



UGANDA CHRISTIANLAWYERS' FRATERNITY

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to this year's report (1st July 2013 to 30th June 2014). The year was quite engaging as you will see and by God's Grace we managed to step into deeper waters.

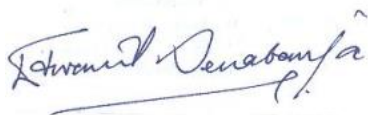
Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity hosted the landmark 10th Advocates Africa conference between 6th-11th August 2013 at Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala under the theme BRINGING FORTH JUSTICE TO THE NATIONS (ISAIAH 42:1-4). It was a blessing to reflect on issues concerning Africa today with lawyers from 19 countries around the globe. Lawyers in their respective zones resolved on how they would go back and implement what God had called them to do.

UCLF has grown as legal aid service provider in Uganda. This is visible through the increment in output which is proportionate to the increment in manpower and the new legal aid desks/office. With Support from Democratic Governance Facility a fully fledged legal aid office was established in Masaka, Paralegal desks in Kayunga and Buikwe districts. With Support from BMS World Mission the Gulu office was strengthened with Mrs. Linda Darby who serves as Legal Manager.

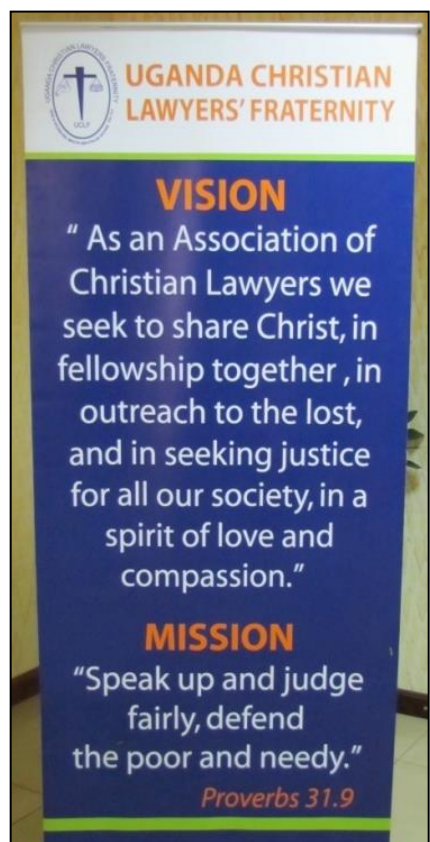
Membership activities like monthly fellowships are now being held on a quarterly basis to enable adequate preparation in terms of content and presentation. Five members' Committees that meet on a quarterly basis were developed to encourage more participation of members in the affairs of the organization. I wish to see more involvement of members in UCLF activities and fund raising drives. We envisage raising funds locally towards UCLF building project endowment fund and also an increment in the financial support to the legal aid activities.

We are thankful to God for all the opportunities that He is opening unto us. I wish in a special way to thank the Board of Directors, Staff, UCLF members, Partners, Associates, Friends, the donors that is to say; Democratic Governance Facility, BMS World Mission, and Lawyers' Christian Fellowship By His Grace and Mercy,

Edward Kato Sekabanja.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Edward Kato Sekabanja', with a horizontal line underneath.

SECTION I: ABOUT UCLF



The Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF) is a faith-based organization seeking justice for all in society through provision of legal aid, legal education, and research and policy advocacy on behalf of indigent and vulnerable people. With its mission statement rooted in Proverbs 31:9, “Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy”, UCLF seeks to utilize the skills endowed in its members and associates to impact the most vulnerable in society, irrespective of age, gender, religious and/or ethnic background, nationwide by realizing the following objectives:

1. Inform and educate people from every section of society, and especially those who have no access to legal information about the law and their rights;
2. To advocate for, represent and advise those who have no voice and are unfairly disadvantaged;
3. To advocate for the enactment and implementation of fair laws and policies which are in harmony with Christian principles; and
4. To encourage member participation in ethical legal practice and community involvement by providing pro bono opportunities.

Organizational structure

According to the UCLF constitution, members vote for a National Board to be made up of a president, a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, *ex officio* student representatives and three other posts in an Annual General Meeting (AGM). In turn, the Board set policies and direct the Executive staff at the UCLF Secretariat to mobilize the members in the service of the community through a host of local activities.

Registration Status

Uganda Christian Lawyers’ Fraternity (UCLF) is a professional faith based registered NGO S.5914/5536, certificate issued on 25/4/06 valid from 17/2/2006 to 17/02/2009. UCLF’s NGO status was renewed on the 17th February 2014 for a period of 60 months from 17th February 2019. UCLF was incorporated by the Registrar of Companies in October 2005. We were also issued with a certificate of approval of legal chambers by Uganda Law Council for 2010 on 17th February 2010.

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SECTION II: ACTIVITIES

LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT

Legal Aid Department in UCLF only handles civil matters and ordinarily employs non adversarial means to solve any issue brought to its attention as the first option. The most popular method used is mediation and it's only after mediation efforts have failed that a matter is taken to court or a tribunal. The department is grateful for the UCLF leadership and administration which has allowed and facilitated the Advocate and Legal Assistant to attend several workshops and seminars in alternative dispute resolution methods.

The department is grateful to the people who make it financially possible for it to carry out its activities especially our donors BMS World Mission and Christian Lawyers' Fellowship UK.

Over the last year the department continued to carry out its activities of interviewing clients, mediation, drawing legal documents, representing clients in court amongst others. The position of Legal Assistant became vacant in November 2013 Mr. Tenywa resigned in October 2013 to join a private practice. UCLF wishes him God's blessing and the very best in his endeavors. In January 2014, the department received a volunteer Mr. Jason Arinda who took on the duties of the Legal Assistant and is currently acting in this capacity. The volunteer has been assisted by interns and clerkship students from time to time and their services to UCLF are highly appreciated.

Table 1 below represents the nature of cases taken on and their status.

