



JOINING FORCES

For All Children

Uganda Joining Forces Coalition Strategy 2024 - 2026



Background

Despite remarkable progress for children in many countries and areas, their rights are regularly challenged. Since 2018, Joining Forces partners; Child Fund Coalition; Plan International; Save the Children International; SOS Children's Villages International; Terre des Hommes International Federation; and World Vision International plus War Child Alliance in Uganda have joined forces to use their collective power to accelerate change for children.

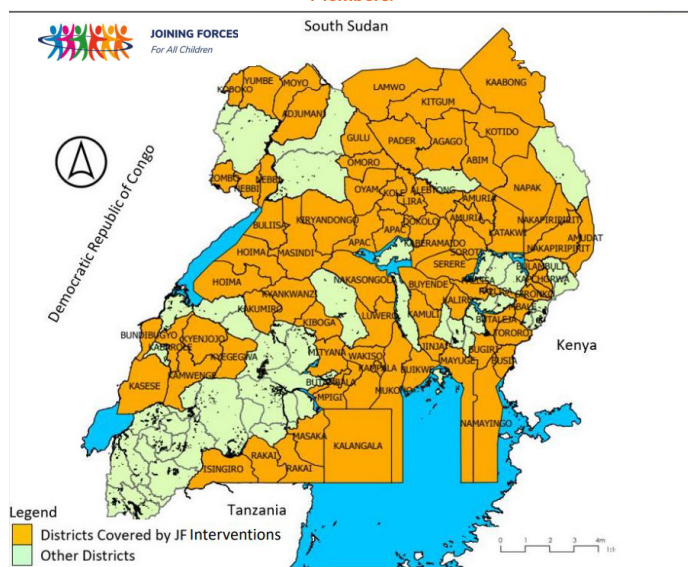
VAC is on the rise and traditional responses are not having the impact needed. Yet it carries an enormous cost to Ugandan society and is impacting on Uganda's ability to achieve global SDGs 3, 4, 8 and 16 and the Uganda NDP Human Capital Development Program outcomes on education, health and social development.

The aim of global Joining Forces Coalition is to substantially reduce VAC by 2030 through joint programming, research, and advocacy. The overall goal of the Uganda strategy is to contribute to strengthening of prevention and response systems that protect children from violence in Uganda.

Where

Joining Forces Coalition has a collective footprint in 95 of the 135 (70%) of Ugandan Districts. We can combine delivery capacity across most of Ugandan community to scale up child protection interventions including strategic programs as well as national campaigns and advocacy.

Map Showing Districts Covered by Interventions of Joining Forces Coalition Members.



How

Using our collective advocacy and influencing voice to provide sufficient weight of action to influence policymakers and implementors.

Building from the many voices and actions of children themselves by actively empowering and utilizing participation platforms throughout implementation.

Contributing to industry wide evidence and knowledge base on child protection, the national child wellbeing MIS will avail data and information to inform advocacy.

Leveraging shared and individual experiences by sharing learning with each other and the wider community.

Working with the leadership of the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development as the pivotal institution for child protection in the country while partnering closely with other relevant Government offices and partners at national and local level.

Enhancing the capacity of the key social workforce relevant to child protection

Ensuring effective oversight by the Coalition Steering Committee of Country Directors and implementation support of the Technical Working Group of Advocacy and Child Protection technical leads from the 7 Coalition members.



Objective Four	Respond to situations of protracted Violence Against Children through joint programs
Outcomes	4.1 Elimination of child labour in the coffee value chain in high-risk sub-regions. 4.2 Elimination of violence against children in schools.
Methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitation and support to child survivors. Capacity support to law enforcement structures. Norms change campaigning Capacity and agency of children to prevent and respond to VACis Cascade training in evidence-based approaches against VACis Support to toll free violence reporting. Expand message reach through multimedia

What we will Do

Objective one	Contribute to an enabling environment that supports meaningful child participation
Outcomes	1.1 Duty bearers with capacity to utilise the revised national child participation strategy and guide to guide implementation. 1.2 Effective implementation of the national child participation strategy. 1.3 A national Child participation mechanism operational at Local Government and national levels.
Methodologies	1.1 Capacity needs assessment Social Workforce as facilitators of child participation. Review and roll out of the National Child Participation Guide. Review and roll out of revised National Child Participation Strategy. 1.2 Monitor and evaluate implementation of revised National Child participation Strategy. 1.3 Development of National Guidelines for establishing Children platforms. Development of training manual for social workforce as facilitators of Reference Groups.

Objective two	Contribute to increased allocation of resources for implementation of national child protection related policies and strategies.
Outcomes	2.1 Prioritisation of child protection in the national strategic documents eg. NDP, budgets, manifesto etc
Methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generate evidence on VAC impacts on society and HCD outcomes. Lobby relevant MDAs/parliament on prioritization of funding to child protection.

Objective Three	Contribute to industry wide evidence and knowledge base on child protection
Outcomes	3.1 More informed and focused programs and advocacy engagements.
Methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up and maintain a digital repository related to EVAC. Roll out of the Child Wellbeing MIS as the central hub for data on child protection.

Strategy Budget

\$ 8,427,589

Is the Total sum of money needed to support the Coalition program.

\$ 585,526
enabling environment that supports meaningful child participation

\$ 128,947
Contribute to increased allocation of resources to implementation of child protection related policies and strategies.

\$ 430,158
Coalition Coordination and overhead costs

\$ 81,447
Contribute to industry wide evidence and knowledge base on child protection.

\$ 7,200,910
Will enable the coalition to support a joint program to eliminate;
\$ 3,565,789: violence against children in schools.

\$ 3,635,721: child labour in the coffee value chain.

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