

# World Day Against Childlabour

## CHILD ABUSE A CRIME

In our neighbourhood Maya village Nsangi subzone Busiro County, there lived a young girl Betty aged 13 who stayed with her step mum Mrs. Kityo. Unfortunately, the step mum had no money for her to go to school. Betty stayed around without going to school.

The step mum had a friend called Margaret who was close to her. The friend was a very rich woman with all that a person could admire. The step mum decided to find work for the young girl she therefore requested the rich woman to

find work for the young girl. The rich woman gladly welcomed the idea. She wanted a house girl.

One Sunday the rich woman (Margret) had gone to church and left the young girl at home. When the husband of the rich woman came home, he grabbed the young girl and raped her. The young girl was all in pain and tears, when the woman came back home, she found the young girl groaning in pain, she asked her what happened,

Unfortunately the young girl (Betty) became pregnant. All Margret the rich woman did was taking her back to her step mum. The step mum became bitter and the rapist was arrested. Poor girl Betty, her future was wasted. Had she gone to school, maybe she would not have been raped.

the young girl narrated the whole story to her.

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## THE MISTREATED GIRL

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other woman called Mariam, that woman started over beating Jane because she did not like her. Every day Jane did not eat food, one evening Jane got an idea and went to a nearby police station, she started crying saying that her mother had died and her father had married a woman called Mariam. That woman does not give her food and she was hungry. The police man gave Jane some food to eat. Jane and the police man went to home and arrested Jane's step mother she was

imprisoned for 20 years

So children should get their rights from parents

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This is a special edition on Child labour. The stories written in these articles are written by children from primary schools in Wakiso District

What do children think of human rights and social justice? **READ IT HERE!**



## POEM

Street children! Street children, Street children  
Children of streets born not on streets  
They left their homes in search of home. And where is  
the home?

They endure the night cold, the sun of the day hunger  
and .....

Thirst is the order of the day.

They smoke tobacco for tobacco is their comforter who  
helps them to  
Close their past.

Scars are on their faces, for the pockets they pick.  
Scars on their souls for the food they eat.

They were born on the society that is greedy,  
They are on our streets, the streets that are greedy.  
Spare them now, spare them a home.  
Show them love, give them care.

Save your gold necklaces, save your money and  
Give these street children a home.

Please!! Please!! We as a nation should help street  
children.

Written by By: Ruth and Noris (Samaritan Primary  
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## CHILD SACRIFICE

On 21<sup>st</sup> 2012 a boy called Vincent who studies at St Mary's Nabbingo decided to get some wild fruits in the bush but in the bush he met some men with pangas and knives who claimed that. They were sent by Kabona to get a boy for sacrifice . They caught the boy and tied him up and put him in their car where he was taken to unknown place for sacrifice .Fortunately their plans did not succeed because the boy was circumcised and therefore he was not good for the sacrifice according to the witch doctor (Kabona).

This prompted the men to leave the boy free, the boy who was helpless had to look for his way  
Back to school but it was too late for him to go back to school because it was becoming night  
And above all he wouldn't find his way back to school so he ended up in the hands of the police  
were he made a statement and  
he was taken to  
school .

The police advised the  
school authority to look after the  
children in the boarding section to avoid  
similar things from happening to children as they  
carry out the investigation on the case. We hope the people involved are brought to justice.

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**"Human Rights and Social Justice"**

## CHILD LABOUR

Some people however don't value rights of children because you find people pampering their own children and torturing others of respective age without kindness. In our village, there is a mature woman with four children in primary school aged 14, 10 and 7 but unfortunately she got a house maid aged 14 of which is still a school going age.

Besides that the girl is mistreated by both the woman and her children to the extent of having sleepless nights without meals. Parents treat us equally we need care, love and you never know that the happier now may be the sufferer in future referring to the behavior and character of their parents.

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## CIRCUMCISION SAVES A BOY'S LIFE



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## What can be done to stop child labour

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# ...lets end

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Is based on the principles of equality and solidarity that understands the values of human rights and that recognizes the dignity of every human being

OR

it's a set of universal principles which guide people in judging what is right and what is wrong no matter what culture or society they live in.

OR

it's a fair treatment given to an individual.

Fellow Ugandans how do we realize social justice we realize social justice when we respect the rule of the law. It can also be realized when we carry out awareness on creation. When we fight corruption when we use participatory approach i.e involving people on what is going on. Observing the right of the minority i.e the widows, the poor and many

others. Equal accessibility to education, observing the rights of children e.t.c Freedom of speech, freedom of worship to mention but a few. According to my observation social justice is not practiced to its fullest as expected.

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# Childlabour!"



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## VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

A right is something one is entitled to for life. These are some of the human rights one is entitled to:

- A right to food
- A right to education
- A right to protection
- A right to medical care
- A right to life
- A right to freedom of worship
- A right to vote

A right to freedom of speech, to mention but a few.

In our country it's not easy to enjoy all the human rights; that is why I say most of our rights are violated in the following ways:

We are denied security, we are denied basic needs, people are tortured in various ways,

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people are not allowed to express themselves freely,

unfair judgments in courts of law, people are not allowed to move where they want, they are also sometimes denied their right to freedom of worship and to speech.

People are also victimized any how it's not really good to violate someone's rights. I call upon fellow Ugandans to rise and we promote our rights for the better of our nation Uganda.

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## AGRESSORS TO BE OPPRESSED

In our village Kyambazi in Nsangi trading centre there is a man called Kiweewa with poor primary going children rooming about every day in the trading centre. Yesterday on 29<sup>th</sup>, one of the girls Rose was beaten by his father and fainted and when we went back I asked Josephine the neighbour about what had happened and said that the girl refused to prepare some food because she wanted also to be at school.

The child was taken to hospital for treatment by the mother and the father rushed to the bar to take 'booze' alcohol. Unfortunately when the father arrived home with all his strength he defiled the other two girls of which were his biological daughters. In the next morning when the mother had come back she found bad news and forwarded the case to LC1 then the man was taken to police and he was

arrested. So the mother came back with the three children who were not in good condition. She had no money to take the children to the hospital, they were renting, no money to buy food. So the woman was in a terrible state which automatically brought her life to the end due to high pressure she developed. For me I appeal to all children mostly the girls not always to be close to drunkards however much it's a parent and report the cases of their health immediately to people who can give help

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**FairPen Uganda** aims at empowering young people (pupils and students) to become responsible citizens / adults. The tool to reach this goal is through newsletter writing. In the process of doing this the children will gain the necessary skills that will help them in their future lives. In this project Fairpen was the implementing Agency.

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