



Annual Report

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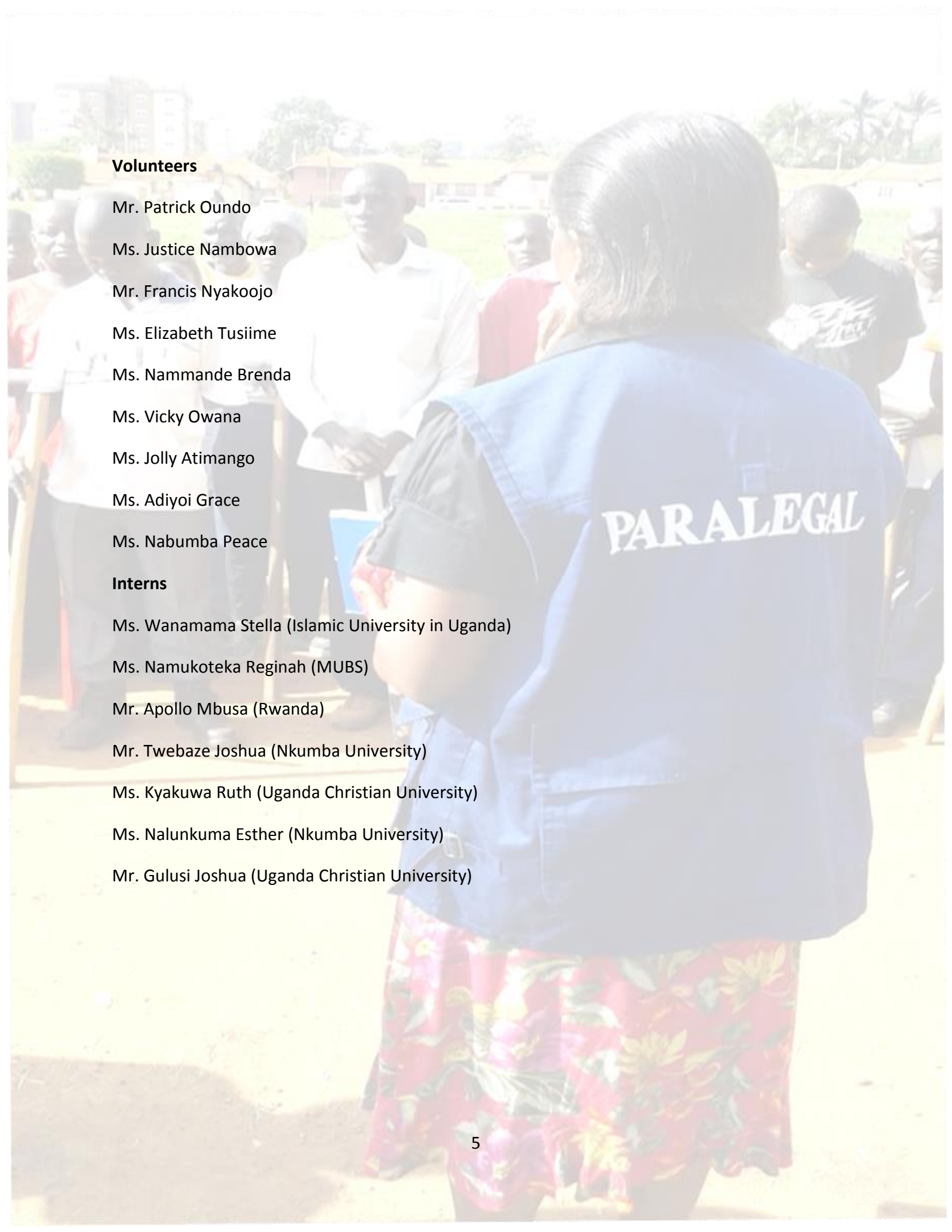
Mrs Ann Opio

Ms. Hellen Candiru

Mr. Obbo Johnson/Ms. Nakawombe Olivia

Mr. Ananias Twinomujuni

Mr. Duncan Kijjambu

A woman with dark hair, seen from the back, is wearing a blue vest with the word 'PARALEGAL' printed in white capital letters. She is also wearing a red and yellow floral patterned skirt. She stands in front of a group of people, including men and women, in an outdoor setting with buildings and trees in the background.

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Mr. Gulusi Joshua (Uganda Christian University)

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

This year marks 10 years of legal aid service since the founding of UCLF as an NGO. We are privileged to have reached out to almost 250,000 people with our services, which include legal sensitization and empowerment, Paralegal services, legal representation and student ministry.

We remain grateful to all our partners and members over all these years. Your support has pushed us this far.

On a personal note I wish to thank you all for the support rendered to me as President. I will not be seeking re-election on the Board so that others can have opportunity to serve. It was a humble privilege and a joy to serve you and work with you.

Best wishes to the new Board as we move UCLF forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Kato Sekabanja'.

Edward Kato Sekabanja

President .

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;

UCLF Objectives:

1. To inform and educate people from every section of society, 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

UCLF has four main organs, the Annual General Assembly, the Board of Directors, Select Committees and the Secretariat. The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the Organization and is mandated to elect the members of the Board of Directors every two years. Whereas the Board is responsible for the policy formulation and strategic direction of the organization, the Select Committees handle specific issues in the Organization and the Secretariat is responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the Organization.

Registration Status

Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity (UCLF) is a faith based Non Government Organization (NGO) registered with the NGO registration board with registration number S.5914/5536. UCLF's registration status was

renewed on the 17th February 2014 and is valid until 17th February 2019. UCLF was also issued with a Certificate of approval of legal

chambers by Uganda Law Council for the year 2016.

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UCLF ACTIVITIES

The Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF) Constitution provides that the secretariat shall be responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the Organization. UCLF operates under five programme areas:

1. Legal Education
2. Criminal Public Defence
3. Paralegal Services
4. Civil Litigation and,
5. Students Ministry.

During the period July 2015 to June 2016, the following projects were running:

1. The Legal Aid Services (LAS) project supported by Democratic Governance Facility (DGF)
2. The Civil Legal Aid Project supported by BMS, LCF and ALARM Uganda
3. The Paralegal Advisory services project supported by Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)
4. The students program supported by BMS
5. The counseling project supported by BMS

Important to note is that some projects being implemented are in more than one UCLF office. Therefore, in order to avoid double counting, the reports on project activities were centralized except for up country projects not being coordinated from the head office Kampala.

