

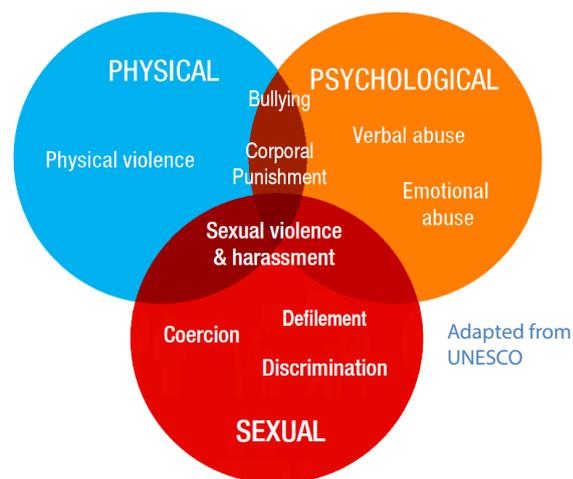
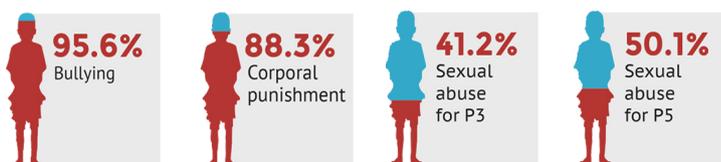
WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN ENDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN EDUCATION



What is School-Related Gender-Based violence?

School-related gender-based violence (SRGBV) is any act or threat of physical, sexual or psychological violence or abuse that occurs in or around school. SRGBV is based on gendered stereotypes and includes rape, unwanted sexual touching, unwanted sexual comments, corporal punishment, bullying and other forms of non-sexual intimidation or abuse, such as verbal harassment or exploitative labour in schools. SRGBV may be perpetrated by teachers, students or community members. Both girls and boys can be victims and perpetrators.

Violence against P3 and P5 Children in Schools during the Past Term in Uganda



This SRGBV baseline assessment was conducted in the first term of 2016 by USAID/ Uganda Literacy Achievement and Retention Activity, Implemented by RTI International.

What are the Consequences of School-Related Gender-Based Violence?

 <p>Inability to concentrate Falling Grades Dropping out of school</p>	 <p>Physical injuries Substance misuse Sexually transmitted infections, HIV and pregnancy</p>	 <p>Anxiety and depression Anger and hostility Self-harm and suicide</p>	 <p>Violence against others Victims turn to bullying Sexual harassment</p> <p>Adapted from UNESCO</p>
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A SAFE EDUCATION IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT!

The Law in Uganda

- ▶ **Children are entitled to be protected** from social or economic exploitation and shall not be employed in or required to perform work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with their education or to be harmful to their health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development (1995 constitution of Uganda Children's right).
- ▶ **It is illegal for teachers to beat learners.** The Children's Act (Amendment), 2016 prohibits any form of physical punishment against learners. Teachers that cane, beat or otherwise commit physical violence risk three years in prison and or a fine of UGX 2,000,000.
- ▶ **Sexual abuse is a crime.** Sexual abuse and indecent assault against children are criminal offenses. Misuse of authority to attain sex is also illegal (Sexual Offense Act, 2015).



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WHAT CAN WE DO?



REPORT!

Telephone helplines
Anonymous reporting boxes
Teachers

SUPPORT

Safe, child sensitive and confidential counselling for victims as well as witnesses and perpetrators

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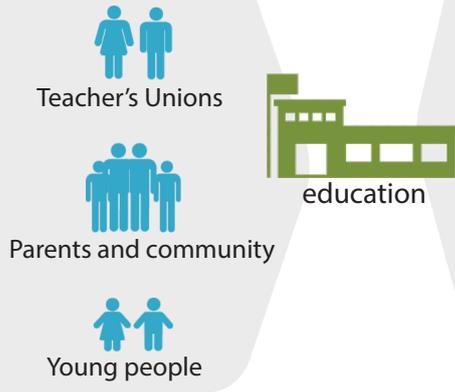
Healthcare
Law Enforcement
Psychosocial services
Legal Services

Adapted from UNESCO

COLLABORATE

Work together with all sectors to eliminate violence in education

Health
Gender & Women's Ministries,
Child Protection, Social Services, Legal/Justice, Security Sector
Youth & Sports, Transport & Urban Planning.



The Journeys approach

The Ministry of Education and Sports Journeys Program is designed to shift the social culture of the school and community toward a more positive and supportive place for learning, which is free from violence. The Journeys approach also focuses on building a child's ability to navigate his/her world to avoid challenges and to seek assistance when there is violence. It strengthens students' social and emotional skills, helping children cope with the challenges they face and improve attendance and achievement. A school and community must also be willing and able to welcome a child's voice when he/she speaks out against violence.

Social and Emotional Life Skills (SEL)

A positive and welcoming school supports a child's social and emotional development. Educational programming that directly strengthens students' social and emotional life skills has been shown to improve attendance and achievement, in addition to helping children cope with the challenges they face on a day-to-day basis.



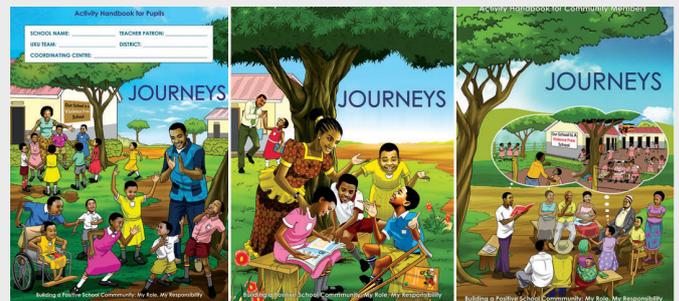
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Journeys Activity Handbooks

Teachers and School Staff

Community Members

Pupils



The Journeys approach uses awareness-building social technology.

- Reflection
- Participatory games
- Art and Drama
- Discussions about scenarios of violence

The Journeys handbooks are available for free download at:

- <https://shared.rti.org/content/journeys-activity-handbook-pupils>
- <https://shared.rti.org/content/journeys-activity-handbook-teachers-and-school-staff>
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