

# DWON OTINO

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

Listen to children and learn about their aspirations,  
and engage them in decision making processes

READ your Rights at the bottom of every page.

# INTRODUCTION

## Message from Art for Children Uganda

Dear Readers of Dwon Otino Magazine,

Here is our seventh edition. I would like to thank all the children who participated in writing good articles for our magazine. We would like to inform you that we have changed the name of our organization from LIRA CHILDREN YOUTH GROUP FOR ART ORGANISATION (LICHYGAO) to **ART FOR CHILDREN UGANDA (ACU)** as it appears in the front cover, other changes have also been made in our email but other address remains the same. We shall continue working with you and provide the same activities to our children on which we have built our reputation on. We encourage you to continue sending us quality information for the best of our magazine.

As you know that the country is on heat, the temperatures are rising, the buzzword is elections. Soon it will be time to exercise our democratic right and vote the team to lead us for the next five years. We pray that peace will prevail as campaigns go into top gear. We ask Ugandans to exercise restraint and choose peace. We also ask you to vote prudently. Prudence is the value we are advocating this month-the ability to judge between virtuous and vicious. Candidates will lure you with sweet words and gifts, but let foresight, wisdom, insight and knowledge guide you. These are the virtues of a prudent person.

We also know that our children are young to vote and don't even know the qualities of persons struggling for power, but How can we make them participate in this democratic process? Art for children has empowered children to express their considered democratic opinions and aspirations during this electoral process to determine the candidates of their choices. The children have spoken in the magazine and they are asking; before you go into the polls to vote, have you seen these messages? Don't you think children matter more than money? Don't you think of stopping and listen to what the children have to say? Don't you think children need free and fair election? Don't you think having a long-term vision for children that go beyond two-year and five-year election cycles matters? Will you listen to us? These children absolutely have a message, and it is very viable to this election. Some of the messages are, "We can change the world" ...."Have Hope", "We need you to complete education"... "Save our country", "Save the children", "Peace, no more war" ... These messages are very important to these children.

Politicians always says "Our children are our future" during their campaigns. But Art for Children Uganda is urging voters who care about children to insist that candidates have concrete plans for making a healthy future for children.

This issue presents the voice of children in the general 2011 election, they had created art pieces, manifestos, letters, poems and story about election, quality of a good leader and recommendation that can be taken to improve their lives.

Enjoy this issue and have a blessed holiday. Happy New Year.

Regards



Adicho Bernard Isaac  
Chief Executive Officer  
Art for Children Uganda

**I would vote for your party  
if you promise to give more  
chances for children to do the  
things they want to do and  
reach the goals they want**

You have the right to live with a family which cares for you  
"Itye kede twero me bedo ipaco ame omari iye"



# Work of Journalist from the Field

Dwon Otino journalists interviewed different politicians in Lango sub region to find out what they will do for children when they are elected.



**Mrs. Elupu Florence.** Candidate for Women Representative Bata and Okwalongwen sub county. She says that when elected, she will advocate for women rights in accessing health services especially in ensuring that maternity wards are put in place to help mothers.

I will also ensure that young mothers are supported in terms of income generating activities and catch up education to allow them live a productive life. She will also advocate for children's rights especially in limiting child labour, ensuring facility for education in place like desk, staffs houses and parents' support towards education. She concluded by saying, she will ensure that children's wards are put in place in health centers with staffs and enough facilities. She will work to ensure Peace, Love and Unity among the community members.



**Mr. Okori Sam** Candidate for councilor LC III Abunga Parish, Barr Sub County.

If elected, I will sensitize the parent to support the education of their children by providing scholastic materials, will work with the communities to see that all access roads are maintain to keep our children safe on the road as they go to school. I will ensure that all children living with HIV/AIDS have access to medical facility and access to clean water. I will ensure that there is reporting channel for children to allow them report cases of abuse.

**Mr. Ogut Charles,** Candidate for LC III councilor, Olyet Parish, Awei Sub County.

Charles said if elected he will work to protect the rights of children especially heavy work not fit for children's health example in schools working in teachers home and at homes. He said he will also ensure that every school going age child go to school and gets enough support from their parents and the government. He concluded by saying that he will ensure that those who are caught in defiling a child will be charged and imprison.



**MORRIS ODUNG OMARA** is the Current Speaker Lira municipality, candidate for Mayor Lira municipal Council. My Vision/ programs for Children are as follows;

Children are the greatest promise and the best hope for the bright future of this country. We cannot prepare the future for our children but we can prepare our children for the future.

If elected, I will support the bright but disadvantaged children hailing from poor families by putting in place scholarship programs that will turn their education dreams into reality. Address gender based violence at family levels through sensitization and sustained awareness creation campaigns as violence at home affects the health and education of children and escalate the street kids' problems. I will also make necessary by-laws that will enhance effective implementation of universal primary education and parents who will deliberately refuse to take their children to school will be subjected to disciplinary measures. I will promote immunization through exemplary leadership and sensitize parents on the importance of immunization and the growth and general health of a child and finally, promote child rights and responsibilities that will make them grow to achieve that full God given potentials.



**Mrs. Akello Medina Okeng,** candidate for LC.V women representative Barr sub County.

If elected, I will sensitize the community about the rights of a child, I will also fight domestic violence since this is the cause of street children.

Work with the local community to ensure quality education for all children especially retention and completion for girls. Encourage parents to save money and start up small income generating projects to empower parents to support their children.

