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to Stop Violence
against Children**

Priority Responses



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Priority Responses towards a Multi-Sectoral National
Prevention and Response Plan (2011 - 2015)

Statements delivered by Key Sector Representatives
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Tanzanian “Violence against Children” Survey Report

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Ministry of Home Affairs - Tanzania Police Force



The Police Will Ensure That Child Victims of Violence Receive Timely Justice in a Sensitive Manner That Avoids Their Re-Victimisation

Planned priority responses

1. The Tanzania Police Force will roll out Gender and Children's Desks (GCD) in all Police Stations to ensure children feel safe to report incidences of violence and abuse in a confidential and supportive environment. Gender and Children's Desks will be staffed with trained officers competent on child sensitive interviews.
2. Police Investigations will be governed by specific Child Abuse investigation procedures which meet the specific needs of child victims.
3. The Police will establish effective referral procedures for appropriate follow up of child abuse cases in line with the Law of the Child Act regulations, including referral procedures linked to community policing Drop-in Centres.
4. The Police will strengthen and enhance working partnership with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and the Ministry of Education in addressing child abuse.
5. The Police Force with PMO-RALG will roll out Community Policing in all Wards and Safety First Programs in all primary schools.

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Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs



*The Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs Will Champion
Child Justice Reform to Prioritize the Specific Needs of Child Victims
by coordinating the Reform of the Child Justice System by the Legal
Sector Institutions*

Planned priority responses

1. The Ministry will ensure the Legal Sector Policy and the Legal Aid Policy place a strong emphasis on children to set the framework for more effective and accessible legal help for all children.
2. The Ministry will develop a strategy to strengthen the justice system for all children and young people through the newly convened Child Justice Forum. Through evidence from three major studies - one on Children who are in Conflict with the Law, one on Access to Justice for Children and the Inspection Report on Children in Detention- the Forum will identify the key actions needed to strengthen the justice system, implement the Law of the Child Act and ensure better protection of the rights of children.
3. Specifically, the Child Justice Forum will address the issue of violence against children in two main ways – it will identify the steps needed to strengthen the justice response to abuse and violence against children and, in addition, the steps needed to reduce the abuse of children in detention by law enforcement officials and fellow detainees.

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Ministry of Education and Vocational Training



Promoting a Policy of Zero Tolerance to Violence and Fostering Safety for Children in All Schools

Planned priority responses

1. The Ministry will ensure all teachers are trained and adhere to the national Code of Conduct for professional ethics. Disciplinary action for crimes and/or professional misconduct, especially sexual violence, will be taken against all offending teachers through the Teacher Service Commission as well as working closely with the police and justice sector for swift action.
2. The Ministry will establish effective child abuse complaint, reporting and referral mechanisms within the school environment, with a designated role to all Guidance and Counseling Teachers, ensuring coordination through School Management Committees, the Police, Social Welfare and other key actors for the proper care, treatment and follow-up of abuse cases.
3. The Ministry will roll out life skills training and peer education programs in all schools to empower children, especially girls, to speak out against violations of their rights and report cases of sexual and physical violence and abuse.
4. The use of alternative forms of discipline for teachers on non-violent teaching and learning methods will be developed and operationalized to reduce the high levels of physical violence in schools.
5. The Ministry will ensure adherence to the 2002 Guidance and Counseling Circular in all schools, and ensure designated teachers are fully trained on Guidance and Counseling skills and services to promote the protective environment within all schools.

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Ministry of Health and Social Welfare



The Ministry of Health and Social Welfare is committed to fostering the wellbeing and protection of all children, including those in institutional settings, by preventing and responding to all forms of exploitation, abuse, and violence. The Ministry will provide timely and appropriate health, trauma and psychosocial services to all children exposed to all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation. The Ministry strives to strengthen the capacities of duty bearers to care for and protect children. These include but are not limited to parents/guardians, families, institutional carers, service providers and the community at large

Planned priority responses

1. The Ministry will complete the development of regulations for the Law of the Child Act 2009, to enshrine within law the obligations of frontline workers to prevent and promptly respond to violence against children. This will include setting out the minimum package of child protection services to be provided by the Ministry in collaboration with other key actors. Child protection frontline workers and other duty bearers and service providers will be equipped with knowledge and basic skills to prevent and respond to all forms of abuse against children and will have an understanding of their roles and responsibilities under the Law of the Child Act 2009.
2. The Ministry will develop a National Child Protection Policy and support its implementation across the country.
3. The Ministry will work closely with PMO-RALG to scale up the on-going establishment of Child Protection Systems in all councils to provide essential services for prevention, recovery and reintegration of child-victims of abuse and violence. The Ministry will also work with the Police,

Court Magistrates and other key stakeholders to ensure there are no obstacles for children exposed to violence and abuse to access medical care and psychosocial services. This will include ensuring that all forensic evidence is appropriately collected for legal action against the perpetrators.

