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THE MAYUGE DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT
BUSAKIRA SUB-COUNTY **BYLAW** ON

PREVENTION OF SCHOOLDROPOUT

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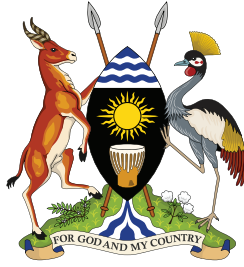


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The purpose of the bylaw is to consolidate and streamline its existing laws related to child protection and give effect to provision of existing laws that can address the problem of school dropout by tackling the underlined causes

Citation; This bylaw shall be cited as Busakira sub county (prevention of school dropout) bylaw of 2025.

Commencement; this bylaw comes into force on this 14th day of May 2025.

1. Interpretation:

In this bylaw, unless context otherwise requires.

- A. "Child" means the person below 18 years
- B. "Parent" includes a guardian or care giver responsible for the child
- C. "School" means a registered primary or secondary school within the district.
- D. "School hours" means the hour during which schools are in session, as determined by the relevant educational authorities.
- E. A currency point is equivalent to twenty thousand Uganda shillings (20000 shs)

2. Prohibition of child neglect, labor and exploitation.

a) Prohibition of child neglect.

- i. Parents shall ensure their children attend school regularly and are not neglected and shall treat them in full conformity with the children's act.
- ii. Any person found in breach of this provision shall be treated under the superior child protection law

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b) Prohibition of child labor;

- i. No child shall be caused to engage in any form of labor that interferes with his or her education and/or detrimental to their health and wellbeing as prohibited by the children's Act and employment Act.
- ii. Any person found in breach of this provision shall be fined 2 currency points per count.

c) Prohibition of children from local video Halls and gambling centers;

- i. Local video hall owners shall not admit children during school hours.
- ii. Local video hall owners shall display a notice at the entrance of the video hall, starting the prohibition on children during school hours
- iii. Where a child found in such places during school hours, the operator of such a business shall be fined currency points per head of child and the parent of such child shall be fined ten thousand Ugandan shillings.

3. Attendance report;

- a. Every school in the Sub County shall be required to follow up on the attendances Pupils/ students and submit monthly reports to the Sub county (education Committee) detailing particulars of consistently absent pupils/students.
- b. Any school that forfeits submission of the report as required above shall be excluded from the Sub county Budget/programmes for a term.

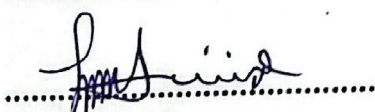
4. Default on the fine;

Where any person being required to pay any fine under this Bylaw but defaults shall be treated as a civil debtor;


- a. Have their property of equivalent value to the defaulted fine attached for sale and;
- b. Shall pay all the costs incurred in the whole process of execution or;
- c. Detained."

5. Enforcement;

This bylaw shall be enforced by the relevant educational authorities in collaboration law enforcement agencies



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Busakira Subcounty Bylaw - an Outcome of Youth-Led Social Accountability under the EYE Universal SRHR Project

Brief Background of the Project

The EYE Universal Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Project (2023–2025), titled “**My Body, My Life, My World**”, was implemented by Naguru Teenage Centre (NTC) with support from the Government of Norway through UNFPA, in partnership with CARE Uganda and Marie Stopes Uganda.

The project was implemented in Kamuli and Mayuge districts and aimed to empower adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) to make informed decisions about their bodies by improving access to comprehensive, adolescent- and youth-friendly SRHR information and services.

How the Bylaw Came About

The Busakira Sub County Prevention of School Dropout Bylaw (2025) emerged from sustained youth-led social accountability processes led by NTC under the EYE Universal SRHR Project. Through structured engagements, young people consistently raised concerns about school dropout, especially among adolescent girls, driven by child neglect, child labor, early pregnancy, and exposure to harmful environments such as video halls and gambling centers during school hours.

These issues were repeatedly documented, discussed, and presented by trained youth leaders to local leaders through formal accountability platforms. As a result, sub-county leaders committed to translating these concerns into a local legal framework to strengthen child protection and retention in school, culminating in the enactment of the bylaw in May 2025.

Activities Undertaken

The enactment of the Busakira Sub County (Prevention of School Dropout) Bylaw, 2025 was the result of deliberate, structured, and sustained youth-led social accountability actions implemented under the EYE Universal SRHR Project. Key activities included:

- Training and mentorship of youth leaders on social accountability, advocacy, evidence generation, and engagement with duty bearers, enabling them to meaningfully participate in governance processes.
- Sub county and parish-level micro consultative forums with young to identify and document drivers of school dropout and child vulnerability.

- Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with community stakeholders to generate qualitative evidence on absenteeism, child labor, teenage/early pregnancy, and unsafe environments for children.
- Evidence documentation, where youth leaders and NTC staff supported in compiling recurring issues, community testimonies, and proposed solutions for presentation to decision makers.
- Interface and tripartite meetings between young people, youth leaders, sub-county technical staff, political leaders, and district representatives to present evidence, discuss accountability gaps, and propose policy actions.
- Drafting and review of the bylaw, supported by sub-county leadership, incorporating youth-generated evidence and aligning with national child protection and education laws.
- Follow-up on commitments and action plans, including youth-led tracking of agreed actions and continued engagement with leaders to ensure the bylaw process progressed to approval.
- Formal approval and enactment of the bylaw by the Busakira Sub County Council, leading to its commencement on 14th May 2025.

Outcome Highlight

The Busakira Sub County (Prevention of School Dropout) Bylaw of 2025, enacted on 14th May 2025, provides a legal framework to: Prevent child neglect, child labor, and exploitation, regulate children’s presence in video halls and gambling centers during school hours, Strengthen school attendance monitoring and reporting and Promote shared responsibility among parents, schools, communities, and local authorities.

This bylaw represents a tangible policy outcome of youth-led social accountability and demonstrates how empowered young people can influence governance and protective systems at local level.



During an interface meeting with duty bearers in Busakira sub county

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