

Too often in silence: a report on school-based violence in West and Central Africa

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Corporal punishment, sexual violence and bullying are some of the areas explored in this joint report by Plan, ActionAid, Save the Children Sweden and UNICEF on school-based violence in West and Central Africa. Aimed at policy makers, education and child protection programmers, as well as educators, children and communities, the report: - looks at the context and causes of violence in and around schools, its nature, and its impact on students - and more broadly on communities and nations; - synthesises evidence on the prevalence, frequency and intensity of school-based violence; - proposes key actions to tackle the problem. Although countries in West and Central Africa have ratified international conventions that protect children's rights to non-violent education, national provisions to fulfill these rights are often inadequate. The report gives a set of recommendations to strengthen and accelerate interventions against violence in schools across the region.

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