



# DWON OTINO

*"Teko Wa"*

**Kids Voice "Our strength"**

**WAR**  
**child**  
**HOLLAND**

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Dear children, we want to thank you all for contributing articles for our fourth edition of "Dwon Otino" magazine. We have nice stories, poems, letters and illustrations about the dangers of sexual exploitation of children



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# INTRODUCTION



Dear Readers of Dwon Otino Magazine,  
Happy New Year! In this fourth edition, we are going to talk about the dangers of sexual exploitation on young children especially girls. Children have high risk of being exploited sexually and we had contributions from children about what they feel about this bad habit to them.

We also have Raising Voices with emotional violence against children. We wish all of you luck in your work as we change the lives of children living in Northern Uganda.

Enjoy reading it.

Regards,  
Adicho Bernard  
Chief Executive Officer  
LICHYGAO

## MY HOPE WAS HOPELESS



Okello Tony is one of LICHYGAO beneficiaries. He was imprisoned for 5 years for defilement. He is going to tell us his life story.

My name is Okello Tony am 22 years now my father is called Mr. Opio Simon and my mother is Ms Margret Abur. Am the 6<sup>th</sup> born of 9 brothers and a sister. I live in Abolo Village, Teboke Parish, in Chegere Sub County Apac District.

I was studying, but got arrested in 2002 when I was 16 years in S.2 for a relationship with a girl in my school. Life was unpredictable for me during my remand in Atopi prison in Apac. When I was convicted and jailed in 2006, my hope was hopeless. In June 2006, a partner organization to War Child Holland called LICHYGAO with their program "Life Experience" in Lira Central Prison which by then consisted of 40 juveniles helped me a lot. They guided, counseled, taught us new games and we were able to speak our views using different means like drawings, sport, music, dance and drama. Through these activities, a good number of juveniles were rehabilitated morally. After I was released from prison in 2007, I shared my Life Experience with the youth in 12 secondary schools in Lira District in what was referred to as Life Experience Exhibition with LICHYGAO. The main aim of the exhibition was to prevent the youth from getting in conflict with the Law. After, a party was organized by LICHYGAO in our home village to welcome me back from prison. LICHYGAO is paying my school fees in Lira Integrated Secondary School and I am the assistant Head Prefect and in my holidays I work for LICHYGAO as a Volunteer. Life is good in school though I look big in my class, but I have hope. Am happy to share my experience with people. My dream is to become a Doctor.

I would like to thank Adicho Bernard, the Chief Executive Officer of LICHYGAO for what he has done into my life since Prison up to now, I also would like to thank Frank Velthuisen the former Field Location Manager War Child Holland-Lira for his support towards my education and appreciation goes to all the staffs of LICHYGAO and War Child Holland. Special thanks go to my parents, friends and relatives for being close to me during this time of hardship. God Bless you all. Amen

You can contact Tony if you want to share with him his life experience [Tonyblair.okello@yahoo.com](mailto:Tonyblair.okello@yahoo.com) or you visit LICHYGAO Office. See the address at the back page.



# Work of Journalist from the Field

Young Journalists from Coorom Primary School visited the Community Liaison Officer (CLO) Mr. Jodaga Gemunamolo in his office in Lira Town. They had a very interesting interview with the officer about sexual exploitation of young children.



**Journalist:** What is your role as the CLO?

**Officer:** My primary role is to link the activities between the Police and the community. I also sensitize the community and educate them about crime and how to protect themselves against crime. As a Policeman my role is to enforce law and order and protect property and life of people.

**Journalist:** Sir, how does your office help children who are sexually abused?

**Officer:** My office ensures that the rights of the children are protected. Children should not be sexually abused. When a child is sexually abused, the first step is to take that child to the hospital for medical examination and treatment. Register the case with Police, investigate, arrest the suspect and produce him to court. We also counsel the child who has been sexually abused. It is the court to award punishment to the culprit according to the evidence produce.

**Journalist:** Are there government policies that help to protect children from the above act?

**Officer:** Yes. Government policies on children are prescribed in the Children's Act and also contained in the constitution of Uganda. It observes that a child is one who is below the age 18 and should be provided with basic necessities like food, shelter, medical attention, clothing and parental care.

**Journalist:** How many cases of child abuse have you registered in 2008?

**Officer:** Cases come after the end of every month and there figures varies but I can't tell exactly because others are registered at central police station and very many are registered at the police posts which are scattered all over the

District. About 30 cases are registered every month ranging from defilement, rape, assault and neglect. However, there are cases which may not be reported. When this happens and it comes to police notice, investigation are made, arrest effected and charges made. For example if it is defilement, charge the persons with defilement and the other person who had not reported the defilement with concealment of defilement (*Procurement of Defilement*)

**Journalist:** What challenges does your office meet in handling cases on sexual abuse of children?

**Officer:** There is lack of personnel, apparatus and machines for handling sexual abuse. Example NO Police Doctors and since the police use referral system, private doctors have to be hired and they are not easily available. There is also scarcity of transport making it hard to move to villages where cases have been reported and identified.

