

**THE ROLE OF FM RADIO IN PROMOTING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN MUKONO  
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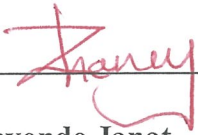
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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACRWC	African Charter on Rights and Welfare of the Child
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
BC	Before Christ
CHSS	College of Humanities and Social sciences
CRC	Convention on Rights of the Child
DCI	Defense for Children International
FM	Frequency Modulus
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus.
KIU	Kampala International University
NGOs	Non-Government Organisations
UHRC	Uganda Human Rights Commission
UN	United Nations.
UNCRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund.
UPHIA	Uganda Population based HIV Impact Assessment.
US	United States

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### **ABSTRACT**

The research on fm radio in promoting children's rights in Mukono 'was conducted in Mukono Municipality in Mukono district found in central part of Uganda. The research involved 110 respondents who included. 15 human rights activists, 30 children, 20 parents both male and female 10 journalists, 5 political leaders and 30 community members. The research was guided by research objectives which involved; finding out role of the radio in promoting children's rights in Mukono, finding out the causes of child sacrifices in Mukono Municipality. To find ways of stopping child sacrifices in Mukono. The first research questions considered was to find out how the radio has promoted children's rights in Mukono Municipality. The findings revealed that organizing talk shows reporting on abuse of rights of children sensitizing the public about the importance of respecting children rights and networking with NGOs have helped a lot in trying to enhance children's rights in the society. The second research question considered was to find out the causes of child sacrifices in Mukono. The respondents unveiled that, desire of instant money, greed for wealth children as seen as pure. The third research question was to find out the ways of stopping child sacrifices in Mukono. The findings revealed that setting of strict laws, community involvement, school involvement, among others. Governing the parents about the rights of children in home, Domestic violence which is the order of the day, poverty, Alcoholism, Ignorance, and so many others. The study was completed successfully and revealed that there is still more effort needed to promote children's rights in Mukono Municipality. According to respondents, the research, the researcher observed that child sacrifice, child labor by parent's torture, heavy punishments and Denial the right to education threatens the promotion of children rights. The Government and NGOs there were recommended to set up strict laws that will stop child abuse and encourages promotion of children rights and emphasize community members and parents to be concerned about their children as far as their rights are concerned.

## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.0 Introduction**

This chapter involves the background of the study, statement of the problem, objectives of the study, research questions, scope of the study, significance of the study and theoretical framework of the study.

#### **1.1 The Background of the Study**

Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa whose diverse landscape encompasses the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains and immense Lake Victoria.

Uganda, officially the Republic of Uganda [Swahili. Jamhuri ya Uganda] is a country in East Africa. It is bordered to the East by Kenya, to the north by South Sudan, to the west by the Democratic Republic of Congo, to the south West by Rwanda, and to the south by Tanzania. The southern part of the country includes a substantial portion of Lake Victoria, shared with Kenya and Tanzania. Uganda is in the African Great lakes region.

The current president of Uganda is Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, who came to power in January 1986 after a protectorate six-year guerilla war. He has since eliminated the presidential age limit due to the nature of Ugandan politics, this effectively makes him president for life.

The Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) was established under the 1995 of the republic of Uganda to promote and protect human rights and freedom in the country. It was established under the provisions of its functions and powers were operationalized under the Uganda human rights act of 1997. The UHRC mission statement is to protect and promote fundamental human rights and freedom in Uganda for sustainable development.

Child labor is common in Uganda. Many child workers are active in agriculture. Children who work on tobacco farms in Uganda are exposed to health hazards. Child domestic servants in Uganda risk sexual abuse. Trafficking of children occurs. Slavery and forced labor are prohibited by the Ugandan constitution.

The US committee for refugees and immigrants reported several violations of refugee rights in 2007, including forcible deportations by Ugandan government and violence directed against refugees.

## **1.2 Statement of the problem**

Mukono is a district well known of having many cases of child sacrifices. Kyampisi village has the highest levels of reported cases of child kidnapping and human blood sacrifice. In most cases children are kidnapped as they walk back in the night.

Despite the fact that the radio has reported on child sacrifices among children in Mukono district, cases of ritual killings are still existing in Mukono and the following cases of child sacrifices were noted: On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 a body of an identified male Juvenile was found lying in the bush with hands and feet missing and a deep cut around the neck in Mukono at 4:05pm. On 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 boys throat cut in suspect sacrifice in Mukono. Mr. Obed a resident of Mukono once rescued 2 children and badly two other boys were found in the field their hearts and heads removed.

## **1.3 Objectives of the study**

### **1.3.1 General objective**

The purpose of the study was to find out the role of FM radio in promoting children's rights in Mukono Municipality.

### **1.3.2 General objectives of the study.**

The General objective was to find out the role of FM radio in promoting children's rights in Mukono Municipality.

### **1.3.3 Specific objectives**

- To find out the role of FM radio in promoting children's rights in Mukono Municipality.
- To find out causes of child sacrifice in Mukono Municipality
- To find out ways of stopping child sacrifice in Mukono Municipality

## **1.4 Research questions**

- What is the role of FM radio in promoting children's rights in Mukono Municipality?
- What are the causes of child sacrifice in Mukono Municipality?
- What are the ways of stopping child sacrifice in Mukono Municipality?

## **1.5 Scope of the study**

### **1.5.1 Content scope**

The study was done on the FM radio in promoting children's rights in Mukono Municipality.

### **1.5.2 Geographical scope**

Mukono district is one of the local governments under the Uganda Government decentralization policy, located in the middle of the Uganda. The headquarters are located in Mukono Town, Mukono municipal councils. Mukono district is composed of 1 municipal council and 5 Town councils, 11 lower governments, 91 parishes or wards, 602 villages. And its location is 1875km<sup>2</sup>

### **1.5.3 Time scope**

The research project took a period of [4] four months from June to September 2019.

## **1.6 Significance of the study.**

The study was an eye opener to the people of Mukono Municipality to see the importance of educating children about their rights or creating awareness about children rights.

The study ensured that children are treated equally, regardless of their background, sex, or gender, tribe among others.

The study reduced on the heavy punishments that are given to children which affects their lives during their development

The study ensured protection of children by their parents or relatives.

The study ensured fair treatment among children that will help them to stay happy in the society.

The researcher built good experience and attains deeper insight of not only research but also public issues to other rights in Uganda.

The research helped the principal researcher to attain a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication.

The research reduced on the domestic violence among families which make them uncomfortable at home.

The research also helped policy makers come up with appropriate policies of solving the problems affecting children concerning their rights in Mukono Municipality, Mukono district in Uganda.