**Mr. Akaa Thomas,** candidate for Chairperson LC III, Barr Sub County. If elected, I will ensure that children enjoy their rights to play and will make sure that sports equipment are in place like uniforms, balls etc. I will work with the community to form by laws and form committee that promotes education especially for girl child, starting programs that can help school dropout. I will also ensure that early childhood development centers are put in every school. Finally, I will lobby for funds to support the vulnerable groups of people and sensitize the community about the rights of children

# STORIES AND POEMS

## CHILDREN MANIFESTO FOR CHANGE

### Our key messages

1. Listen to what we say as we are the experts in our own needs and abilities.
2. We should be involved in all decisions about our education and support.
3. We are individuals and need different types of support and services to meet our individual needs.
4. We need to have meaningful choices.
5. People working with us need to properly acknowledge the barriers and challenges we face, and provide us with the support we need to succeed.
6. Everybody needs to understand what it means to be a child and have respect for us.
7. It is not acceptable for children to be made fun of or face bullying within schools or our local communities." *Everyone should be treated as an individual, with the same rights of access to leisure, education, health, support, transport, personal development and appropriate housing as everyone else. Even if that means they need much more support and input to achieve equality. We are not asking for more rights, just the right to equality.*" Akello Winnie Dorcus (16), Bata Senior Secondary School

### OUR CHALLENGE TO NEXT GOVERNMENT

1. Make people understand and respect children.
2. Support us to take part in our communities, doing the things that all other children and young people do.
3. Make sure the services we use can support us to live ordinary lives.
4. Help us to get the education, jobs and training we want.

## A CHILD PRAYER

God please help politicians so that they do not make people to fight during elections, so that I and my sister can go to school and mammy and daddy can go to work and all the children in Uganda can play and people to vote wisely and peacefully. Amen. **Oceng Jimmy Teeyao, (14) P.7, Primary School, Bata sub county Dokolo District**

**I want peace in this election period so my brother can have hope**

**Apenyo Peace (12), P.5, Central primary school, Lira**

## THE WORK OF A GOOD LEADER

A good leader acts as a guide

A good leader is not corrupt

A good leader should lead people without any segregation

A good leader should collect the information from the grass root

A leader should cooperate with other leaders

A good leader should work hand in hand with the community members

A good leader should settle dispute among the members

**Acen Lillian, (16) P.6, Abunga Primary School**

## A GOOD LEADER

A good leader  
Who are you, Are you tall or short, thin or fat

A good leader, a good leader  
Are you black or brown?  
Are you a human being or an animal?  
Do you stay in the bush or at home?

A good leader, a good leader  
Our country has dropped down because the quality of education is very low especially in the rural area all those happens because of you

Oh good leaders,  
Child sacrifice is happening just because of you  
Rights of widows are now dropping down because of you  
Orphans are suffering on the streets yet you are there looking

Oh good leaders, help us now?  
**LEMO SAMSON SOLOMON (14) P.6, Abunga Primary School**

## VOICE

Voice Voice Voice  
What a beautiful thing you are?  
You are very important in the future of children who are advocating for their rights days and night.  
When we speak child abuse stop

Voice Voice Voice  
You are very important in many ways.  
When we speak war stop and peace prevails  
You teach us in good ways  
Oh voice  
Voice you are very important in our future and the whole world will listen to us when we speak.

**ALINGA BRENDA (12) P.4  
A COROM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

You have the rights to choose your own friends as long as it is not harmful to others

"Itye kedo twero me nwongo awoti teki pe kelo peko/rac bot jo okene"



# CEKO KEDE LEMO

## WE NEED FREE AND FAIR ELECTION

As far as people are preparing for the general election of 2011, we the children and the voters of Uganda we want the election to be free and fair. We want election which does not involve loss of lives and properties of the voters and the displacement of some people.

We want a leader who is in position to protect his citizens from any internal and external problem which come on their way. We the voters of Northern Uganda went through many problems therefore we should vote for leaders who will make our voices be heard to the government, represent us in parliament and different councils.

We need to elect leaders who are social, polite and who regard his fellow citizen as equal as they are the ones who vote them in those high positions.

**BUA ANTHONY AMONONENO PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## TEACHERS

Our teachers! Our teachers!

You are very good indeed

What a beautiful teachers you are. When we go to America the teachers are there, back in Africa the you are there, go to villages the teachers are there

Our teachers! Our teachers!

You teach us to learn many subjects for example math, English, science, S.S.T and many others.

Our teachers! Our teachers!

If somebody wants to be a doctor, the teachers do it

If you want to read and write, the teachers do it

We start knowing God because of teachers

Leaders comes because of teachers

Our teachers! Our Teachers

You are great

**ATYANG BRENDIA P.6, COROM P/S**

## IKOM KWIR

Kwir, kwir, kwir

Pwod dong iyelo wa

Idok iyi Acholi yin itye iye

Idwogo iyi lango kan yin itye iye

Iwi lobo lung yin itye iye

Kom kwir

Kwir, kwir, kwir

Iyelo wa kiti pingo

Wan obedo otino, Papo wa oto

ikop ikom kwir

Aman ngata aculi wa kwan pe

Kwaca woto bot gamente ni myero mi kuc bed

imwaka abino ame jo abolo kwir

Akobo man pi obanga na kede lobowa

**ALWEDO SUSAN RUTH (14), Adyanglim P/S**

## POLITIANS

Politicians Politicians Politicians

We need development for our country, I know that election is very interesting for our future. Uganda wants development for the young generation

Politicians Politicians Politicians

You should not use money get votes from people. You should not use bad languages in your campaign. You should not force people to vote for you. You should not be jealousy

Politicians Politicians Politicians

You should know your God for people to vote you. You should be supportive to children's education. You should be skillful and effective in working with person. you should have enough knowledge to promote peace

Politicians Politicians Politicians

We need the best from you to protect us

**ADONGO BRENDIA P.6 ALEBTONG PRIMARY SCHOOL**

I will vote for your party if you promise to get children involved in decision making.

