



IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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Vision, Mission & Goal

Vision: A world where society invests well in children as a key element of sustainable development

Mission: The AfriChild Centre generates research that contributes to the evidence base to improve on the lives and wellbeing of the African child. It does this in collaboration with the public and private sectors, academia and civil society.

Goal: AfriChild will be a multidisciplinary research centre that contributes to evidence based knowledge building, skills development and influences policy, programming and practice concerning the wellbeing of the African child.

Core Program Areas

1. Interdisciplinary Research and Demonstration Projects
2. Policy and Practice Discourse
3. Training the Next Generation of Researchers and Practitioners
4. Knowledge Management and Expert Network

Interdisciplinary Research and Demonstration Projects

Conducted five studies including:

- National survey on violence against children
- Qualitative study on violence against children
- Community-based child protection systems in fishing communities
- Justice for children
- Child Protection index in refugee settlements

2. Development of national child-focused research agenda

Policy and Practice Discourse

- Co-sponsored a learning event to disseminate research product
- Co-chair of the Uganda National Child Protection Research and Learning Committee
- Developing partnership with USG agencies and implementing partners to conduct operational research for on-going projects.
- Partnership with NGO, government and academia to identify learning needs, collaboratively conduct research to inform policy and programs
- Use of multi-media including print and electronic media to share AfriChild knowledge brand

Training the Next Generation of Researchers and Practitioners

- Collaborating with seven Ugandan Universities to build capacity in rigorous research.
- Trained 175 young researchers in research methods
- Integrated capacity development of faculty members and practitioners with implementation of research activities

Knowledge Management and Expert Network

- Created a network of 58 faculty members from seven Ugandan Universities to collaborate on research projects
- Creating mentorship opportunities for mid-level researchers

Looking a head

- Build internal capacity to effectively mobilize and manage resources
- Build AfriChild knowledge brand through policy and program briefs
- Evidence-based advocacy with religious and cultural leaders, policy makers, donors practitioners and communities.