**Journalist:** What measures has your office employed to curb down the above challenges?

**Officer:** The police usually refer the victims for medical examination to the health authority. We also work with NGOs like UNICEF, Save The Children and War Child Holland to solve transport problems since their activities are scattered all over the District

**Journalist:** How does your office handle cases of soldiers and police officers reported in sexual abuse, neglect and exploitation of children?

**Officer:** Nobody is above the law.

**Journalist:** Has your office encountered a problem like this?

**Officer:** No.

**Journalist:** What message and advice does your office have for children, parents, perpetrators, schools and the community at large about sexual abuse and exploitation of children?

**Officer:** We should join hands together to protect children. We should encourage children to take up their responsibilities so as to cope up with life and they should do so as is prescribed in the children's right. Young children should abstain from sex in order to continue with school because they can't serve two masters at ago. They should also refrain from getting married at an early stage in order to create a healthy environment for them (children) to live in. Parents should provide their children with all the basic necessities ranging from school fees, food, shelter, clothing and parental care because they are the future leaders of Uganda. The perpetrators will be arrested and brought to books of Law. But they should as well change their behaviors and altitude towards children.

You have the right to be protected from kidnapping.

It's your responsibility to avoid harmful habits e.g. smoking, drinking, sexual misbehavior



# STORIES AND POEMS

## Mr. HARE TOOK THE KING'S DAUGHTER

Once upon a time the king of Ogumusu Land gave the law that anyone who drink the hot water in the container will take his daughter. Mr. Hare invited all his relatives to witness how he would drink the hot water in the container, so that he takes the King's daughter. After all the relatives had gathered to witness how Mr. Hare would drink the hot water, Mr. Hare took the hot water and started showing it to his relatives saying, so my father am going to drink this hot water and he was saying the same thing to his mother and everybody he had invited.

Mr Hare kept on moving around to all his relatives and as a result, the hot water became cold and this made him to take the King's daughter freely.

This teaches us that we should use our skills during difficult situations.

**Nyang Ambrose P.6 OPEM P/S**

## IJEM ILOBO PINGO

Two Cilim, two Cilim two Cilim  
Ngo omio ijem ilobo Uganda, two cilim

Aman dong iyabo wang wa yin kara.  
Yin kara ilibo jo iwor dong aniang

Two Cilim, two Cilim, two Cilim  
Yin ineko imaki, odonge kede otino.  
An aman ka awot iyoo, anwongo ngut jo oride iking calo ngut bwok dano oruko gomici amom twere  
Two Cilim, two Cilim two Cilim rik ocako ni gin two cilim ni nguu.

**Okello Tony Bliar P/4 Ober P/S**

## SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual Abuse! Sexual Abuse!

What I Am?

I use people selfishly,  
unfairly for my own gains.

I endanger others by  
raping, defiling and giving  
HIV/Aids.

Poverty, ignorance and  
domestic violence pave  
my way.

I abuse others' right e.g.  
for Education, Good  
Health and eventually  
destroying lives leaving  
many people to mourn but  
never will the dead rise  
again.

**Ajok Evaline (12), P.4**

## I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT

Oh sugar Daddy and Mummy!

You are my mummy and Daddy's age mate. What do you want from me?

I know exactly what you want from me. You want to spoil my studies, give me Aids and block my future  
My teachers and parents advise me not to ride in your car neither will I eat your free lunch.

What do you want from me?

Neither will I take your money nor your beautiful dress.

You have set a trap for me but I will not get into it.  
I said this for God and my country.

**Opio Joel P.5 Oteno Community Based P/S**





# CEKO KEDE LEME

## NYOM CON

Nyomere con, Nyomere con!  
Ipono kwene kara ame ipuko cuny  
wa woki  
Nyomere con, kono aneno komi,  
onwongo akwanyi ate boli iyi mac  
pien ibalo anyim wa oko  
Kara en dakoni agwoko ingo ka pe  
akwano,  
Otino ame anywalo agwoko ningo?

Nyomere con, nyomere con, dii  
cunyi me kong iwek wa okwani pien  
ka atyeko kwan anwongo tic aber  
kede lim aromo gwoko yi oda. Dang  
nwongo yia yom iye, kwona dang  
nwongo yot.

*Olet Jimmy P.6 Coorom P/S*  
**EARLY MARRIAGE**

## Dear Parents,

Parents why do you think we should  
leave school for marriage? Early  
marriage can make us stop our  
studies, get HIV/AIDS and un wanted  
pregnancy yet we are very innocent.  
Parents let us not leave school for what  
you want especially for young girls.  
When we finish our studies we can get  
better jobs and you will also benefit.

*By Ejang Nancy (14) P.6 Ogengo P/S.*

## STOPPING CHILD ABUSE

Dear everyone in the world let us  
stop child abuse. All the children in  
the world are crying how they are  
abused. We must stop child abuse  
by not giving a child heavy work by  
stopping rape, defiling young children,  
educating children and by providing  
medical care to children.