THE LEGAL AID SERVICES (LAS) PROJECT

The overall objective of the project is to increase the quality and quantity of legal aid

services delivered through a strong, identifiable and usable legal representation and legal literacy to indigent persons in Uganda. This project is funded by Democratic Governance Facility and has the following components that are being implemented in Kampala region, Kasese region, Masaka region, Moyo district, Kayunga district and Buikwe district; Criminal Public Defence, Civil Legal Aid, Juvenile Justice and Legal Education. UCLF works with established local structures of LCs, the police and traditional leaders which increased ownership and acceptability of the project in the local community.

Achievements

1. **4,754** community members (**2766** male and **1988** females) were sensitised on human rights and the law. In addition over **10,000** community members were reached through radio and TV shows in Kampala, Masaka, Kasese and Moyo.

2. **2,657** prisoners (**2,481** male and **176** females) received legal education

5. Offered Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to a total of **474** cases.



A prison training with inmates at Nyabirongo prison in Kasese

training on self representation and rights of detainees in the prisons of Kigo (Wakiso); Busaana, Ntengeru and Kangulumira (Kayunga); Nyenga, Lugazi and Buikwe (Buikwe); Rukoki, Nyabirongo, Mubuku and Bwera (Kasese); and Moyo government prison in Moyo district.

3. **678** children (**652** male and **26** females) in the remand homes of Naguru, Gulu and Mbale were trained on self representation and children's rights

4. **756** clients (**626** males and **130** females) received legal representation in criminal matters in various courts of laws in Kasese, Kampala, Wakiso, Kagadi, Mukono, Kayunga and Buikwe.

6. Represented **177** clients in civil matters in court of which **77** were concluded (**57** male and **20** female).

7. Facilitated speedy trial of inmates especially the juveniles in various remand homes by engaging Magistrates to arrange hearing sessions and transport facilitation of the inmates to attend court sessions. As a result, **147** children's cases were handled (**144** boys and **3** girls) in the remand homes of Naguru, Mbale, Gulu and Fortportal. **105** of these cases have been concluded while **42** are still pending

8. UCLF has been privileged to take part in the plea bargain sessions since **2013** and this has helped UCLF enjoy a cordial relationship with the judiciary which has

made it possible to have more cases allocated to advocates.



UCLF advocate based in Kasese conducting mediation where the barren woman was chased out of her land by the husband after he married another woman

Research

With Support from the Democratic Governance Facility we undertook a study to among others establish the extent to which children are detained together with adults in both prison and police cells and to find out the reality regarding the conditions of children in detention centers. The research was conceived as a result of concerns that the current laws and policies have not been translated into effective protection of children who are in conflict with the law. The Research found that despite the progressive legal framework the State is not meeting its human rights obligations. That the children in conflict with the law face several challenges relating to: establishment of their ages; long detentions and inadequate diversion mechanisms; lack of access to legal representation; deplorable conditions of

detention, separation from adults and lacking basics such as food, clothing, access to medical care and sanitation. As a result of the report UCLF will advocate for improvement of the conditions of children in detention centers including detention in separate facilities.

Success Stories:

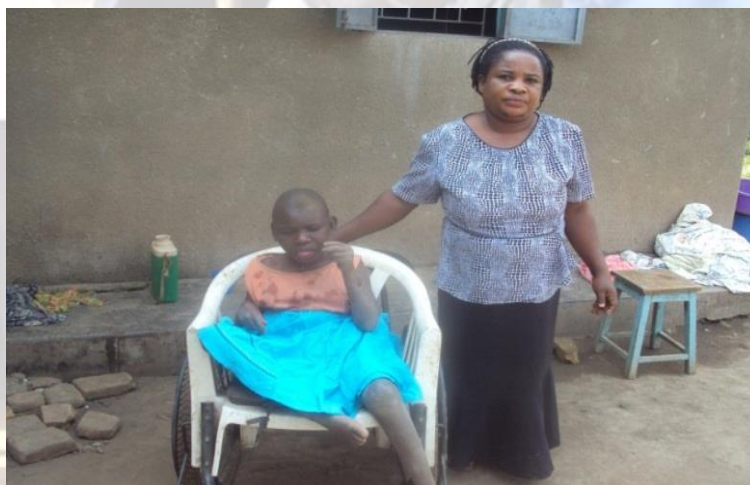
1. Gazetting Naguru Remand home as a Children and Family Court

UCLF finally succeeded in lobbying the Judiciary to issue a Policy Directive to gazette Naguru Remand Home as a Family and Children's Court. This was done through the help of the Chief Registrar and the Criminal Registrar of the High court Kampala.

The former Registrar Criminal Division at Kampala High court, now a Chief Magistrate

at Buganda Road Court, while presenting his key note speech at a LASPNet event at Silver Springs Hotel, Bugolobi Kampala informed the participants that a Magistrate and State Attorney from Nakawa Court would be assigned to that court so that petty offences would be handled at Naguru Remand home every Friday.

2. UCLF supports a single mother to secure her property from an unscrupulous husband –



Biira with her disabled child at their home in Kasese

Biira Veronica who is 45 is a resident of Umoja village Nyakasanga ward Kasese district. On 2nd October 1993, Biira got married to Lukanda Abraham who later changed his names to Kule Aristaco. They spent time without having a child but on 24th February 1996, Veronica delivered the first child Stella Bagambe who was disabled. After nine months, the man abandoned Veronica on the premise that he cannot stay with a woman who has a disabled child. "The man took everything in

the house and told my brother that I should suffer" narrates Veronica.

In 2001, Veronica got a scholarship from BTC and went to Fort portal medical school. After the training she got a better job where she earned a better income. She had also managed to save money from her scholarship which, with her monthly savings enabled her to buy car and also construct a house. After that, the man started sending messages that he wants the car. When she approached her brother for advice, he took her to UCLF Kasese office. The office handled the matter and Veronica now feels safe.

