Women's Access to Higher Education in Africa

Uganda's Experience

Joy C. Kwesiga



Contents

-

.

		ix xiii xiv xv
PART ONE: BACKGROUND		
1.	Introduction Why a book on women's education in Africa?	2 3
2.	Theories and Concepts Human capital theory: Investment in education Social theories of gender inequalities What are the key gender inequalities? Theories on women, gender and development Women-specific development theories Views from the Third World	8 8 14 20 23 26 32
3.	Why Educate Women? Women in the economy Women and health Social change The value and relevance of higher education Positive findings but no change: lip service?	34 34 36 37 40 46
4.	Educational Access and the Gender Gap The meaning of educational access The access debate The access factors	48 48 50 52
5.	Uganda and its System of Education: Setting the Context Structure Educational responsibility Secondary school level The higher education sector Staffing and management of education Summary of new measures to bridge the gender gap in education	85 85 97 98 98 99
6.	The Dichotomy between Women and Men: Scanning Ugandan Society Gender equity and decision-making The administration of justice	104 105 121

•

	Gender equity in the economic sector	122
	Official social support structures	148
	The gender balance sheet	151
PART TWO: THE EVIDENCE		
7.	Introduction to the Survey	154
	Makerere University: Statistics of undergraduate students	158
8.	The Influence of the Family	165
	Parental attitudes	165
	Socio-economic status of the family	170
	Gender-differentiated roles/division of labour	181
	Summary	. 183
9.	The Influence of Society	186
	Family structures and marriage systems	186
	Unequal and uneven development	198
	Summary	216
10.	The Influence of Institutions	217
	Subject offerings and options	217
	Types of secondary schools	225
	Type of primary schools by region (2002)	226
	Type of secondary schools by region	226
	The restrictive nature of the education system	232
	Lack of female role models in education	240
	Lack of careers guidance and counselling	246
	Summary	248
11.	Women's Education in Africa: Future Trends	249
	Complex causes, multiple strategies	250
	Gender, education and development	251
	What is the future?	254
Bibliography		283
Index		308

.