



Children with Archbishop Samuel Kazimba after Sunday worship at his home in Namirembe. The Archbishop has advocated for Children returning to Churches and Schools as most of them continue to miss out.

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Young ladies welcoming visitors with Kikiga dance at Grace Villas Children's home in Kabale as they celebrate Women's Day. They are part of the vulnerable children cared for and kept safe so they can continue with school despite their limiting backgrounds.

Greetings from Children and Youth Ministry, Church of Uganda, Provincial Secretariat Namirembe, Kampala.  
 Happy Easter Celebration. May the everlasting love of Christ fill your hearts during this season.

It is by God's grace that we have come this far amidst all the scare and threats that the Covid pandemic posed to the whole Country. The Archbishop and Provincial staff received our first dose of the vaccine and during the event His Grace called on the Church to ensure that we advocate for 'life in its fullness' John 10:10b, which is the theme for the Church of Uganda this Year, 2021.

**What has been happening**

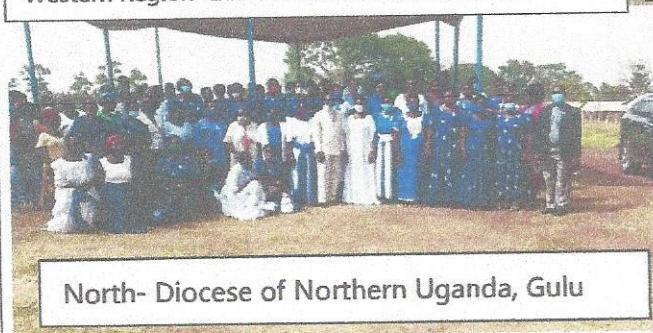
Well aware that most young people are still in homes with their families due to the continued closure of Schools, our focus has been to empower parents, the family and the community to effectively nurture children so that they can realise their full potential. Since January 9 Dioceses have been reached making a total of **19 Dioceses out of 37 Dioceses** in all regions of the Province have been reached and a total of **932 people** since we started in 2020. These include Church leaders, Christian Women, Mothers' and Fathers' Union members, Youth and Children's leaders who have been trained in positive parenting, child protection, safe guarding and well-being and commissioned to carry on the training further in their communities and local Churches.



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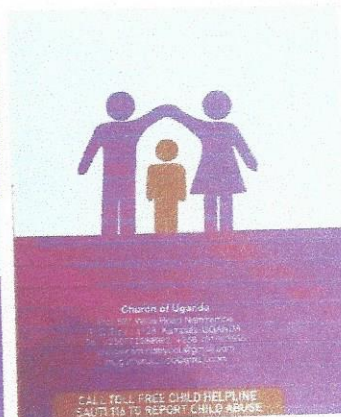
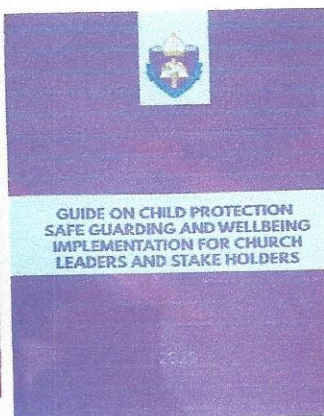
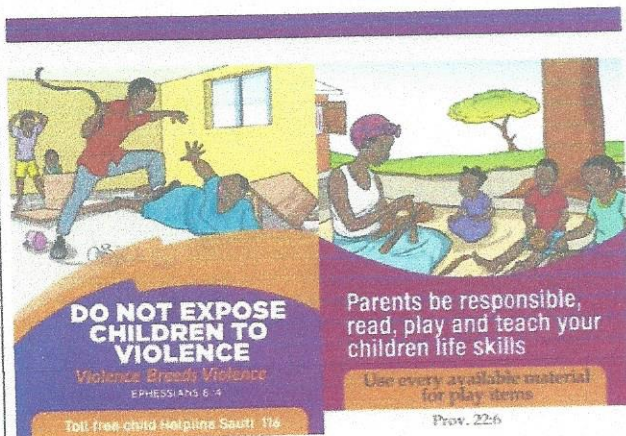


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**Pictures of Leaders trained in positive parenting in different Dioceses across the Province of the Church of Uganda**

The Ministry has also been involved in national wide advocacy using especially weekly Radio and TVs programs against teenager pregnancy, early marriages, violence and abuse which have been increased in the pandemic season. Many Children continue to face all forms of abuse and violence even in their own homes despite the child protection and safeguarding measures in place. We are glad that Government child toll free help line 116 has been very helpful together with police and local councils. There is need to strengthen the legal framework apprehend the culprits and deter more since most of them escape the arm of the law.





Some of the materials developed for Parents and Communities on Child protection, safeguarding and well being

The Church continues to restore hope with initiatives to empower young people to be involved in meaningful activities other than keeping idle. This follows circumstances that have caused fear and desperation after the January 2021 general elections in the Country. Some Youth were involved in violence, some were arrested and uncertainty has been increasing with different political opponents inciting the masses into demonstrations. This we believe is not a good thing for a Country where 78% percent of the population is below 30years and most of them struggling with unemployment.



Christain Youth doing charity activities with children from the suburbs of Kampala. This is away of reaching out to show compassion to the less prevailed children.



The President of the Republic of Uganda, His Excellence Yoweri Kaguta and wife, Hon. Janet Museveni meeting a group of interfaith youth at State House, Entebbe under Interreligious Council of Uganda. The Youth shared with the President their initiatives against poverty in their respective Religious groups

#### Prayer Requests

1. We continue to pray for our young people affected by circumstances brought about by covid; Some may be missing school, others have to work hard to sustain themselves
2. We pray for the re-opening of schools expected to begin after Easter, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2021
3. We pray for the Ministry to Youth and children as e raise funds to support activities this year 2021
4. We pray for our youth and children's leaders and teacher some have been affected and left their ministry work
5. We pray for oneness as we serve in the Ministry of Youth and Children so that we shall have results for the good of all ages

Wishing you a Happy Easter, full of God's Blessings.

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