Abstract

In order to assess the health status of students doing their teaching diploma course at the Siriba Teachers College, Maseno, a study of their blood slides, their stools for ova and cysts and their urine samples for urinary tract infection was carried out. A total of 298 students were investigated: 27 (6%) had intestinal parasites, 96 (32.2%) had urinary tract infection, i.e., pyuria, bacteria and epithelial cells in their urines, most of them being females (55/96 or 57.3%). The peak occurrence of urinary tract infections was in the 22-23 year age group. There were four female students who were found to have Trichomonas vaginalis giving a prevalence rate of 1.3%. 