

African Female Voices Child Protection Manifesto

We, the members, partners, and supporters of African Female Voices, commit ourselves to creating a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment for all children in Africa.

We believe every child has the right to grow up free from violence, abuse, neglect, exploitation, and discrimination. As advocates for gender equality, education, and development, we recognize that protecting children—especially girls—is vital to shaping a just and equitable continent.

Our commitments include:

- **Upholding Children's Rights:** We pledge to respect, promote, and defend the rights of every child, ensuring their voices are heard and their needs prioritized.
- **Prevention of Harm:** We will actively work to prevent all forms of violence, abuse, and exploitation against children in our communities, schools, and workplaces.
- **Creating Safe Spaces:** We commit to fostering environments—both online and offline—where children feel safe, valued, and protected.
- **Empowering Girls and Vulnerable Children:** We will prioritize the protection and empowerment of girls, recognizing their unique vulnerabilities and potential as future leaders.
- **Holding Stakeholders Accountable:** We vow to work with governments, institutions, communities, and families to strengthen child protection systems and enforce laws that safeguard children's well-being.
- **Education & Awareness:** We will educate children, parents, teachers, and communities about children's rights and responsibilities to ensure everyone understands how to protect and support young people.



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- **Responding to Violations:** We commit to acting swiftly and firmly to address any cases of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation, ensuring justice and support for victims.
- **Advocating for Policy Change:** We will advocate for stronger child protection policies, laws, and resources that respond to the evolving needs of children across Africa.

Together, we stand for a future where every child—regardless of gender, background, or location—can live, learn, and flourish in safety and dignity.

Our pledge is to be guardians of hope, champions of change, and protectors of children's rights in Africa.