*By Ebong Mathew, Alebtong P/S*

## AVOID GIFTS

Dear Children,

Avoid gift for sex. Gift for sex can make you drop out of school, leads you to  
early pregnancy and you die during birth. Sugar daddy's and mummy's why  
do you lead young girls and boys drop out of school? Please stop defiling  
and raping young children. It's dangerous to our lives and our future.

*Ayo Paska (13) P.6 Fatima Aloj Dem. School.*



**Teachers should stop this form of abuse**



**You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs.**

**You should respect all human beings regardless of their colour, race, language and religion**



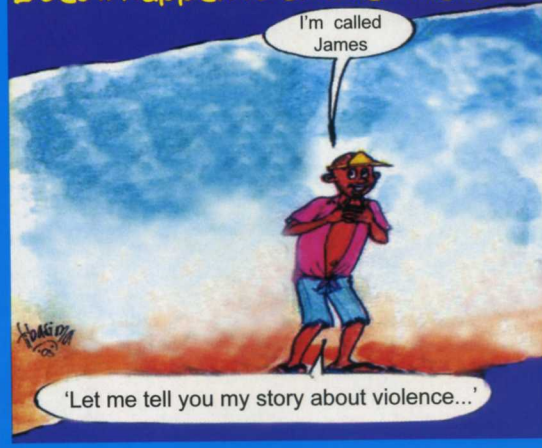
## "RAISING VOICES CORNER"

**Raising Voices works to prevent violence against children at home, in school and in the community in Uganda. We have talked to many children and adults in Uganda about violence against children. In this section of the magazine, we would like to share with you what they said to us.**

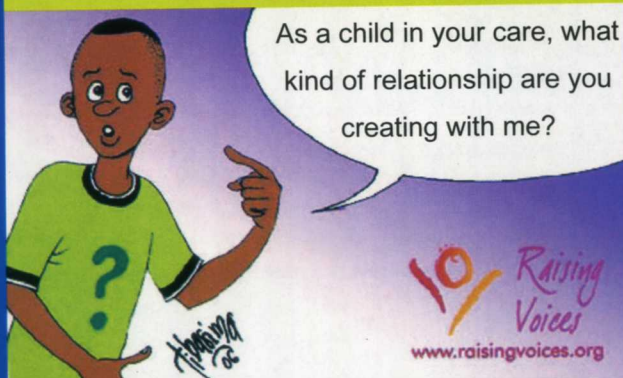
### Economic violence

Hello Children, welcome to the third part of the *Preventing Violence Against Children Forum*. This time we will be looking at economic violence. If you can remember, in the last forum we were talking about emotional violence, what it is, who experiences it and how it happens. We saw that emotional violence is any act in which the adult intentionally attacks the feelings of the child to make them feel bad, such as saying harsh words to them, insulting the, threatening the, shouting or looking at them with bad eyes to make children feel bad.

Does it happen to children like us?



I have a question.....



'Let me tell my story about violence....'

Children have shared with us stories of their experiences of violence. Just like in the previous issue, we continue sharing with you these stories. The name of these children have been changed to protect them, but the stories they share with us happened to children in real life. As you read about these children stores, think about yourself. Has something similar ever happened to you, has ti happened to someone You know? What do you think should be done to stop it from happening? We will be happy to hear from you when you write to us using the address provided at the right-hand corner at the bottom of the next page.

What do you think? .....

Ah, she will get better by herself I am not wasting money to take to a doctor.



I help to clean the house, to cook, to wash clothes even to fetch water.



Janet's father refuses to pay for taking her to hospital.....

Yet I have no right to some of the family's money do they love me?



Showing, Explaining & Talking

are better ways of teaching!



You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.  
You should to respect and obey all the school rules



# "RAISING VOICES CORNER"

## Voices on Violence Economic Violence

"Can you imagine how rich I would be even if I were paid a few shillings for all the work I do right now?" Rebecca asked her friend. "I wake up early and have to sweep the compound and then fetch water and then cook porridge for everyone. When I come back from school. I have to wash clothes, pound cassava, help with cooking supper and then wash plates. I am so tired by the time I go to sleep."

"Stop dreaming," her friend said, shaking her as if she was asleep. "Instead of payment, my uncle says he will refuse to pay for my uniform and shoes if he thinks I am not behaving well. Since my mother died, he has taken over our house and all the property and says it is his now. Children, he says, don't know anything about money so now that my parents are dead, it's all his."

"My father says," Rebecca added, "I will fetch a good bride-price when the right man comes along, and

it will make him a rich man. But until then I should work hard at home to contribute towards the family."

Do you think children should have to work so hard to have their basic needs provided?" her friend asked. Rebecca thought about it for a while and then said, "every one should make a contribution to their family according to their ability, but children are sometimes asked to contribute too much. I wish I could tell him that I am so tired and can't concentrate at school and all the work hurts my body. My back hurts all the time from carrying heavy loads or my young sister."

