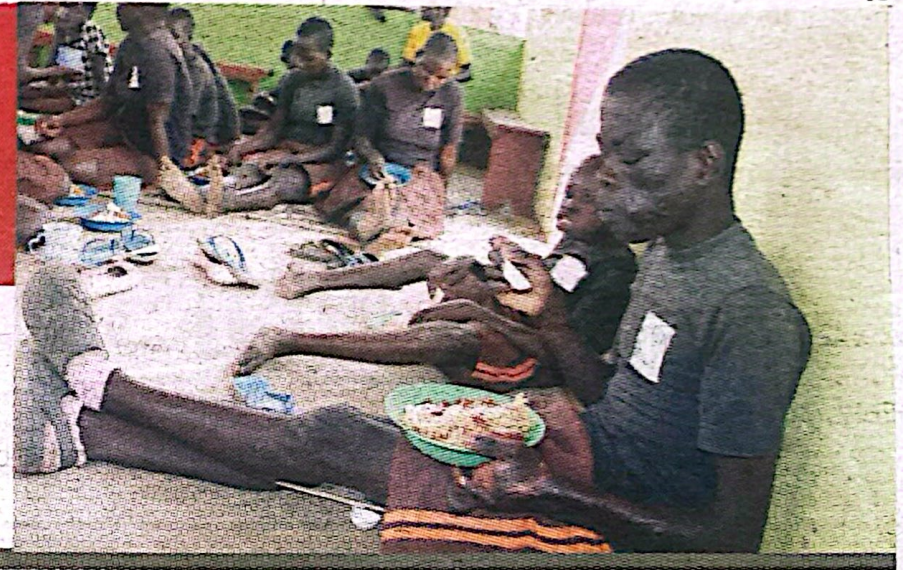


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Parents blamed over nodding syndrome. Health officials in Gulu District have blamed the worsening conditions of children recovering from nodding syndrome on parents who don't care for the children. The concerns were raised after a child recovering from the syndrome reportedly burnt after falling on fire in Lamola Parish, Odek Sub-county in Gulu District last week. Mr Robert Okot, a field nurse at Hope for Human, an organisation helping children recovering from nodding syndrome, said most of the children lacked parental care. [Stephen Okello; Monitor]



Report faults parents on HIV counselling

Not bothered. Report shows that 58 per cent of parents don't talk to their children about HIV/Aids.

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MBALE. A new report on HIV/Aids prevalence in Mbale District shows that only 42 per cent of parents talk to their children about HIV/Aids. These findings are contained in the latest HIV/Aids surveillance study by Mbale

District HIV/Aids prevalence report for 2015.

This means that 58 per cent of the parents don't talk about HIV/Aids and are not bothered about the way their children get information about the scourge.

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The Lot Quality Assurance Sampling (LQAS) survey was carried out

in Mbale District, Busiu, Bushiende, Wanale, Mbale Municipality, Namanyonyi, Nakaloke Town Council, Mutoto and Industrial Division of Mbale Municipality by Mbale District HIV/Aids task force between October and December 2015.

The survey indicates that out of 10,000 parents interviewed, only about 42 per cent said they talk to their children about the dangers of HIV/Aids at their homes and sensitise their children on how to avoid getting

infected by the scourge.

"This translates into 58 per cent of the parents who don't talk to their children about HIV/Aids, leaving many of them vulnerable," said the district HIV/Aids focal person and coordinator of the anti-HIV/Aids fight, Mr Robert Wandwasi.

Mr Wandwasi was addressing a media training workshop on HIV/Aids among most-at-risk populations (MARPS) at Wash and Wills Hotel in Mbale last week.