among out of school adolescents.

A cross sectional study design was used on a targeted study population of 263 respondents who were got through simple random sampling and data was collected using structured questionnaires and key informant interview guide.

The study found out that level of education, religion (Catholics), those with family members who drink alcohol, respondents who ever stayed with someone drunk, culture supporting drinking alcohol, respondents who heard, read or watched alcohol advertisements from radios, television, newspaper or received free alcohol from advertising companies and those who ever purchased alcohol from the bar, shop or supermarkets consumed alcohol highly.

Recommendation: The study recommended that mass education campaigns through the use of media like radios, televisions, newspaper and billboards to inform adolescents of the dangers and consequences of alcohol consumption.

Government should enforce a system of placing clear and prominent indicator signs inside bars, shops and supermarkets to prohibit the sale of alcohol to minors. Community leaders like LCs, religious and cultural leaders should educate the community on the adverse effects of alcohol. Government to fast truck the issuance of national IDs that can be used by retailers to identify minors. Collaborating with NGOs to help in the fight against alcoholism.