"Why do you think adults make children work so hard?" her friend asked her. Rebecca thought about it for a while and then said, "only they can answer that. Maybe it's because they think children are an investment, not real human beings. Maybe they do it because they can. After all, who is going to stop them?"

In a study completed recently, almost 30 percent of the children consulted said they experience economic violence at least once a week. More than one in three children said that they had been denied food or basic need as a form of punishment and almost 50 percent said they were over worked in their family.

### James' story

"When my parents died I live with my uncle."

"One day he told me to graze the goats."

"...and I lost one."

"I searched every where but couldn't find it."

"He tied and locked me up for two days without food."

"When I came home and told him, he beat me badly."

"I will not pay your school fees any more."

### What James did...

"James asked his neighbour for help."

"His neighbour got a few people together and talked to his uncle."

"But James's uncle refused to change."

"One day when he was beating James badly again, the neighbour called the LC leader..."

"...and the police arrested him."

"James is now living with his relatives and is now back at school."

Did you know that many people including children are speaking out about violence against children?

They are saying that it is too much. Something has to be done to prevent it

Let us know what you think!

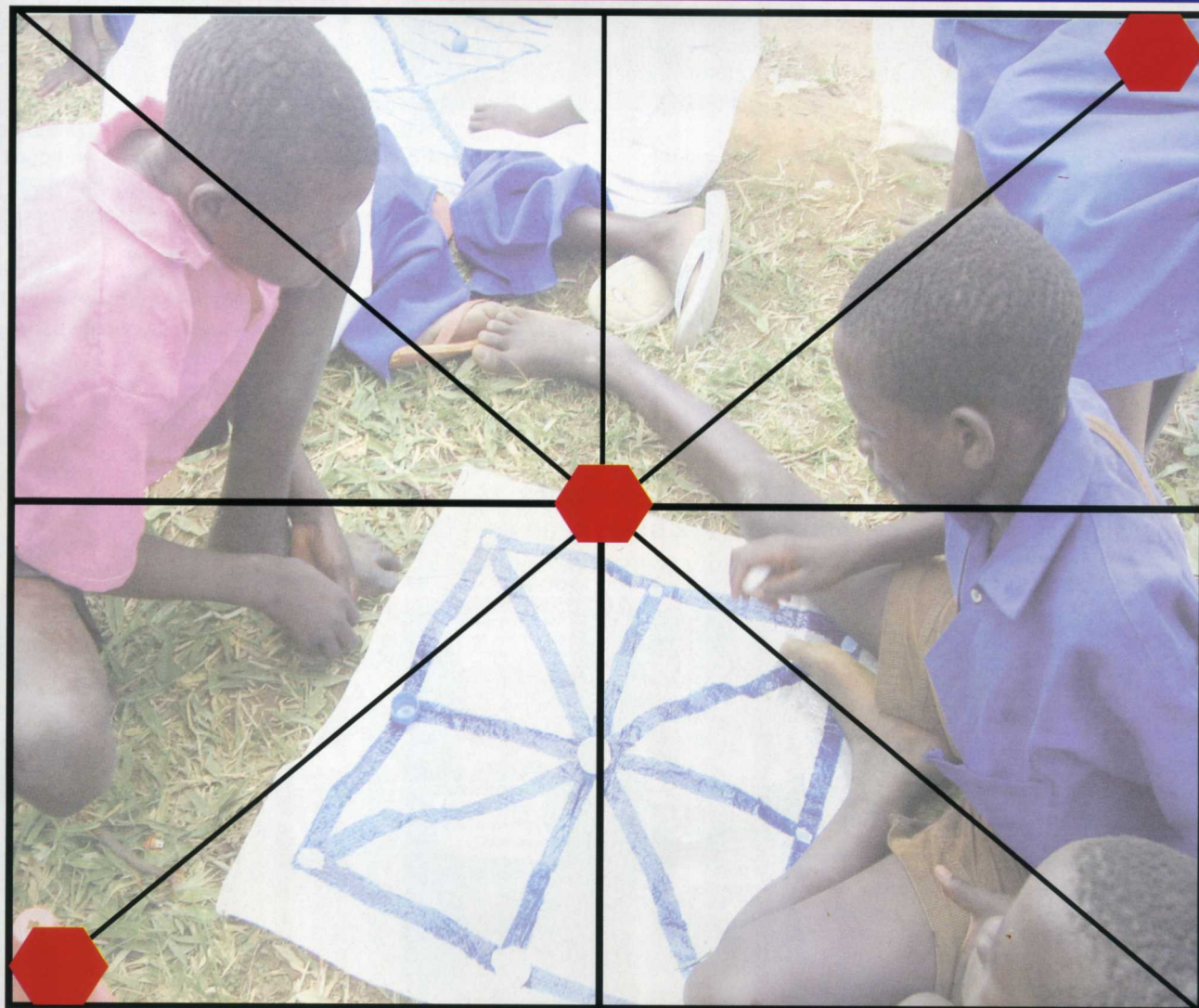
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You have the right to special care and help if you cannot live with your parents.  
 It's your duty to respect your parents, elders and civic leaders



