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Social integration resources of children born of rebels and non-state armed actors in situations of war

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Abstract:

This paper is part of a research project about social integration of youth born in the Lord's Resistance Army captivity in Gulu district Uganda. Traditionally, children born out of rape, incest, or other relationships outside marriage were treated as outcasts and get ostracized and stigmatized within their communities. The situation of those born by women abducted and forced to live as wives to their rebel and other political non-state-armed captors is worse because their fathers already committed acts of violence against the government and the very communities expected to support these children to recover from the effects of the war. In this study, in-depth face-to-face interviews with these children, now youths, Focus Group Discussions with their parents/guardians, and key informant interviews in Unyama and Paicho sub-counties in Gulu district and Gulu city were conducted. The findings are presented in this paper.

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