

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: A CASE STUDY OF PAJULE INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLES' (IDP) CAMP, UGANDA

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ABSTRACT

For over twenty years, Northern Uganda has been under insurgency as a result of the Lords Resistance Army (LRA) rebellion against the Government of Uganda. This state of insecurity led to the violation of people's rights and the eventual displacement of over 2.8 million people in internally displaced people's camps. Living in the camps has had a devastating effect on the political, social, economic and cultural structure of the lives of the people of northern Uganda. Among the many hardships experienced in the camps is the high level of Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) faced by women and girls who are the most vulnerable in the displaced communities. This study identifies the different forms, causes and effects of SGBV faced by women in the displaced people's camps. It also investigated the extent to which Uganda as a state party to various international treaties has performed its primary obligation of protecting women in northern Uganda against any form of human rights abuse.