AfriChild was established in January 2013 in Uganda.

The AfriChild Centre is a product of the Uganda Program Learning Group of the Child Protection in Crisis (CPC) Network.

The AfriChild Centre works to improve child protection practice and inform policy through a systematic process of scientific research, analysis, and knowledge development.
The AfriChild Centre was established by six partners, namely:

- Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development
- UNICEF-Uganda
- ChildFund International, Uganda
- Columbia University
- Makerere University College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS)
- TPO Uganda
Why The AfriChild Centre?

- The Triangle
  - Academia
  - Policy Makers
  - CSO/Actors/Practitioners
Some of AfriChild’s short-term plans

- Commission training for Child Wellbeing/Child Protection researchers in basic research, programming, and policy advocacy
- Establish a network of mentors to ensure quality control, scientific research methodologies, rigorous data analysis and the production of reports of international standards
- Produce a report on major knowledge/capacity gaps on issues related to Child Focus Programming
Some of AfriChild’s short-term plans

- Implement (with other partners) the Violence against Children in Uganda Study

- Produce training materials/curricular tailored to address existing capacity gaps

- Engage with projects that can provide access to their project sites for purposes of learning, absorption and utilisation of research findings

- Hold advocacy dialogue meetings with key government departments and other actors on how they can utilise research findings for policy development and planning
Conclusion

Overall, The AfriChild Centre aims to:

be a leading multidisciplinary training and research centre

contribute to knowledge building and skills development

influence policy, programming and practice concerning the wellbeing of the African child
Thank you