

UN to help Uganda fight gender violence

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KAMPALA. The United Nations will keep supporting Uganda to end sexual and gender based violence in the country, the special envoy of the UN Secretary General for the Great Lakes Region, Mr Said Djinnit, has said.

"We believe that there is no difference between man and woman. Man and woman are equal in life. They all do the same work in development," Mr Djinnit said during a visit to the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) regional training facility offices in Kampala on Sunday.

"The UN is willing to give more support to Uganda through the ICGLR facility to ensure sexual violence is brought to an end," he said.

Mr Djinnit said gender and culture are the main causes of sexual violence which need to be looked at keenly.

"Sexual violence can have both physical and psychological effects on a survivor which are hard to deal with," he said.

Mr Nathan Mwesigye, the acting director at the training facility, said as an institution they found need to sensitise various government institutions on how to handle and prevent sexual violence cases.