# GAMES.

## 'Acanacana Game'



### { How to play "Acanacana" gam }

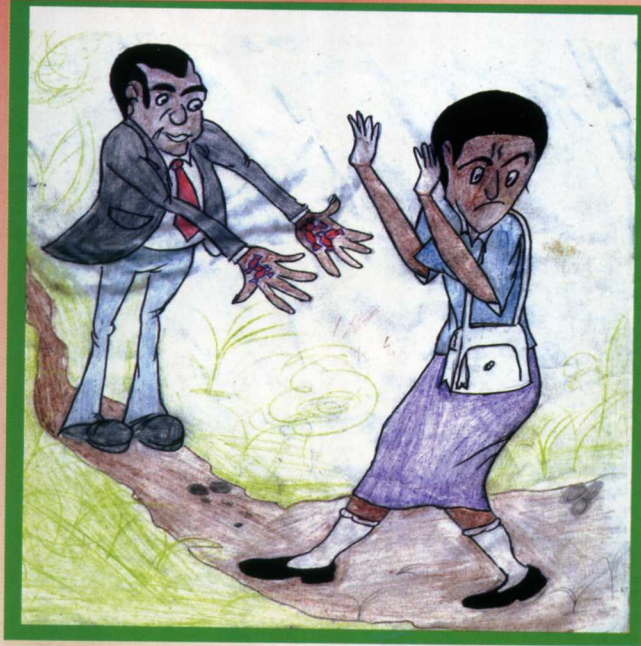
1. The game is played in **pairs**
2. Each player has to **select his or her three dices** to play the game.  
**The dice should be the same colour** but different from your opponent.
3. The two players as to agree who starts first.
4. Each player has to **place one dice at a time were the lines meets.**
5. The game is over when **the player makes his dice in one line as shown in the diagram above.**





# Young Artist Corner

## "Gwic Ogoc Otino"



You have the responsibility to treat your fellow children with respect and care  
No one is allowed to punish you in a cruel or harmful way.



# YOUR LETTERS

## NYOMERE CON RAC

Onywal wa gin a dong rac aloo i kwo obedo mio wa nyomere con acona ame kom wa pwod pe otego. Pol kare onwongo peko icawa me nywal kede itio tic akato gupu wa oko ka inyomere, ame mio wa ojony. Paro para kede gengo dongo lobo atir atir te bedo dong ape, aco dongo lobo ocung ikom kwan. Dong tim wa wunu ber iwek wa okwan eka ote nyomere iyonge tego kede tyeko kwan. Akwayo mon adongo abedo abongo nyomere ni onyomere oko. Gin dong obedo jo ayelo wan jo atino acalo bala buyu wa, bito wa me bedo mon gi kede cogi kun nwongo wan pwod otino.

*Awio Betty (14) P.6 Alela Modern P/S.*

## SEEK ADVICE

Dear fellow children,

Young as I am, I would like to advice you that if you are sexually abused, don't isolate yourself, keep seeking advice from good friends, elders and relatives. Report all cases of any child abuse either on you or your friend to the LC or police. God is always with us and in him we gain our trust to heal our hearts.

*Ogwang Boniface (14) P.6 Ocabu P/S*

## YIA YOM

Bang jo me dwon otino magazine pi tic atek ame iyele wunu me neno ni twero otino pe oturu.

Yia yom me neno programe acal man i school wa.

Apwoyo matek, kono ka dong itwero konyo wa wunu igin amite pi cukuru kwan wa acalo alam, buke adilo, bongo kwan kede dang otye bedo ping ikwor gi bedo pe acalo desk.

*Ayo Brenda Joyce (13) P.6 Abunga P/S*

## 6 THINGS TO GIRLS

1. *Avoid gifts for sex.*
2. *Avoid joining bad groups.*
3. *Avoid walking alone during night times.*
4. *During holidays you should help your parents*
5. *Abstain from sex.*
6. *Stay in school and complete your studies*

*Brenda Akot (14) P.6*

*Fatima Aloji Dem School.*

## AKWENYAKIN BOT ANYIRA

Anyira wek wunu ruku bongo acego, dang dok onywal nen wunu aber ni nyako moro pe oruku bongo acecek.

Anywal we, cwal wunu anyira icukul me wek anyira nwong pwonyere aber.

Apwoyo ka ibino timo amano

*Akech Connie P.4 Kakira P/S*

## ENFORCE GIRLS EDUCATION

Dear Parents,

It's your right and responsibility to safeguard the lives of your daughters. Please avoid taking them for babysitting, house girl, force marriage and sending them to shops late hours. Let's help teachers to enforce girl child education.

*Acwera John Bosco Coorom P/S*

## GIVE US LOVE

Dear Everybody,

On behalf of all children in Northern Uganda, I would like to wish everybody a fruitful 2009. We children need smiling faces, love and care throughout this year. May the Good Lord guide you all as you we say NO form of child abuse this year.

