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Children's Platform

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

We know our rights



**IEWS FROM ALEDA
PRIMARY SCHOOL,
GULU**
Ruth, 12, P5: We
have a right to
education.



Danie, 13, P5: We
have a right to
medical care.



**IEWS FROM LOLET-
EKIA COMMUNITY
SCHOOL, MOROTO**
Oliver, P5: We
have a right to
protection.



Joseph, P6: Children
have a right to
know who their
parents are.

**IEWS FROM KAPETA COMMUNITY
SCHOOL, KOTIDO**
Yoana, P4: A right to security.

Andrew, P5: A right to food.

Winniefred, P6: A right to play.

Paul, P4: A right to education.

Regina, P4: A right to medical
care.

Peter, P5: A right to speech.

Brenda, P6: A right to shelter.

Sarah, P4: A right to have a
name.

Samuel, P6: A right to live in
safety.

DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD: FOR EVERY CHILD, SAFE WATER

BY RITAH MUKASA

June 16 is the International Day of the African Child. This year's theme is "Ensuring universal access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) for every child in Africa. The theme shows how access to clean water, toilets and hygiene facilities protects children's health, dignity and education.

Every child has a right to quality education, safe drinking water and hygienic facilities such as toilets and bathrooms. These rights keep children bright, strong and healthy. Therefore, they should not be taken away from you. You deserve to live in a healthy environment.

Dr Rachael Kalinaki, who works at Theirworld, a children's organisation that focuses on education, cautions against drinking unsafe water because it exposes children to waterborne diseases, such as diarrhoea. Water is unsafe for drinking if it is not boiled or treated properly.

In addition, girls fail to maintain their menstrual hygiene when they do not have access to clean water. This may lead to infections and school dropouts.

GOOD TOILET MANNERS

Many children are lucky to have clean water and adequate toilets at school, yet they misuse them.

In addition, in some schools that



Children drawing water from a borehole in Kanu village, Abim district. All children have a right to access clean water to live a healthy life. PHOTO BY RITAH MUKASA

have well-built toilets and piped water, some children still choose to ease themselves in the bushes.

Other children do not wash their hands after using the toilet. Others refuse to take baths.

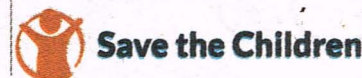
Such children always fall sick and miss school.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

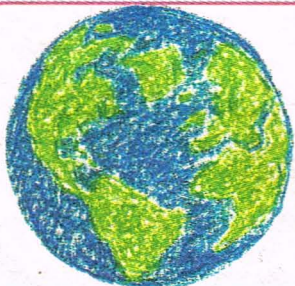
- Store water safely. Keep it in clean, covered containers to avoid contamination.

- Encourage your family to boil drinking water.
- Join or form a hygiene club. Teach children and adults habits such as handwashing and proper latrine use through speeches, music and drama.
- Mobilise children to serve as water monitors at school to look out for those wasting water.
- Engage in community activities such as cleaning wells, boreholes, and streams.
- Encourage girls to make their own

- reusable sanitary pads and to manage menstruation safely.
- Do not use the bush as a toilet. Use the latrine well and leave it clean.
- Always advocate for clean toilets and improved school facilities.
- Be confident; speak up about Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene issues in your community.



SAVE OUR PLANET: BE PART OF THE CAMPAIGN



New Vision, in partnership with Save the Children, is running a campaign to sensitise the public on the causes of climate change and the measures for mitigation and adaptation.

All children in primary school

are invited to participate in a writing and drawing/painting competition.

To enter the climate change competition, write a poem or article, or draw/paint a picture that gives a message about

climate change and caring for the environment. The written piece should not exceed 200 words. Prizes to win include school backpacks, readers and textbooks. Send your poem or drawing to nie@newvision.co.ug.



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NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION: What climate-friendly action
can you start in your school or community?



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