

A poem by one of the pupils:

Where there is peace  
Love will flow gently and smoothly  
People will smile and laugh  
There will be harmony everywhere

Where there is peace  
The world will be a better place  
Life will be wonderful  
There will be justice and happiness  
There will be no more crying

Where there is peace  
Humanity will be enjoyable  
The world will develop  
Guns and daggers will have no sale  
Bombs and bullets will be silenced  
Oh peace!  
You can make the world a better place

## Peace Education

*It is easier to straighten a tree while still young than when it is grown up* – goes an African saying. CECORE agrees that young people are the leaders of tomorrow. However, they need to grow up into responsible adults and this cannot be achieved if they grow up with sense of violence. It is upon this, that CECORE equips young people (children and youth) with peace building and conflict transformation skills, non violence practice, creative and alternative means of resolving conflicts in order to instill a culture of peace.

CECORE often works with the Family and Child Protection Unit of Police and teachers on its peace education programme – such as in Kawempe Division - Kampala. The intervention arose from the numerous requests by teachers and the Police Unit to CECORE to address the increasing rates of moral decay, human rights abuses and poor performances in schools.

CECORE has together with teachers and the Police Family and Child Protection Unit carried out a number of peace education sensitizations in selected schools in the division; focusing on issues of Child Rights and Responsibilities, awareness raising on the role of the Police protection Unit, role of teachers in promoting peace and human rights, how to ensure peaceful co-existence in schools, and equipping pupils with skills to reduce the vices in schools, among others.



[Kawempe Church of Uganda Primary School- after the peace education sensitizations.](#)



Louis Berger, CECORE Intern facilitating during the peace education sensitizations in Kawempe.



One of the pictures during the peace education sensitization