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Executive Summary

The African network for the Protection and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) Malawi Chapter carried a number of researches aimed at ascertaining the level of knowledge and understanding about the Prevalence/attitudinal research in this study of the four Regions childcare institutions (orphanages, special needs centers, church homes, care centers and reformatory centers) in Malawi, which involved interviews with staff in the institutions and focus group discussions with children, documented the use of corporal punishment, including being whipped, forced to kneel and forced to do hard work, sleep with teachers. ANPPCAN Malawi uses the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as a necessary step if children have to realize and claim their rights for the attainment of social-economic development.

Historical Background

ANPPCAN is a pan-African child rights organization concerned with the status of children in general and in particular those in need of protection. ANPPCAN was founded in 1986 in Enugu, Nigeria after a successful conference on child labor in Africa, with founding members from six countries. These were Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Tunisia. The issues of concern for ANPPCAN at that time were child labor, children in situations of armed conflict, street children, displaced children (refugees and internally displaced by war) and children with disabilities. Over the years, issues of concern for ANPPCAN have been expanded to include education for all children, HIV/AIDS and orphaned children, trafficking of children, physical, emotional and sexual abuse of children, abandoned and neglected children, children and slum settlements, children and criminal justice.

Of recent, ANPPCAN after raising awareness on child abuse realized that systems to report cases of child abuse were limited and went into strengthening and creating child protection

systems in seven countries namely; Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, South Sudan and Sudan.

To ensure that children are in school, ANPPCAN decided to improve incomes of parents so that they can keep children in school, thus the introduction of Parents Economic Empowerment Program (PEEP). Currently ANPPCAN has Chapters in 36 countries in Africa and has observer status with the African Union and similar status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights since 1990. ANPPCAN is registered as an International NGO and has its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.

ANPPCAN Malawi Chapter is a welfare organization registered under the Trustees Act in 2004. Its mandate is to advance the rights and welfare of Children of Malawi, in particular the orphaned, vulnerable and marginalized women and children. The organization is committed to the promotion and protection of children and women's rights through advocacy, monitoring, information sharing, Organizational and Community capacity building (rehabilitation) and resource mobilization. Nationally, it is a member of the Council for Non-Governmental Organizations in Malawi (CONGOMA) and Human rights Consultative Committee (HRCC) and also Member of the newly formed NGO Coalition on Child Rights, Gender Coordinating Net Work NGO,GCN, while internationally affiliated to ANPPCAN Africa, a registered Pan-African international non-governmental organization, with its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya and to the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (IPSCAN) in the USA, which was established in Amsterdam, Holland in April, 1981. Recent affiliations include; Global Match against Child Lab an International Organization based in India, and Young General Assembly in New York. African Unite against Child Abuse AFRUCA also affiliated to Lifeline Southern Africa with its headquarters in South Africa.

OUR MISSION

To enhance, in partnership with others, the prevention and protection of children from all forms of maltreatment, thus, ensuring that the rights of children are realized

OUR VISION

ANPPCAN Malawi believes that women's and children's rights are not only necessary in and of themselves, but that they are central to end the challenges the world faces today such as eradicating poverty, building peace and effectively tackling the HIV and AIDS pandemics.

ANPPCAN Malawi believes that no lasting solutions to the issues affecting women and children are possible without a strategy that puts women and children's rights at the center. Therefore ANPPCAN Malawi works at building a world where women and children's rights have been achieved and where all people enjoy their human rights.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To promote rights' education as a basic right for every Malawian child; To promote Human rights and women rights;

- To convene and participate in national , regional and international forums dealing with the promotion of rights for all;
- To initiate, and conduct, situation analysis on the state and nature of child abuse and neglect;
- To accomplish the work built upon feminist values toward the full equality of women, children and human rights of all people.
- This includes work towards the eradication of all discrimination based on gender, sexuality, religion, age, ability, ethnicity, language, nationality, class or other factors.
- To work as a part of networks that advocate for collective voice, power and influence against child abuse and neglect, as well as any form of violence against women.
- To provide a forum that enables the exchange of information on the problems affecting children in Malawi

THEMATIC AREAS

- a. Human rights
- b. Child's rights (Abuse, Trafficking, Adoption, Labor, Neglect)
- c. Women's rights
- d. Women and children's empowerment
- e. Education
- f. HIV/AIDS
- g. Sexual and reproductive health

Activities

In pursuit of its objectives, the organization carries out the following activities:

- (a) Sensitization and awareness campaigns aimed at:
 - Reducing and stopping child labor in Malawian estates
 - Reducing and stopping child trafficking
 - Child marriages
 - Reducing and stopping child abuse and neglect
 - Reducing, stopping and advocating against child labor
 - stopping sexual exploitation of Malawian children
 - Stopping the removal, and trade, of human organs, especially in the case of trafficked children who are more vulnerable to such forceful acts
- (b) Advocacy
 - Advocating for the respect and implementation of general human and child rights at district, regional and national level; and campaigning for the prevention of child abuse in Malawian estates as well as removing and selling of human organs, particularly sexual organs

(c) Education

- Empowering Malawian tenants through the promotion of better human rights and agricultural practices that do not impinge on child-rights- by stressing and ensuring that all boys and girls of school going-age have unlimited access to basic education, which is free in Malawi.