### **1.7 Theoretical frame work**

The overarching rights theory addressing children in the interest theory which defines rights as any needs, or interests that are considered basic and universal, most important, however, is the 1989 UN convention on the rights of the child, which has been the single most widely ratified treaty ever (Cohen1992) (Didier Reynaet).

Despite the adoption of the United Nations convention on the rights of the child, the interest in developing a theoretical grounding for children rights, education seems to be rather limited. In this presentation, we argue for a better understanding of children's rights education as a distinctive practice in the educational field.

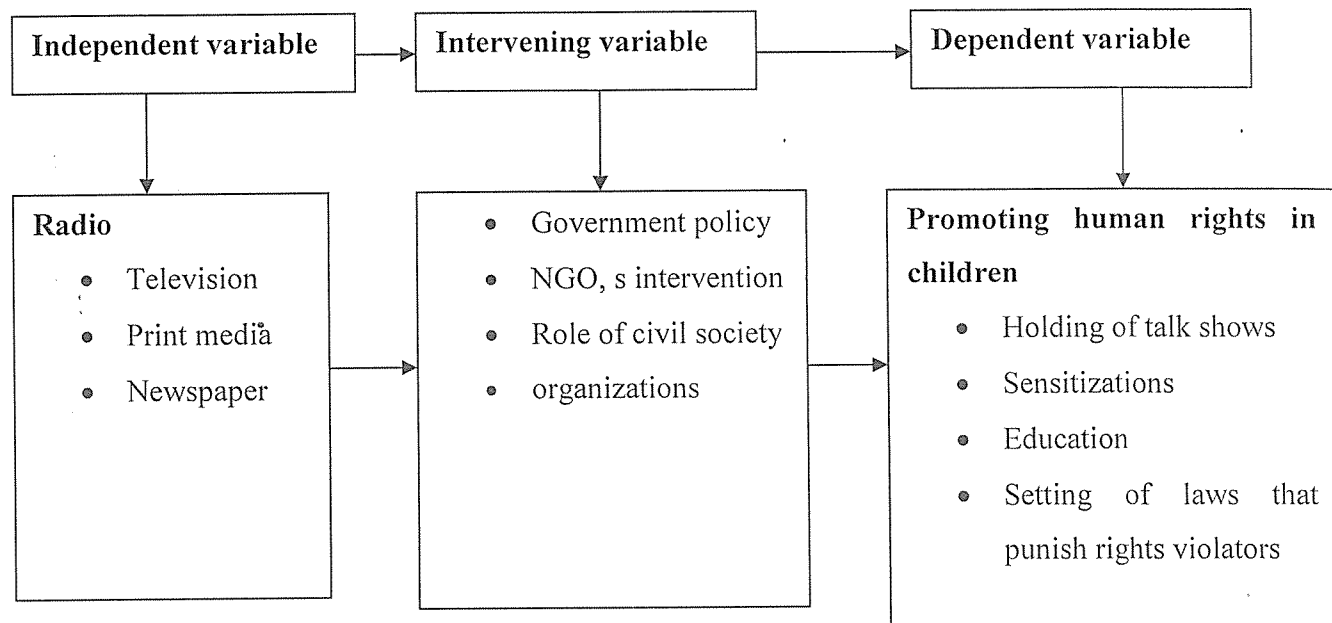
Two different conceptions of children s rights education are identified therefore children's rights education as an implementation strategy for the convention on the rights of the child and children's education as social action. both conceptualizations will be explored.

The author argues for conceptualization of children rights education that should contribute to questioning our way of managing children in society. Current frameworks on children's rights education insufficiently succeeds in norms that color our thinking on childhood and children's rights. Exactly this characterizes children's rights education, in that it engages educators to call on children's rights, a lever to redistribute social goods aimed at greater social equality



## 1.8 Conceptual Framework.

Figure1; Conceptual framework.



*Source; Researchers conceptualization.*

## **CHAPTER TWO**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

#### **2.0 Introduction**

This chapter includes the literature of children rights, ways of stopping child sacrifices in Mukono district, the role of radio in promoting human rights among children in Mukono, the causes of child abuse in the society, the importance of promoting human rights among children and it involves going through other material services that are related with the research topic.

#### **2.1 The role of FM radio in promoting children's rights in Mukono Municipality.**

##### **Talk shows**

Dunamis radio through talk shows has promoted children's rights in Mukono, here for example on every Sunday it hosts schools, children, parents, teachers and children leaders and they discuss different topics about the rights of children in their program called "OMUSIKA" by the presenter Birungi, where by parents get chances of knowing how children are thinking, what makes them happy and sad and some of the issues that they cannot tell them directly. Hence the radios role in promoting the rights of children in Mukono District.

##### **Through music**

Through music the radio has done much in promoting children's rights for example "Bazadda Munyambe" a song sung by the pupils of Buddo Junior school AND Human rights a song sung by the pupils of Bakaluba Mukasa primary school Katosi and Mukono Junior school. So through the radio playing that Music, it creates awareness in the parents that the children really need their rights which is violated by so many people especially in Mukono district and among the boys. They try to inform the step parents that they are also human beings that they need their rights as the citizens.

##### **Through drama**

Through the recorded drama played on the radios, it creates awareness that the children need their rights and the dramas are directly against child sacrifice in Mukono. Since Mukono is known of having Many cases of child sacrifice, it frequently plays it, such that they create awareness of child sacrifice in Mukono, and mostly those dramas are being Sponsored by the

NGOs [Non-Government Organizations] for example UNICEF, WORLDVISION, USAID among others.

### **Reporting on child abuse and sacrifice**

The radio has greatly protected the rights of children through reporting on the cases of child abuse, child sacrifice especially among the boys in Mukono Kyampisi village, this has helped to create awareness among the leaders, parents, and teachers about child sacrifices that increase day and night in Mukono district and to sight solutions for such problems for example the radio reported a case of child sacrifice on 9<sup>th</sup> –June-2014 of boys throat cut in suspect sacrifice in Mukono and on 12<sup>th</sup>- April-2019 at 4:00pm it also reported a body of an identified male juvenile was found lying in the bush with hand and feet missing and deep cut around the neck still in Mukono .The story was reported by the reporter Mpanga John Walusimbi of Dunamis Radio in Mukono district.

### **Sensitizing the public on Promotion of children's rights**

The radio has done more in sensitizing the public on promotion of human rights among the children through different ways for example via their mentions, adverts made by organizations like Mali stop international, music, talk shows and so many others hence creating awareness and good work done by byfm radios in promoting human rights among the children in Mukono District.

