

**AN ANALYSIS OF THE LEGAL REGIME ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AS IT  
RELATES TO CHILD TRAFFICKING IN UGANDA**

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## ABSTRACT

*Child trafficking is a global human rights challenge. It involves recruitment, transportation, transfer and harbouring of children for purposes of exploitation. Due to a high unemployment rate, poverty and illiteracy in Uganda, traffickers transfer children for sexual exploitation under the guise of employment or scholarship opportunities; lure parents with money and hoodwink them into handing over their children willingly. This study was conceived to analyse the legal framework for the protection of rights of children against trafficking in Uganda. Through a qualitative research methodology, the study established that even though Uganda has made progress in fighting child trafficking by Prosecuting Traffickers in court since the enactment of the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act 2009 and establishing the country, coordination Office. A major set back remains the non ratification of the UN Trafficking Protocol and the fact that the Coordination Office's secretariat is under-funded and can not effectively fight this Offence . The study therefore recommends inter alia the need for Uganda to immediately ratify and implement the provisions of the UN Trafficking Protocol. Further, there is need for increased funding for institutions involved in monitoring and prosecuting trafficking cases to increase their effectiveness. The government needs to continue cooperating with and fund the civil society as NGOs which have been instrumental in fighting the offence and assisting victims. The law on child rights particularly the Employment Act needs to be amended to bring it in conformity with the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act.*