Table 1 – Legal Aid Cases

NATURE OF CASES	NO. OF NEW CASES	NO. COMPLETED	NO. PENDING/OTHERS
SUCCESSION	28	7	18 still in office, 3 in court
LAND	56	6	18 still in office, 32 referred
EMPLOYMENT	5	1	4 still in office
CHILDREN	9	5	4 still in court
FAMILY	18	8	8 still in office, 2 still in court

SUCCESS STORIES

1. We were approached by a lady who together with her children had been victims of domestic violence perpetrated by her husband. Her husband had become adulterous to an extent that he even constructed another house where he started living with his mistress. The wife due to this mistreatment asked for our guidance on how to protect herself and the children from her husband since he had verbally threatened her life. Efforts to invite the husband for mediation proved to be futile so we resorted to court where orders of Custody and Maintenance of the children were granted to our client.
2. UCLF also assisted a teacher whose salary was being withheld as compensation for a new projector that had been stolen from the school. Our client was not given an opportunity to be heard by the school administration instead he had received a letter notifying him of the salary deductions. UCLF intervened and sent a letter asking the school director to attend a mediation meeting. The employer responded by dismissing the teacher on the basis that he had become big headed for having sought the services of a lawyer. UCLF legal aid responded by notifying the employer that legal proceedings were to commence against the school and offered to settle the matter amicably. The school's board of governors later wrote a letter to UCLF notifying it that the teacher had been reinstated to his position and was willing to pay him his salary that had been withheld. The letter also expressed appreciation of UCLF's role in solving the matter.

CHALLENGES

1. The department faces a challenge of lack of funding for the Legal Assistant's position.
2. The department is understaffed in comparison to the amount of work it does.

CRIMINAL PUBLIC DEFENCE (KAMPALA OFFICE)

Criminal public defense department is funded by the Democratic Governance Facility; this project had activities in Kampala Masaka, Kasese and Moyo, Kayunga, Buikwe UCLF offices and desks respectively. The overall objective of the project was to enable accessible, affordable, sustainable, credible and accountable legal aid services to indigent persons in Uganda. For purposes of this annual report, we shall limit ourselves to activities implemented in Kampala under this department and other project activities will be reported in the Legal Education section and up country office sections. In Kampala the major activities are court representation, provision of legal advice in both civil and criminal cases for adults and juvenile needy clients.

ADULTS

The target for Criminal cases was legal representation and advice to 1000 needy Ugandans however the total number of beneficiaries was 2006 of which 1756 persons were represented in Courts of law and 250 persons were offered legal advice.

Table 2 below gives details and status of the cases handled.

Table 2 - Legal Representation

PERIOD	TOTAL No. REPRESENTED	No. of MALES	No. of FEMALES	COMPLETED	ADVISED
JULY 2013 to SEPT 2013	589	544	45	356	2
OCT 2013 to DEC 2013	337	297	40	290	3
JAN 2014 to MARCH 2014	363	334	29	169	191
APRIL 2014 to JUNE 2014	467	415	52	107	54
TOTAL	1756	1590	166	922	250

Below is a UCLF advocate with petty offender whom she represented and who was given community service:

UCLF advocate with petty offender whom she represented



The target for legal representation and provision of advice under civil matters was 30 indigent and vulnerable persons. As can be seen in the table below the total number of beneficiaries was 282 persons.

Table 3 – Civil Target Summary

PERIOD	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLIENTS RECEIVED	No. of MALES	No. of FEMALE S	COMPLETED	ON GOING
Civil litigation for July 2013 to Sept 2013	40	35	5	40	-
Civil litigation for Oct 2013 to Oct 2013	57	43	14	52	5
Civil litigation for Jan 2014 to March 2014	121	99	22	115	6
Civil litigation for April 2014 to June 2014	64	45	19	41	23
TOTAL	282	222	60	248	34

JUVENILES

Legal Representation

A total of **514** cases were handled from the remand homes of Naguru, Namakwekwe, Kitumba, Gulu and Masindi. 429 cases were handled by the Kampala office, 67 by Kasese office, 15 by Masaka office and 3 by the Moyo office. Out of the 514 cases 478 were male and 36 were female. 176 were capital offenders and 338 were petty offenders. 311 cases were completed and 203 are still ongoing.

A total of **34** juveniles were transported from police stations to Naguru remand home after their cases had been mentioned in courts. These police stations include Wandegaya, Kira road, Jinja road, Central Police Station and Old Kampala Police stations.

Legal Sensitization

555 juveniles were sensitized on children rights, court process and the role of a judicial officer. Out of these 512 were from Naguru while 26 were from Masindi and 17 from Gulu remand homes. Out of the 555 juveniles 518 were male and 37 were female.

Two magistrates visited Naguru remand home after UCLF acquired permission from Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development. These magistrates were; Her Worship OLIVA KAZAARWE MUKWAYA the former Chief Magistrate Buganda Road court and Her Worship KATUSHABE PROSY the Grade One Magistrate Mwanga II.

Below is Her Worship OLIVA KAZAARWE MUKWAYA conducting a legal sensitization training at Naguru Remand home:

Plate 1 -Legal sensitization at Naguru Remand Home



Meetings with stakeholders

Several meetings were held with the DPP Justice Mike Chibita, the head Criminal Division Justice Lameck Mukasa, Ministry of Gender JLOS coordinator especially during the preparation of the Juvenile High Court session. This built the relationship between UCLF and the different stakeholders. The plate below is a Docus, staff member meeting with a judicial officer in his chambers.

Docus at stakeholder meeting



Baseline Surveys

Baseline surveys were carried out in Gulu, Masindi and Mbale remand homes in February 2014 and the following were the results;

- Most of the juveniles remanded in Namakwekwe remand home (Mbale) did not have uniform or were in torn clothes. Population was 42 (2 females, 40 males).
- Capital offenders in Gulu overstay on remand for more than a year without being tried and not much follow up is done. Population was 25 (3 females, 22 males).
- Masindi had a population of 26 (3 females, 23 male). 12 were serving their sentence. Some convict females are imprisoned with their children.