### **Networking with the NGOs [Non-Government Organizations]**

The radio networks with different organizations in Mukono to sensitize the public and the campaign against child sacrifice for example World vision, UNICEF, USAID, Chain International among others.

### **Networking with the Government**

Here together with the Ugandan government through the district the children leaders and other district leaders come together and discuss about promotion of children's rights and how to stop child abuse and sacrifices for example honorable Betty Nambooze Mukono Municipality member of the parliament.MR. Ssenyonga the LC5chairperson of Mukono District, Mr. Kagimu

John the Mayor of Mukono Municipality among others hence the role of radio to call upon the leaders to take immediate action against child abuse.

## **2.2 Causes of child sacrifice**

### **Desire to get instant money**

Due to poverty, parents offer their children to be sacrificed in order to get instant riches, these people believe that children are the only thing that can bring money instantly through sacrificing them and to make their needs meet. This is because of the increasing poverty that people are having due to unemployment. For example, Kata Kajjubi who was caught sacrificing.

### **Desire for wealth by witchdoctors**

The witchdoctors believe that they will be able to gain a lot of wealth by facilitating and carrying out human sacrifices as the fee charged is normally very high .The desire for instant wealth on part of the client and greed on the part of witchdoctors has created a ready market for children to be bought and sold at a price .Children have become a commodity of exchange and a child sacrifice is more than a religious or cultural issue ,it has become a commercial business so for this reason ,witch doctors stay practicing a long with great financial benefit.

### **Children are relatively easy to abduct**

As children are far more vulnerable than adults, children are more easily lured in an unable to fight back .so that cause easiest and stand higher chances to be sacrificed.

### **Spiritually children are seen as more'' pure''**

Another reason children are sacrificed is that spiritually they are seen as more'' pure ''or'' unblemished ''is believed to bring better results. If a child has been circumcised, scarred or has had their ears pricked ,this represents disfigurement or impurity and they be spared from sacrifice .some parents have marked their children in these ways to protect them.

### **Children are given to witchdoctors by relatives out of desperation for money**

In other cases, children are given to witchdoctors by relatives out of desperation for money. A child's life is worth a high price and it provides instant money for struggling families.

### **Children represent a new growing life**

Another cause for child sacrifice is that children represents new growing life ,and offering them as a sacrifice will bring prosperity and growth to the one procuring the sacrifice.

### **Politicians seeking fortune**

There is an increased risk of child sacrifice and increased work for witchdoctors around the elections. This is because high profile Ugandans have brought into the practice by being convinced they need to sacrifice a child to win a seat as an MP.

## **2.3 Ways of stopping child sacrifice**

Mukono is the district commonly known of having many cases of child sacrifices according to the reports from the media, Mukono is located in the central part of Uganda.

In Mukono, cases of Kidnapping and child sacrifice are more in Kyampisi Village in Mukono, Kyampisi has the highest levels of reported cases of kidnapping and human blood sacrifice. In most cases children are kidnapped as they walk back home in night and especially boys. Below are the ways of stopping child sacrifices in Mukono district.

### **Community involvement**

The community should be part of child protection against child sacrifice. every person should be responsible for the lives of the children in that if they find out that someone is missing, they should work hand in hand to look for missing child in the community and they should use different ways of communicating to others in case of any emergency, for example by using drums, whistles, and community radios to reach others very fast.

### **School involvement**

Schools should work together with the parents and the community to teach the awareness of child sacrifice among the school going children. During assemblies and classes, head teachers,

teachers and prefects should teach the children about protecting themselves on the way for example by moving in groups of 5-10 children and above and should emphasize them to master their parents' names and contacts and at least to know some leaders in the society.

### **Children should deny free gifts, eats and drinks and run away from strangers**

They should reject or deny free eats and drinks and also to run away from the strangers that may be suspected to be witchdoctors or any other bad people who use child's blood, organs and or limbs in a ritual.

### **Arrests of the victims**

The witch doctors should be arrested without allowing them to get bails and heavy punishments should be given to them for example burning of their shrines and to serve as an example to the rest of the people.

### **Creating child sacrifice awareness**

There should be creation about child sacrifice awareness among school going children who may get caught unaware by the people who may carry the vice or witch doctors to use the child's blood, organs and or limbs in a ritual.

### **Government should set strict laws**

Strict laws should be put to every one known as a witch doctor or who owns a shrine to stop them from sacrificing the children for example chasing that person from that village after a long time arrest or jail all his properties to be taken away from him hence the cases of child sacrifices should be stopped in Mukono.

### **Campaign against child sacrifice**

Through music dance and drama, the people should campaign against child sacrifice in Mukono district, here children should compose songs with messages against child sacrifice and they should call the leaders and community members to take part or even the NGOs to listen to the messages for some immediate help. organizations like World Vision, UNICEF, USAID and others should take immediate actions to create awareness against child sacrifice.

**Sensitizing parents**

Parents should be sensitized about proper upbringing of children and how best they can guard them against human rights violation like child sacrifice, defilement, child labor among others.

**Church campaigns.**

Churches should sensitize parents on how they can save children from such practices and in children Sunday schools, the Sunday school teachers should teach children about child sacrifice practices amongst the witch doctors in the communities, not only that but also to reject eats and drinks from the strangers.

**Voting committee of members responsible for child protection**

As the community they should vote a committee of members responsible for child protection in Mukono, so in case of any child issues they are responsible for example Mr. Obed a resident of Mukono Kyampisi moves around the village to spy and protect children with his bicycle, Mr. Obed once rescued 2 children and badly two other boys were found in a field their hearts and heads removed.

**Ban shrines and registering witch doctors in the district**

All witchdoctors should be registered in the district and incase of any missing child or sacrifice they will be answerable and responsible for that hence gives them fear to sacrifice.

**Avoid night movements**

Children should be totally banned from moving at night because they will be giving more chances to the witch doctors to sacrifice them and parents should emphasize group movements, or if not teachers should register children in their departure and also parents should escort their children to schools and come for them after the classes

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### **METHODOLOGY**

#### **3.0 Introduction**

This chapter includes the methodology of the study; it entailed research design, geographical location /area and population, sampling design, data collection methods and instruments, data analysis and the limitations of the study.

#### **3.1research design**

The study employed the descriptive survey design. Descriptive studies are non-experimental researches that describe the characteristics of a particular individual, or of a group.

Many questions were asked about a given topic giving considerable flexibility to the analysis

#### **3.2 Population study**

The research involved 10 human rights activists, 30 children,20 parents, 5 journalists ,5 political leaders,30 community members, totaling to a convenient sampling of 110.

#### **3.3 Sample size**

The research used a formula to determine a sample size

#### **3.4 Data collection instruments**

The following data instruments was used.