3. UCLF Advocate recovers 5,517,500/= in compensation for an indigent elder

Abdul Gangiza is a 65 year old man from Bweyogerere. He entered into employment

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A/c Payee
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Uganda Shillings Only
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Tel: +256 414 229544
Handed over to
GANGIZA
2016

A copy of the cheque that was given to Gangiza

with Rapid Kate Services Ltd in 1993 as a 'casual worker where he was paid on a weekly basis. On 13th March 2014, Rapid Kate Services Ltd terminated his contract. He only arrived at work as usual only to be served with a termination letter. He was told that the reason was that he 'did not know how to do his work'. However, Abdul never received any warning, and neither received a hearing, nor an opportunity to make representations before his contract was terminated.

Abdul came to Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity on the advice of a friend, where he was received, interviewed and represented by Counsel Awelo Sarah Asimwe. The matter was filed in the Labour court of Nakawa NDC/C.B. 161/2015 and it was ruled in his favour on 23rd September 2015.

He was awarded 5,717,500shs.

Before the ruling, Mr. Abdul Gangiza used to walk from Bweyogerere to the Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity offices, Wandegaya because he never had money to pay for his taxi fare. The matter was taken to the Industrial court of Uganda at Ntinda in March 2016 for confirmation of the sentence and it was confirmed. Gangiza Abdul says that he had never held an account before in his life. UCLF opened for him an account at Diamond Trust Bank and a cheque no. 007918 written by Rapid Kate Services (U) Limited was deposited. The cheque was written on 18th May 2016 but he received it on 23rd June 2016.

The counsels for Rapid Kate Services Uganda LTD had wanted Gangiza to give up on the case by using their delay tactics because they were aware that Gangiza could not sustain the process. However UCLF persisted up to conclusion.

Challenges

During the year, a number of challenges were encountered in the implementation process including:

1. Some of the sites in which the sensitization sessions were conducted are located in distant areas with bad and dusty roads which made movement difficult.
2. The frequent transfer of Magistrates and Judges has also hampered progress in cases and this further aggravates the problem of case back log.
3. Failure to acquire probation reports in time due to lack of facilitation of Probation and Welfare Officers.
4. Integrated Information Management System (IIMS) related challenges led to failure to provide reports according to the reporting requirements by DGF hence required manual processing of the data. Unreliable internet access at UCLF limits access to the IIMS system.

Key Project Lessons and Recommendations

UCLF recognizes the importance of working with existing local networks and institutions in conflict resolution including the LCs,

traditional leaders, the police and other CSOs as a way of increasing impact and sustainability of project achievements. These structures can become more effective if there is an efficient referral system with up-to-date information about existing conflict resolution institutions and ensuring that there is sufficient information at the disposal of beneficiary communities to access the services of these institutions.

STUDENTS' PROGRAMME

The main objective of the students' programme is to contribute to the spiritual and legal growth of Christian law students in Uganda. The programme also promotes research among students and further activities are designed for intellectual and spiritual development. The following activities were accomplished over the past year under this department.

Moot Competition

The moot competitions are an avenue in which students are equipped with specific knowledge that would help them sail in the profession once they graduate with wide technical knowledge. UCLF organized **three** rounds of moot competitions which included preliminary, semi-finals and finals. Out of the **8** Universities **6** took part in the competition namely: Uganda Pentecostal University, Kampala International University, and Islamic University in Uganda, Nkumba, and Busoga Universities. The competitions were hosted at the university premises for easy

access of students who would not be directly participating. We had one session for Nkumba, KIU and Busoga University on the 4th of March 2016. On the 11th of March 2016, the session was held at Bishop Stuart University. We had our member advocates act as Judges at different sessions of the



Student Leaders' Seminar at UCLF Secretariat

competitions.

Student Leader's Seminar

On the 13th of February 2016, UCLF hosted an annual student leaders' seminar that was attended by law fellowship leaders and former leaders under the Theme "**A chosen servant**" from Isaiah 42:1. A total of **40** leaders benefited from the above activity and we realized the impact of the seminar through university fellowships' growth. In the same seminar we had a counseling session led by UCLF counselor.

Students' Symposium



1. Orientation at IUIU 2. Orientation at Makerere University

Left to right; Hon. Justice Christopher Madrama, Dr. Daniel Ruhweza and Ms. Peruth Nshemereirwe

The annual students' symposium took place on 4th April 2016 at Nkumba University. This symposium was conducted under the theme **"Judicial Independence as a Pre requisite to the Rule of Law"**.

Eight universities including Uganda Christian University, Kampala International University, Islamic University in Uganda, Makerere, Nkumba, Cavendish, Bishop Stuart and Busoga Universities participated. The total number of law students in attendance was **150**. We were privileged to have Honourable Justice Christopher Madrama present on the topic "Judicial Independence as a Pre-requisite to the Rule of Law" which was discussed by Dr. Daniel Ruhweza of Makerere University School of Law.

Resource Centre

It provides lawyers and law students with a conducive effective study and research environment. We have up-to date resources for example new

text books such as Introduction to Law by Kiddhu Makubuya, Equity and Trusts in Uganda by Bakibinga, Insurance Law in East Africa by Byamugisha, Criminal Law and Materials by Clarkson and Keating which were stocked this year. We also bless God for the donation of very useful and relevant Law text books that we received from Afrinspire UK in May 2016.

University Students' Forums

The purpose of the forums was to introduce UCLF activities and opportunities to first year University law students. The students are guided on how to manage their time at University if they are to realize their dreams of becoming successful lawyers. We conducted orientation in various Universities that include Islamic University in Uganda, Makerere University, Nkumba

University, Uganda Christian University, Uganda Pentecostal University and Bishop Stuart University, on 14th August 2015, 22nd Sept 2015, 25th Sept 2015, 28th September 2015 and 19th October 2015 respectively.

UCLF Students' Retreat

This year's UCLF retreat started on 09th – 11th October 2015, at the Scripture Union Campsite-Kawuku and the theme was **"Using your Capacity for God's Call"**

The retreat was a success with different retreat facilitators. Deputy IGG Mr. George Bamugemereire and his wife Hon. Lady Justice Catherine Bamugemereire graced the retreat with a Key note address on the topic "Learning to do with the love of God". They inspired students to follow Gods' calling irrespective of which position they are placed in. Further, students were told to get involved more in fighting for justice and to never compromise what they believe in.