Successful story

A juvenile who had spent over two years on remand without trial was not listed for the session because he did not have a copy of his indictment. UCLF traced for his file in Iganga Police Station where the indictment was found. It was also discovered that the co-accused adult on charges of aggravated defilement was already convicted. UCLF worked closely with the High Court Kampala Criminal division whereby the juvenile was added to the session through a supplementary cause list.

Challenges

1. Juvenile petty offenders in some cases miss court due to lack of enough fuel to transport them to court.
2. Tracing for court files of juveniles that have been cause listed for the session especially from courts outside Kampala is complicated. Some of these files go missing for a long time and the juvenile cases end up being pushed to the next convenient session.
3. Before juveniles are sentenced the report from the probation officer which is a requirement before sentencing are always missing which leads to various adjournments as the reports are prepared.
4. Juveniles that are arrested at police stay at police for several weeks due to lack of transportation to the remand home.

Future Prospects

1. To have Naguru Remand home gazetted to seat as a magistrates court to curb the transportation problem.
2. To train juveniles and social workers on self representation skills for petty offenders so that UCLF advocates concentrate on High Court cases.
3. To organize a stakeholders' meeting at Naguru Remand Home to discuss the challenges stakeholders face in the Juvenile Justice system and find solutions to them.

LEGAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (KAMPALA OFFICE).

Community based lawyer's desks

In January 2014, UCLF established community based lawyer's desks in Buikwe district, Kayunga district and Moyo district. The objective was to extend legal aid services to the community and ensure that the poor and vulnerable, particularly children, men, women and disabled persons were able to access some basic legal assistance in their own language without having to travel to large towns to seek out a lawyer to help them solve their problems. This initiative has been successful owing to the number of beneficiaries who have received legal advice in the communities, police stations and prisons. Disputes were resolved through Alternative Dispute Resolution and Legal sensitization was carried out in the communities with support of the steering committee members (community stakeholders).

Community rights awareness

UCLF conducted community legal education trainings (in Najja, Nyenga and Garilaaya) sub-counties in Buikwe and Kayunga district with a total of **1999** beneficiaries of which **1045** were male and **954** were female. UCLF trained **26** community leaders (**13** male, **13** female) were trained in Katwe.

208 steering committee members (**139** male, **70** female) who comprised local councilors, religious leaders and police officers were trained from Garilaaya, Kasokwe and Bbale sub-counties in Kayunga district, Najja and Nyenga sub counties in Buikwe district and Katwe.

Empowerment of prisoners in self-representation

With the support of Uganda prisons, UCLF conducted self-representation and prisoners' rights workshops in Kigo, Kampala remand, Buikwe, Ntenjeru, Busana and Bulawula prisons. A total of **823** remandees of petty offences (**682** male, **41** female) were trained. The trainings were conducted by UCLF lawyers, members and interns.

Publications

150 copies of Community leaders' rights manuals were printed and disseminated.

450 copies of the Criminal justice users' manual were printed and disseminated.

1,500 self-representation fliers in 9 languages and disseminated (English, Luganda, Lusoga, Samia, Lukhonzole, Runyankole, Ateso, Lugbara and Madi).

Challenges

1. Land disputes was a big problem in Kayunga whereby Government officials were accused of grabbing land.
2. The communities in Kayunga indicated their lack of trust in the police, Army, Lcs, lawyers and were very bitter about the way land disputes were being handled in the district.
3. Majority of the remandees in Kigo women prison were single mothers who were solely providing for their children this meant children being incarcerated with their parents.

4. Some prisoners complained that they were denied translators and convicted immediately they went to court
5. Overstay on remand of detainees

Action taken

1. Traced sureties and called relatives of the accused persons who had contacts.
2. Made follow ups on complaints registered
3. Met with committals at Kigo who had not been put on sessions, followed up for them to be put on session in Entebbe court
4. Followed up in court on remandees self-representing

Way forward

1. Legal education should be intensified
2. There is need for legal representation of the indigent involved in land disputes in Kayunga district
3. The police need to be actively involved in legal education seminars to gain the public trust and confidence

A UCLF member training local leaders in Katwe, Makindye division



PARALEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES

PAS is a nationwide programme coordinated by Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) and funded by the Democratic Governance Facility through Foundation For Human Rights Initiative (FHRI).

Under this programme, UCLF Paralegals are stationed in Police Stations, Magistrates' Courts, prisons, across the country offices with the aim of contributing to the process of physical and case file decongestion in the criminal justice system.

PAS OBJECTIVES

1. To educate suspects, prisoners, complainants/ victims and the community on the basics of law and procedures of the criminal justice system for improved access to justice.
2. To link the suspects at police and prisoners to the criminal justice system through;
 - Training suspects and prisoners on non-capital offences in self representation at court.
 - Tracing sureties for suspects and prisoners to access police bond or bail respectively.
 - Facilitating access to community service sentences for minor offenders.
 - Linking capital offenders to advocates for legal representation.
3. To contribute to the process of decongestion in the criminal justice system through;
 - Facilitating reduction of overstay on remand beyond the statutory remand period.
 - Fast tracking plea of guilty cases for quick case disposal in the criminal justice system.
 - Facilitating access to community service sentences for petty offenders as a means of reducing the proportion of petty offenders in prison.
 - Diverting petty cases from the criminal justice system to ADR/ traditional systems.
4. To contribute to change of practices within the criminal justice system through advocacy and civic engagement.

Out puts

The total number of beneficiaries was 7457 indigent person and below is the breakdown of the number of persons who benefited from the different interventions of Paralegals.