##### **3.5.1 Questionnaire**

The respondents wrote answers being asked from them both oral, and written, open and close ended questions.

##### **3.5.2 Interview**

With this the interviewer asked questions from the interviewee about the topic and it was face to face or interpersonal.



### **3.5.3 Documentary review**

It included detailed review of already existing literature, this tool was selected because it gives accurate, correct and historical data which may be useful for future aspects. The sources of information here were newspapers, libraries and others.

## **3.6 Source of data collection**

The researcher collected data from children.

### **3.6.1 Primary data**

This was sourced by physical and visiting of the files and collecting data through variable tools and physical visit to seek for the consent of respondents to have them answer the set questions in the questionnaire.

### **3.6.2 Secondary data.**

It was sourced by reviewing of documented resources like newspapers, journals, reports, presentations, magazines and online publications.

## **3.7 Data processing and analysis**

### **3.7 Editing**

It required deleting and correcting mistakes that are obviously not correct. This was aimed to improve the quality of information from respondents.

### **3.7.2 Coding**

The purpose of coding in research was to classify the answers to questionnaires into meaningful categories so as to bring out their essential patterns, coding was used in this research in order to summarize the data by classifying different response given into categories for easy interpretation.

### **3.7.3 Tabulation**

Data was put into some kind of statistical table showing the number of occurrences of responses to particular questions with percentage to express data in ratio form.

### **3.8 Ethical Procedure**

Before going to the field, the researcher began with getting authorization letter from the principal of college of Humanities and Social Sciences[CHSS], to be taken to the respondents in order to enable the researcher attain adequate information from the respondents.

### **3.9 Limitation of the study**

This included the factors that limited the research in process of collecting data or challenges that I faced as a researcher.

## CHAPTER FOUR

### PRESENTATION, ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION OF THE FINDINGS

#### 4.0 The introduction

The data was collected using both quantitative and qualitative methods, which was then analyzed and processed to make it useful and understandable. Data was collected, tabulated and then analyzed

#### 4.1The social Demographic characteristics

##### 4.4 Age of the respondents

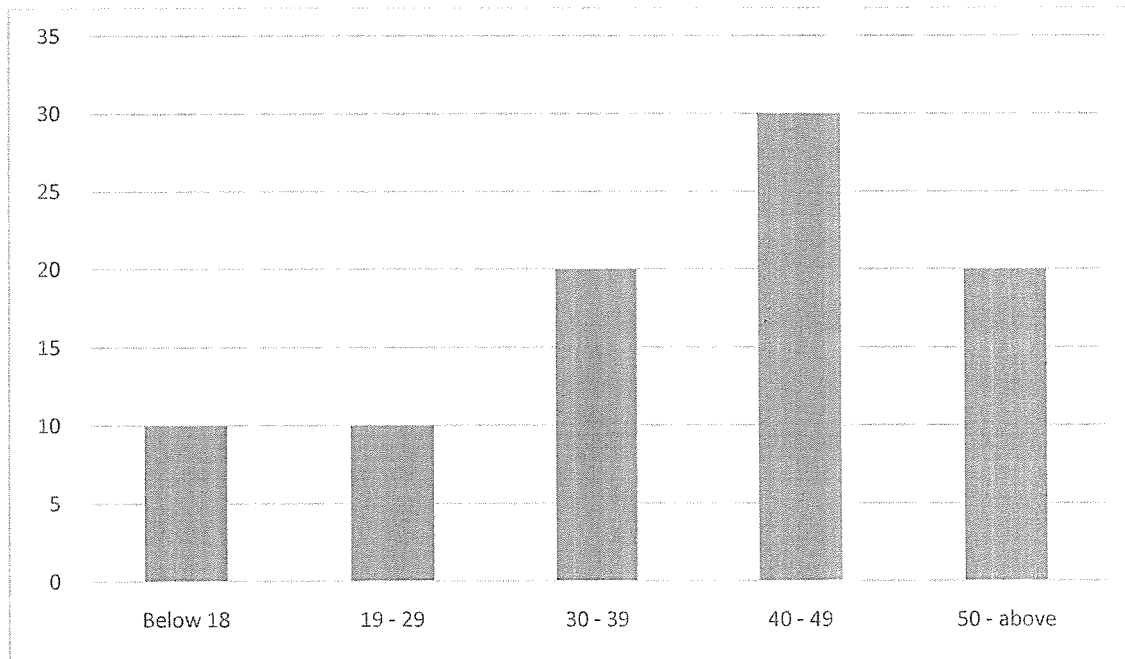
Respondents were asked questions related to their age and the results are shown in the table below.

**Table 1: Age distribution of respondents**

Age	Frequency	Percentage
Below 18	10	11%
19-29	10	11%
30-39	20	22%
40-49	30	33%
50-above	20	22%
TOTAL	90	100%

**Source: Primary data**

**Figure 1: The age distribution of respondents**



**Source: Primary data**

The table one and figure above, shows that 11% of the respondents were below 18 years, 11% were between 19-29 years of the age, 22% were between 30-39 years, 33% were between 40-49 years and 22% were above 50 years of age.

#### **4.1.2 The Marital status of the respondents.**

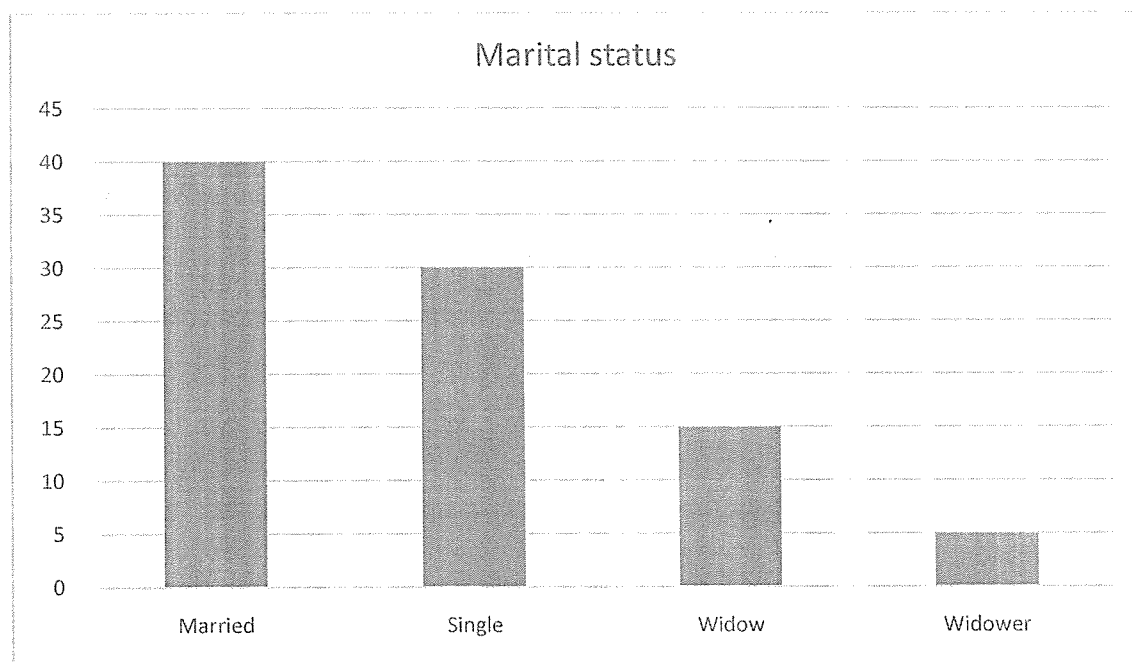
Another variable which was important in respect to the situation of the people in the area was marital status. Information regarding marital status of the respondents was obtained by asking them whether they were marriage, single, widows or widowers.

