

# breakfast briefing

Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi, at 08:00, 8 February, 2007

## ***Collapsed Ugandan peace talks – how does it affect children?***

The future of Uganda's children is under severe threat as negotiations between the Government of Uganda and the Lords Resistance Army edge closer to collapse. If talks fail, children, particularly in the north of the country, will once again live in the fear of the physical, emotional and sexual violence that dominated the decades-long conflict in the north. The emergency situation in northern Uganda is worsening by the day. Increasing ambushes and attacks risk obstructing humanitarian aid trying to reach communities in the Pader district, and this could quickly spread to other areas. Save the Children are calling for stronger international support and involvement.

*Prudence Acirokop, Child and Human rights Advisor with Save the Children in Uganda, have recently visited Gulu and will give an update on the situation for children.*

## ***Access to quality education in southern Sudan – a reality?***

Decades of under-development and conflict have left southern Sudan's key development indicators the lowest in the world. Severe gender disparity is manifest in access to education and health, and differential life expectancy. Recent estimates from the SRRC's IDPS and Returnees Project Proposal (2004) estimates that southern Sudan is populated by 14 million including refugees in neighbouring countries and those already re-settled in third countries. Save the Children aims to make a significant and lasting contribution to the education of children affected by armed conflict. By 2010, we aim to enable three million children affected by conflict to gain access to education, and five million to benefit from higher quality education emphasizing relevance, learning and participation.

*Rose Wahome, Programme Officer for Education with Save the Children Sweden, will give an update on the global campaign Rewrite the Future, and how it is implemented in southern Sudan.*

*Welcome to join us for breakfast at the Intercontinental, at 08:00 on 8 February, 2007.*

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Save the Children Sweden started working in Eastern and Central Africa in 1965. It has offices in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Nairobi, Kenya; and Khartoum, Sudan. Save the Children Sweden has long-term child-rights based development programs in Ethiopia and Sudan, and it supports local partners in Kenya, Eritrea, Somaliland and Uganda.

The organisation focuses on building the capacity of local people, community-based structures and organisations. In Eastern and Central Africa, it works with more than forty different non-governmental organisations and government bodies. In addition, it has adopted a direct implementation approach in southern Sudan and the refugee camps of western Ethiopia. All of the work in the region focuses on children's rights, and tackles issues that affect marginalised children. The core of the work focuses on children affected by conflict, discrimination, abuse, exploitation, and HIV/AIDS. Save the Children Sweden's focus also includes education, child participation and good governance in the best interest of the child.

Save the Children Sweden is a non-governmental organisation. It is an active member of the International Save the Children Alliance – a global movement for children's rights. Through 18 offices around the world, the organisation contributes ideas, experience and funds to 500 projects in more than 60 countries.

Save the Children fights for children's rights. We deliver immediate and lasting improvements to children's lives worldwide. Save the Children works for a world:

- which respects and values each child.
- where all children participate and have influence.
- where all children have hope and opportunity.

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