You have the right to give your opinion and for adults to listen and take it seriously

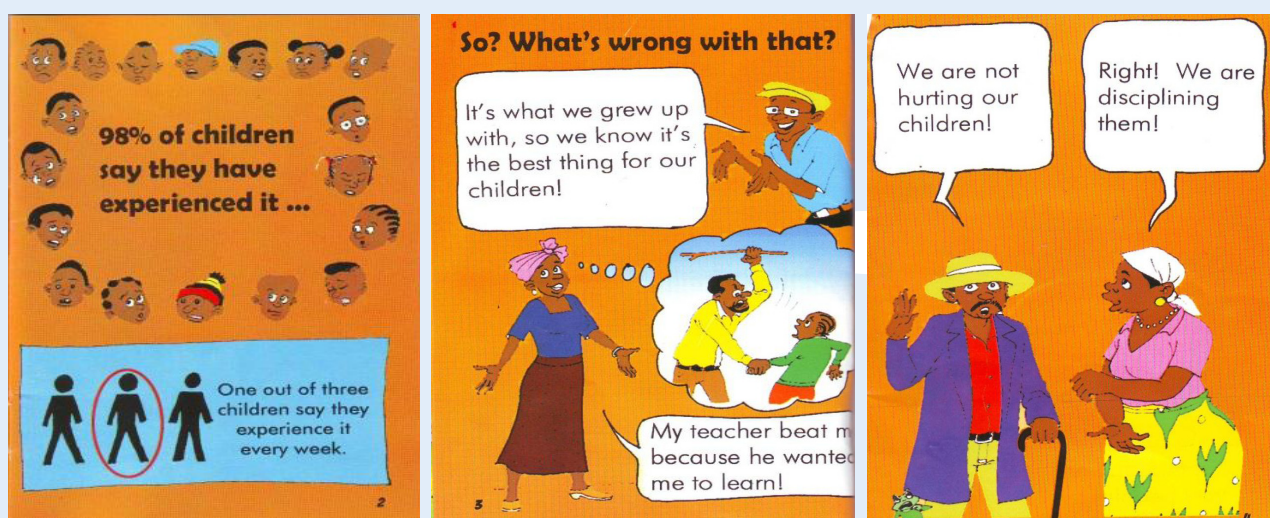
"Itye kede twero me miyo tami wek dano otego winy te niang iye"

# "RAISING VOICES CORNER"

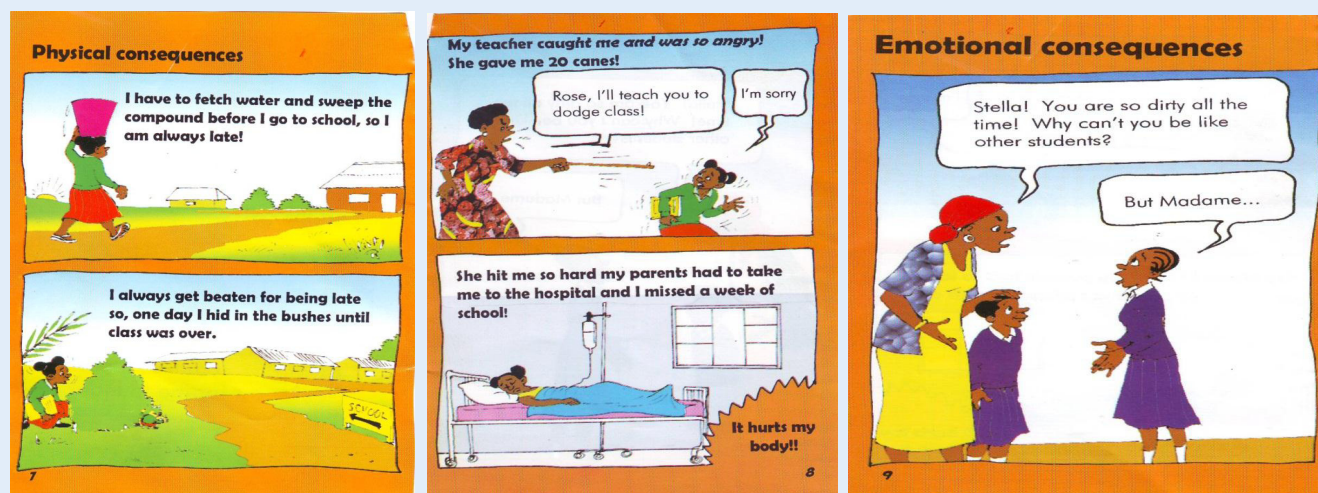
14th December 2010

Hello Children, welcome to the fifth part of the Preventing Violence against Children Forum. In this issue, we shall be looking at corporal punishments. I will begin by asking you a simple question, what comes to your mind when you hear the word corporal punishment? Has it ever happened to you? How did it make you feel? My guess is that you will immediately think of the 'cane,' the beatings in class, schools and homes. Many people say, if you beat children, you're trying to discipline them, that if children don't fear adults, they will never respect them and that corporal punishment is part of our culture. What do you think?

Before I go any further, let me clear one myth about corporal punishments, in the first place, while it always takes physical forms intended to cause some degree of pain and discomfort to the child through smacking, kicking, caning, pinching among others, corporal punishment is also any non physical punishment which belittles, humiliates, threatens, scares or makes fun of a child. In this edition, I will mainly look at corporal punishment in schools and what can be done about it



So, if many see nothing bad with corporal punishment, is it a problem for us to pay attention to? If I asked you another question, as children, what is wrong with corporal punishment? my guess is that you will immediately say: 'it hurts us our bodies, makes it hard for us to learn, makes us hate some subjects and teachers as well as forcing us even do more bad things.' The list of its negative consequences is endless. Yes, corporal punishment has physical, behavioral and emotional consequences. Look at the next short stories from some of the children that Raising Voices talked to from various parts of the country to understand what I mean.