**Table 2: Marital status**

Marital status	Frequency	Percentage
Married	40	44%
single	30	33%
widow	15	18%
widower	5	6%
TOTAL	90	100%

Source: Primary data

**Figure 2: Marital status**



Source: Primary data

Table 2 and figure 2 above shows that 44% of the respondents were married, 33% single ,18% were widows and 6% were widowers.

### 4.1.3 The Gender of the respondents

In Mukono Municipality gender was also a factor which was considered during the study. This is because the researcher was interested in finding out the number of females and males in the whole of the population and compares the percentage composition of the two in the municipality of Mukono.

**Table 3: Gender of the respondents**

Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Male	55	60%
Female	37	40%
Total	92	100%

Source: Primary data

**Figure 3: Gender of the respondents**

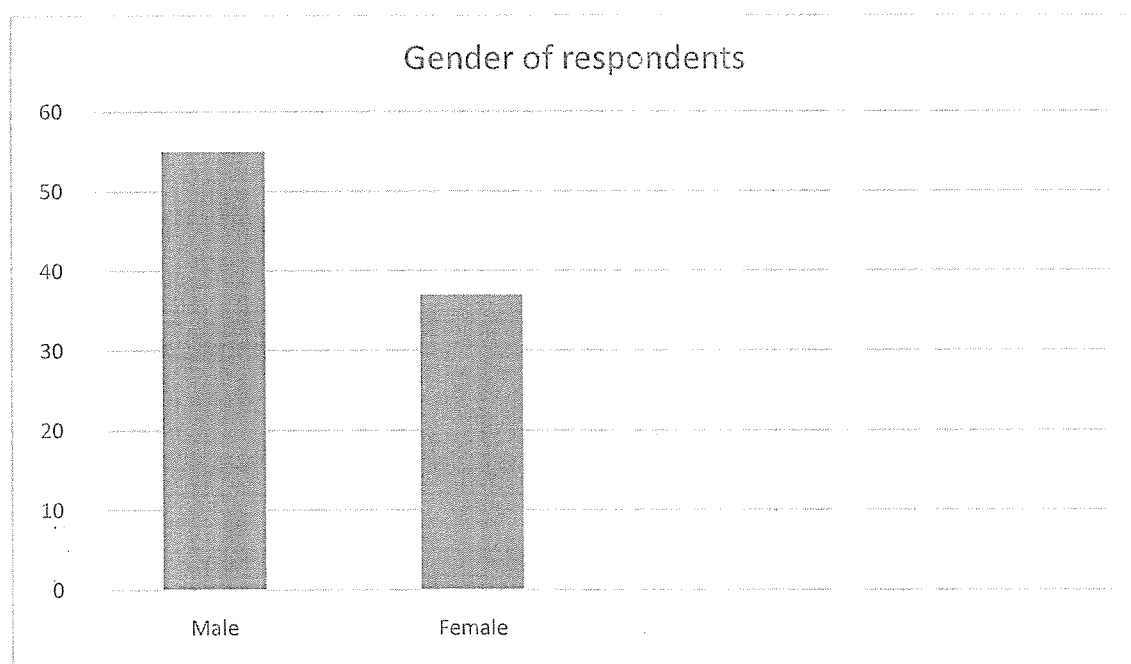


Table 3 and figure 3 above indicates the gender of the respondents and it was found that 60% of the respondents were male and 40% were females in the Municipality.

#### 4.4.1 The Educational status

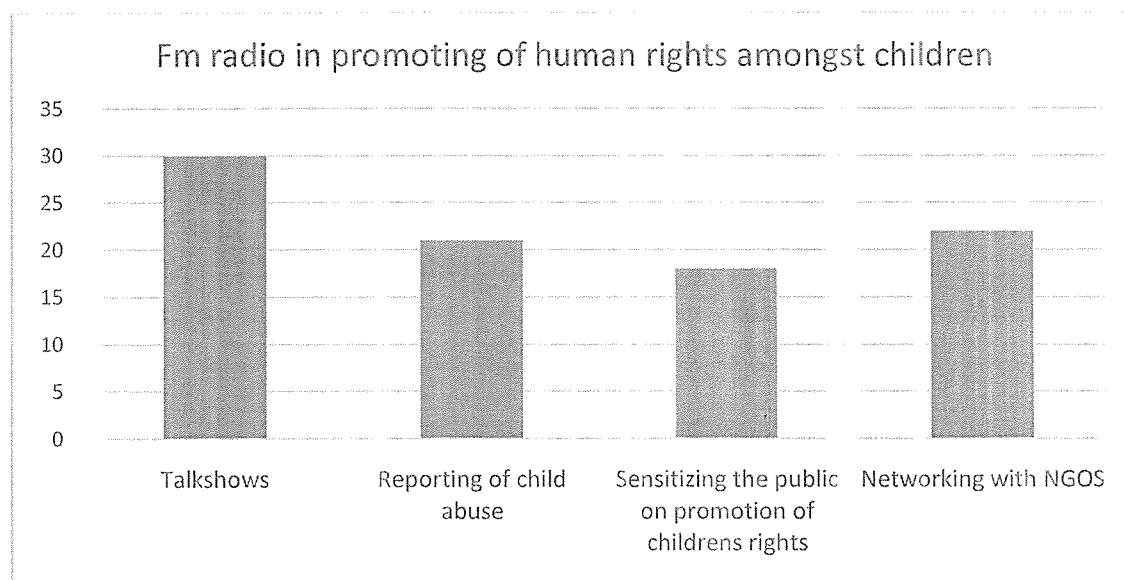
Respondents were asked questions related to their educational background /status and their responses are shown in the table below.