Table 4 - Summary of PAS Output Between July 2013- June 2014

Month	Screening & follow ups	Legal Advice Counseling	Mediation Diversion	Bail Applications	Bail (C/Offenders)	Mandatory Bail	Bail Court	Bond Police	Sentence Confirmations	Sureties traced	Appeals lodged	Plea of guilty cases	PLCs Conducted	Mitigation	Community Service orders	Fines Payment	Referrals	Other Releases
July-13	327	217	04	03	0	5	4	72	16	190	0	15	44	16	07	3	9	117
Aug-13	402	279	02	07	0	12	7	135	15	171	0	13	37	14	10	01	11	21
Sep-13	417	301	02	08	0	11	08	104	10	138	0	08	42	11	05	01	15	02
Oct-13	583	309	07	15	0	15	14	177	09	324	0	07	69	03	05	02	35	37
Nov-13	735	347	0	13	0	10	05	208	02	387	0	7	83	07	07	02	25	30
Dec-13	483	198	01	06	0	04	05	121	05	233	0	01	56	00	01	0	05	35
Jan-14	642	344	04	10	0	08	07	193	05	372	0	03	83	00	03	04	09	19
Feb-14	770	444	03	06	0	05	06	194	05	389	0	12	77	11	11	01	14	38
Mar-14	773	365	01	16	0	23	08	198	16	364	0	14	80	01	14	01	35	22
Apr-14	771	422	01	16	0	18	06	210	12	378	0	09	80	10	08	01	25	05
May-14	754	353	0	13	0	06	10	177	05	333	0	04	76	0	04	0	41	13
Jun-14	800	342	01	13	0	10	07	244	13	353	0	08	80	08	07	0	31	23
Total	7457	3921	26	126	0	127	87	2033	113	3632	0	101	807	81	82	16	255	362

Challenges.

Suspects are at times transferred from one police station to another without their police files leading to overstaying of suspects at police stations like at CPS where some suspects are transferred from flying squad to CPS without their files. This has made it hard for paralegals there to help these suspects.

Success Story



The photograph above shows a paralegal – Mr. Anania Twinomujuni (on red) parents of Ahmed Abdallah and Ms Nekesa Sarah police officer attached to Budaka Police station at the home of the child in Budaka district.

Ahmed Abdallah had been on the street for 4 years having escaped from his parents in Budaka district and in course he had been dumped at Wandegeya Police station. UCLF assisted in the resettling of the child.

LIBRARY AND STUDENTS' DEPARTMENT

Department's overall Objective

The overall objective of the Library and Students' Department is to prepare a generation of students who are committed to the vision of UCLF and to serving Christ by serving their community.

The Department aims to achieve its objective through;

1. Students' fellowships

UCLF students' department facilitates the students' fellowships. This involves working with the representatives at the universities to see that students attend the same, getting topics, speakers and their confirmation to speak in these fellowships.

We also help in the starting of Christian law fellowships at the universities for example this year we are forming liaisons with some Christian lawyers lecturing at Gulu, Busoga, IUIU and Cavendish universities for the advancement of that project at their universities.

UCLF Secretariat visits various student fellowships once a semester on UCLF days. In addition to the above, the students' coordinator and volunteers visit the fellowships regularly.

2. Library and resource centre

UCLF library and resource centre is open to all students and lawyers and the public, every week day from 8.30am- 5:00pm save for Wednesdays when it is only up to lunch time so that staff can use the library for fellowship and business meeting.

UCLF has subscribed to the online law library which will help the users access all Ugandan laws and also cases to assist their research.

Main Activities this year

UCLF Universities Forum

At the beginning of every academic year, UCLF in conjunction with the Christian fellowships organizes Universities' forum for the first years. This year, UCLF held one at KIU, NU and Makerere universities on the theme, 'Justice with Holiness'.

Plate 7 - Nkumba law students in attendance for the UCLF Universities Forum at Nkumba University



UCLF Retreat

This year's UCLF retreat was from the 08th – 10th November 2013, at Focus Christian Centre, Gerenge. The theme was 'For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph.2:1'

This year's retreat also doubled as the UCLF Students End of year Fellowship. It was well attended and the students learnt a great deal from it.

Planning meeting with the university representatives

On the 15th of January 2014, the department head had a planning meeting with the university representatives, and fellowship heads. The objective of this meeting was to;

- Get an evaluation report from the representatives about the impact of UCLF on the students and how we can better work together to achieve our vision and mission.
- Draft a work plan for the year so that UCLF activities dates do not collide with the university activities.

Visiting university fellowships for general fellowship and/or UCLF days

The purpose of this activity is to;

- Encourage Christian law students in their faith and the law.
- Raise more awareness about UCLF and how the students can benefit from being a part of it.

UCLF days have been successful at UCU, MUK and NU. We were not given an opportunity at the other universities however we hope to secure UCLF days in the near future.

We continue to invite more advocates to visit the fellowships (especially the one to which they belonged whilst at university) and encourage the students.

Student Leaders' Seminar

We held the student leaders seminar on the 1st March 2014 at the UCLF secretariat. The purpose of this was to:

- Equip student leaders with leadership skills.
- Strategize for the students' ministry
- Improve networking between the students

The theme for the seminar was 'Leadership in Action' and the key speaker was Ev. Sam Ewau. The seminar was a success with 40 student leaders in attendance.

The department is still finding it a challenge with getting the students to come for the activities- because most of our activities are on the same dates as their lectures or other university activities.

Symposium on oil and gas.

On the 22nd March 2014, we held an oil and gas symposium at Kampala International University. The topic to be discussed was whether the discovery of oil and gas in Uganda is a blessing or curse for the Ugandan people. Among other speakers was Lord Justice Jeremy Cooke from the United Kingdom. The objective of this activity was to;

- Stir students' interest in the oil and gas sector
- Equip them with knowledge on oil and gas
- Improve networking between the students.

It was a successful activity with 130 law students in attendance.

The challenges faced here were;

- Getting the students to come for the activities- because most of our activities are on the same dates as their lectures or other university activities.
- Some of the speakers (especially those from the UCLF membership) did not attend the events- and we had to find alternative speakers on short notice.

We recommend that the membership to take an interest in the students' events as this would encourage the students and also bridge a gap between the advocates and students.

Expanding UCLF's sphere of association to more law schools.

This year, we are looking to build lasting relationships with more law schools and establishing Christian unions there. Currently relationships are being built between UCLF and law schools at UIIU, Busoga, Uganda Pentecostal, Gulu, Cavendish and Busoga Universities.