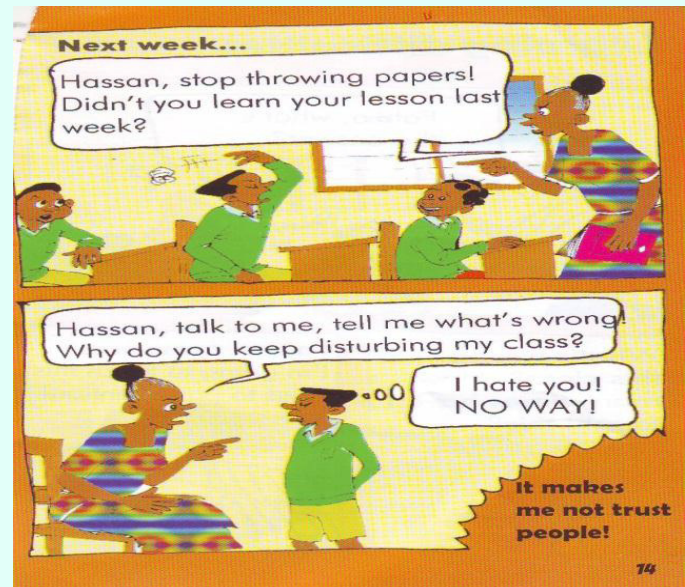
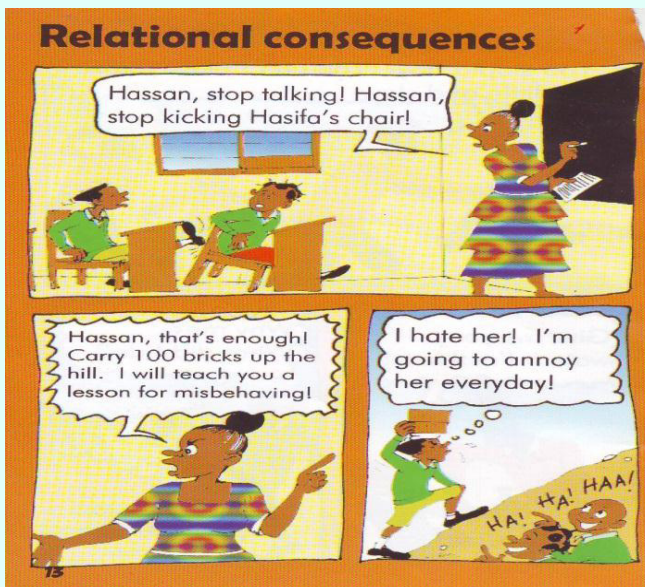
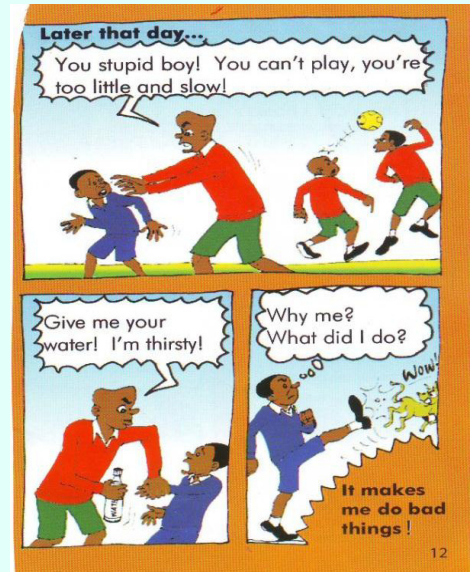
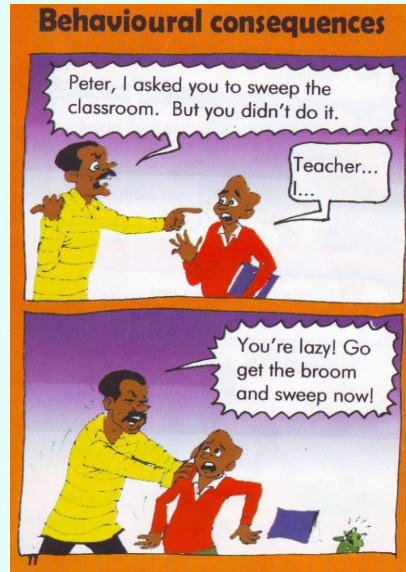
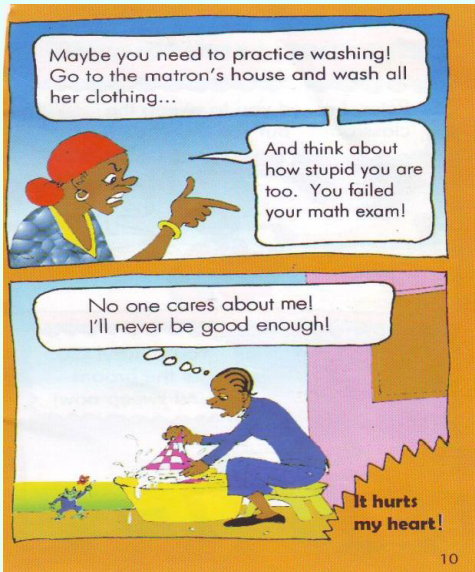


No one is allowed to punish you in a cruel or harmful way

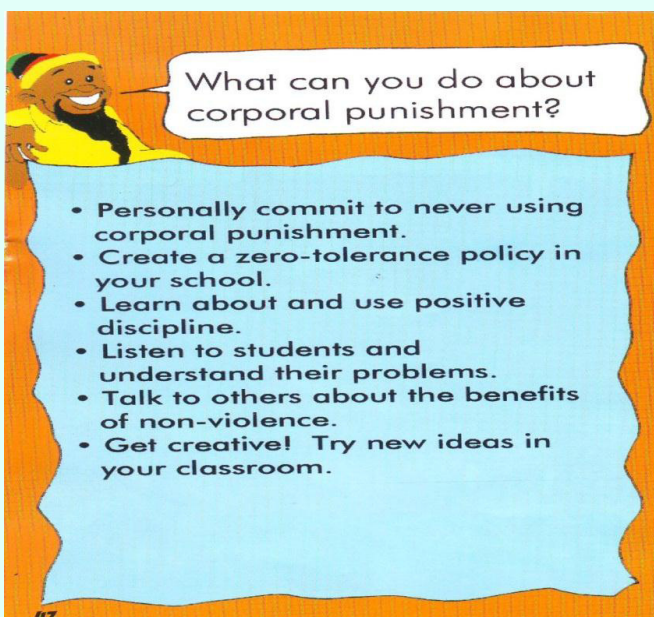
"Pe oyeyi ngatoro me miyo wu pwod iyore me gero ame kelo awano"



# "RAISING VOICES CORNER"



So if corporal punishment has all these negative consequences, what can be done to stop it in our schools? Here is a list of suggested thing for our teachers to pay attention to.