**Table 4: Educational status**

Education levels	frequency	percentage
Un educated	25	28%
Primary	10	11%
Secondary	10	11%
University	20	22%
Tertiary	15	18%
Others	10	11%
TOTAL	90	100%

**Source: Primary data**

**Figure 5: The role of Radio in promoting human rights amongst children.**



**Source: Primary data**

**Table 5 and figure 5 above, shows the roles of Radio in promoting human rights amongst children.**

The findings revealed that, holding talk shows was one of the ways how the fm radio like 103.0 Dunamis radio in Mukono has tried to promote children's rights in Mukono Municipality. Over 33% of the respondents said that these media houses [radio] often hold talk-shows on promotion of children's rights, in which children in schools and societies and parents even teachers are the quests with responsible knowledge on rights of children are hosted.

In addition, to the above, the findings in this research question also shows that the fm radio report question also shows that the FM radios report abuses of children rights of the public in Mukono, over 23%of the respondents noted that the FM radios do report on the child abuse especially girls by either families or even the general public for example cases of rape, defilement in which many female children have between grossly abused or have been assaulted even when they are innocent. These are exposed by radios in order to stop /eliminate the abuse of girl child's right in the country.103.0 Dunamis Radio has been instrumental on this since its inception or establishment.



Furthermore, 19% of the respondents noted that the fm radio has been instrumental in sensitizing the need for promoting children's rights. The respondents said that 103.0 Dunamis radio, has played a big role in sensitizing Ugandans on the need of promoting human rights among children, and stopping child abuse, the rights of children, the public for example right to education, speech, medication, right to life, right to know their parents and others.

Finally, 24% of the respondents expressed that the fm radio works with NGOs and other ministries concerned with human rights protection in the country. They said that 103.0 Dunamis radio has in many occasions worked with NGOs like UNICEF, world vision, CHAIN international, USAID among other organizations in an attempt to promote human rights among children and fight public abuse in the country.

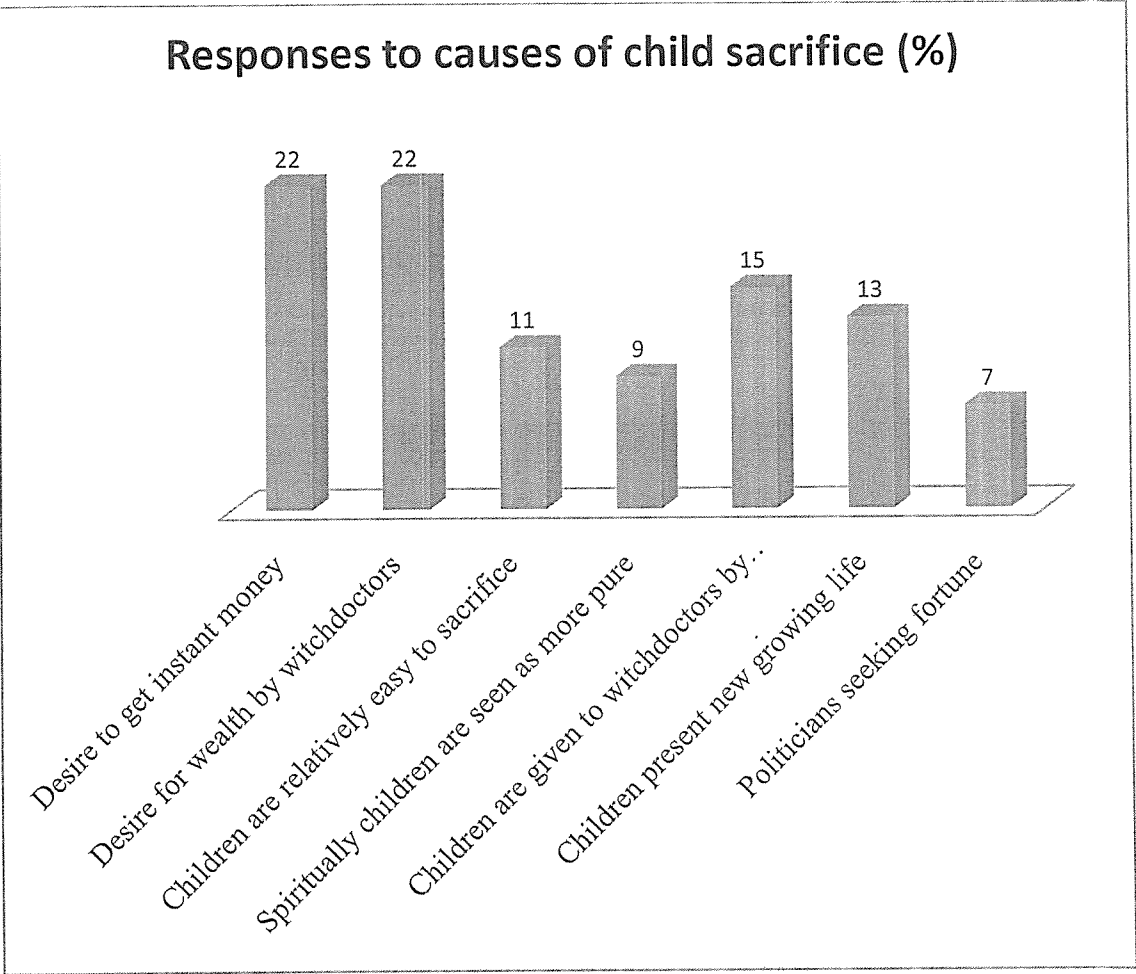
#### 4.6 Causes of child sacrifice

**Table 6: Causes of child sacrifice**

Response	Frequency	Percentage
Desire to get instant money	20	22
Desire for wealth by witchdoctors	20	22
Children are relatively easy to sacrifice	10	11
Spiritually children are seen as more pure	8	9
Children are given to witchdoctors by relatives out of desperate for money	14	15
Children present new growing life	12	13
Politicians seeking fortune	6	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>

**Source: Primary data**

Figure 6: shows the causes of child sacrifices



Source: Primary data

The findings show that due to poverty, parents offer their children to be sacrificed in order to get instant riches, 22% of the respondents said, these people believe that children are the only thing that can bring money instantly through sacrificing them and to make their needs meet. This is because of the increasing poverty that people are having due to unemployment. For example, Kato Kajjubi who was caught sacrificing.

