

# ECCA MONTHLY BULLETIN

EMPOWER CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES AGAINST ABUSE.

## *THE ORIGIN OF THE DAY OF AFRICAN CHILD.*

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The organization of African unity (OAU) first created the day of the African child on June 16,1991.it was on this day, In 1976, that thousands of black school children entered the street of Soweto, South Africa, to demand their right to be taught in their own language and to protest the inferior quality of their education. Hundreds of students were shot down during the march. This led to a two-week revolt that caused hundreds of death and thousands of injuries.

To honour the memory of those killed and the courage of all those who marched, the day of the African child has been celebrated on June 16 every year since 1991,when it was first initiated by the organization of African Unity. The day also draws attention to the lives of African children to day.

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Photographs of children participating in a charity walk on 16th of June.



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Gender based violence is like a thorn in the flesh . It can be compared to a silent but dangerous killer of some sort. this societal occurrence is the worst form of solving human differences.women,child and men all fall prey to this in humane behavior.

There is not a single person that can totally stand up and fight this kind of violence and yet some thing has got to be done. And I mean some thing very drastic in order to realize an eradication of some sorts.

But because no one will come from another planet to come help and solve this for us, the time is nigh for a movement against gender based violence prevention.

A movement given its nature, gives a ray of hope to work hand in hand to up rot the plague against the child.Varous non government organizations will work together , through net working,compaigns and advocacy to realize this goal.

Gender based violence is not something premeditated and therefore given it's abrupt occurrence, it needs stringent measures to prevent. It's upon this back ground that educating the masses against gender based violence takes center stage. Men in this campaign should be targeted because it's the male who usually perpetrate most cases of gender based violence. They are even strong enough and wield more authority in our patriarchal society to be able to protect the child and women against perpetrators of the same.

The community should therefore be fully involved so that they get to know where to run to in times of being violated and also to report such case of gender based violence prevention as they occur.

**By John Taineomwangire**

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*ECCA CELEBRATES THE DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD.*

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On the 16th of June, empower children and communities against abuse joined the rest of the world to celebrate the day of the African Child in commemoration of the children who are abused. The theme was "Africa is for children; call for accelerated action towards their survival".

The celebration included a charity walk where children were protesting against their mistreatment and abuse.

The celebration was aimed at informing the public about the importance and value of children in society and also urging all the stake hold-

ers to effectively protect children's rights and responsibilities.

Children showed their grief as they marched a factor that called the attention of so many people who joined the queue.

The guest of honour Mr. Fred Kyamuzigita the LC V chair person Lyantonde district called upon all the participants to take children to school and make sure they are in good health. He ordered police to arrest the abusers of children. He cautioned witch doctors against child sacrifice.

He promised to improve the welfare of children in his district.

**By John Taineomwangire.**



**Pupils marching during the celebration of the of African child in Lyantonde town**

## **ECCA SUPPORTS ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN DURING THE DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD CELEBRATIONS IN LYANTONDE.**

Due to the increasing number of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC's) in Uganda, Empower children and communities against abuse saw it necessary to begin supporting those OVC's that have dropped out of school. As away of instilling lost hope in these innocent children most of whom are victims of domestic violence.

Its on that note therefore that ECCA sponsors these children to learn vocational skills for example mechanics, tailoring, brick laying carpentry.

Each child is tasked to learn at least three courses to have multidimensional skills.

**By John Taineomwangire**



**ECCA staff members pose for a photo with OVC's after receiving blankets, mattresses and jerry cans**

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## WHAT NEXT ???

On the 16th June, the African child was celebrated through out Africa. All peace loving citizens of the world joined hands in the affirmative to fondly remember the lives of our dear children who have lost their lives.

When death strikes ,there is not a chance left apart from the memories which will sooner or later fade away from our minds.

The need ,un divided attention and love ,explicit tenderness so that they can reciprocate African child needs more than celebrating them. They the favor in future to the next generation. what is today will manifest in the in the future. Make a child good and its fruits will be good, make her bad and her fruits will be bad, Am obliged to say that let us not only look at the 16th day of June to pamper them. They deserve much better each day, than waiting for one future date.

Along Kampala's dusty streets there lay every day a hopeless lot of frail looking children. Some have never known a descent home. They were brought up on the streets and will die there upon.

What can be done to eradicate that seemingly gloomy life our fellow human beings are going through?

People!! Arise today and help these destitutes. Give a helping hand, bring a ray of hope to the needy such as these. Truly no thing can be worse than robbing one of their childhood. For as the sun raises from the east and sets in the west , so does the effect of rejection suffice in those little ones, as they turn to adulthood.

In view of such reparations, I will truly be more sensitive to the child now , more than ever before.

By Nanyondo Janet Olivia.

## DO YOU TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN?

Do you talk with your children? Do you talk to any one at all? I would dare to ask such sarcastic questions if am to continue with this discourse of communication.

Children are not an island , they are not some unfamiliar creatures from heaven that they should be isolated. Communication is a very important aspect in the lives of a human being .communication can do much more than any therapy I have known. When one Aires

their views, they feel loved, accepted and valued. On the contrary, the lack of it implies rejection, lack of interest in you and un fondness.

In order to create a violent free world , parents should learn to open up to their children, teach them to be assertive and in the face of any act of abuse inclined towards them, they will be able to stand and speak, or even report freely such acts of abuse.

Communicating with a child is

like giving them a dose of prophylaxis, in order to prevent them from some inferiority complex, that characterizes children who were never given a chance to speak freely. Do not let strangers talk to your children for you. It begins with you the parents. The security of children lies in their parents hands. What ever a stranger will speak that's contrary to what the parent speaks, will not be easily accepted by the child. Communication is therefore the way to go.

By Nanyondo Janet Olivia.

**You and I can make a difference!!**

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## MEDIA ANALYSIS: RANKS HIGHEST.

**T**his month's media analysis was based on the three Ugandan Dailies plus one Kenyan daily.

The analysis shows that physical violence shot up a whopping 80% as compared to 63% of the previous month.

Physical violence was the highest form of violence committed in the month of May. Cases reported included ritual murder, mob justice, child sacrifice, robberies.

Murder was the highest form of physical violence committed especially by men, who were as well the highest victims of the same violence. Cases reported include the man who killed his in-law and packed his body in a sack and later

dumped it in river Katonga, Masaka district.

Child Sexual Abuse was ranked as the second highest form of violence. Cases ranged from defilement, rape, sexual assault. It was noted that these young girls were sexually molested by their close relatives and neighbours known to them. For example, a father defiled two of his daughters after the wife had left him. He went ahead to indiscreetly assault one of the girls by forcing her to share a bed with him.

Domestic violence was another form of abuse reported in the month of May. Cases committed included a woman who shot her husband with 32 bullets which killed him instantly after a domestic misunderstanding in

Moroto district.

3.4 Adult sexual abuse was also reported in the month of May. For example, a 21-year-old man raped a 107-year-old woman and later beat her and broke her, which led to her death one week later due to the physical injuries she sustained during the unfortunate attack in Katakwi district.