National Commitments to Ending Violence Against Children in Uganda

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THEMATIC PLEDGE PRIORITIES ALONG THE INSPIRE STRATEGIES

1. **Implementation and Enforcement of Laws:** The government of Uganda commits to review, and strengthen laws to prevent violence against children by;
    - Undertaking a 2nd National VAC survey to generate data to inform legislative, policy, and programmatic interventions on VAC by 2030.
    - Amend the Children's Act 2016 to ban corporal punishment in all settings by 2030.
    - Establishing a Comprehensive national child well-being information management system for the implementation of the National Child Policy by 2027.
    - Reviewing the National Social Population Policy 2015 and developing a new Strategic Plan to implement the Policy by 2027.
    - Rolling out the National Children's Policy 2020 to 136 districts by 2030.

2. **Norms and values:** The government of Uganda commits to addressing negative social norms such as Child Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) by scaling up the SASA! Together community-based approaches in 100 districts in the country by 2030.

3. **Safe environments:** The government of Uganda commits by 2030 to implement strategies that promote physical and psychological safety of children and ensure that children are free from all forms of violence at home, online, at school, and in the community including refugee settings.

4. **Parent and caregiver support:** The government of Uganda commits to ensuring the following;
    - Roll out the National Family Policy 2024 in 30 districts, by 2027
    - Implementation of the National Standards for Parenting Programs and the National Parenting Training Manual and Facilitators Guide in at least 50 districts by 2030.

5. **Income and economic strengthening:** The government of Uganda commits to implement economic empowerment programe by;
    - Scaling up the Parish Development Model to reach 35% of the population. The Model aims to increase household incomes and improve the quality of life of

- Invest more in strengthening social protection services by prioritizing social protection in the National Development Plan IV.

6. **Response and support services:** The government of Uganda commits to strengthening the Sauti 116 to include a One-Stop-Centre with comprehensive services including medical care, counselling, legal and psychosocial support by 2025.
    - Fully integrating Sauti 116 into mainstream public service to decrease donor dependency and ensure sustainability of the service by 2030.
    - Establishing functional District Action Centres in all the District Local Governments and Cities by 2025.
    - Harmonising all the child -related Management Information System to include the Child -wellbeing to track progress in preventing and responding to VAC by 2025.

7. **Education and life skills:** The government of Uganda commits to create safe learning environments by integrating a whole school approach and promoting positive discipline to prevent violence against children. Specifically;
    - Rollout the Alternatives to Corporal Punishment guide to all schools in Uganda by 2025.
    - Operationalize the School Health Policy by 2025.
    - Roll out the Life skills toolkit in all schools in Uganda by 2025.
    - Roll out the Good School Toolkit nationally by 2030.
    - Operationalize the Gender in Education Strategy, 2015 VAC Strategy and National Strategy for Girls Education.