According to the findings revealed, the witchdoctors believe that they will be able to gain a lot of wealth by facilitating and carrying out human sacrifices as the fee charged is normally very high. 22% of the respondents said, the desire for instant wealth on part of the client and greed on the

part of witchdoctors has created a ready market for children to be bought and sold at a price. Children have become a commodity of exchange and a child sacrifice is more than a religious or cultural issue, it has become a commercial business so for this reason, witch doctors stay practicing a long with great financial benefit.

11% of the respondents said that, children are far more vulnerable than adults, so they are more easily lured in an unable to fight back .so that cause easiest and stand higher chances to be sacrificed.

The findings show that spiritually children are seen as more'' pure ''or'' unblemished ''is believed to bring better results. So 9% of the respondents said that, if a child has been circumcised, scarred or has had their ears pricked, this represents disfigurement or impurity and they be spared from sacrifice. Some parents have marked their children in these ways to protect them.

15% of the respondents said that, children are given to witchdoctors by relatives out of desperation for money. A child's life is worth a high price and it provides instant money for struggling families.

The findings show that another cause for child sacrifice is that children represents new growing life, and 13% of the respondents said that witchdoctors believe that offering them as a sacrifice will bring prosperity and growth to the one procuring the sacrifice.

Finally, the findings show that, there is an increased risk of child sacrifice and increased work for witchdoctors around the elections. So 7% of the respondents said that they believe that, this is because high profile Ugandans have brought into the practice by being convinced they need to sacrifice a child to win a seat as an MP.

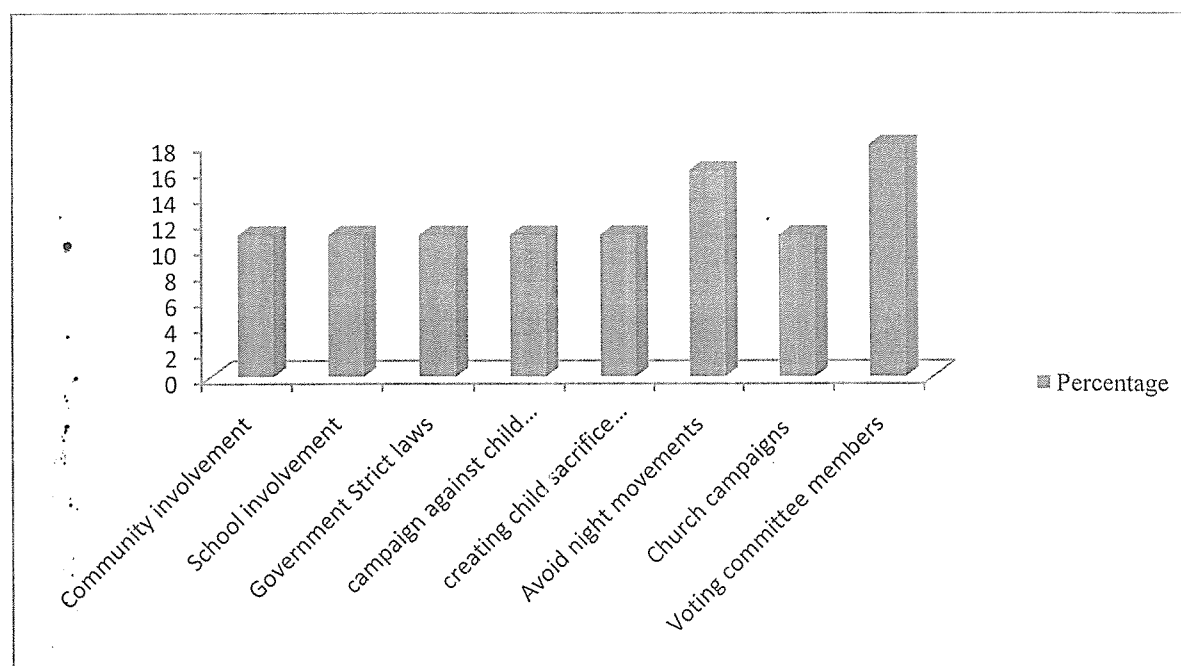
#### 4.7 Ways of stopping child sacrifices among the children in Mukono district.

**Table 7: Ways of stopping child sacrifices among the children in Mukono district**

Response	Frequency	Percentage
Community involvement	10	11
School involvement	10	11
Government Strict laws	10	11
campaign against child sacrifices	10	11
creating child sacrifice awareness	12	11
Avoid night movements	12	16
Church campaigns	10	11
Voting committee members	16	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Primary data

**Figure 7: Ways of stopping child sacrifice in Mukono Municipality.**



Source: Primary data

**Table 7 and figure 7 above, shows ways of stopping child sacrifices in Mukono Municipality**

11% of the respondents said that, the community should be part of child protection against child sacrifice. every person should be responsible for the lives of the children in that if they find out that someone is missing, they should work hand in hand to look for missing child in the community and they should use different ways of communicating to others in case of any emergency, for example by using drums, whistles, and community radios to reach others very fast.

The findings shows that, Schools should work together with the parents and the community to teach the awareness of child sacrifice among the school going children .11% of the respondents said that, During assemblies and classes, head teachers ,teachers and prefects should teach the children about protecting themselves on the way for example by moving in groups of 5-10 children and above and should emphasize them to master their parents' names and contacts and at least to know some leaders in the society.

According to the findings, children should reject or deny free eats and drinks and also to run away from the strangers that may be suspected to be witchdoctors or any other bad people who use child's blood, organs and or limbs in a ritual. Hats according to 11% of the respondents.

11% of the respondents said that, there should be creation about child sacrifice awareness among school going children who may get caught un aware by the people who may carry the vice or witch doctors to use the child's blood, organs and or limbs in a ritual.

Strict laws should be put to every one known as a witch doctor or who owns a shrine to stop them from sacrificing the children for example chasing that person from that village after a long time arrest or jail all his properties to be taken away from him hence the cases of child sacrifices should be stopped in Mukono.

According to the findings,11% of the respondents said that through music dance and drama the people should campaign against child sacrifice in Mukono district, here children should compose songs with massages against child sacrifice and they should call the leaders and community members to take part or eve the NGOs to listen to the massages for some immediate help

organizations like World Vision, UNICEF, USAID and others should take immediate actions to create awareness against child sacrifice.

11% of the respondents said that, Parents should be sensitized about proper upbringing of children and how best they can guard them against human rights violation like child sacrifice, defilement, child labor among others.