*Akello Coline (15) P.6*



# WARAGA NI

## YORE ABER PI WAN OTINO

Man obedo yore aber me wan otino oromo gwokere kede kenwa. Ka ibedo atin kwan myero pe ibed kede gurup arac, pien wegí two jonyo aman mito otino kwan.

Pe ibed wot iwor ata pien jo ame tye kede two jonyo gin tye abuyu otino kwan me poko two cilim.

Teki obuyi nge ni yin ito oko pien cilim yatere pe.

Akwayo wu ni ogwokere wunu ikop me wot idye wor kede ikop me mit con.

**KWACWA.....**

Bot onywal kede bot jo ducu tye ni, wan otino okene otye kede onywal wa ame okwero gini culi wa kwan oko. Akwayo onywalwa ni owek gini diyo otino anyira inyomere con, pien obino tweyo gi oko. Dok kwero culu atin kwan miyo atin ya te wot cako mit. Akwayo wu ni ikony wan otino kede ngeyu yot kom wa wek obed kede kwo ayot

*Ayer Vicky P.6 Angolocom P/S*

## VIRGINITY IS THE BEST

Dear Children, let us remain virgins. Early marriage can cause poverty, death and above all Hiv/Aids. Girls you are at high risk of sexual exploitation so you stop moving in dark palces and joining bad peer groups. Always report cases of child abuse and sexual exploitation to the police or LC.

*By Ogwal Abel Coorom P/S (14) P.6*

## CONGRALUATION

Sugar Daddy, why do you lead girls to drop out of school

Please sugar Daddy stop defiling young girls and raping them.

It is dangerous to our lives and future.

Congralutation to LICHYGAO and Dwon Otino Magazine for helping us speak our views

*By Gloria Rita (11) P.5 Ober P/S*

## ALL CHILDREN ARE EQUAL

All children are  
equal

Therefore treat all  
children equally  
Being an orphan,  
does not make the  
child loose his or  
her rights,  
Coming from a  
poor family does  
not make the child  
loose his or her  
rights,

Being HIV positive  
does not make a  
child loose his or  
her rights,  
Being a disabled  
child does not  
make a child loose  
his or her rights

Therefore  
teachers, parents  
and community  
leaders observe  
and protect the  
children's rights.

*By Mr. Otim Joel Magezi  
A teacher, Ogengo Primary  
School.*

## SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE OF CHILDREN

Oh sexual exploitation, oh abuse of children!

You have been baptized and your new names are numberless

Others called you a troublesome visitor, wondering guest, while some said you are a guest who brings worries and pains.

When called, your responses are spread of STD'S, unwanted children, street kids, early and unnecessary pregnancies. When invited for a party, your speech dwells around breaking our virginity, wasting our resources, causing famine, tramatization and stigmazation.

Oh wondering guest, oh troublesome visitor!

You are the base of poverty, hatred, psychological torture, corruption and a step of dropping out of school.

People wonder how you feed and reproduce, others don't know your home, garden and tools but I know that you reproduce through sexual intercourse.

Oh sexual exploitation, oh abuse of children! We fear your new names and need not to hear, when ending a speech as a guest, you say be isolated, frustrated and immoral contrary to cultural and religious norms.

Oh wondering guest, oh troublesome visitor! It's a miracle for you to say Amen but death, we always pray as the age mates that you change and becomes harmless to us forever and ever Amen

*Mr. Odwee Lawrence A Teacher  
Abia P/S*

**You have the right to protection from any kind of exploitation (others taking advantage of)  
It's your responsibility to assist your parents with suitable domestic work**



## REQUEST TO FELLOW TEACHERS

I kindly put my request to you that lets all join hands and effort together to advocate for children's rights in our various schools and communities in which we live. Many children and parents still don't know their rights and responsibilities. Other children still know that their rights is to leave them free to do whatever they like even to misbehave in school and community.

So dear teachers let us not rest in telling children about their rights and responsibilities.

By Otim Joel Magezi  
A Teacher, Ogengo Primary School.

## You can enjoy more

Frank is the former Field Location Manager War Child Holland Lira here is his message to the readers of Down Otino



Dear Down Otino Readers,  
Greetings from cold Netherlands,  
can you imagine the temperature

is below 5 degrees, as if you sit in a freezer! That is what they call winter. After 3 years of work in Lira, Uganda it is time for me to say fare well or at least goodbye for a while. Not all of you might know me, though I didn't visit most of the schools War Child works with.

I do know most of you through all your letters and drawings. After every edition I am impressed with the number of your letters. When Lichygao is sorting out and reading all of them, I always try to read the letters and admire the drawings, which gives me an impression of how you are all doing!

Please remain in school, so you can enjoy more of these events, but most important, study hard, education is the key!

I have really enjoyed working in your District. So much has changed for the better since I arrived. How wonderful it is you are now back into your homes and villages and the schools are back to their original sites. I will always remember the Day of the African Child celebrations, the Cultural Revival Festival, Back to School League, the Children's Parliament etc, etc. They were wonderful events! Please remain in school, so you can enjoy more of these events, but most important, study hard, education is the key!

