

Sensitise parents on child labour

Section 87 of Children's Act 1998 forbids any person from employing a child in an exploitative labour, or in any engagement that deprives the child of their health, education or development. Unfortunately many people ignore this law. Section 88 prohibits any one from employing any child at night that is between the hours of 8pm to 6am. But many children still work beyond that time.

Section 89 allows children above 13 years to engage in light work and those above 15 to engage in non-hazardous work. But some parents do not pay mind to this law. Many children engage in hard work and more than one in four children in Uganda are employed against their will at fishing sites, farms and vending on the streets.

Although the number of child labourers has declined in Uganda, we still have many places with high incidences of child labour.

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