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Advocacy and Promotion of rights of children and women in the community



Join campaign to end violence against women and children in Uganda

Every year many women and children are subjected to various human rights abuses in homes, schools and communities.

Be part of this years campaign to end violence against women and children.

## DOMESTIC VIOLECE AND CHILD ABUSE.

Child abuse and domestic violence are among the problems facing the legal field of study today. Children and Women being the most vulnerable in our society.

Many children have been denied their rights that is to say right to know and be cared for by their parents, protection from social and economic exploitation, education, health care, shelter, among other rights which are a provided for under Article 35of the constitution. As a result many children have ended on streets thus increasing he number of street children in our communities.

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## Advise

The 1995 constitution of Uganda guarantees the rights of children and women, however people are ignorant and the government has not done enough sensitization of the masses about the rights of children and women and the dangers of child abuse and domestic violence.

The above can only be solved or over come through education and sensitization of the masses about the rights of children and women through radio shows, television shows, magazines, news papers, work shops among other methods.

- Putting up strong institutions and strengthening those in existence that fight and defend the rights of children and women in our communities such as FIDA and probation officers defending the interest of children
- The perpetrators should also be given harsh punishments to send a strong warning to others who would be doing and intending to carry out the same acts of child abuse and domestic violence
- Women and children should also be sensitized about their rights and where to report once acts of violence and child abuse have been carried out against them.
  - Promoting the constitutional rights guaranteed in the constitutions that emphasizes equality under Article 21
  - In conclusion there are various social problems facing our legal profession of study which need to be worked upon but the main cause being ignorance of the law.