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From Left, Phionah, their mother, Deo and Karungi in front

# **VOICES OF RESILIENCE**

***A Mother's Struggle Against Exploitation and Her Quest for Reconnecting with Her Children***



# A MOTHER'S STRUGGLE AGAINST EXPLOITATION AND HER QUEST FOR RECONNECTING WITH HER CHILDREN



Officer with Josephine and her children

In a world fraught with challenges, Nyamijumbi Josephine's story stands as a testament to her unwavering strength and determination. A mother of six children, she has faced unimaginable hardships due to sexual harassment, exploitation, and abuse. At just 14 years of age, her life took a traumatic turn, one that would have a lasting impact.

Living with a mental health condition that can strike at any moment, Nyamijumbi Josephine's journey has been far from ordinary. Unmarried and without the ability to consent, she found herself pregnant multiple times, resulting in the birth of three children. These children were born into circumstances they had no control over, and their futures would be influenced by the choices made by others.

For Nyamijumbi Josephine, the previous children she gave birth to were taken away by their respective families. The lack of resources and her own health challenges made it impossible for her to provide the care and support her children needed.

Her elderly mother, too, could only do so much, and the limited resources stretched thin. The current circumstances are such that Nyamijumbi Josephine and her daughter, Karungi Josephine, live together, while her other two children, Phiona and Deo Francis, are under the care of their aunt.

What sets this story apart is the silence surrounding the exploitation and the absence of legal recourse. Nyamijumbi Josephine's voice has been suppressed, and she has never reported these heinous acts to the authorities. Her life and the lives of her children are shaped by this silence and the lack of justice.

Josephine's reliance on her elderly ▶





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mother is evident, and it raises concerns about the sustainability of their situation. As her mother ages, the ability to care for the family becomes increasingly challenging, and the future seems uncertain.

**JOSEPHINE HAS A SINGULAR WISH:**

To reconnect with her children and ensure their well-being. She seeks the help of an organization, Top Notch-CDI, in achieving these goals. Her requests are simple but profound:

**RECONNECTING WITH HER CHILDREN:**

Josephine desires to be a part of her children's lives, even if they live with their respective families. She yearns to see them, to hold them, and to play a role in their upbringing.

**SUPPORT FOR BASIC NEEDS AND EDUCATION:**

She requests assistance from Top Notch-CDI in providing her children with the fundamental necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and access to education. These are basic rights that every child deserves.

In return, Josephine pledges to contribute to the well-being of her children by ensuring that her daughter,

Karungi, has access to food with the support of her mother.

She is willing to do her part, given the chance.

**T**op Notch-CDI, a relatively new NGO with five years of experience, is committed to helping children in need. They offer educational support and essential resources to underprivileged children. As a parent, Josephine's role is pivotal. She is expected to ensure her children receive adequate nutrition, live in a nurturing environment, safeguard their educational materials, and promptly inform Top Notch-CDI about any obstacles preventing her children from attending school.

Josephine's story is one of courage, resilience, and a mother's enduring love. It calls attention to the urgent need for support, compassion, and justice for survivors of sexual harassment, exploitation, and abuse.

Her quest is to reconnect with her children serves as a reminder that every child deserves a safe and loving environment in which to grow and thrive, and every mother's voice should be heard. Top Notch-CDI's involvement offers hope for a brighter future for this family and many others facing similar challenges.





Children and their mother



Top Notch Officer in Hoima field office with Ms. Nyamijumbi



Aunt of Phionah & Deo, the mother of all three children and grandmother of them

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