In addition, 11% of the respondents said that, Churches should sensitize parents on how they can save children from such practices and in children Sunday schools, the Sunday school teachers should teach children about child sacrifice practices amongst the witch doctors in the communities, not only that but also to reject eats and drinks from the strangers

18% of the respondents said that the community should vote a committee of members responsible for child protection in Mukono, so in case of any child issues they are responsible for example Mr Obed a resident of Mukono Kyampisi moves around the village to spy and protect children with his bicycle, Mr. Obed once rescued 2 children and badly two other boys were found in a field their hearts and heads removed and all witchdoctors should be registered in the district and in case of any missing child or sacrifice they will be answerable and responsible for that hence gives them fear to sacrifice.

Finally, the findings show that children are mostly sacrificed at night moving back to their places from schools or other places like shops, therefore 16% of the respondents said that, Children should totally be banned from moving at night because they will be giving more chances to the witch doctors to sacrifice them and parents should emphasize group movements, or if not teachers should register children in their departure and also parents should escort their children to schools and come for them after the classes

## CHAPTER FIVE

### SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

#### 5.0 The Introduction

This chapter contains summary of the findings, recommendations and conclusion.

#### 5.1. The summary of the findings.

The research was conducted in Mukono Municipality Uganda on the study ‘‘The role of fm radio in promoting human rights among children’ ’The research project involved 90 respondents who included 15 human rights activists,30 children, 20 parents,5 journalists,15 community members and 5 political leaders.

The research was guided by research objectives which involved, To find out the causes of child sacrifices. To find out ways of stopping child sacrifices. To find out the role of fm radio in promoting human rights among children in Mukono Municipality. The researcher revealed the following findings.

Concerning the causes of child sacrifices, the findings showed that desire to get instant money, desire for wealth by witch doctors, children are relatively easy to abduct, spiritually children are seen more pure, children are given to witchdoctors by relatives out of desperation for money, and children represent new growing life, politician seeking fortune were the views given by respondents.

Concerning ways of stopping child sacrifice in Mukono district, the findings revealed that community involvement, school involvement, sensitizing parents, church campaigns, banning night movements, voting committee members, government strict laws were some of the views given by the respondents.

Concerning on how fm radio promotes human rights among children in Mukono district, the findings revealed that organizing talk shows, reporting child abuse, sensitizing the public on promoting children’s rights and networking with NGOs were the given views by the respondents.

Recommendations and conclusion were then after interpreting and analyzing data.

## **5.2 The Recommendations.**

Following the findings of the research project, the researcher noted that some areas still need formative action purposely to mitigate the factors that affect the promotion of children's rights in Mukono Municipality just as recommended below.

### **Parental responsibility**

The researcher here recommends that parents should take responsibility about their children especially those that sends their children to guardians or other people, for example step parents, they should follow them up and be able to find out their wellbeing and situation.

### **Community involvement**

The researcher found that the community members of Mukono municipality are careless about the children in the municipality yet all the parents and community members are responsible about the young generation. The principal researcher recommends that there should be community involvement in the promotion of children's rights in the municipality of Mukono.

### **Government role**

The issue here is that the Government has been found to be relaxed and, mindless about fighting for rights of children since they are tortured by parents and many have psychological wounds and others a lot of scars in their minds, the government is therefore called upon to take a role in promoting the rights of children in Mukono Municipality.

### **Ban corporal punishments.**

Corporal punishments should be totally banned from homes and schools in Mukono municipality so that the children can have peace and be happy. Such punishments

Like beating and breaking bones like some crippled and others with big scars in mind. The principal researcher recommends the government therefore to safeguard the children from such kind of mistreatment because it is against human rights.



### **Educating children about their rights**

Children should be educated about their legal rights such that they create freedom of speech for them, they should teach them on the rights they are entitled to for example right to education, right to belong to a family, right to medical care, right to know their parents and so many others. Therefore, the principal researcher recommends education to be given to children to know their rights and where to take cases concerning their mistreatments by any person or parents.

### **Educating parents about the importance of promoting the rights of their children**

Parents should be educated about the importance of giving children their rights and also to teach to teach them how to behave as parents in their homes such that domestic violence can be stopped in families because it leaves psychological torture in the brains of children. More still, parents should be informed about the punishments given in case your found mistreating or abusing children for example imprisonment, paying charges of certain amount of money among others. Therefore, the principal researcher advises human rights activists to carry more parental education in importance of promoting rights of children.

### **Need for compulsory education.**

There is need to emphasize compulsory education in Mukono Municipality and every child that will be found moving around the village without any reasonable reason, his or her parent will be arrested and the child will be punished too such that parents are forced to know their responsibilities

### **To stop children from working by force or law**

Children who carry out businesses, for example selling eggs, chapats and moving on trucks should be banned from doing it because they are under age of 18 years and are not supposed to work for themselves instead they should be at school, another thing parents or community members who use the should also be given terrible punishments to serve as an example to others. Child labor that they try to promote should be stopped.

### **5.3 The conclusions**

Basing on the findings, children's rights in Uganda should be promoted especially in Mukono district because you find a lot of cases of child sacrifice in Mukono district, children mistreatments, corporal punishments, you find children lacking basic needs and others working in markets never the less they are the same children on streets, hence calling for leaders and human rights activists for a mass action on promoting the rights of children in Mukono municipality.

### **5.4. The Areas for further research**

Further research should be carried out in order to bring to surface the challenges that limit the promotion of children's rights in Mukono Municipality and also to dispose the importance of educating children about their legal rights in the country.

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## APPENDICES

### APPENDIX1; RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS

#### a] QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is **Kwagala Prossy**, a third year students pursuing bachelors of mass communication at Kampala international University. I am currently carrying out a study investigation on the Role of FM radio in promoting human rights among children in Mukono municipality. Your name is not required and the responses would be treated with maximum confidentiality. I am kindly requesting you to fill the questionnaire faithfully, looking forward to your usual co-operation.

I thank you.

#### SECTION A.

##### 1.Sex

a] Male ☐

b] Female ☐

##### 2.Age

a]6-18b ] ☐

c]25-30d] 30-40 ☐

e]41-50f] 50-60 ☐

g]61-70 ☐

##### 3.Marital status

a] Singleb] Married ☐

c] Widowd] widower ☐

#### 4.Religion

a]Catholic ☐

b] Protestant ☐

c] Moslem ☐

d] others[specify] ☐

Educational Level ☐

a] None ☐

b] Primary ☐

C] Secondary ☐

d] University ☐

#### SECTION B

1.Do you have children?

A] Yes ☐

b] No ☐

2.Have you ever heard of children's rights?

A] Yes ☐

b] No ☐

3.If yes, state what you know about children's rights.

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#### SECTION C

[i] What are the roles of radio in promoting human rights amongst children in Mukono Municipality?

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[ii] What are the causes of child sacrifice in Mukono Municipality?

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[iii] What are the ways of stopping child sacrifice in Mukono Municipality?

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