For the teachers, you are doing excellent work by educating the children, the future of Uganda. Keep up the good work! Lichygao, I hope with the help of the child journalist, the magazine will live a long life!

As for myself, I will start working for War Child in Afghanistan. I will send you stories from there, so you know how your brothers and sisters out there are doing!

Warm greetings, good luck with studies and till we meet again?

Frank



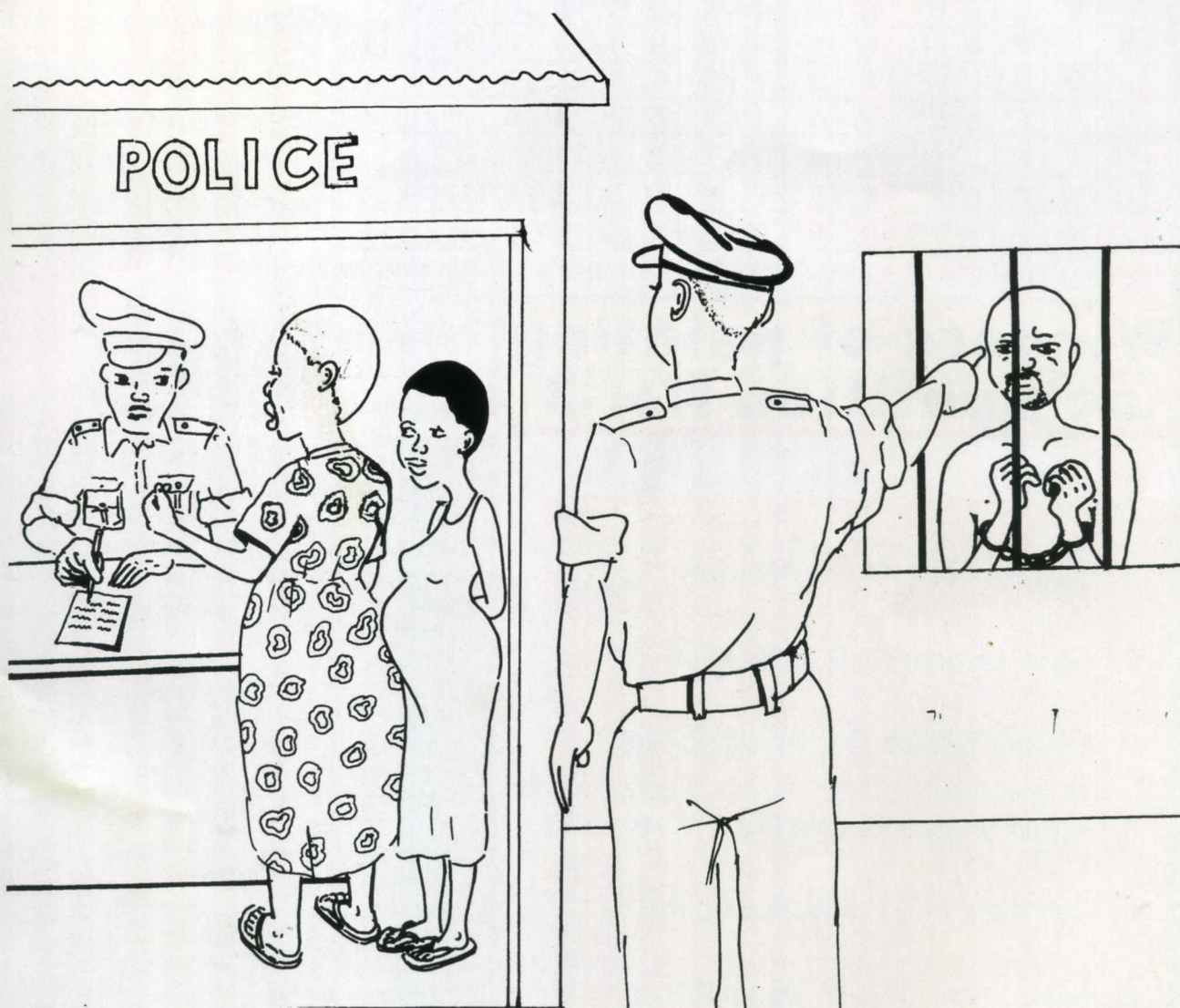
Sugar mummy's stop luring young boys for sex

You have the right to food, clothing, safe place to live and to have your basic needs met.  
It's your responsibility to respect and promote other children's rights



# PAINTING COMPETITION No. 4

With the use of water colours, crayon, or coloured pencils, colour the drawing and drop it in the letter box which is in your school. The best eight paintings will win two T-Shirts for you and your friend plus scholastic materials.