No one is allowed to punish you in a cruel or harmful way

"Pe oyeyi ngatoro me miyo wu pwod iyore me gero ame kelo awano"



# Game

## SNAKE AND LADDER ON CHILD LABOUR

100	99	98	97	96	95	94	93	92	91
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
80	89	78	77	76	75	74	73	72	71
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
60	59	58	57	56	55	54	53	52	51
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

### GREEN CARDS

98

If you are sexually exploited you have high risk of getting HIV/AIDS, pregnancy, missing out school and death.

89

Children who are forced by their parents to hawk on the street yet others are in the school are denied the chance to enjoy their right to education.

80

You are beaten by your parents, injured and you stay for 2 weeks without going to school.

40

Children who dodge afternoon lessons going to break stones for money do not perform well in class.

47

Weak and hungry children do not benefit much from their lessons at school because they go begging and get exploited on the street.

26

You are lured to work for money on your way to school and miss school.

### BLUE CARDS

63

You were a child labourer like Solomon, and helped by an organization to study and now your life is good.

53

You contribute articles in Dwon Otino magazine about the dangers of child labor and you also share it with your friends in school..

50

You help your mum with house core work like washing plate, collecting water etc. These are your responsibilities.

22

You studied hard and got a well paid job and pay fees for your younger brothers & sisters to school.

17

You report any violence against children to the nearest LC.1 office or police station.

8

You participate in community and national day celebrations such as World Day Against Child Labor, World AIDS Day and Day of African Child and got inform about your rights.



### HOW TO PLAY THE GAME: PLAYERS CAN RANGE FROM 2 TO 6.

COLLECT SIX SAME COLOUR BOTTLE TOPS TO BE USED AS DICES AND WRITE 1 TO 6 ON EACH. GET A CONTAINER E.G. USELESS CUP TO PUT YOUR DICES AND EACH

PLAYER HAS TO SELECT HIS OR HER OWN COLOUR TO BE USED AS CONES. SHAKE THE DICES IN THE CONTAINER, THE PERSON WHO PICKS THE

SMALLEST FIGURE IS THE FIRST PLAYER FOLLOWED BY THE SECOND ETC. SHAKE AND PICK THE DICE TO MOVE YOUR CONE.

MOVE THE CONE ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER YOU HAVE GOT ON THE DIE E.G. IF YOUR CONE WAS IN 2 AND THE DYE YOU PICK IS

NUMBERED 4, YOU HAVE TO MOVE 4 STEPS AHEAD TO 6. IF YOU GET E.G. 6, YOU HAVE TO MOVE SIX STEPS AND PLAY AGAIN. IF YOU GET

TO A START OF A LADDER LIKE 8, READ THE MESSAGE ON THE BLUE CARD OPPOSITE BEFORE YOU CLIMB TO 27. IF YOU FALL WERE THE HEAD OF A SNAKE IS SAY 98, READ THE MESSAGE ON THE GREEN

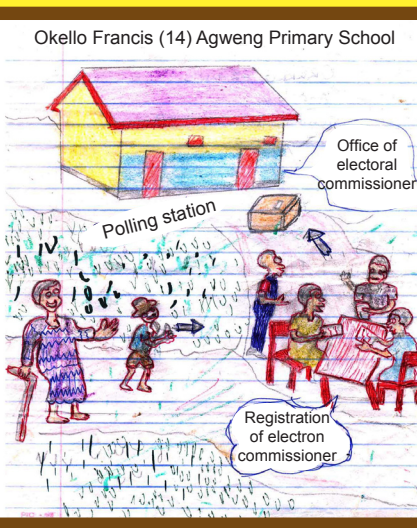
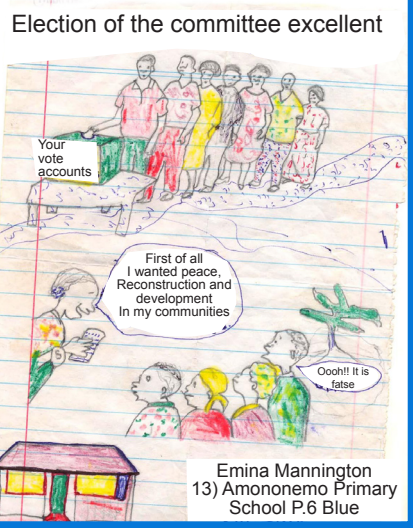
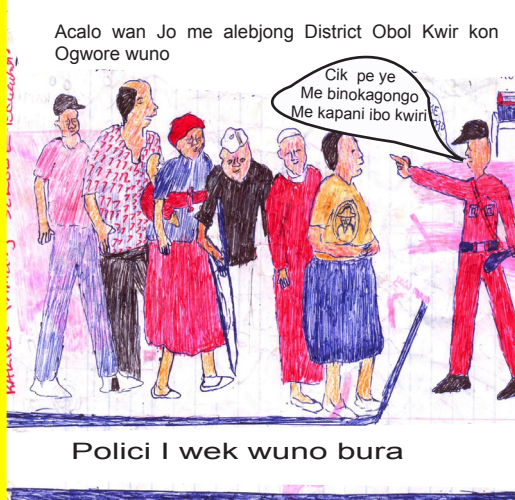
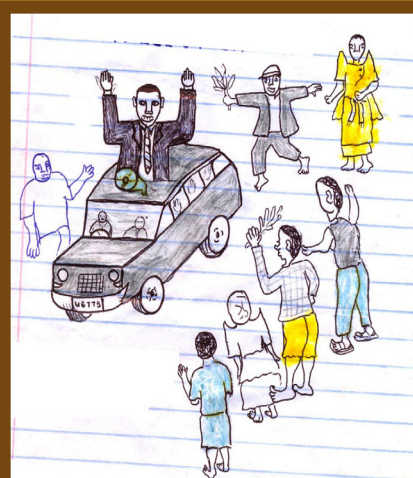
CARD OPPOSITE BEFORE THE SNAKE BITES YOU AND BRINGS YOU DOWN TO ITS TAIL THAT IS 9. THE PERSON WHO REACHES 100 FIRST BECOMES THE WINNER. SAY NO TO CHILD LABOUR AND GO BACK TO SCHOOL.





