

# IT TAKES ME, MY FAMILY & COMMUNITY TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. World Vision serves all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

We work alongside families as well as local, national, and global partners so as to help children and their families take an active role in building lives free of need and full of promise. We speak the truth against injustice and continually challenge ourselves and others to do the utmost for those we serve.

**Our aspiration is to help ensure girls and boys;**

Enjoy good health,

Are educated for life,

Experience the love of God and their neighbours

Are cared for, protected and participate in improving their lives.

## WHAT IS CHILD VIOLENCE?

Child violence means all acts committed against children which cause or could cause them physical, sexual, emotional, and economic harm, including the threat to take such acts.

## EXAMPLES OF CHILD VIOLENCE



### CHILD MARRIAGE

Child Marriage is a marriage before the age of eighteen years. The Constitution of Kenya and all children's laws have banned child marriage.



### FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Female genital mutilation is a procedure involving partial or total removal of the external female genital organs. It is against the law to perform Female genital mutilation or circumcision in Kenya.



### DEFILEMENT

Defilement is an act which causes penetration or having sex with a child. Defilement is a criminal offence under the Laws of Kenya.



### SEXUAL ABUSE

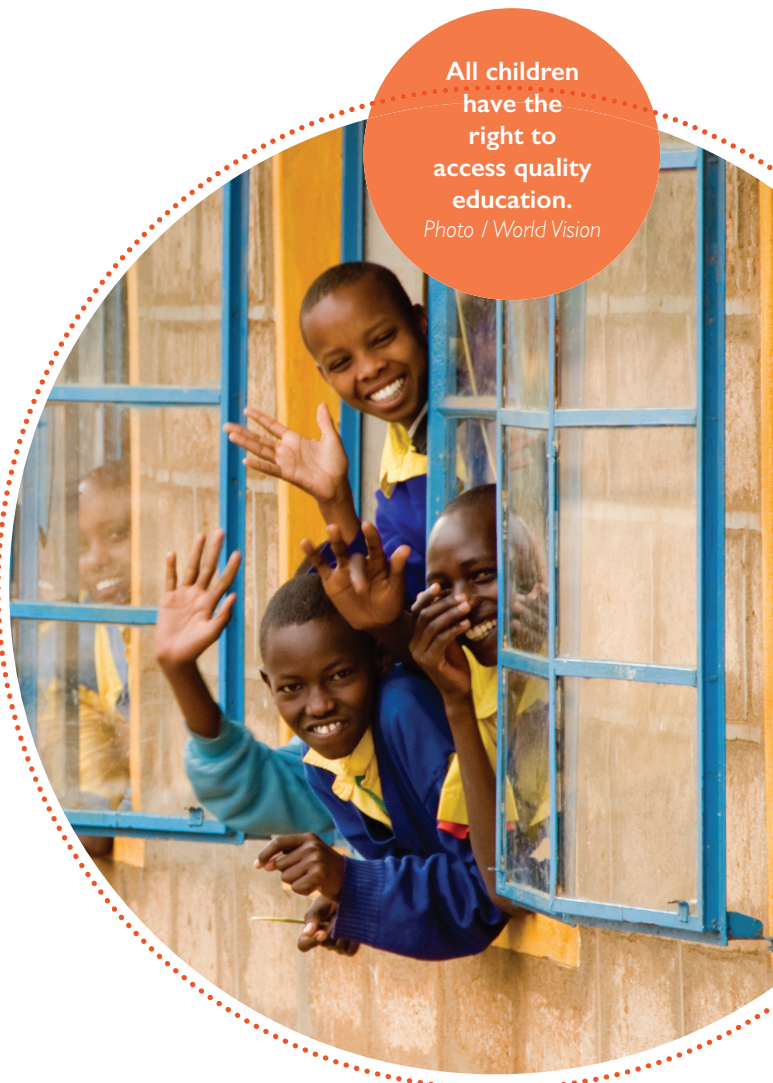
Sexual abuse is an undesirable act where a child (any person under the age of 18 years) is involved in any sexual activity with an adult or another, often an older child.

**This includes:** sexual intercourse, exposing a child's private areas, fondling for sexual pleasure or showing child pornography.



All children  
have the  
right to  
access quality  
education.

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## HOW CAN CHILDREN REPORT OFFENCES?

Any child who is a victim or witnesses violation of the rights of the child should report the incident to any of the following persons:

Parent or guardian, responsible adult, child rescue centre, Children's Officer; nearest hospital or clinic, police, Area Chief, Assistant Chief, or Village Elder; or Call 116 – Child Helpline.

## WORLD VISION'S COMMITMENT

World Vision believes a world without violence against children is possible. We envision children living and enjoying life in all its fullness in Kenya.

We believe everyone has a role to play to make this possible and that is why we are implementing the **It Takes Us All to End Violence Against Children Campaign**. When children and communities meaningfully participate in processes that affect their lives; real and lasting change is possible.



### SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

- (a) Encouraging a child to engage in any sexual activity; or
- (b) Using children in prostitution or other sexual practices.



### CHILD LABOUR

Exploitation of children through any form of work that deprives children their childhood, interferes with their ability to attend school and is physically mentally and morally harmful.



### PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

Any act where an individual attempts to harm another through physical means. Examples of physical violence; kicking, caning.



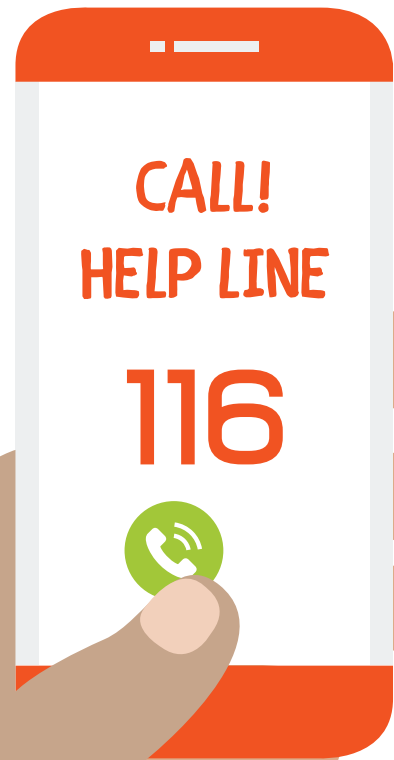
### NEGLECT

When a person who is responsible for a child fails to care for the minor's emotional and physical needs.

## WHY CHILDREN SHOULD REPORT VIOLATIONS

Any child who is a victim or witnesses violation of the rights of the child, should REPORT THE INCIDENT. If you do not report the violation or incident:

- a) The perpetrator will CONTINUE TO ABUSE CHILDREN!
- b) You will NOT BE ABLE TO GET HELP!



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