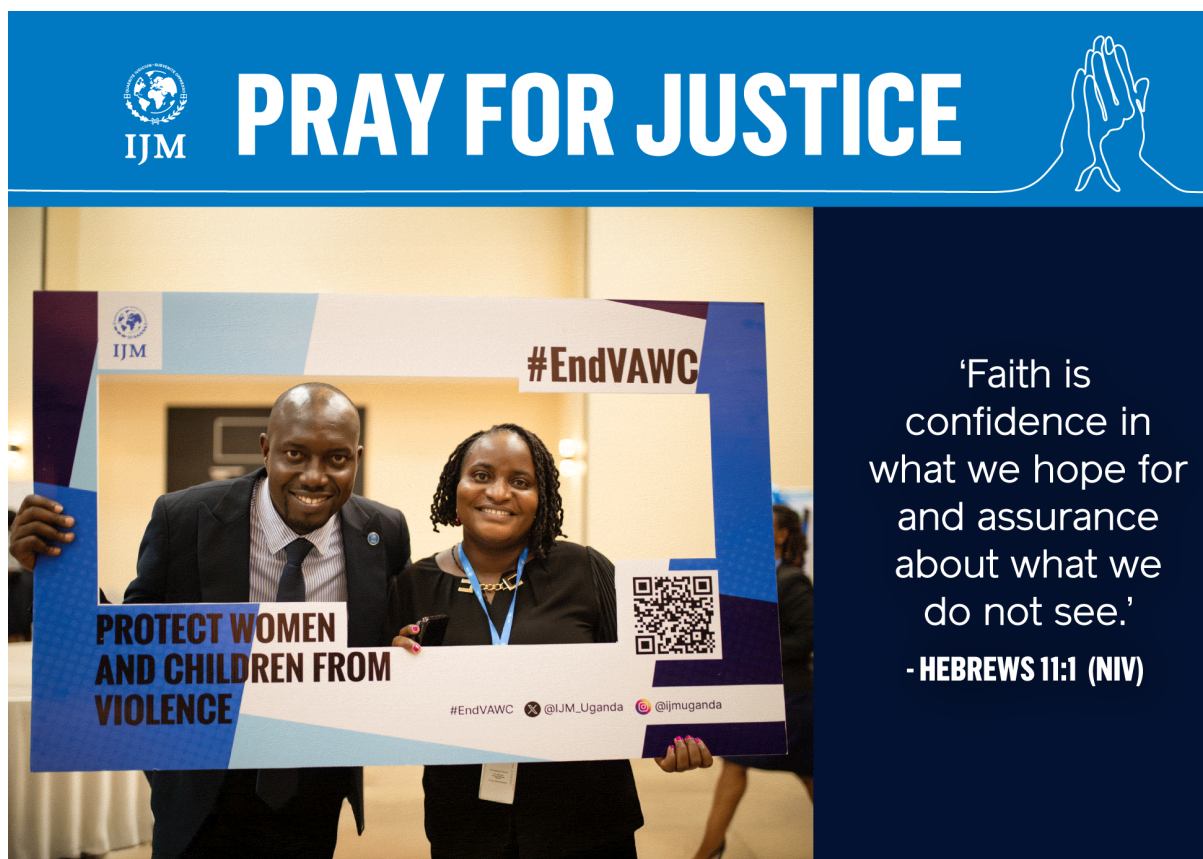


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Hi [REDACTED]

Last month, **IJM Uganda officially released a national baseline report**, shedding light on the shockingly high prevalence of violence against women and children and calling for urgent action.

Among the key findings, the report shows that:

- **Nearly 60% of children**, predominantly girls, in Uganda have experienced sexual abuse in their lifetime.
- **Over half of women** who've ever had a partner have experienced physical and/or sexual violence the hands of a partner.
- **Nearly ¾** of incidences of violence against women go unreported.

Speaking at the launch of the report, IJM Uganda Director Wamaitha Kimani, shared, *“These are not just numbers... These are women and children for whom their community and home do not provide the safety i dream and thrive.”*

Together, we lament that violence against women and children is so ‘normal’ in Uganda. But we also hold onto the **hope that change is possible**, when we pray and act together.

**The report recommends proactive and collaborative efforts** between criminal justice actors, organisations, partners, civil society groups, local councils, and community members to reduce the prevalence of violence within communities and remove barriers to justice.

**Please pray that these findings lead to action** that protects women and children. In the words of the Director of Public Prosecutions, pray that the report inspires justice actors to, *“build a Uganda where no woman fears violence from her partner, where no child has to live in fear of abuse, because there is a justic system that stands as a pillar of protection and accountability.”*

## Opening Prayer

God of refuge and hope,

We pray with the IJM Uganda team  
that this report will inspire profound  
and lasting change.

We ask that collaborative efforts  
would find favour and, ultimately,  
that the rates of these shocking crimes  
would dramatically decrease.

Lord, we pray your kingdom  
come in Uganda –  
for women to thrive  
in freedom from violence  
and for children to grow,  
play and learn,  
safe from harm.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

## PRAYER POINTS

**Pray for healing for Prisca\***, who was abused by her uncle when she was eight years old. With IJM's support, the man was recently sentenced to 27 years in prison – protecting Prisca and potentially other girl from harm. Please pray for Prisca's ongoing physical and emotional recovery, and that she receives all the support she needs from her family at this painful time.

**Several pre-teen and teenage boys have recently been sentenced for abusing girls**, in IJM-supported cases. Please pray that these boys understand the gravity of their actions and grow up to have respect for girls and women in their communities, so that they don't go on to abuse anyone in the future.

## PRAISE POINTS

**Praise God that faith leaders in Uganda have committed to championing justice** and the protection of women and children during September. Pray that when the Freedom Sunday campaign ends, faith leaders continue to use their influence in communities to advocate for women and children.

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*The updates we share can become sensitive over time. To respect and protect survivors, please refrain from posting these prayer requests online – thank you.*

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