(d) Conducting HIV and AIDS counseling sessions to target beneficiaries

(e) To support out-of-school orphans in desperate need of financial and technical assistance through occupational, entrepreneurship and development training.

Achievements

Since its inception in 2004, ANPPCAN has made notable strides in, and through, the delivery of its programs. Some of the achievements include:

- (a) ANPPCAN Malawi Chapter is among 5 countries (Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Ethiopia), who successfully launch the ongoing **THINKING FUTURE KEEPING GIRLS IN SCHOOLS**. See attached annual report.
- (b) From 2008 to date ANPPCAN Malawi Chapter introduced the **Entrepreneurship Development Scheme** with women in the informal sector forming mother support groups and co-operatives to alleviate extreme poverty and hunger.
- (c) The creation of community, district and regional, child-rights clubs in Malawi in 6 districts of Southern Region.
- (d) Attainment of Board Member status at the Human Rights Consultative Committee (HRCC).
- (e) In 2005 to date, ANPPCAN Malawi Chapter has launched the **Albino Rights to Health, Education and Protection from Abuse (ARHEPA)**.
- (f) Organized Child Abuse and Neglect conferences in Blantyre, Malawi which brought in 224 countries in collaboration with the UN general assembly.
- (g) In 2006, ANPPCAN Malawi was elected to be the young general assembly regional office.
- (h) Initiating and implementing innovative Child-care projects e.g. The Child Social and Financial Education (CSFE) project, Positive Parenting project, among others
- (i) Producing publications and newsletters on child protection issues
- (j) Co-coordinating District March Against Child Abuse and Labor in Blantyre
- (k) Participating in, and carrying out, research and related-studies on child rights issues
- (l) Membership status; International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect IPSCAN,
- (m) Initiating a coalition on child rights and child protection activities in collaboration with other Civil Society Organizations
- (n) Raising awareness about the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the child

ANPPCAN has received several awards including:

1. ***The C. Henry Kempe Award:*** Given to ANPPCAN by ISPCAN for its inspiring work in child protection in Africa. It was presented to ANPPCAN at the ISPCAN Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1988.
2. ***The Distinguished Service Award:*** The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) recognized ANPPCAN's efforts for being its country partner in Kenya. The award was presented to ANPPCAN during the 10th International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 1994.
3. ***The Kellogg's Child Development Award for the year 2004:*** ANPPCAN Regional Office was honored by World of Children Awards for her work since the 1980's that has dramatically improved the lives of children in Africa.
4. ***Children's Champion in Africa:*** An award given by the African Union in 2006 recognizing ANPPCAN's efforts in child protection.
5. ***Certification – Most Supportive NGO in Busia District, Kenya:*** ANPPCAN was voted the most supportive non-governmental organization in Busia Sub-county in 2011. ANPPCAN's efforts were recognized by Kenya's Ministry of Education during the occasion marking the District Education / Prize Giving Day held in the Sub-County in 2011

ANPPCAN Malawi chapter received the following:

6. **French Human Rights Commission Award (2011)**
7. **Global Junior Challenge Award by the Italian government (2012)**
8. **European Union Award on Child Rights (2008)**
9. **Girls Not Brides Award (2014) _ Zinenani Mariko**

Governance Structure

ANPPCAN-Malawi Chapter has, in the quest to promote accountability and separation of powers, a running Board of Trustees- who formulate policy for the organization, as well as making sure that ANPPCAN operates under the highest standards of integrity, honesty, accountability and efficiency for the betterment of programmatic beneficiaries. Additionally, ANPPCAN has an Executive Board, whose main task is to implement the policies made by the Board of Trustees. The Executive Board, also known as the secretariat, is headed by a Country Director, who reports directly to the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

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Project location:

- (a) The THINKING FUTURE KEEPING GIRLS IN SCHOOL, Entrepreneurship Development Scheme and the Albino Rights to Health, Education and Protection from Abuse (ARHEPA) projects are being implemented in 6 districts and communities of the Southern region namely Chikwawa, Mulanje, Blantyre and Thyolo. The following table shows the name of the school against the corresponding district respectively:

Chigumukire	Blantyre
Chisawani	Thyolo
Kamkhomba	Thyolo
Konzere	Chikwawa
Ligowe	Thyolo
Madziabango	Blantyre

Misosa	Blantyre
Mpapa	Blantyre
Mthawira	Blantyre
Mulanje Boma	Mlanje
Nanjiriri	Blantyre
Naotcha	Blantyre
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