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## **1 INTRODUCTION.**

Gender Based Violence is a term used to describe any harmful act that is perpetrated against a persons will on the basis of unequal relations between women and men, as well as through abuse of power. Gender Based Violence in particular, sexual and physical violence is widespread in Uganda and is mainly committed against women and girls.

## **2 PROBLEM STATEMENT**

### **Magnitude of Gender Based Violence in Uganda.**

Over 20 million citizens of uganda especially the female have fallen victims of violence. Gender Based Violence is wide spread in Uganda and it affects all people irrespective of their social, economic and political status. It occurs in families, communities, workplaces and institutions. Gender Based Violence is critical, it has devastating effects and high prevalence of social problems such as social exclusion, psychological distress mental and anxiety disorders, spread of HIV and STD infections, unwanted pregnancies and the trauma experienced by victims, it has a direct negative impact on the dignity of victims and productivity in general. For example, the Uganda Demographic and Health Survey (UDHS) 2011 indicate that 56 percent of women aged between 15 and 49 years in Uganda have experienced physical

violence at some point in life, 28 percent of women in the same age group have experienced sexual violence, compared to 9 percent of men.

### **3 FORMS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE.**

There are different forms of Gender Based Violence that have been identified; these include:

1. physical violence (includes battering, sexual assault, at home or in work place.)
2. psychological/emotional violence (includes forced marriage, sexual harassment at home or in the work place)
3. Economic violence (includes denial of rights to property)
4. Sexual Gender Based Violence (sexual harassment, rape and defilement)
- ETC

### **4 CAUSES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE.**

1. Economic instability
2. Social attitudes and gender inequalities.
3. Illiteracy
- ETC

### **5 SOLUTIONS TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE.**

1. Formulation of clubs in schools to decampaign this violence.
2. Implementation of strict laws and regulations against gender based violence.
3. To mobilise communities with a particular focus on men's involvement as agents of change to prevent and respond to gender based violence.

### **6 CONCLUSION.**

In conclusion, More education to the public about Gender Based Violence, Develop and maintain a Gender Based Violence data base, Community mobilization and empowerment, establishment of One-Stop Centres, Strengthen the referral system, mainstream Gender Based Violence in policies and sector plans, conduct study to quantify Gender Based Violence impact on eco-

conomic growth and development should be done to solve the problem of Gender Based Violence