# Young Artist Corner

## "Gwic Ogoc Atino"



You have the right to live with a family who cares for you

"Itye kede twero me bedo ipaco ame omari iye"



# YOUR LETTERS

Dear Voters,  
Give your votes to somebody;  
Who knows God  
Who is trusted  
Who is faithful  
Who is obedience  
Who have respect to the voters  
Who is educated  
Voters if you hear my voice I will be pleased  
**OWINY WILLY (13) P.6, Abunga P/S**

Dear voters,  
Elect leaders who are knowledgeable and those who are not corrupt. We don't want those who ask for forgiveness every year about corruption. We don't want leaders who talk for their relatives only but we need those who talk for the all country. We need good qualities of leaders in parliament of Uganda who are God fearing, Respectful and someone who loves people.  
**ACEN MARRIAM (15) P.6, WIGWENG PRIMARY SCHOOL, AGWENG SUB-COUNTY**

Dear Politician,  
When you are campaigning to be elected we'd like you to listen to us. We want you to understand the issues that are important to us, and tell us what you are going to do to make things better for us.  
**Koli Marion (12) P.5, Alapata primary School**

Dear Leaders,  
I am a school boy of Adyanglim primary school in Abako, with great pleasure I want to talk strongly without fear that if you are elected, discourage the idea of homo-sexuality i.e. marriage between a men. Please our dear leaders we look forward for your leadership in helping us children.  
**Adupa Morish (13) P5, Adyanglim Primary School**

Dear Voters,  
In this coming election of 2011, let us elect women because women remember children when they are elected and they also give us time to lift our  
**AKELLO JUDITH WALINDA (14) OGONGO P/S  
KWAC BANG OBOL KWIR**

Dear Ugandans,  
Leaders of Uganda, Parents and children of Uganda. Let us stop and see the future of our country.  
Our top most leaders, your officer are always challenged. Let's forget about money and work for our people first as we promised. Religious leaders don't set back you are the basement of either success or failures of our leaders  
**Akech Rebecca Opem P/s**

Obol kwir, obolo wuno kwir abongo apoka poka me wi bye. Obol kwir abongo kop me kadocero onyo kop me cabun ento oyer otela akwiri aromo telo lwak. Apwoyo wuno ka ibino yero otela aber me tung malo me Uganda.  
**ODONGO GEOFFREY (14) P.5, COROM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## COMPLETE YOUR PROMISE

Our leaders who will be mandated into power, we beg you to complete all things that you promise to do. First start by stopping corruption in the communities to make areas in the village also develops. We want you to provide and strengthen the police post to fight the crimes like those who are sacrificing us children, rappers, defilers among other. We also want enough health centres to treat the sick people. We also beg you to construct for us permanent church and also provide more scholastic material that is missing and lastly repair roads in the village to make transport easy.  
**OKAO DENISH P.5, ABALA P/S**

Dear Parents,  
You know that Uganda is going to elect new leaders next year? What kind of people will you elect? This is my warning to parents of Uganda. Don't elect people who will give you alcohol only, money and cigarettes, but you must elect people who will look to our education. Elect people who will come back when elected.  
**AYUGI KOLETA (13) P.5, COROM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Dear Parent  
I want you to vote for leaders who support girl child education, a leader who support children's' right as this would make us know our right and a leader who will prepare us for our future  
**AWOR JULIET OGOGORO P/S**

## MY COMMUNITY

My community this is my appeal to you. Please let us vote for capable leaders who can raise our voice to the central government about our problems and some missing needs.  
**OGOAFRANCIS P.5, ABALA P/S**



# WARAGA NI

**Dear Parents,**

- Let us educate a Girl child. Educating a girl matters a lot in the future of our country since the whole world lies on mothers.

**AKULLU BRENDA (14), COROM P/S**

## LETTER TO THOSE CAMPAIGNING

Dear Politicians,

We want peace in Uganda. There was a lot of war during the struggle for independence and other past election and struggle for power. Most children lost their parents. The children living now are true orphans. We don't want fighting for scramble for independence since children are most affected.

Politicians who are campaigning at different level, we want peace in Uganda. We do not want to lose our future. Thanks for campaigning in the 2011 election

**APOBO HARRIET (13) P.6, AMONONENO P/S**

Dear everybody,

On behalf of all children in Uganda, I would like to wish all voters a happy election 2011 and good leaders for ruling our country, cities, districts, county, sub-county, parishes and villages

My humble appeal to voters is that, you exercises your rights in this election of 2011 and encourage your friends to vote peacefully and democratically.

**Apio Benna P.6, Amugo Quran P/S**

## ELECT GOD FEARING LEADERS

- Election is when the Citizen of the country elects the leaders through voting. We as children, we need the President who cares for our education.

- We want MPs who will make Laws that help us children to be leaders of tomorrow. We want leaders who can fight for children's rights and condemn violation of our rights.

- We should elect God Fearing leaders, leaders who are not corrupt, leaders who can easily be approached during time of problems and can also give good advice.

**Awor Susan (13), Ebule P/S.**

## TO THE WINNERS OF 2011 ELECTION

Please if you win election, Struggle to promote unity, fight against Child sacrifice and to stop domestic violence.

I am also still saying that when you win the election please rule without force and annoyance.

