

Engaging Men and Boys to stop **Child Marriage**

About MenEngage Uganda Network

MenEngage Uganda is a national network of civil society organisations involved in child rights and social mobilisation initiatives that engage men and boys in effective ways to reduce gender inequalities and promote the health of children, women as well as men and boys.

MenEngage Uganda Network aims to support men and boys who are committed to fight gender-based violence to contribute to women's empowerment and promote gender equality.

About Child Marriage in Uganda

UNFPA (2013) report indicated that prevalence of child marriages is highest in northern Uganda estimated at 59%, followed by Western region (58%), Eastern region (52%), East central (52%), West Nile (50%), Central (41%), South west (37%), and lowest in Kampala (21%) (UNFPA, 2013).

Child marriage is closely interlinked to teenage pregnancy and school drop outs.

What Men and Boys can do to stop Child Marriage

- Change the bad qualities about a man and promote the need for good standards.
- Talk to other men to refuse and stop child marriage.
- Mobilise other men such as religious and community leaders to speak out and take a stand against child marriages.
- Support/make laws banning child marriages.
- Support girl children who are already married to enable them to continue with their education.

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