

**EFFECTS OF SEXUAL CHILD ABUSE ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH: A CASE OF
NYASIONGO IN MASABA DISTRICT**

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ABSTRACT

This research was examining the effects of sexual child abuse on children's health in Nyansiongo in Masaba district. The purpose of the study was to determine the effects of sexual abuse on children's health in Nyansiongo in Masaba District. The specific objectives of the study were to; Identify the factors leading to the increase of sexual abuse among children, Investigate the effects of sexual abuse on the children's health, Suggest appropriate strategies that will help reduce sexual child abuse and to Examine factors hindering the child protection policies from taking full course. The research design that was used in this study was descriptive survey. Questionnaires and interviews were the main instruments of data collection. The main finding of this research was that it was true that children were sexually abused in Nyansiongo, drug abuse was a contributor to this menace, ignorance of the parents led to this character, most women and ladies were not empowered on sexual offences, those who abuse the children do not necessarily face the law and that there were poor policies in the district to curb this menace leading to most victims not getting justice. It was recommended that proper policies be put in place to curb this, more empowerment be done to make children and ladies aware of what they can do to reduce this cases and all the stakeholders including parents and teachers to take responsibility and help reduce this menace. In conclusion this menace can be done away with if all people take responsibility at the same time they are empowered on sexual abuse. ~