University Law Fellowship Activities

The department visited a number of Students fellowships during the year. We are proud to report that as a result of this intervention Bishop Stuart University Faculty of Law begun a Law fellowship. We attended fellowships at Uganda Christian University on 25th September 2016, Nkumba University on 1st October 2015 where **4** students got born again, UCU fellowship on 26th Feb 2016, KIU on 14th March 2016 and Bishop Start on the 5th May 2016. We participated in the Makerere University retreat from 2nd to 4th

October. We glorify the Lord for the fruits of UCLF involvement in student fellowships.

Young Lawyers' and Students Committee

In November 2015 the committee sat and resolved that community outreach be conducted in 2016. On the 25th of June 2016 UCLF in conjunction with Bishop Stuart University School of Law conducted legal sensitization in Mbarara District.

Challenges

1. Insufficient funding for both staff remuneration and activities.
2. Students' participation in our activities was not stable this year because our activities clashed with their faculty activities. We however continued to fix our activities in the weekends with still no changes for most universities operate over the weekend.
3. Finally, we extend our gratitude to our Donors, UCLF Staff, UCLF Members, Law Faculties and Law School Christian Fellowships from different Universities for their contribution to making this year successful.

PARALEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES PROJECT

PAS is a nationwide programme coordinated by Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) and funded by the Democratic Governance Facility. Under the programme, UCLF Paralegals are stationed in Police Stations, Magistrates' Courts, in Kampala with the aim of contributing to the process of physical and case file decongestion in the criminal justice system.

The Paralegal advisory services project in Kampala operates under four objectives ; 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; To increase access to justice for detainees charged with petty and capital offences; To contribute to the process of decongestion in the criminal justice system and To contribute to change of practices within the criminal justice system through advocacy and civic engagement. Below are the results under their respective 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. During the period **2,016** suspects were assisted at police to access Police bond and **60** cases were diverted out of the formal justice system.
2. **To increase access to justice for detainees charged with petty and capital offences.** A total number of **3,857** people were traced to stand as bail sureties for petty offenders and bond sureties at police stations. PAS lobbied for mandatory bail for inmates and a total of **84** inmates acquired mandatory bail, **457** petty offenders were sentenced to community service and **96** capital offenders were linked to Advocates for representation on pro bono program.
3. **To contribute to the process of decongestion in the criminal justice system.** A total of **120** suspects pleaded

guilty as a result of fast tracking their cases. Paralegals carried out Screening and follow up both at police stations and Magistrate courts to ensure that suspects accessed justice without delay.

4. **To contribute to change of practices within the criminal justice system through advocacy and civic engagement.** Paralegals had **48** radio talk shows and in appreciation of the Paralegal services **93** Kingdom Fm has consistently availed free airtime so that the community is educated on knowing the law, their rights and their duties as citizens.

Outreaches

Paralegals at Uganda Christian Lawyer's Fraternity and social workers at Luzira Prison successfully worked together to offer legal services to both suspects and inmates in Kasangati Police station, Entebbe Police Station and Kauga Prison in Mukono. Paralegals carried out a total of **84** sessions while sensitizing the inmates /suspects on issues like; Freedom from torture, inhumane and degrading treatment, presumption of innocence until court finds you guilty or until one pleads guilty and fair and impartial hearing within reasonable time.

Success story under PAS

One inmate at Buganda Road court by name **Baguma Denis, A2** was charged for **Theft**, with two others, **A1** Aita Vincent and **A3** Pirio Albert in June 2015. **A1** and **A3** were charged and remanded before Denis. However, Denis' name was not on the charge sheet

with the two others. He continued to go to

amended to include Denis's name and thus



On the left is Hellen Candiru talking to crime preventers on rights of a suspect while on the far right is Anne Ogweyo Walwema introducing the team and role of paralegals in the administration of justice

court but the Magistrate would tell him that

was able to face trial.



Mr Twinomujuni Ananias and Mr Kasule Asanasio taking on questions from crime preventers at Kiira Road play grounds during community policing.

his name was not on the charge sheet. On the 12th of October 2015 Ms. Candiru Hellen interviewed Denis at Buganda road court and followed up his case with the clerk and the Senior State Attorney Mr. Muwanga Jonathan. The charge sheet was later

Challenges

1. Some paralegals especially at police stations faced difficulty when crime preventers kept approaching them for purposes of identification because they

had no idea of Paralegal Advisory Services.

2. Immigration suspects are moved from one police station to another to disguise over stay in cells.
3. Increased rampant arrests with the intention to clear the city of suspected criminals.
4. Transfer of suspects within police stations as a result of the political atmosphere makes it difficult to follow up on some cases.
5. Missing children brought to police stations with wrong information makes tracing them back home a challenge. A case in point is of a one Pamela Mamushawho went missing and was brought to Old Kampala police station. This story appeared on the new vision and the paralegals followed up this matter up to Arua through the Community Development Officer(CDO) and the politicians, from Maracha where she was believed to come from. But all efforts were futile because the information was not accurate.

A summarized breakdown for the different interventions is indicated in the table below. Please note that all interventions originate from and are a sum total of screening that is captured in column two.

Paralegal Services in Kasese

This project is supported BMS World Mission. The major objective of the Paralegal



Police officers with their certificates after the training in Kisinga

project is to enhance access to justice for the vulnerable and the poor people both in and out of detention in Kasese district.

Achievements

PAS recorded the following achievements;

1. **2** trainings for police officers were conducted with **72 (58 male and 14 female)** officers in attendance
2. A total of **184** clients (**19** female and **165** males) were assisted through surety tracing, legal advice at police, court, in the communities and prisons.
3. A training for prison officers was conducted and **55 (32 males and 23 female)** officers attended.
4. Observed general elections at the beginning of 2016 in Kasese under the auspice of the Legal Aid Services



1. UCLF staff and community members during a community policing exercise in Kasese district
2. One of the beneficiaries of the community trainings being assisted by the UCLF Staff in Kasese to write a will

Providers' Network of which UCLF is a member.

