

# **Progressive Report**

## **Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Study Project**

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## **Introduction:**

UYDEL is undertaking 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 planned activities and details of how they have been executed.

## **Explanations for the Activities**

### **1. National dissemination workshop of the research**

This activity was undertaken on 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

<b>Categories of participants</b>	<b>Totals</b>
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 advocacy forum*

## 2. District dissemination workshop of the research

To date, out of five dissemination workshops, four have been 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	Validation of National Action plan in CSEC	Trafficking workshop	Totals
Dates	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2011	8 <sup>th</sup> April	28 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	14 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2011	
Categories of participants in the districts						
Local Governments (	11	15	10	-	-	36

Probation, Community Development Officers, Administrative Officers) Chief						
NGOs/CBOs	04	13	03	35	27	82
Community members	01	03	-	-	-	04
Faith Based Organizations	01	02	-	-	-	03
Police	05	01	02	-	-	08
Judiciary	-	01	-	-	-	01
Media	01	-	01	-	-	02
Cultural institutions	-	-	01	-	-	01
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>137</b>

Only one dissemination workshop in Western Uganda (Mbarara) has not yet been conducted and it's planned for 1<sup>st</sup> week of July.

### 3. National Training workshop

This national training workshop was conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

The training was facilitated individuals from Ministry of Justice, Immigration department, Uganda Police Anti Child trafficking task force and Ministry of Youth and Children and additionally, participants were exposed to the National Action Plan on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.

**Table showing the numbers of people trained in prevention of CSEC**

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

#### **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **5. Interactive workshop with parliament of children, justice, social services and health**

The meeting with Members of Parliament is planned on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at Parliament. The meeting could have taken place in June but the Parliament is going in recess and we shall engage them immediately they resume business.

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

The meeting with enforcement arms of government targeting 20 people is planned for 1st July 2010 at Grand Imperial Hotel. Among the participants are: 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, and Ministry of Education; Commissioner of Labour in the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development and Senior Probation officer shall participate in the meeting. The study report observes that CSEC thrives where there is limited coordination mechanisms, extreme violation of the law and poor or no enforcement at all in all places visited and this raises enforcement and training issues that need to be discussed with the relevant authorities to find lasting solutions to the problem.

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Publications**

UYDEL printed 500 copies of the CSEC report and dissemination processes have already began.

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

<b>Place</b>	<b>Number of copies</b>
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 of the African Child	40
Kampala district probation officers	06
Masaka district stakeholders	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>197</b>

## **9. Survey/research**

This was completed in 2010 and data sets are available.