

Progressive Report

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Study Project

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Introduction:

UYDEL undertook the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children study project since August 2010. A series of activities have been undertaken towards the achievement of the goals of this project. Below is a summary of how the report has been disseminated to different stakeholders.

Explanations for the Activities

1. National dissemination workshop of the research

This activity was undertaken on 31st May 2011 at Hotel Triangle where various stakeholders from NGOs, CSOs, faith based institutions and media attended. All participants received copies of the study report to increase advocacy efforts for prevention of sexual exploitation of children in communities. A press conference was also held to launch the study to the media and country in general. The participants recommended that the report should as well be disseminated to line government departments to act based on the stated study recommendations.



A cross section of the participants during the national dissemination workshop at Hotel Triangle

The table below shows the numbers of people who attended the national dissemination workshop

Categories of participants	Totals
Local Governments (Probation, Community Development Officers, Chief Administrative Officers)	01
Private sector	01
Development partners (UN agencies)	02
Human Rights Organizations	02
NGOs/CBOs	30
Faith Based Organizations	02
Police	01
Tertiary Institutions of learning	01
Media	29

Other CSEC Study dissemination fora:

a) National Advocacy forum on the plight of street children

UYDEL made a presentation on the findings of the CSEC study at a national advocacy forum to commemorate the Day of the African Child under the theme: *“All Together for Urgent Actions in favour of street children”* organized by Uganda Parliamentary Forum for Children on 14th June 2011 at Imperial Royale Hotel. The forum attended by over 40 people provided a platform to discuss issues concerning children commercially sexually exploited and devising strategies on how to protect and promote the rights of these children.



Mr. Mutaawe Rogers making a presentation during the national CSEC advocacy forum

2. District dissemination workshops of the research

Five dissemination workshops were undertaken and completed. Below is a summary table showing the districts, and category of participants that attended the dissemination workshops

Districts covered	Masaka	Bugiri	Lira	Mbarara	Validation of National Action plan in CSEC	Trafficking workshop	Totals
Dates	11 th March 2011	23 rd March 2011	8 th April	14 th July 2011	28 th to 29 th March 2011	14 th to 18 th March 2011	
Categories of participants in the districts							
Local	11	15	10	07	-	-	43

Governments (Probation, Community Development Officers, Chief Administrative Officers)							
NGOs/CBOs	04	13	03	13	35	27	95
Community members	01	03	-	-	-	-	04
Faith Based Organizations	01	02	-	01	-	-	04
Police	05	01	02	-	-	-	08
Judiciary	-	01	-	-	-	-	01
Media	01	-	01	02	-	-	04
Cultural institutions	-	-	01	-	-	-	01
Totals	23	35	17	23	35	27	160

3. National Training workshop

This national training workshop was conducted on 7th and 8th June 2011 at Hotel Triangle targeting 40 people from working with NGOs, CBOs, law enforcement and faith based institutions. The participants were trained using the chapters in the CSEC study report and trainees acquired skills in designing programs for prevention of CSEC and laws relating to children's rights issues.

The training was facilitated by professionals from the Ministry of Justice, Immigration Department, Uganda Police Anti child trafficking task force, ILO-IPEC, Department of Youth and Children in MOGLSD. Additionally, participants were exposed to the National Plan of Action on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.



Ms. Eunice Kisembo & Mr. Moses Binoga making their presentations at the training workshop

Table showing the numbers of people trained in prevention of CSEC

Categories of participants	Totals
Legal aid organizations	01
NGOs/CBOs	27
Faith Based Organizations	02
Family and Child Protection Unit; Uganda Police Force	07
Total	40