5. UCLF facilitated at 2 community trainings with partner organizations.
6. Six communities policing activities were

Mediation

A family that lived a part in disunity for the last five years reconciled at UCLF office after the wife to one of the brothers approached



1



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1. Asanasio and Yokasi showing the boundaries of the land shared amongst themselves
2. UCLF legal assistant is checking the boundaries of the land shared amongst the brothers

conducted and **384 (222 male and 162 female)** community members benefited.

Success story

UCLF for assistance. There was a land conflict between two brothers over the little land that their father had left behind. Mediation was conducted and they accepted to share the property with the rest of family. They

agreed to live in harmony and after the mediation they thanked the organization and one said “when I read the letters with words the Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity and the verse Proverbs 31:9, I thanked God that at last He has heard my cry”. A follow up was conducted after a week and it was established they were now leaving as brothers for the first time in five years. They had shared a house for a week and were even sharing meals.

A woman is seen from the back, wearing a blue vest with the word "PARALEGAL" printed in white capital letters. She is also wearing a colorful floral skirt. In the background, a group of people are standing outdoors in what appears to be a community setting. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daylight.

PARALEGAL

Dismissals	Releases	Referrals	Fines payment	Community service orders	Mitigation	PLCs	PLCs concluded	Plea of guilty cases	Appeals lodged	Sureties traced	Sentence confirmations	Bond (Police)	Bail (court)	Mandatory Bail	Bail (C/Offenders)	Bail Applications	Mediation/ Diversion	Legal Advice and Counseling	Screening and follow up	Months
05	00	01	09	49	72	4418	75	88	00	554	66	164	187	14	00	20	00	900	966	July-15
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09	249	04	07	42	03	3418	104	54	00	340	27	165	27	08	00	07	07	752	733	Sept-15
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11	221	03	15	66	21	3279	80	87	00	281	14	163	16	10	00	06	01	749	740	Nov-15
03	138	01	06	30	56	1665	54	56	00	137	111	105	12	01	00	03	00	347	738	Dec-15
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05	295	164	09	49	72	4418	75	109	00	554	66	164	20	14	00	20	00	900	966	Mar-16
11	13	09	11	15	42	3303	89	44	00	263	07	170	10	01	00	00	00	746	7527	Apr-16
10	362	13	02	19	06	3369	96	29	00	263	19	213	11	04	00	09	05	587	1017	May-16
12	05	10	09	38	87	2989	94	99	00	288	11	182	09	02	00	07	05	706	489	June-16
122	2479	220	103	457	534	40516	1043	833	00	3857	560	2016	368	84	00	95	31	8100	16454	total

CIVIL LEGAL AID PROJECT

We are grateful to God for the financial Support from African leadership and Reconciliation Ministry (ALARM) that has complimented the aid from BMS World Mission and the Lawyers Christian Fellowship UK. The extra support enabled us to intensify our civil legal aid interventions in and out of court.

The civil legal aid department operates under two objectives; to enable Court representation for the indigent and to ensure justice for the poor by encouraging reconciliation through mediation and counseling.

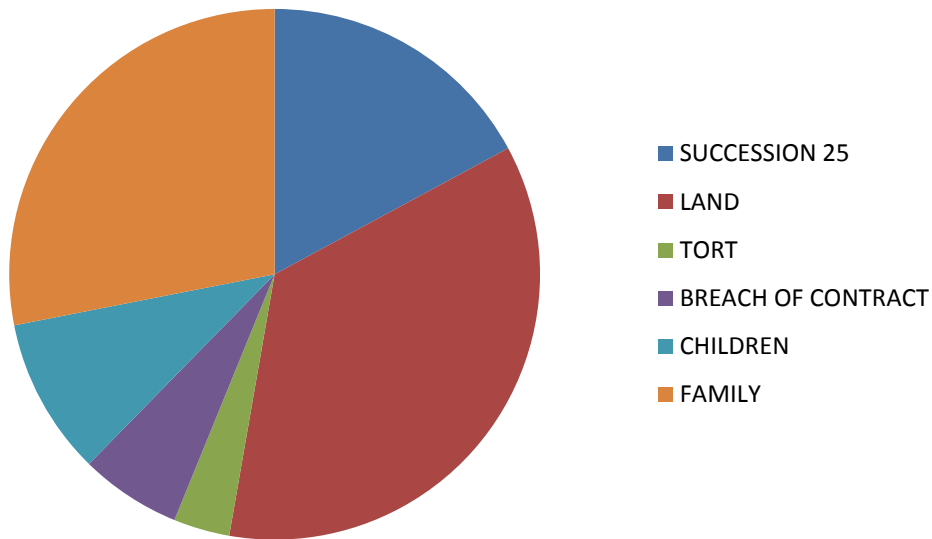
Achievements

1. **42** clients received legal representation and **22** cases were concluded (**15** women and **7** men).
2. **27** cases were resolved through mediation-out of court settlement (**17** men and **10** women) and **40** clients had their matters resolved by writing letters to their adversaries (**30** women and **10** men).
3. **24** clients were referred to other legal aid service providers (**20** men and **19** women).

The table below shows matters handled by the department.

Nature Of Cases.	Reported	Completed	Pending
Succession.	25	6	19
Land	52	15	37
Tort	5	3	2
Breach of contract	9	4	5
Children	14	5	9
Family	41	10	31
Mediation	80	27	23
Court matters	42	22	20
Referred	24	24	0

CASES REPORTED



Success Story

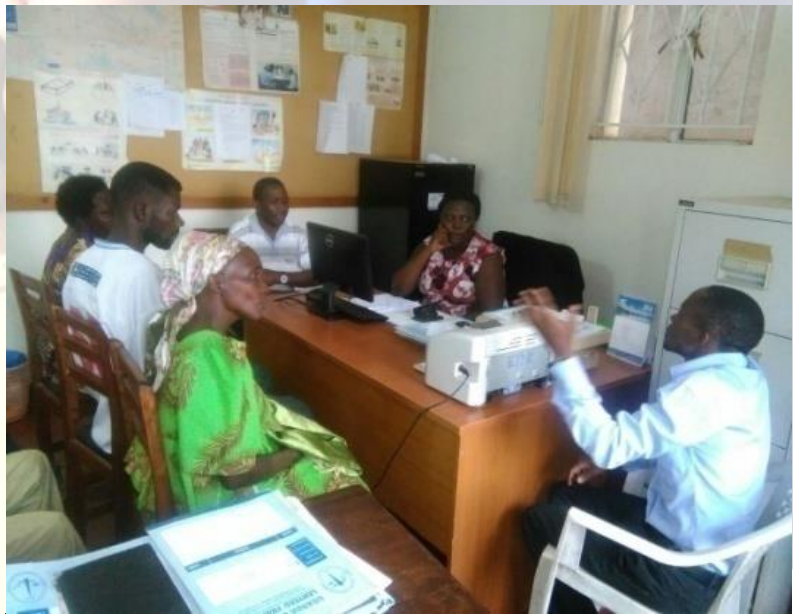
We were approached by Nakintu Gloria, an old Lady who inherited a Kibanja from her father who died about 7 years ago. The land lord decided to sell off the land including our client's Kibanja.

