

The African Report on Violence against Children

Regional Review of Progress

2014

Introduction

This regional report documents progress in Africa in implementing the recommendations of the UN Study on Violence against Children, based on consultations with governments, civil society, and children across the continent.

Key Findings

- * 32 African countries have adopted or revised child protection legislation since 2006
- * Growing political commitment to ending violence against children
- * Persistent challenges: harmful traditional practices, school violence, child labour
- * Data gaps limit assessment of the true scale of violence in the region

Priority Recommendations

- * Accelerate adoption and implementation of national action plans
- * Invest in community-based violence prevention
- * Strengthen child-sensitive judicial procedures
- * Improve data collection on violence against children
- * Engage traditional and religious leaders in promoting child rights