Factsheet on violence against children in schools

FINDINGS ON VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS





EMOTIONAL ABUSE

of children are verbally abused by teachers



SEXUAL ABUSE

of children are abused by male teachers

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CAUSES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS



Drug and substance abuse



Negative perceptions on disability



Parents and teachers perceptions and attitudes to discipline

GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS

- Policy on inclusive education (Under Cabinet review)
- The Basic requirements and Minimum Standards for Education Institutions
- Girls Education Movement and Safe Schools Environment (UNICEF)
- The Children's Rights Club (Save the Children)
- Good Schools Program (Raising Voices)
- Learn without Fear (Plan Uganda)
- Violence Against Children in Schools (ANPPCAN and Child Hope)







Actions that prevent violence against children in schools

- 1. Improve capacity of duty bearers to enforce laws that protect all children including those with disability, against violence and punish perpetrators
- 2. Create child-friendly and safe school environments through sensizitization of learners and teachers about child rights and responsibilities
- Introduce gender responsive and inclusive programming by training teachers and other staff to address gender discrimination and gender-based violence.
- Offer alternative modes of discipline to parents and teachers, and train all school staff in non-violent approaches to education.
- 5. Sensitize communities about abandoning socio-cultural norms that perpetuate violence against children
- 6. Raise parents' and teachers' awareness of the risk of cyber-bullying
- 7. Share global good practices in prevention of violence against children

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including those
with disability, has
a fundamental right
to education. This
education needs to
be delivered in a
conducive and safe
learning environment
that is free of
violence."





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