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EMPOWER CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES AGAINST ABUSE

A FIVE DAY FEDERATION TRAINING CONCLUDED IN LIRA DISTRICT

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A five day training workshop was conducted in Lira district. The workshop was organized by office of the Self-help groups. The purpose of the training was to introduce the federation concept to promoting organizations/ program officers as well as internalize the federation formation process.

In light of this, we assessed our individual Cluster level associations (CLAs), we made a strategic work plan 2009-2011. This strategic work plan will enable ECCA to increase self help groups from 54 to 100, increase Cluster Level Association from 3 to 10, After realizing these targets it will be possible for ECCA to form a federation by 2011.

A federation is the apex stage/level of Self Help Groups, it is also the iden-

tity of Cluster Level Association in its constituency therefore it matters a lot in the implementation of self help approach. The federation will promote peace and justice for the marginalized, influence policy issues in their communities, strengthen Cluster Level Association and sustain all efforts that the promoting organization have been charged with in that particular area. *Don't miss.....formation process in the next quarters sharing.*

WHERE IS THE LOVE?

A Child is any one below the age of 18yrs. How ever this varies widely between countries and even states with in federally – constituted countries. In some societies children are defined by age or by sexual maturity and this goes to show that maturity is relative in our society.

Children are a gift from God so does the Bible stipulate and one who has a child has a good thing. The birth of a child is usually celebrated ,embraced and the parents are a adorned with gifts more to say, thanking them for the life they have brought forth .Every activity surrounding that new being is done with anticipation and love .A childless couple is usually a topic of sarcastic propaganda and not re-

spected in society.

The question is If A CHILD WAS TAKEN IN SUCH AWE, WHAT THEN HAPPENED TO THAT 'CHILD' who is abused, trafficked, prostituted around, neglected and murdered?

The society today is full of cases of child sacrifice defilement, starvations and the list is endless .The media is awash with heart raking stories of incestuous rapes, intended HIV infections child trafficking and neglect.

ECCA (Empowering children in communities against abuse) and partner NGOs this month took it upon themselves to engage in deliberations to pass a drafted bill on the protection of the child. As we write, the bill has been taken for discussion at the Afri-

can Union in Adisababa .

Hope is not lost, the glory of the child is at hand and the civil society with joint effort from government have risen up to fight all forms of violence against the child.

Children are vulnerable and should be jealously protected. The law implementers should not loosen the knot; perpetrators should face the tough arm of the law. **FOR A STICH IN TIME, SAVES NINE....**

By Janet Nanyondo.

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MEDIA ANALYSIS: CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE RANKS HIGHEST.

In this month's media analysis based on the three leading daily news papers- The New Vision and The Daily Monitor, Bukedde and 1 Kenyan news paper, the daily Nation In all the print media analyzed,

Physical violence was the highest form of violence committed in the month of April. cases reported included ,ritual murder,mob justice, murder,robberies.

Murder was the highest for of physical violence committed to especary men who were as well the highest perpetrators of physiacl violence.in pysical violence, there were some minor incidences that led to grave violence like murdering some one because he

was preaching.misunderstandings wer also sited to have caused physiacl violence wher aman and a woman disagreed while in logde where a man picked the bottle and hit the woman to death,bodaboda cyclists were cited as targets of robberies that led to several deaths.for example a bodaboda cycist was killed and tied onto the poles of unfinished building in Luzira akampala surburb and his motor bike stolen.

Child Sexual Abuse was ranked as the second highest form of violence.cases raged from defilement and rape.its nited that these children were victimised by close relatives like stepfathers,uncles and close neighbours.Acase in point was 16 year old girl was defiled by a

step father ,imprignated her and infected her with HIV/ AIDS.Another young girl was sent to the shop by a close neighbour to buy suits and when she came back the man dragged her into the house in Masindi and defiled her.Another case was of three minors who were found in an abandoned house in Nairobi with a man sexually abusing them.

The police,media and ,civil society organisations have tried to fight violence but perpetrators have continued to find a soft landing because of lack of clear policy that is clearly stipulating violence based on gender.