4. The Ministry will ensure that all children exposed to all forms of sexual violence and abuse (18 years of age and under) will receive emergency care and free treatment, including Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and emergency contraception for adolescent girls.
5. The Ministry will ensure that Child Protection issues feature adequately in the new National Costed Plan of Action for Most Vulnerable Children (NCPA MVC) 2011 to 2015 and the MVC data management system to improve child protection planning, monitoring and evaluation to build a protective environment for the most vulnerable and at risk children.
6. The Ministry will ensure that all health care providers and Social Welfare Officers receive capacity building and skills training on case management using the Gender Based Violence Medical Management Guidelines and social welfare case management guidelines, to effectively respond to child sexual, physical, mental and emotional abuse, ensuring privacy and confidentiality using specific protocols for children.
7. The Ministry will develop and implement a Social Welfare Workforce Strategy and ensure intensive human resources for social welfare including: recruitment, capacity development and training to ensure adequate quantity and quality of Social Welfare Cadre throughout the country.
8. All public health facilities and clinics will become key sites for health education on the negative impact of violence to build community-strong early warning systems to protect children and women.

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Tanzania Commission for HIV and AIDS



TACAIDS Will Ensure all HIV and AIDS Prevention, Care & Treatment Programmes and Services Protect Children, including Adolescent Girls and Boys against HIV, Sexual Abuse and Violence

Planned priority responses

1. TACAIDS will ensure the HIV and AIDS policy (currently under revision), the next National Multi-Sectoral Strategic Framework (NMSF 3) and related Monitoring and Evaluation systems prioritize children and ensure consistent and concerted efforts to protect children against HIV and AIDS, including protecting children from sexual abuse and violence.
2. TACAIDS will ensure all national and sub-national coordination structures (including National MKUKUTA Dialogues Structures and Council Multi-Sectoral AIDS Committees) address the issue of violence against children and work closely with social welfare and community structures to prevent and respond to child sexual abuse and violence
3. TACAIDS will ensure that concerns about child sexual abuse and its association with HIV and AIDS are incorporated into national research agendas and key national surveys, especially: Tanzania HIV/AIDS and Malaria Indicator Survey (THMIS), the Demographic Health Survey (DHS) and all National Youth Behavioural Surveys.
4. TACAIDS will work closely with all stakeholders to build a comprehensive and co-ordinated programme for Adolescent boys and girls in and out of schools within the overall HIV, Reproductive Health, GBV and violence against children response ensuring all programmes, including life skills programs, integrate child protection.

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The Prime Minister's Office- Regional administration and Local Government



***PMORALG is Committed to Implement Effective and Functioning
Child Protection Systems in Order to Prevent and Respond to All
Forms of Violence against Children***

Planned priority responses

1. PMO-RALG will ensure all Local Government Authorities deploy Social Welfare Officers in collaboration with the President's Office Public Service Management, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs and other responsible partners.
2. PMO-RALG will ensure all Local Government Authorities make budget commitments for child protection through District Medium Term Expenditure Frameworks (MTEFs).
3. PMO-RALG will facilitate dissemination and implement the Law of the Child Act 2009 and its related regulations, the Child Development Policy and all Government Strategies and guidelines to improve and deliver quality child protection services in all Local Government Authorities in collaboration with other sector Ministries, especially the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Education and the Police.
4. PMO-RALG will strengthen existing structures at district and lower level local government, including Most Vulnerable Children Committees, Council Multi-Sectoral Aids Committees and District Child Protection Teams, to ensure all child abuse cases are reported and referred to the appropriate authorities so that communities and authorities have the knowledge, skills and resources to respond effectively to prevent and respond to violence against children.

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Tanzania Child Rights Forum



The Tanzania Child Rights Forum as an Umbrella Organisation of Child Focussed Civil Society Organisations. It is Committed to Creating a Community and Society Free from All Forms of Violence Against Children

Planned priority responses

1. We will contribute to the Government's National Prevention and Response Plan using our resources to complement the government's commitments in our programs and through further research and advocacy of the violence against children survey.
2. We will establish an independent monitoring mechanism to report annually on achievements made towards the National Prevention and Response Plan. This will include:
 - ◆ *On-going measurement of violence trends in Tanzania*
 - ◆ *Sharing of information and other research findings with the government*
3. TCRF members will integrate the violence against children research findings into our advocacy strategies to stimulate lasting change. We will specifically focus on institutional reform, policy and law implementation with a special emphasis on implementation of the Law of the Child Act 2009 and its Child Protection regulations.
4. TCRF members are committed to work at the national and local level to improve capacity of key duty bearers in fulfilling their obligations under the Law of the Child Act 2009 and in relation to specific capacity building commitments made by the Government today.

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Ministry of Community Development, Gender and Children



The Ministry Will Ensure Children's Rights are Promoted and Protected and Calls for Zero Tolerance of Violence Against Children

Planned priority responses

1. The Ministry will coordinate implementation of the Law of the Child Act 2009 and community awareness on the Law by supporting the development of relevant regulations and community programmes.
2. The Ministry will ensure the development of a functional Child Helpline to strengthen children's access to reporting violence and abuse.
3. The Ministry will ensure all community-based violence against children intervention programmes, including Gender Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation, are mainstreamed in our Folk Development Colleges and Community Development Training Institutes' curricula and will use these institutes and colleges as centres for awareness raising on child protection.
4. The Ministry will facilitate building children's own resilience to violence and promote lifelong skills through Children's Councils' empowerment.
5. The Ministry will coordinate the high level National Task Force on Street Children to ensure vulnerable children without home care are protected from abuse and violence.
6. The Ministry will continue to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the National Plan of Action to Prevent and Respond to Violence against Children.

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