

Children and youth facing violence in Africa

What do we know? What can we do?

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Overview

Developing more effective, evidence-based policies and programmes to prevent and respond to violence affecting children is becoming a key global priority, as signified by targets on ending all forms of violence against children by 2030 as part of the Global Goals. On the African continent increasing attention is being directed towards developing regional and national action plans for preventing violence affecting children. Around the continent research studies have generated insights into the multiple ways in which violence affects the lives of children, and the ways in which diverse contexts may protect from or exacerbate risks. However, there has been a disconnect between research and policy, with insufficient sharing of the implications of research evidence for policy and practice, and few studies focused on policy processes linked to violence against children and young people. This two-day workshop brings together researchers, policy actors and practitioners to share evidence on what we know and what we can do to address violence faced by children and youth from diverse contexts across the region.

Focal areas and key questions for discussions

The workshop aims to share knowledge about contexts of violence, notably how and why violence manifests in the diverse lives of children and youth and how this is experienced in varying circumstances and settings. The workshop will discuss approaches for preventing and responding to violence affecting children and youth. Four questions will form the focus of our discussions:

- What are the differences between local, regional, national and continent-wide understandings and manifestations of violence affecting children and youth?
- What are the connections and intersections between violence and structural vulnerabilities related to poverty, gender and other dimensions of exclusion?
- What have learnt regarding best practice in preventing violence affecting children and youth and what are the implications for policy and practice at local, regional, national and continent-wide scales?
- How can we create bridges between different siloed approaches to violence affecting children and youth, such as across the fields of child protection, social protection, education and gender-based violence?

Agenda

Day One: Tuesday 18th September

Time	Session	Presentations
8.30 – 9.00	Registration	
9.00 – 9.30	Welcome and Opening remarks	H.E. W/ro Alemitu Omodi State Minister, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Ethiopia Nyaradzavi Gumbonzvanda, African Union Goodwill Ambassador on Ending Child Marriage Dr Assefa Bequele, Executive Director, African Child Policy Form CHAIR: Alula Pankhurst Rapporteur: Kassahun Tilahun, GAGE
9.30 – 11.00	Session 1: Children's experiences of violence: connecting the local and national	<i>An exploration of the barriers to adolescent justice in Ethiopia: findings from the GAGE mixed methods baseline</i> Nicola Jones, Workneh Yadete and Pilar Domingo, GAGE <i>Understanding violence affecting children and youth in Ethiopia: experiences in Young Lives sites.</i> Nardos Chuta, Alula Pankhurst and Kirrily Pells, Young Lives <i>Violence against children in South Africa: developing an understanding of the underlying determinants and strategies for prevention</i> Shanaaz Mathews, Children's Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa CHAIR: Yisak Tafere, Director, Ethiopian Centre for Child Research at the Ethiopian Development Research Institute Rapporteur: Agazi Tiemelissan, Young Lives
11.00 – 11.20	BREAK	
11.20 – 12.30	Discussion: what do we know and what are the gaps on preventing VACY?	Interactive session: introductions and activities to map out key issues in the contexts in which participants are working – what do we know and what are the gaps? Key question: What are the differences between local, regional, national and continent-wide understandings and manifestations of violence affecting children and youth? FACILITATOR: Kirrily Pells, UCL/Young Lives Rapporteur: Kiros Birhanu, Young Lives
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH	
13.30 – 15.00	Session 2: Intersecting violences and gender	<i>Understanding connections and intersections between violence and structural vulnerabilities related to poverty, gender and other dimensions of exclusion in Rwanda</i> Roberte Isimbi, GAGE <i>"I don't hit her for no reason": girls' experiences of 'violent discipline' in Togo and Benin</i> Lilli Loveday, Plan UK <i>Sexual violence and corporal punishment in Uganda: Exploring the interconnections between different forms of violence against children in schools</i> Ellen Turner, UCL Institute of Education <i>Raising Dependent Wives and Breadwinner Husbands in Ghana: Understanding the Consequences of Framing Gender Socialization around Marital Roles and Expectations for Gender-Based Violence</i> Dorothy Takyiakwaa, University of Cape Coast, Ghana DISCUSSANT/CHAIR: Jenny Parkes, UCL Institute of Education Rapporteur: Kiya Gezahegen, GAGE
15.15 – 15.30	BREAK	