Our client was only shocked by a gang of men who came to break down her house. When we intervened through mediation we succeeded although after so many sittings and many disagreements.

Challenges

1. Some cases dragged on for long simply because of corrupt judicial

officers and lawyers who were uncooperative.



Kasozi Suzan Lukwago – Staff Advocate, Mr. Wakabi Derrick – Legal Assistant and the team during mediation at UCLF Kampala office

2. Some clients were referred to other legal aid service providers due to insufficient funds and understaffing.

COUNSELLING PROJECT

The Goal of the counseling project is to empower UCLF staff and beneficiaries to manage difficult times both at work and their personal lives. Besides the psychosocial support, the project also conducts evangelism and as a result 70 clients came to know Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Below were the key activities under the project:

Individual Counseling

Individual counseling sessions were conducted with UCLF staff members. This was through emails and face to face meetings. The emails sent include: - Aiming at excellence, Art of convincing others, Common relationship problems, How to be Hygienic, How to forgive, when it feels like not forgiving, How to manage time, How to cope with stress at work, How to win over fear, Factors to consider when choosing marriage partner, Parenting skills, Understanding your spouse (to the married) and Working with other people. As a result of the counseling, there has been increased self esteem among staff members. The continuous interaction has also augmented the relationship between the counselor and the staff members where they have been able to pray and share Christ together.

Group Counseling

1. UCLF Staff and Barefoot Paralegals; The counselor conducted quarterly trainings, the first training was on counseling skills and was conducted at Kolping Hotel and all staff attended. Group counseling was conducted at the UCLF office for UCLF Bare paralegals from Buikwe and Kayunga districts. They were trained on how to handle clients and counseling skills were imparted.
2. Kasangati Police Station; During this period, the counseling project reached



Training UCLF staff in counseling skills at Kolping Hotel Kampala

out to Kasangati Police Station and had group counseling with about **18** police officers on how they can manage stress at work; the workshop was so participatory in a sense that every officer had time to ask a question. By the end of

the session, everyone wanted the discussion to continue.

3. Naguru remand home; UCLF conducted **30** group counseling sessions with the children of Naguru remand home, who were a total of **250** children on the following topics; behavioral change, hygiene, body changes, and also the love of Christ. Most of these children are in the remand home for criminal cases like theft, defilement, fighting. We

children. We also had time to talk to HIV infected children about having hope and we always prayed together.

4. Kasangati Prison; The counselor conducted group counseling sessions with the inmates of Kasangati Prison. The sessions were carried out according to gender; the male inmates were met first and then the female inmates. This was intended to ensure that the inmates are in position to express their concerns without fear. Among the issues



1. The counselor leading children in praise and worship. 2. Children acting the play of the prodigal son at Naguru remand home

also had time to Act biblical stories like the prodigal son among others. Majority of the children were between the ages 12 to 17 years. The group sessions included participatory sessions where the children were given an opportunity to ask questions. After the sessions, most of the children looked excited and ready to change. After the sessions the counselor prayed and shared Christ with the children. On the whole, **four** children have given their lives to Christ. Naguru remand home has also always called on us for counseling sessions with the

discussed included: how to overcome anger, fear, stress, how to overcome worry in prison, behavioral change in prison. The process also involved individual counseling with the inmates. The session was so participatory almost all inmates had something to say, after the discussion there was time for praying together. We also had a counseling workshop for Kigo female prison officers on how to counsel the inmates and also had group counseling with Kigo prison female inmates on behavioral change.

5. Law Student Leaders; we had teaching on Christian dating that was organized by students department in UCLF and discussed Christian dating. The turn up was good with **40** student leaders in attendance and so many questions about dating were asked and answered. Student leaders requested us to have more sessions with them and after the session we prayed together.
6. Masooli secondary school; The Counselor had a group session with the students of Masooli secondary school in Wakiso district on how to avoid sexual behavior and drug abuse which make



Students of Masooli secondary school in Wakiso district with the summer team

them drop out of school. This was done with assistance from the summer team from the Lawyers Christian Fellowship U.K.

7. Compassion International; we had group counseling with the children sponsored

by compassion International at Kampala Baptist church on behavioral change.

Challenges

1. The counseling services project being a new project in UCLF has not been fully appreciated by some of the staff. Some staff members who come for counseling don't want their names mentioned and that affects record keeping. In addition, some of the staff do not come back when told to, thus delaying the process of healing from psychological issues brought. It was also noted that some of the staff members don't take their leave and rest from work thus affecting their output.
2. Some of the clients of UCLF particularly, the children at Naguru remand home are HIV positive but there not able to get balanced diet because, the management of Naguru remand cannot afford and most of these children are orphans, making it hard for the counselor to carry on counseling with them, whenever the counselor met them they complained that they wanted to eat another type of food.
3. Some clients don't have contact phones and therefore follow up is difficult. One has to trace them up to their homes which are very far from the office. Whenever they are requested to come to office, they have no transport.