We are currently building fellowships in Gulu, Uganda Pentecostal and Busoga universities and the Christian law students there are eager and enthused about being a part of UCLF.

We urge the members to avail themselves to help grow these fellowships, visit them, and also attend and/or facilitate the UCLF'S student activities.

UCLF Moot Competitions.

UCLF held its 2nd moot competitions on the 21st and 28th June and 5th July 2014; preliminary, semi finals and final moot respectively.

The objective of these activities was to boost the students' research and litigation skills.

Nkumba won the UCLF moot Competitions this year taking the cup from UCU who won last year and came in second this time.

The organization of the moot was good enough and students were excited about the opportunity to be a part of these competitions and are looking forward to the next moots.

The Judges delivered thoroughly this year; which really helped the students learn a lot more about the trial process in Uganda.

Other Activities

- Organizing staff retreats. Last year's retreat was on the 19th December at Spennah Beach.
- Organizing staff fellowship. This involves planning e.g. Bible study, sharing, or any other activity and also making a Rota which allows all the staff to participate in the activities of the fellowship and also saves the coordinator time in as far as planning the fellowships is concerned.
- Organizing staff overnights.

Achievements

- The department activities were all a success.
- Staff Rota effective. It has encouraged all the staff to participate.
- UCLF student membership this has risen to 100 students.
- 7 students registered to volunteer in the UCLF projects.
- Staff overnights have been a success and well attended by almost all the staff members.

Challenges

- Insufficient funding for our activities has been a huge hindrance to the development of the department to its fullest potential in as far as influencing Christian law students at universities. This has a trickling down effect to the future UCLF generally.
- The student fellowship at KIU continues to be a challenge as it is not growing. The membership of the same is also not definite.
- Attending their weekly fellowships has been a challenge for us because of the time they meet for the fellowships (Nkumba) and the busy schedule – they rarely get time to fellowship (KIU).
- The LDC fellowship has not been a part of the students as well because of their schedule.
- The other challenge is the attendance of the students for our activities has not been stable this year because our activities have clashed with their faculty activities and also the students cannot afford the transport every month.

- The library membership fluctuates a lot and this has been attributed to our lack of some essential books and reading materials.

Work plan for the next year. (July 2014- June 2015)

In addition to the department's annual activities, we are planning the following;

- Plans to strengthen UCLF's association with the Christian law students are underway.
- We shall continue to visit the students' fellowships and emphasis will be put to those that are still in their starting stages like KIU, UPU, IUIU, CAV, Busoga and Gulu fellowships.
- To boost the library usage, we are looking to acquire from the various universities, past papers and copies of their reading lists to keep in the library. This will facilitate the students reading.
- We have made a requisition for at least two computers with full internet for the students and other library users. This will improve the research scope of the users.
- The department is looking to acquire a suggestion box. This will allow us to have feedback from the library users on how to better meet their reading and library use needs.
- In the next months the department is also going to acquire new books for the library users. We already have a list of some of the books that we are hoping to purchase and are going to cost them.
- More emphasis is going to be put on the mentoring project. We will continue to encourage the students to consider having a mentoring relationship with the senior lawyers
- We are also suggesting that UCLF consider having the library opened on Saturday mornings.

Acknowledgement;

The Library and Students' Department would like to extend our gratitude to the following;

1. BMS World mission, UCLF partners, donors and sponsors of this department for having faith in the Law students. The students are the future of UCLF and leaders of this nation and if properly nurtured, the country stands to gain greatly. We thank the donors for investing in tomorrow's Uganda.
2. Members of UCLF that have given us a moment in their lives and spoken to the students. The students get so encouraged when they hear from a person that has run the race ahead of them.
3. UCLF for availing the students with a resource and mentoring centre. The students have gained from UCLF academically and spiritually.

Working in this department this year has been such a joy and I look forward to, together with UCLF, witnessing a rise of a generation of young lawyers ready to speak up and defend the poor and needy; a revolution in the justice system in years to come.

KASESE OFFICE

The UCLF Kasese office branch is funded BMS World Mission and the Democratic Governance Facility and we are grateful for their support. Activities in this office include; legal education, paralegal work and criminal public defense.

Legal Education Department

Achievements

- 1) **12** Community trainings were conducted to the community members and local council leaders in which 249 persons benefited.
- 2) **8** radio talk shows were conducted in which approximately 8 million were listeners in the districts of Kasese, Bundibugyo, Kamwenge, Ntoroko, Kabarole and Eastern part of Congo..
- 3) **16** prison trainings were conducted in 4 prisons in which 455 remands benefited.
- 4) **1** Police officers' training was conducted and 32 police officers benefited.
- 5) 1 community dialogue was conducted and 20 people benefited.
- 6) 1 prison officers training was conducted and 38 benefited.
- 7) **4** follow-ups of self representation trainings were conducted.
- 8) **1** community policing was conducted and 80 people benefited.
- 9) **1** police officers' fellowship was conducted and 32 officers benefited.
- 10) **1** prison officers' fellowship was conducted and 38 officers' benefited.
- 11) 347 Primary legal aid clients were handled.

Plate 8 - UCLF staff members having a talk show on radio messiah discussing about child neglect



Plate 9 - Police officers in a group photo after the training at Kisinga police post (Kasese district).