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15.30 – 17.00	Panel A: Risks and protective factors for VACY	<p><i>Violence against Children in Kenya: An ecological model of risk factors and consequences, responses and projects</i> Alphonse Omolo, Lensthru Consultants</p> <p><i>Violence against Children in Ugandan Residential Care Institutions, 2016</i> Sheba Gitta, Africhild Centre, Makerere University</p> <p><i>Sexual Violence in Ethiopian Higher Education Institutions: A Personal and Contextual View</i> Emebet Mulugeta, Addis Ababa University</p> <p><i>Inclusiveness towards national violence against children survey contextual clarity and uptake: The Uganda Experience</i> Agnes Wasike, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development/Child Protection Working Group</p> <p>CHAIR: Pilar Domingo, GAGE Rapporteur: Agazi Tiemelissan, Young Lives</p>
OR	Panel B: Methodological challenges of researching violence affecting children and youth	<p><i>A whole school approach to monitoring school-related gender-based violence</i> Sujata Bordoloi, UNGEI</p> <p><i>Adolescent Participatory Research: a proactive approach to violence affecting young people (Tanzania)</i> Annah Kamusiime, Nascent Research and Development Organization, Uganda</p> <p><i>Violence affecting young women. An analysis of the Ethiopian DHS data</i> Ato Seleshi Tadesse, Directorate of Child Rights Promotion and Protection, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Ethiopia</p> <p><i>If we ask, will they tell? And then, what? Routine screening for sexual violence (SV) against children in Kenyan primary schools</i> Chi-Chi Undie, Population Council</p> <p>CHAIR: Guday Emirie, GAGE Rapporteur: Kassahun Tilahun, GAGE</p>
17.00 – 17.30	Discussion	<p><i>What are the connections and intersections between violence and structural vulnerabilities related to poverty, gender and other dimensions of exclusion?</i></p> <p>FACILITATOR: Nicola Jones, GAGE Rapporteur: Nardos Chuta, Young Lives</p>

Day Two: Wednesday 19th September

Time	Session	Presentations
9.00 – 10.00	Plenary	<p>Karin Heissler, Chief, Child Protection, UNICEF Ethiopia Doris Roos, Coordinator, African Partnership to End Violence Against Children Final Speaker, tbc</p> <p>CHAIR: Sujata Bordoloi, UNGEI Rapporteur: Kiya Gezahegne, GAGE</p>
10.00 – 10.20	BREAK	
10.20 – 11.50	Session 3: Breaking down siloed approaches to preventing VACY	<p><i>Creating bridges to address School-Related Gender-Based Violence: Lessons from a transnational action research project in Ethiopia, Togo, Zambia and Côte d'Ivoire</i> Jenny Parkes and Tiye Feyisa, UCL Institute of Education & UNICEF Ethiopia</p> <p><i>An Assessment of UNFPA's Approaches for the Prevention of and Response to Gender-based Violence (GBV) in Ethiopia</i> Rahwa Mussie, Institute of Gender Studies, AAU</p>

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	Session 3 continued	<p><i>Bridging the divide between formal and informal child protection systems: the role of para social workers in child protection arrangements in rural communities in Uganda</i> Jenny Driscoll, King's College London</p> <p><i>Evidence-based policy and prevention of violence to children: A wicked problem</i> Andy Dawes, Professor Emeritus, University of Cape Town</p> <p>CHAIR: Roberte Isimbi, GAGE Rapporteur: Agazi Tiemelissan, Young Lives</p>
11.50 – 12.45	Breakout groups	<p>World Café on question: How can we create bridges between different siloed approaches to violence affecting children and youth, such as across the fields of child protection, social protection, education and gender-based violence?</p> <p>FACILITATOR: Kirrily Pells, UCL/Young Lives Rapporteur: Kiros Birhanu, Young Lives</p>
12.45 – 13.45	LUNCH	
13.45 – 15.15	Panel C: Violence against children in vulnerable circumstances: policies and practice	<p><i>On Improving 'Positive Discipline' and Including Boys in Child Protection Agendas - Anthropological Reflections from Zanzibar</i> Franziska Fay, Goethe University Frankfurt</p> <p><i>Strengthening communities to protect children from all forms of violence</i> Lynn Kay, Retrak Ethiopia</p> <p><i>National Priority Agenda for Vulnerable Children in Nigeria</i> Chimezie Elekwachi, ANPPCAN Nigeria Chapter</p> <p>CHAIR: Nicola Jones, GAGE Rapporteur: Kassahun Tilahun, GAGE</p>
OR	Panel D: Preventing Violence in Schools	<p><i>Ethiopia's Code of Conduct on Prevention of School-Related Gender-Based Violence: Insights from school children and teachers</i> Tiye Feyisa (UNICEF Ethiopia), Firehiwot Alito (Addis Ababa University) and Jenny Parkes (UCL Institute of Education)</p> <p><i>Good Schools – taking promising practices to scale</i> Katharina Anton-Erxleben, Raising Voices, Uganda</p> <p><i>Shifting the school norm in Uganda: The Journeys Initiative</i> Hosea Sempa and Joshua Wakabi, RTI</p> <p>CHAIR: Workneh Yadete, GAGE Rapporteur: Kiya Gezahegne, GAGE</p>
15.15 – 15.30	BREAK	
15.30 – 16.30	Breakout groups	<p>World Café style on the following question: <i>What we have learnt regarding best practice in preventing violence affecting children and youth and what are the implications for policy and practice at local, regional, national and continent-wide scales?</i></p> <p>FACILITATOR: Kirrily Pells, UCL/Young Lives Rapporteur: Nardos Chuta, Young Lives</p>
16.30 – 17.30	Feedback from breakout groups, reflections and next steps	<p>Chair: Alula Pankhurst, Young Lives and Yisak Tafere, Director, Ethiopian Centre for Child Research at the Ethiopian Development Research Institute Rapporteur: Agazi Tiemelissan, Young Lives</p>