Thank you very much if you will do this.

**Odur Geoffrey (14) P.6, Amugo Primary School**

## TO THE LOSERS OF 2011 ELECTION

For the losers, I request you that don't worry about your money that you waste, relax and do other works that can give you money and make you free like sports and going to thank your voters and you plan for the next year

**Amuko Daniel, Abolet P/S, Barr sub-county.**

## PWOC

Pwoc bang otela abeco

Otela abeco, iyomo wunu yia me icel pien tic wu nen kana aler

Otela abeco, itio wunu tic apol pi dongo lobo wa okato mere pi wan otino

Otela abeco, igero wunu cukule ite poko wunu buke

pi wan otino kwan otela abeco, itucu wunu pii icukule apol I tung malo me Uganda kede ikin paci wa

ineno Wan otino calo anyim me diki

otela abeco, Gwokwa wunu amano wek obed anyim me diki

**Auma Stella (14), Abunga P/S, Barr Sub-county**

## KIT AME ATELA ABER BEDO KEDE

Atela aber miro bed ngat angeo jo

Atela aber miro bed ngat amio jo tam abeco.

Atela aber miro bed ngat anywako tam kede jo

Atela aber miro bed ngat ape poko jo.

Medi ikom mano, kwaca woto bot jo ame abolo kwir ni wun myero ibolo wunu kwir kede diro kede neno abor me wek iyer wunungat ame wun ingeo ni romo kongo wu iyi anyim.

**ARINGO BRENDA (13) P.6, ABALA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## LWORO DWONG

Kwaca woto bot gamente me Uganda ni myero coo ogwok kuc bed adowng me wek ony aremo bed ape ikare me bolo kwir. Dok akwayo gamente me lweny atek ikop ikom kwalo kwir me wek otedreo bol acung gi tek pien bino miyo kuc bedo adwong iyonge year ame abino ni.

**ERICO WALTER (14) OGOGORO P/S**

## PE IWILO KWIR AWILA

Owibye wa pe ikwalo kwir,pe iwilo wunu kwir awilo pien teki ikato pe itic alobere kede tam ajo ame bol kwir.

bed wunu jo atiao jami magi

1. Bed wunu jo ame konyo otino ocan teki okwao ni ikony gii

2. Bed dang ngat ame cwao peko otedero bot gamente imalo.

3. Kony wunu otedero kede puro yoo,mwono wii pii ame gengo jo wot kan okene.

**EGWAR DANIEL (13) P.6, AMONONENO P/S**

You have right to a name, and this should officially be recognized by the government.

"Tye kede twero me bedo nyingi ame gamente tye ngec iye"

## MESSAGE FROM ADULTS

## "KWENA IBOT JO OTEGO"

### GIVING HOPE TO CHILDREN

What do we value as Ugandan people? Why do we get irritable and violent with each other and towards those we perceive as weak, women and children so called smaller communities, especially at election time? Do we not have enough sense and maturity to see that election comes and go? And that the neighbor we attack pre election will still be our neighbor post election?

Let us all champion for peace so this country remains an example to others and give to the generation of the like of our children. To adults, I say use your vote to speak for peace, use your vote to speak for your own children, who by the way are watching and will no doubt pick up from where you left.

To the mass media I say, let us promote useful and peaceful debate and vow that every word uttered on air, every word penned on paper will be towards building a peaceful country. To the leadership and those aspiring to leadership I say, you are a leader only if you have followers. Preach peace and you will have followers.

**Adicho Bernard Isaac, CEO Art for Children Uganda**

### WE NEED PRINCIPLED LEADERS

In 2011 upcoming elections we need leaders with a clear vision and mission to initiate, promote, facilitate and implement strategic development projects that will catalyze the economic transformation in Uganda.

We need principled leaders with feeling of patriotism, nationalism, integrity, efficiency, transparency and the mandate to improve the quality of life of Ugandans by providing service in line with the national and local priorities.

May the good God continue being with you now and forever Amen.

**Mr. Odwee Lawrence, A Teacher, Abia Primary School, Tel. +256 777 035366**

### ADVICE TO THE FELLOW UGANDANS

Voting is a right to all citizens aged 18 years and above and is not mentally retarded as prescribed in the constitution of the Republic of Uganda, "chapter five, article 59(1).

I therefore advice the registered voters not to barter their votes with the essential items and the local waragi because this will ruin the future of; Uganda as a nation, family members and individual and this can leads to untold suffering in all aspects of life.

Let us have the idea of one man one vote as a sign of democracy for the betterment of our nation.

I have said this "For God and My Country"

**Mr. Odwee Lawrence, A Teacher, Abia Primary School, Tel. +256 777 035366**



I will vote for you party if you promise to get children involved in decision making.