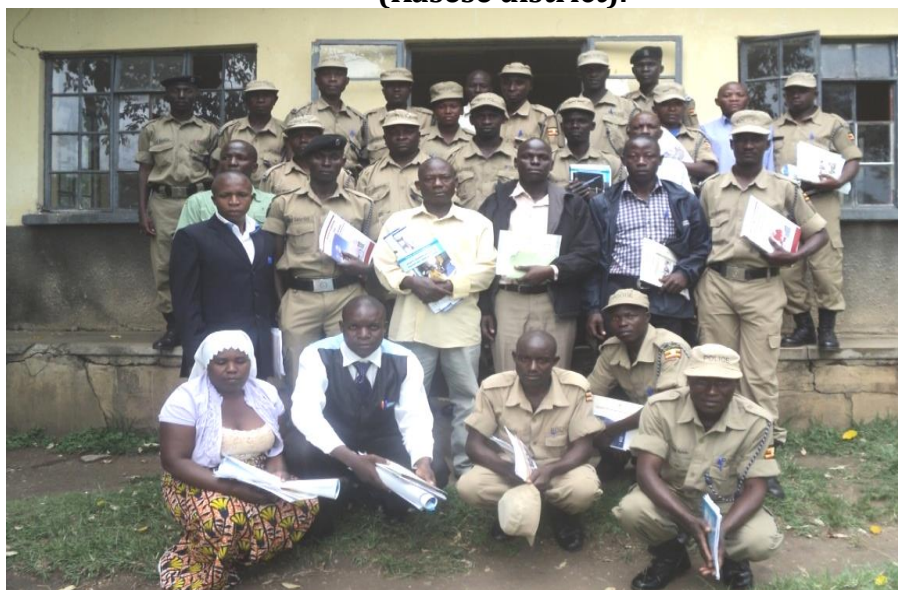


Plate 10 - One of the groups in a discussion on causes, indicators and strategies of managing conflicts in the community.



Plate 11 - UCLF staff conducting fellowship with Prison officers at Mobuku Prison.



PARALEGAL SERVICES

Achievements

PAS recorded the following achievements;

- 1) A total of **581** cases were handled by pas department.

Plate 12 - UCLF Staff helping to write a will for a sick client at his home.



CRIMINAL PUBLIC DEFENCE

Achievements

- 1) A total of **189** indigent persons were represented at court.

Plate 13 - A group photo of female accused persons who were represented by the UCLF advocate after their acquittal of the offence of murder at the Fort portal High court Session.



- 2) **84** juvenile offenders were represented.
- 3) **3** partner organizations were involved in various UCLF activities.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIPS.

- **5** fellowships were conducted and 85 people attended.

GULU OFFICE

The Gulu office with support from BMS World Mission was strengthened with the services of a Missionary Legal Manager in November 2013. The Lawyer is supporting the Paralegal's legal aid efforts and as you will see in the report office's output has increased. This branch also managed to relocate to more spacious office located at plot 1 Peter Paul Opok Road, Limu Subward, Agwee Parish Laroo Division, Gulu Municipality, Gulu.

Table 5 following illustrates the activities, targets, output of the Gulu office.

Table 5 Gulu Office Outputs

ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT/TARGETS	ACTUAL OUTPUT	REMARK
Training on land law and rights:	320 people were expected to attend.	499 people attended the trainings over the period	Many of the participants more so the women did not know their land rights. The community members were very appreciative and requested that we should do many more trainings on land ownership and land rights. Some of them proposed that we should do more on finding the solutions to the land conflicts in Acholi sub region while others asked for legal representations in formal courts.
Mediation.	20 people were expected to attend	51 people attended. This includes the mediation at Nwoya district police cell.	Both parties were so happy and some of the said they did not know of such a wonderful organization.
Referrals by UCLF Gulu office	19 cases were expected to be referred to different stakeholders.	11 cases were referred to: UCLF secretariat and to Legal Aid project of Uganda Law Society, Donge and company advocates, local leaders, police, courts, PAS paralegals, in Gulu.	Most of the cases were successfully handled. However, others that were referred were frustrated with our inability to handle.
Basic legal advice	160 were people expected to be advised.	135 people were advised	Although they were appreciative, some of them felt that there is need to go beyond just basic legal advice and that UCLF should be able to legally present them in courts.

ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT/TARGETS	ACTUAL OUTPUT	REMARK
Training on succession law and wills writing	30 people were expected	47 people turned up	Most women did not know rights and they requested for more trainings while the men were all unhappy.
Village micro finance scheme	23 communities and 690 people were expected to benefit in the trainings	23 communities and 690 people benefited and all the 23 CBOs were legally registered.	This was mainly done by UCLF Gulu office and as of now, the communities are very happy indeed.
Juveniles screened for court actions	5 juveniles were expected to be screened.	3 juveniles were screened	No action took place and the juveniles and the remand prison's authority was equally unhappy.
Referrals to UCLF Gulu office	5 referrals were expected	7 referrals were made by the village leaders, local council I and some 2 individuals	5 of these were successfully handled and they were so happy with UCLF
Teaching on good quality sureties	20 people were expected to attend	94 people attended.	The trainees were so happy and they requested for more trainings
Teaching on child abuse	30 people were expected to attend	47 attended	Most of the culprits were women who then felt so remorseful.
Land bought for Churches under Gulu New Life Baptist Association	3 pieces of land were expected to be bought	3 pieces of land were bought through the legal interventions of Gulu UCLF office	The association is progressing and it is very happy with UCLF activities.

ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT/TARGETS	ACTUAL OUTPUT	REMARK
Land title acquired for Churches under Gulu New Life Baptist Association	3 Land titles for Churches under Gulu New Life Baptist Association were expected to be secured.	1 (one) land title was secured for Te-tugu Baptist Church located in Koro sub County, Omoro County, Gulu district.	The Church's members were very happy.
Constitutions drafted for Gulu and Amuru CBOs	5 more CBOs were expected to benefit	5 CBOs benefited.	The community members were very happy.
Interpretation of English language into Luo during training activities	Amos was officially expected to interpret for all the stakeholders who come from Kampala and from within Gulu and other places.	Amos did a lot of interpretations for all the stakeholders who come from Kampala and from within Gulu and other places. These include the UCLF team, BMS team and others.	This has made co-ordinations cheaper and therefore, making UCLF moves on the right path.
Workshop organized by Acholi Religious Leaders peace Initiative (ARLPI) and also by Great Lakes Religion Initiative	35 CSOs invited by ARLPI and 50 by Great Lakes Religion Initiative, all the Acholi MPs, Gulu DPC, 1 cultural leaders' representative, district chairperson, were expected to attend.	Excluding 2 MPs, 86 persons attended in different capacities. UCLF was also officially invited where Amos represented the institution. The workshop was aimed at getting solutions to the land conflicts in the greater North where Acholi land is part of the same.	Both workshops called for concerted efforts by all the stakeholders and steadily, this is being enforced.

ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT/TARGETS	ACTUAL OUTPUT	REMARK
Need assessments	Needs assessments were carried out in 13 communities	172 people were interviewed	Many of the people interviewed said that the worst things happening after the over 2 decades of war in the land were: land conflicts and the post war trauma that needs overwhelming interventions by government and different CSOs. Many people have committed suicides as a result of the trauma
Co-ordinating UCLF Kampala activities in Gulu	We coordinated UCLF activities in Gulu and Kampala.	This is especially on juvenile justice and the summer team. We booked for the summer team lodges and guided them a lot when they were with us.	This has made it easy for UCLF institution to accomplish its work plan in Gulu.
Students work	Coordinating Law students activities in the Gulu university	We met with 6 Christian Law Students and hope to begin fellowships in the new term which begins in August. These 6 students also partook in our last legal training with LCF summer team.	We continue to advance on the student work in Gulu University.
Tracing sureties	No targets set	The suspect had stayed for 2 nights in the cell without any of his relative's knowledge. UCLF Gulu office traced a surety for a suspect who was in Nwoya central police cell.	The surety was not available at home. However, we then left the communication to the children who were at home then. The Information must have been delivered to the right person.
Follow ups	132 follow ups were expected	99 follow ups were made. These follow ups were in the different offices of stakeholders in Gulu town and in the 32 villages under our operations.	Most people abided by the advices we gave them when the trainings we carried out, while some few others resume conflicts and others say that UCLF is a good institution but it

ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT/TARGETS	ACTUAL OUTPUT	REMARK
			needs to do a lot and represent people in formal courts of law.
Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) Synergy workshop in Lira	Amos attended DGF synergy workshop in Lira	The workshop was organized by democratic governance facilities (DGF) supported project in Northern Uganda. The objective of the workshop was to promote coordination, cooperation, collaboration and sharing of experiences in the sub region. The workshop was attended by 23 nongovernmental organizations.	The workshop discovered that many CSOs are doing similar work independently and DGF therefore, finally advised the different organizations in each district to work together or support each other where necessary.

Legal education workshops

Legal education workshops have been successful in Gulu. The workshops have become more interactive involving group work within the communities. Numbers of attendees has increased and we have received positive feedback by community members.

Plate 14 – Legal training at Pukony Village



In the above photo, legal education training on land ownership and land rights was carried out at Pukony village, Awach sub county, Gulu district by Amos Ogwang and Linda Darby.

Plate 15 - Legal education at Onang village with a mission team from the U.K.



In the above photo, legal education training on land ownership and land rights was carried out at Onang village, Abwoch parish, Gulu district together with the Summer justice mission team from the U.K.

Challenges

- a) The rainy seasons makes travel difficult to and from villages, especially when using a motorbike.
- b) While many people in Gulu and other places/districts around Gulu are very appreciative of UCLF legal trainings/sensitizations some of them feel that UCLF should legally represent them in formal courts of law.
- c) Planting and harvesting seasons of different crops in the villages has affected the attendance of the local people for different field work activities/meetings.

Future prospects

- 1. We will facilitate the startup of a student fellowship at Gulu University and support the students there
- 2. Students will be asked to be involved in UCLF activities such as legal training workshops where they can assist in advising attendees on their specific questions
- 3. We plan to expand the reach of training workshops both geographically and in scope
- 4. We hope to mobilize Christians involved in legal work to start a professional fellowship

MASAKA OFFICE

In March 2014, an office was officially opened in Masaka and it is funded by Democratic Governance Facility. We conducted a stakeholders meeting to introduce the project and an open legal aid day was staged to provide legal aid to the needy persons in Masaka. It was found from the needs assessment conducted that it was imperative to employ an advocate in Masaka than it was in Moyo. A Paralegal was maintained in Moyo to provide basic legal advice, legal sensitization and conduct radio talk shows. This annual report therefore captures outputs from Moyo and Masaka.

Moyo activities

- We had taken on 39 cases for legal representation but due to the continuous absence of the Chief magistrate we did not complete any though we commenced hearing in 5 of them.
- 16 legal aid clients received advice in Moyo between 1st July 2013 and 19th December 2013 with 13 successfully completed in office.
- We had 5 community leaders and members sensitization and trainings, trained participants 194; 85 males and 109 females with a total number of 1092 dependants we believe will be indirect beneficiaries.
- 174 were trained on self representation skills of which 170 were male and 4 female with a total number of 978 dependants we believe will indirectly benefit from the training.
- We conducted 2 Radio talk shows in Moyo. One was conducted on the 22nd Oct 2014 on land rights with 9 callers all male and the other was conducted on 11th Dec 2014 on Succession and will writing with 10 callers, 9 male and 1 female all at Moyo based Radio Station Transnile Broadcasting Service (TBS) with an estimated listenership of over 3500,000(three million five hundred).

Masaka activities

- We received 25 legal aid clients who came for legal advice 10 male 15 females with 10 successfully completed in office.
- We successfully conducted mediation in two of the civil cases we received.
- We received 35 cases for legal representation and 3 cases were completed, 6 of our clients' secured bail and the rest were on going.
- We conducted 2 Self representation trainings in Masaka government prison on 6th March 2014, for 315 remands all male and 26th May 2014, for 81 remands of which 52 were males and 29 females with a total number of a total number of 2172 dependants we believe will be indirect beneficiaries.
- We conducted 2 self-representation trainings in Rakai Government Prison on 15th March 2014 for 29 remands on self representation skills of which 27 were males and 2 females having a total number of 128 dependants we believe will be indirect beneficiaries.