Conclusion

The Counseling Project was timely in providing support to the psychosocial needs of staff and clients for positive response

UCLF GULU OFFICE

The Gulu office legal aid interventions were implemented by a Paralegal, and a Missionary Lawyer and a Volunteer Advocate who was contracted at the beginning of this year to handle cases in Court. Interventions implemented during the year included:

Land Rights Project

Objectives:

- a) To create legal awareness on the law and civic rights among the vulnerable people in communities within Acholi Sub region.
- b) To contribute to the reduction of land conflicts and violence within the sub region.
- c) To build the capacity of local leaders in the provision of Alternative Dispute Resolution to the community

Land trainings. 539 people sensitized (17 local councils, 1 chairperson, 256 women, 221 male, 10 local councils and 2 officials)

Radio talk shows. 4 radio talk shows on radio Rupiny which is one of the government's FM radio stations in Gulu. Total, 23 people made calls, 11 did not get through the line. 7 callers commended UCLF

when dealing with non legal issues. We are grateful to BMS World Mission for having funded this project.

for the good work. 5 other callers encouraged UCLF to conduct the shows more frequently.

Mediation. 5 mediations carried out by UCLF (4 were successful and 1 is still ongoing) From the success of land trainings, mediations were performed before local authority and chiefs.

Legal aid clinics. Legal aid clinics were successfully conducted in different communities in Gulu district. 31 people were given legal advice (18 men and 13 female). Communities became more aware of their land rights and the law.

The legal aid clinics raised UCLF profile and more clients came into the office to see the advocate for legal assistance. They also gave an opportunity for students to volunteer with us and help in giving initial advice. Some of these clients made follow up visits to the office to seek more assistance from the advocate.

Gulu Remand Home

To Increase the legal capacity of children so that they are knowledgeable and in position

to demand their rights. Activities implemented in the remand home during the year included:

Training the juveniles on court procedures and children rights. 7 sessions (117 juveniles trained, 112 boys and 5 girls). These sessions were been very helpful for the juveniles as they are equipped with knowledge on how to represent themselves in court. Some juveniles were also supported through tracing of witnesses.

Civil Legal Aid Project

The aim of this project was to increase access to justice for the poor and vulnerable in the Acholi region. The project commenced in January 2016. Activities included legal advice, mediation and court representation. During the year, 7 clients were represented at court, 29 new clients given advice while 4 cases mediated in office

The project so far has been a success and increased the amount of clients coming into the office.

Sexual Gender Based violence (Pilot project)

The aim of the project was to reduce violence against children in schools. Therefore in turn decrease amount of girls leaving school. Project has also worked with school boards and administration to help

them write their own child protection policies.



Community sensitisation on land rights at Koro Kal in Gulu district

Success Stories

1. Land Rights Training

The old man in the photograph above at a training in KoroKal on 19/06/2016 stood up

A woman in a blue jacket with "PARALEGAL" written on the back is seen from behind, standing in front of a group of people outdoors. The background shows several people, some in white shirts, and a building in the distance. The scene appears to be a community gathering or a public event.

to thank the UCLF team, he said, “Thank you for educating me today for, I have all along thought that I was on the wrong and I was about to surrender my land to a land grabber.” He added, “Indeed many people have been dragged away from their land because of ignorance”.

2. Mediation

UCLF was invited by the vice chairperson local council 1 of Prison Sud ward, Laroo

division, Gulu municipality. There was a serious land wrangle between two families’ members who were descendants of the same grandparents. UCLF successfully resolved this matter.

Conclusion

The legal aid work in Gulu is tremendously growing and we are grateful to BMS World Mission and African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries for the support.

UCLF EVENTS

UCLF Annual Conference

The Annual Conference was held on 12th September 2015 at Kolping Hotel, Bombo Road, Kampala. The day commenced with a devotion led by Mr. Iradukunda Elijah, the Charge Officer Kampala City Council Authority. He shared from Hebrews 4; 11 and encouraged members to surrender their lives to Christ so that they can have rest.

Mr. Sekabanja Kato Edward of Sekabanja & Co. Advocates was the Key note Speaker at the Conference. He shared on “Religious liberty: A touch stone for true freedom in the modern world”; a theme at the 11th Advocates Africa conference that was held in CapeTown, South Africa between 12th-16th August 2015.

He defined Religious liberty as freedom of religious opinion and worship, citing Article 29 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda. He requested members to read; the Makerere University case where the university was sued for having contravened rights of Students by subjecting them to doing exams and studying on Saturdays. Secondly, the ruling in the USA that legalized same sex marriage and the Registrar who was arrested and jailed for not issuing a marriage certificate to the gay couple.

He informed members that there were two worlds; the Christian world view and

Humanism world view. He challenged Christian lawyers’ especially the young ones to become writers of legal opinions. Quoted, ‘we shall all make money but we should ask ourselves who will take care of the house’ He concluded by calling upon members to build the network to fight homosexuality, do good work, be chosen, be commissioned and stay there.



UCLF members at AGM at Kolping Hotel

Annual General Meeting

UCLF held its Annual General Meeting on 12th September 2015 at

Kolping Hotel, Bombo Road, Kampala. At the meeting, members received the annual narrative report and audited accounts report. The new UCLF Constitution was presented for adoption but it was not adopted because some members had not reviewed it. The members resolved to call an Extra Ordinary general meeting to discuss the UCLF Constitution and adopt it thereafter. The Extra Ordinary General meeting was fixed for the 23th of January 2016.

Extra Ordinary General Meeting

The extra ordinary general meeting was held on 23rd January 2016 at Namirembe Guest House Kampala. The major item of the agenda was consideration and adoption of



the Constitution. Members reviewed the new Constitution and it was adopted at the end of the meeting. Below are some of the key highlights of the Constitution; position of the Chairman was scrapped off but it would take effect after election of the new Board that very year. The President of the organization would take up the duties of a Chairperson. A preamble, Select members committees, Vision, Mission and Core values of the organization were introduced into the Constitution.

Celebrating Ten Years of Legal Aid Service Provision

Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF) celebrated its 10th year anniversary of legal aid service provision last year since its registration as a Non Government Organization in 2005.

The ten years of legal aid service provision were marked to show case our contribution towards ensuring access to justice for all. Activities such as open legal aid days, UBCTV documentary, dinner party, production of a special edition of the Cutting Edge Magazine, legal and human rights awareness sessions on Radio stations and Television were organized throughout 2015.