You have the right to choose your own religion and belief

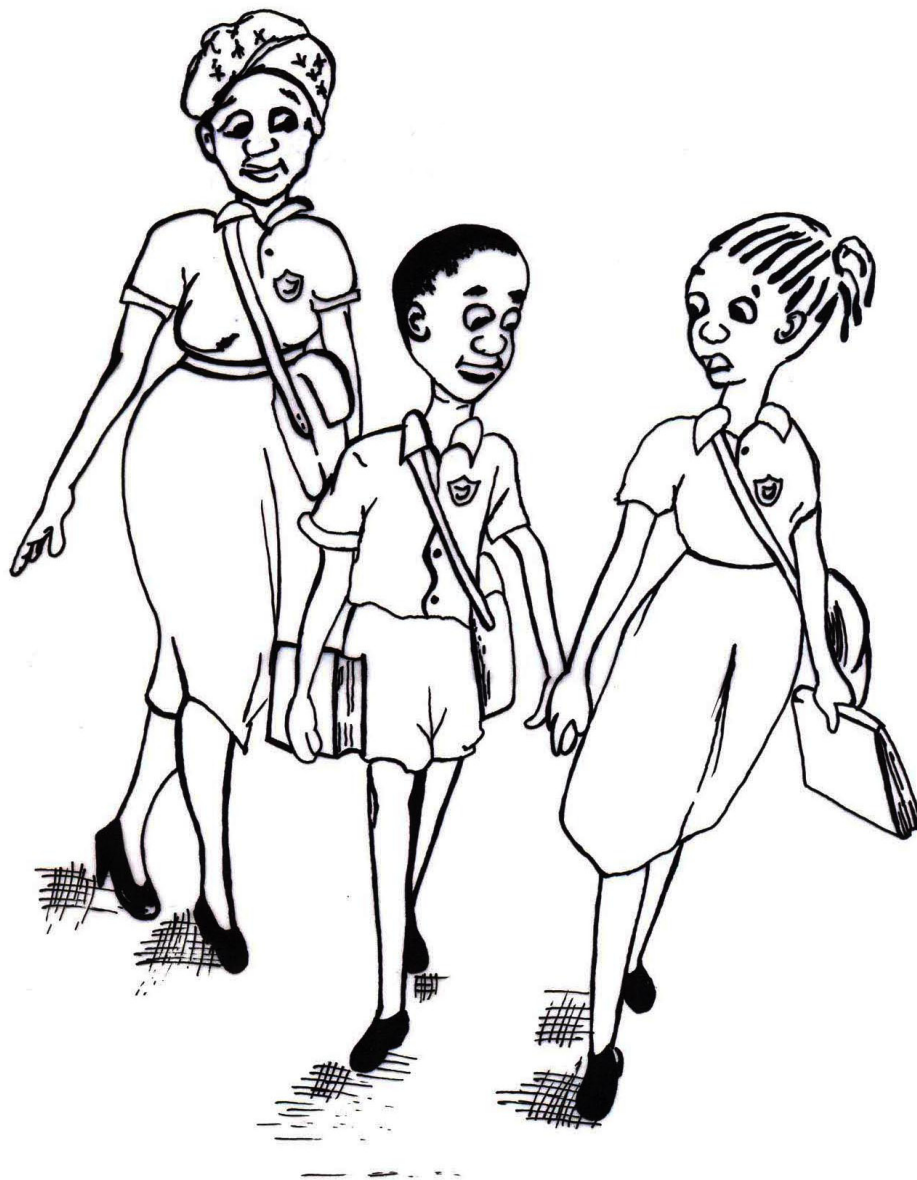
"Itye kede twero me yero dini ni kede niyee ni"



# PAINTING COMPETITION No.6



With the use of water colors, crayon, or colored pencils, colour the drawing and drop it in the letter box which is in your school and stand a chance to win scholastic materials plus the t-shirt for Dwon Otino Magazine for you and your friend



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

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

You have the right for special care and help if you cannot live with your parents

“Tye kede twero me nwongo gwok oromo kede kony ka yin pe itwero bedo kede onywali”

# Crossword Puzzle

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7. Omara Walter (9) P.5, Coorom P/S
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10. Ojok Emmanuel (14) P. 6, Ogogoro P/S
11. Akullu Asiah P.6, Ogogoro P/S
12. Omongi Jackson (13) P.6, Kakira P/S

## Birthday Greetings



Norman, greetings to my Mummy Cathy Daddy Bernard, uncle Edmond and Sister Susan and Harriet and Grandy

Adong Prisca Naome greetings to my Mum Teddy my Daddy Tonny my aunties Stella, Molly, Brenda and my uncles Morish, Daniel and Steven.

You have the right to food, clothing safe place to live and to have your basic needs met

"Itye kede twero me cem, ruk, ka bedo aber kede jami ducu ame mite pi kwo ni"



# QUESTION AND ANSWERS



1. Dear Chairman Electoral Commissioner,  
Is it possible for anybody that is below the age of 18 years to be involved in voting?  
**Akullu Sarah P.5, Abolet Primary School, Barr Sub County**

*No Sarah, A citizen of Uganda of 18 years and above qualifies to register as a voter.*



2. Dear Editor,  
I am still young but I always hear people talk about election, what is election and is there a good election or a bad one?  
**Acen Kevin (13) P.6, Ocabu Primary school**

*Kevin, an election is a formal decision making process by which a population chooses an individual to public office. A good election should be peaceful, free and fair and a bad election is one organized through violence, intimidation etc*



3. Dear Editor,  
How can we know that this is a bad or a good politician?  
**Acan Tekila (17) P.7, Ocabu Primary school**

*A bad politician is not law abiding citizen but a good politician is law abiding who respects the rights of other citizen*



4. Dear Editor,  
I am a P.6 girl 14 years old, my chairman LC1 is telling me that if I don't register for voting we shall go back to the camp, will this be true or not?  
**Akullu Paska (14) P.6, Ocabu Primary school**

*No Paska, you are still below 18 years, so you can not register to vote but your chairman LC 1 should know that the power belongs to the people, encourage those that are above 18 years to vote wisely.*



5. Dear Electoral Commissioner,  
Can you promise us children and the people of Uganda that this 2011 election is going to be free and fair?  
**Akello Cinderella (11), P.5 Central Primary School**

*Cinderella thanks for your question, election commission official had undergone training in preparation for 2011 electoral activities because an efficient human resource is vital in the delivery of peaceful, free and fair elections., so we promise the children and the people of uganda a peaceful, free and fair election in 2011 as our mission say to organized and conduct regulate free and fair election and referenda professional , impartially and efficiently.*

**This questions was responded to by Dorcas Omara, Election Assistant Lira**

## Topic for next edition

Our next topic shall be; How can we children make the environment we live in like schools, homes and the community safe for us? Give us your views.

## Thank You

Art for Children Uganda is very grateful for the support of all the children that have written articles to produce this magazine. All your articles were good and we summarized other similar ones and you can get them throughout the magazine. We would also like to express thanks to the parents, politicians and government officials interviewed who have assisted us in getting information for this magazine.

Dwon Otino Magazine is the only way we can lift the voice of children.



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