Name\_\_\_\_\_Age\_\_\_\_\_Class\_\_\_\_\_

School\_\_\_\_\_Sub county\_\_\_\_\_

You have the right to get information that is important to your well being, from radio, books etc  
You should be involve and participate with other children in fair play



# Crossword Puzzle

S	R	W	F	C	N	B	E	Z	X	S	A	R	H	J	Y	A
C	B	O	X	I	N	G	D	A	Y	U	H	J	K	M	A	F
N	R	M	D	A	Y	E	D	G	S	Y	U	I	O	T	D	R
Y	P	E	S	A	J	U	N	E	D	T	E	Q	E	T	I	I
E	O	N	W	Q	A	V	O	I	P	N	E	R	Y	N	R	C
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**FIND OUT THE 12 MONTH  
OF THE YEAR AND THE  
FOLLOWING PUBLIC  
HOLIDAYS.**

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH,  
APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY AUGUST,  
SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER,  
NOVEMBER, DECEMBER,  
AFRICAN CHILD DAY, HERO'S  
DAY, EASTER, CHRISTMAS,  
INDEPENDENCE DAY, WOMEN'S  
DAY, WORLD AIDS, BOXING DAY  
AND GOOD FRIDAY

## Winners of painting competition No. 3

1. Ojok Ronald (10) P.4 Abia P/S
2. Ogoo Jaspher (9) P.3 Ober P/S
3. Amongi Evaline (11) P.3 Abala P/S
4. Akech Sharah Evaline (13) P.6 Akor P/S
5. Oyo Mark (13) P.5 Akalocero P/S
6. Acen Joyce (14) P.6 Opem P/S
7. Akello Teddy (13) P.6 Alela P/S
8. Omara Emmanuel (13) P.6 Alebtong P/S



Uganda Child Rights NGO Network is a coalition of child focused civil society organizations including: Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), national and international organizations working to promote the rights of children in Uganda. Established in 1997, UCRNN has been at the forefront in undertaking advocacy initiatives for children in Uganda.

### UCRNN's Mission

Is to facilitate the observance of Children's rights in Uganda through Monitoring, Advocacy, Networking and Capacity Building with its members and child actors.

### UCRNN's vision

Is to have a Uganda in which children's rights to survival, participation, protection and development are observed as described in the Convention on the rights of the Child and Children's Act Cap 59 and the African Charter on the rights and welfare of the child

UCRNN has two toll free line which is control by ANPCAN and AFC were children call at their free time and freely.

**Dear Children for any form of Abuse please  
Call Toll Free numbers below:**

**0800 111 333  
0800 111 222**

You have the right to find out things and share what you think with other.  
It's your duty to help some unfortunate and more needy children to cope up



# QUESTION AND ANSWERS

If there are any issues you want to know more about in relation to child abuse, rights and exploitation pick a pen and write to JANE, she will answer all your problems. *(Jane is a counselor)*

**Dear Ruth,**

Why do many girls get married when they are still young, yet they should go to school and study then become Doctors, Teachers and future leaders of tomorrow? **By Ogwang Albert P.5, Ogengo Primary School.**

*There are many reasons why many young girls don't finish their education. The first one is that our culture use not to support girls education but this is not very bad now, they used to favour boys more than girls when it comes to education and others, now days its not very serious but still strong in some place which we need to fight it and continue advocating for girls education because she also has right to Education as well as a boy.*

*Secondly girls especially in the rural schools lack proper career guidance and this affect their performance and concentration in school and that is why some of them end up dropping out of school and some get pregnant before finishing school.*

**Dear Ruth,**

What does teenage pregnancy means and what are the effects? **Onyanga Nelson (13) P.5 Abolet P/S**

**Getting pregnant when you are a teenager and a teenager is someone between the age 14-17 years. At this age the body is not strong enough to withstand pregnancy and can lead to death or deformation during and after birth were by in the future you may not be in position to produce any child. Please avoid it**

**Bang Ruth,**

Ngo omio otino anyira ka oyach ame mwaka gi tye 18 dwogo kede ping pe dwogo I icukul? **An Alwedo Vicky (14) P.5 Ogengo Primary School**

*Me acel onywal okene kwero culo kwan oko miyo gi kony me bedo icukul. Lworo ni otino wadgi anyere g, otino okeno tamo ni agiki me kwo dong eno. Pe imi nytoro bwoli te yac'kedi ame kare ni pwod pe oromo bedo iot.*

**Dear Ruth**

What is Child Rights and why do we celebrate the day of African Child? **By Tino Semmy (11) P.4 Opem P/S**

*Semmy thanks for your question. Child rights are essential entitlement that all children must have to ensure normally growth. The Day of the African Child is celebrated around the world every June 16th since 1991, is a day to reflect on the progress being made toward ensuring the rights of children in Africa are protected.*

**Dear Children thanks for all your letters, we could not publish them all because of the space but we will put it in the next edition.**

**You have the right to help if you've been hurt, neglected or badly treated.  
It's your duty to be God fearing and participate in a religion of your choice**



Dear children, thanks for all your contribution, in the fifth edition we are going to talk about; What do think about child sacrifice, kidnapping and child trafficking? What can you say about this to the government, child actors' organization and to your fellow children? Who is going to stop this bad practice to children? We want every child to give us their views on these and the best articles will be publish in the fifth edition of Dwon Otino Magazine.

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