4. Workshop to improve national draft plan on CSEC

Three major activities have taken place

- a) Participating in the 2 days meeting reviewing the National Action Plan on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.
- b) UYDEL was requested to make a 2 hour presentation of the CSEC study and thereafter there was a press briefing.
- c) Press conference involving the commissioner and UYDEL Director. This was covered on 2 national Television and various radio stations. Members appreciated the study for exposing the CSEC problem.
- d) UYDEL was tasked to work with select committee of experts to review and finalize the NAP on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation. The review process took place on 9th April 2011 at Hotel Triangle and this involved 12 people from Ministry of Youth and Children, Makerere University and private practitioners. The experts are professionals with enormous experience in developing national action plans of Worst Forms of Child Labour and OVCS which had also included CSEC issues in those plans and have

expertise in working with children coerced into sexual exploitation. UYDEL has greatly helped to move this National Action Plan on CSEC because the plan could easily have been shelved and not prioritized by the Ministry of Youth and Children. The Ministry has many programmes and would not have given this plan the urgent attention it deserves.

- e) Special editing and finalization of the NAP by selected team of experts.



A team of 12 people deliberating on the National Plan of Action on CSEC at Hotel Triangle

5. Interactive workshop with Members of Parliament sitting on the children, justice, social services and health committees

This breakfast meeting was attended by 39 Members of Parliament and 23 media personnel on 5th July 2011 at the Members Lounge at Parliament. UYDEL worked closely with Uganda Parliamentary Forum for Children (UPFC) to mobilize the MPs. The MPs generally decried the high levels of child sexual exploitation in the country and promised to champion the children's agenda together with other parliamentarians to cause accountability for institutions responsible for protecting children rights. Other MPs reiterated that they would move a motion on the floor of Parliament to get an update on the birth and registration process from the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs mandated to record all children born in the country to ease government planning. The MPs recommended strengthening the Local Council systems to track children migrating from one village to another; and strengthening family structures and other proposed collaboration with other countries with similar studies. The UPFC shall follow up these recommendations subsequently.



A cross section of MPs listening to the CSEC presentation and one of the Hon. MPs making a contribution during the plenary session.

6. Workshop with the Police on integration of CSEC module in Police training

The meeting with enforcement arms of government was attended by 17 people on 1st July 2011 at Grand Imperial Hotel. Among the participants were: Uganda Police Force Commissioners in charge of Community Liaison/Community Policing; Child and Family Protection Department; Child Trafficking and Child Sacrifice Taskforce and Training department. In addition, representatives from Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs; Commissioner of Labour in the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development and Senior Probation officer participated in the meeting.



Police officers and other people from enforcement arms of government during the meeting

It was observed that police was no longer arresting bar/lodge managers exploiting children sexually, that people should seriously consider child education as an avenue of combating child sexual exploitation; that exploitation is closely linked with child trafficking and that there is need for advocate for government to create a functional Trafficking In Persons office coupled with political will. The Commissioner for Training reiterated that it would be important for UYDEL and other actors to work with Police training department to integrate CSEC modules into the police training curriculum.



Some of the participants listening attentively while police officers read through the CSEC study report during the workshop

7. Meeting with Seven university social work and psychology schools on training and integration of CSEC module in their training

This meeting took place on 10th June 2010 at Hotel Triangle where three universities and one social workers’ tertiary institution was represented. The members appreciated UYDEL for undertaking this indigenous study that in some cases men who sexually exploit children are established members of society. The concept of mainstreaming CSEC modules in tertiary institutions of learning requires developing concept notes, interventions and activities to geared towards advocacy for integration into the curriculum.

8. Dissemination workshop in Mukono

This took place on 20th September 2011 and had 34 people in attendance. The workshop targeted NGOs, CBOs, district councilors, Local Government personnel, and teachers.

9. Media training workshop in Kampala

This took place on 21st September 2011 and had 18 journalists in attendance.

Table showing the number of copies of the report disseminated to stakeholders

Place	Number of copies
National dissemination workshop and launch of the study report	69
National CSEC training workshop	40
Meeting with tertiary institutions of learning	27
National advocacy forum to commemorate the Day	40

of the African Child	
Kampala district probation officers	06
Masaka district stakeholders	15
Mukono district stakeholders	30
Media training workshop	18
Total	245