

# Anti-pornography committee irrelevant

EDITOR: In 2014, Parliament passed the Anti-Pornography Act. Recently, the integrity and ethics minister, Fr. Simon Lokodo, commissioned a nine-person Anti-Pornography committee, that got Ugandans talking.

Pornography is defined as printed or visual material containing the explicit description or display of sexual organs or activity.

It is alleged there is a high consumption of pornography

in the country and, according to the minister, this has been responsible for the high spread of HIV and a high school dropout rate for girls.

These allegations are scientifically unfounded, frivolous and vexatious.

A search on the Internet reveals Uganda is nowhere among the top countries that consume pornography. This is not surprising in a country where less than 20% of the population has access to

electricity! The same could be said of access to the Internet!

The allegedly high consumption of pornography can be attributed to high levels of unemployment. Youth lie idle, frustrated and “disorderly”. Psychologically, the desire to watch porn is related to depression, a situation Ugandans find themselves in. Let us deal with the root, not the fruit!

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