

# 2-Year-Old Boy Rescued After Hippo Swallowed ‘Half of His Body,’ Police Say

**“This is the first such kind of incident where a hippo strayed out of the Lake Edward and attacked a young child,” the Uganda Police Force said in a statement**

A 2-year-old boy in Uganda survived a hippo attack after almost being swallowed whole.

On the afternoon of Dec. 4, the boy, identified by authorities as Iga Paul, was playing near his home when a hippo grabbed him and “swallowed half of his body” before spitting him out, a spokesperson for the Uganda Police Force said in a statement.

Fortunately, a witness was able to throw stones at the animal to get it to relinquish the hold it had on the child.

“It took the bravery of a one Chrispas Bagonza, who was nearby, to save the victim after he stoned the hippo and scared it, causing it to release the victim from its mouth,” police said.

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