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## **Voice of the Young**

Voice of the young is the children's advocacy group of the CPA. 120 children are regularly active on the following objectives.

Objectives of Voice of the Young are:

- Raise awareness of the general public on issues affecting the lives and welfare of children in The Gambia
- Advocate for the active and meaningful participation of children in decision-making at all levels of society
- Advocate for the creation of a child-friendly Gambia
- Support the development of life skills in children
- Develop in children a sense of responsibility towards their parents, community and country and respect for adults and those in positions of authority

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***Pledge against Child Sexual  
Abuse and Exploitation***



## **I PLEDGE TO END THE SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN BECAUSE:**

- I believe that all children, everywhere, deserve protection from sexual abuse and exploitation;
- I believe that I can contribute to the creation of an abuse-free environment for children;
- I believe that the sexual abuse and exploitation of children will not end until we all become part of the solution;
- I take pride in myself as a responsible adult;
- I care about the children in my care and my community;
- I am angry that children are being sexually abused and exploited;
- I know that children are sexually abused and exploited in families and communities, by Gambians and non-Gambians;
- I know that the sexual abuse and exploitation of children is an abuse of power and a betrayal of trust and responsibility;

- I understand that sexual abuse and exploitation is a crime of violence against children's bodies, children's emotional well-being and children's right to bodily integrity;
- I recognise that children will not grow up to reach their fullest potentials, in health, happiness and safety until their sexual abuse and exploitation ends;
- I accept my responsibility to make my community and this country child-friendly.



**"Children become where they live in"**

## **I PLEDGE TO:**

- **Speak out against child sexual abuse and exploitation;**
- **Campaign for the promotion and protection of the rights of children;**
- **Talk with other people in my community about the sexual abuse and exploitation of children;**
- **Support laws and policies against the sexual abuse and exploitation of children;**
- **Listen to children, and believe them when they talk to me about their abuse and exploitation;**
- **Pay attention to children's cries for support and help;**
- **Encourage children to be assertive and strong;**
- **Change whatever I am doing that helps maintain a culture where the sexual abuse and exploitation is possible;**
- **Support people and institutions working to end the sexual abuse and exploitation of children.**

**The future of Gambia's children is also in your hand.**

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