- Further on 20th June 2014 we trained 28 remands in Rakai Government Prison of which 28 were males and no females with a total number of 111 dependants we believe will be indirect beneficiaries.
- We Participated in 2 community policing sensitization trainings On 9th April 2014 in Kagezi parish, Kabonero Sub county in Masaka District, sensitized 18 community members 4 male and 14 female with a total number of 52 dependants as indirectly beneficiaries of the training . The same was done on 21st May 2014 in Nyendo kitaka zone in Masaka District for 55 community members 45 male and 10 female with a total number of 120 dependants as indirect beneficiaries.
- We had 2 Radio talk shows in Masaka. One was conducted on the on 24th March 2014 on land rights, 3 callers all Male and the other was conducted on 26th June 2014 on land rights with 5 callers 4 Male and 1 Female all at Masaka based Radio Station Buddu Broadcasting Service which has an estimated listenership of over 8,000,000(eight million).

Challenges

1. The court is quite busy and in the next project there may be need for another advocate when the office shifts closer to the court.
2. There is also the challenge of continuous absence of complainants and prosecution witnesses therefore delay in trial thus continuous adjournments

Future prospects

1. The UCLF office in Masaka with the continuous interaction with stakeholders and engaging in collaborative networks will strengthen its activities and impact.
2. With publicity of UCLF's presence and activities in the Masaka region through radio programs like talk shows and legal awareness messages will be able to impact the communities tremendously.
3. There may be need to extend our services like community training and legal sensitization to other Districts like Sembabule, Lyantonde, Kalungu, Bukomasimbi, and Rakai where some of our legal aid clients come.

Plate 16 - UCLF staff at Radio Buddu Masaka



Plate 17 - Community Policing in Masaka District



Plate 18 - Mediation session in a land case in Nsangamo village, Mukungwe sub county Masaka District.



SECTION 111: UCLF EVENTS

10TH ADVOCATES AFRICA CONFERENCE

The 10th Advocates Africa conference was held from 6th-11th of August 2013 at Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala Uganda under the theme ‘BRINGING FORTH JUSTICE TO THE NATIONS (ISAIAH 42:1-4)’. The conference attracted delegates from 19 countries across the globe and they were as follows; Uganda South Africa, Togo, Senegal ,Nigeria, Botswana, United States of America, Democratic Republic of Congo, Malawi, United Kingdom, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Burundi, Ghana, Mozambique, Kenya, South Sudan, and Zimbabwe.

Advocates Africa is a network of Christian lawyers, judges and law students in Africa with the aim of “doing justice with compassion”.

At the 10th Advocates conference great and seasoned speakers addressed the delegates among others on the following issues concerning Africa today; Preparing Christian Lawyers for tomorrow’s battles: Defending freedom of faith and justice, the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, the fight against Corruption, Oil and gas law, and finding the balance: work, family, church etc.

The delegates on the last day broke into zones where they deliberated on the way forward and on how they would implement what they have learnt from the conference.

This was followed by an AGM where election of the new board members of Advocates Africa was done. In his closing remarks, the UCLF president, Mr. Sekabanja Kato appreciated the delegates for their attendance of the conference and the organizing team from Uganda for organizing the conference.

The conference was crowned up by dinner and a cultural expose latter in the evening after which the delegates had a trip to Entebbe to visit the National Wildlife Center the following day.

Insert group photo and cake photo

Plate 19 – Group Photo

Plate 20 - Cake

FELLOWSHIP

Between July and December 2013 monthly fellowship were organized for lawyers. Also between January to June 2014 quarterly fellowships were organized for lawyers. Fellowship is the heart of UCLF and we are keen at keeping its flames burning. The Board of Directors resolved that the lawyers' fellowship meetings will be held on a quarterly basis so as to enable sufficient preparation in terms of content and mode of delivery. The reduction in the frequency of the lawyers' fellowship has seen a greater involvement of members in preparation of the fellowships and thus a bigger attendance of the same.

DINNER

UCLF hosted Sir Jeremy Cooke, a U.K judge at dinner at Piatto Restaurant along Lumumba Avenue Kampala on 21st March 2014. In his speech he addressed the topic "Serving God as a Lawyer (The Great Legal Services Commission) for Lawyers". He elaborated about the different motivation for becoming a lawyer and that we are here to serve God and to be his agents in law and justice. He concluded his talk by challenging all Christian Lawyers to be lawyers of Hope. *"We are here to serve God and to be His agents in law and justice. But we know that human justice is rough and ready and perfect justice cannot be achieved by us. But one day Jesus Himself will bring it about, when He comes again to judge the living and the dead. That is our ultimate hope. Justice will come. And in the meantime, we are to serve Him faithfully. And Jesus asks, in one of his parables- When the son of man comes, will he find faith on the earth? Will He say to us: Well done, you good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord."*

Plate 21 – UCLF hosted dinner



Standing: One of the members of UCLF, Mr. Mark Barrel, Justice Jeremy Cooke and sitting is a UCLF Board member Mr. Matsiko Joseph at the Dinner.

MEMBERS CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

UCLF with Support from Democratic Governance Facility and in conjunction with Uganda Law Society, UCLF organized two capacity building workshops for lawyers on 27th September 2013 and 12 March 2014 . Over 200 lawyers were in attendance of both workshops and were awarded 5 hours of Continuing Legal Education points. The purpose of these workshops was to increase the capacities of UCLF members through trainings and engagement.

Plate 22 - Some of the participants in the Lawyers Capacity building workshop at Imperial Royale hotel.



EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The extra ordinary general meeting arose from the members' resolution at annual general meeting that was held on 25th May 2013. The resolution was that UCLF should hold its AGM three months after the end of year and the EOG was meant to streamline the resolution. The major item on the agenda at the EOG meeting was the Presentation of financial auditor's report for the period July 2012 to July 2013. BMR Associates, an audit firm presented their report which in their opinion proper books of accounts were kept and the financial statements which are in agreement there would give a true and fair view of the financial position of the project as of 30 June 2013. A motion was moved and adopted to retain BMR auditors for the next financial year.

SECTION IV: FINANCE