



## Examining The Perspectives of Pentecostal Pastors' Wives on The Right of Children in Ghana

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### Abstract

Child rights abuse is a common phenomenon in Ghana. Over ninety percent of children in Ghana experience different form of abuse of their rights. Promotion and protection of the right of children are appropriate intervention where child right abuses exist. The children's Acts of Ghana (Acts 560) mandate all persons and institutions to uphold the rights of children. The church of Pentecost is a leading Pentecostal church in Ghana with active presence in every community. The paper explores the perspectives of Pentecostal pastors' wives on the rights of children, including their roles in the protection of the right of children. Using a qualitative approach, data was generated from thirty-five participants, who were purposively recruited. The study observed that participants have adequate understanding of child rights and view their roles as pastors' wives as a vital tool to effect changes in areas of child right abuses. The paper concludes that despite adequate understanding and involvement in child rights promotion and protection among Pentecostal pastors' wives, intentional institutional collaborations are needed for enduring impacts.

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