UCLF dinner took place on 13th November, 2015 at Protea Hotel Kampala. The function provided an enjoyable opportunity for over 150 dignitaries from the Bench Bar, civil society organizations and different government departments. There were a number of performances at the dinner and inspiring Speeches from Mr. Sekabanja Kato

Edward, the President of UCLF and Mr. George Bamugemereire the Deputy Inspector General of Government. Honorable Lady Justice Stella Arach Amoko of the Supreme Court of Uganda who represented the Chief Justice of the Republic of Uganda presented a key note address on the topic THE ROLE OF LAWYERS IN NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION; A CASE FOR LEGAL AID.

The ten years anniversary celebrations were a success. We celebrated God's grace and the commitment of the Staff, Board of Directors, members, partners who were part of UCLF's journey between 2005 and 2015.



1. Top left; Lady Justice Stella Arach Amoko
2. Top right; Some of the Judges and Justices who attended the dinner
3. Bottom left; A cross section of the dinner guests

Fellowship

The students' department supports the Law School students' fellowships at higher institutions of learning. This involves working with the UCLF representatives at the universities to see that students attend their fellowships, generate topics and identify speakers to speak in these fellowships. Quarterly fellowships were organized for Lawyers throughout the year.

Seasoned Speakers were always invited to speak to the lawyers on the different topics selected by the Fellowship and Membership Committee. Among the speakers was Mr. Emmanuel Candia of Candia and Co. Advocates and Solicitors, Mr. Andrew Caplen the former President of the Law Society of England and Wales who presented at the Uganda Law Society Conference as a result of the partnership with the Uganda Law Society.

REPORT ON FINANCE

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

The Board members submit their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2016 which disclose the state of affairs of "Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity".

About The Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity

Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity (UCLF) was founded in 1987 by Christian Law Students at Makerere University. In 2005 Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity was registered as a Non-Government Organization. It operates regional offices of Kampala, Kasese, Masaka and Gulu. Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity also has field desks in Kayunga, Buikwe and Moyo. 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. To inform and educate people from whatever 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.
4. To encourage member participation in ethical legal practice and community involvement by providing pro-bono opportunities.

Vision

'As an Association of Christian Lawyers we seek to share Christ, in fellowship together, in outreach to the lost, and in seeking justice for all our society, in a spirit of love and compassion'

Mission

Mission is "Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy" (taken from Proverbs 31:9)

Principal activities of Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity

The activities include the following:

- A. Legal education
- B. Criminal Public Defense
- C. Civil legal aid
- D. Paralegal Advisory Services
- E. Students ministry and resource

- Centre.
- F. Fellowship
 - G. Public interest work and advocacy

Management structure

UCLF has four main organs, the Annual General Assembly, the Board of Directors, Select Committees and the Secretariat. The General Assembly is the Supreme authority of the fraternity and is mandated to elect the members of the Board of Directors every two years. Whereas the Board is responsible for the policy formulation and strategic direction of the organization, the Select Committees handle specific issues in the fraternity and the Secretariat is responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the fraternity.

Funding

Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity principal financial supporters include:

1. BMS World Mission
2. Lawyers Christian Fellowship (UK)
3. Democratic Governance Facility
4. Foundation for Human Rights Initiative
5. Consultancies
6. Membership and Library Fees
7. African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (ALARM)

Results:

The operating results of the fraternity for the year ended 30 June 2016 are set out on page 10.

Independent Auditor

PKF Uganda has expressed willingness to continue in office.

By order of the board members



General Secretary
Kampala

14/9/2016

Statement of board members' responsibilities

The NGO Act requires the board members to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the fraternity as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for that period. It also requires the board members to ensure that the organization maintains proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the organization. The board members are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organization.

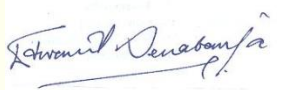
The board members accept responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error. They also accept responsibility for:

- i. designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements;
- ii. selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and
- iii. making accounting estimates and judgments that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The board members are of the opinion that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the financial affairs of the fraternity as at 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year the ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and the NGO Act.

Nothing has come to the attention of the board members to indicate that the fraternity will not remain a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of this statement.

Approved by the Board members on 14/9/2016 and signed on their behalf by:



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President



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Chairman



REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF UGANDA CHRISTIAN LAWYERS FRATERNITY

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity set out on pages 10 to 20 which comprise the Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, Statement of Comprehensive Income and a Statement of Cash flows. A summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes form part of the organization's financial statements.

Board Members' responsibility for the financial statements

The Board is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements of Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity which give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, accounting policies and the requirements of financing agreement, and for such internal controls as management determines necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud and error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the project's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the

circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the project's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements, give a true and fair view of the financial position of Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity as at 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and NGOAct.

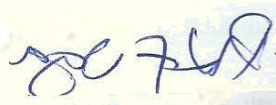
REPORT ON OTHER COMPLIANCES

We report to you, based on our audit, that:

- i) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- ii) In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity, so far as appears from our examination of those books,
- iii) Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity has complied with the funding agreement terms and conditions,
- iv) Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity maintains adequate internal controls, and the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

Certified Public Accountants

KAMPALA



22/September/2016

Ref: FK /U078/ /16

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND ACCUMULATED FUND

	Notes	2016 Shs'000	2015 Shs'000
INCOME			
Donations	3.1	1,127,661	1,046,937
Other income	3.2	49,884	6,742
Income available for recurrent expenditure		<u>1,177,545</u>	<u>1,053,679</u>
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE			
Administration expenses	14	1,010,413	852,863
Monitoring and evaluation costs	15	4,540	5,893
Criminal public defense	16	148,531	125,430
Other operating expenses	17	62,467	20,506
Total recurrent expenditure		<u>1,225,951</u>	<u>1,004,692</u>
Surplus /(Deficit)for the year		<u>(48,406)</u>	<u>48,987</u>
Accumulated funds at the start of the year		131,264	82,277
Adjustment in prior year		(1,324)	-
Surplus /(Deficit) for the year		(48,406)	48,987
Accumulated funds at the end of the year		<u>81,534</u>	<u>131,264</u>

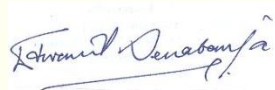
The notes on pages 13 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements

Report of the Independent auditor- pages 8 and 9

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

	Notes	2016 Ushs'000	2015 Ushs'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	20,378	20,400
Current assets			
Accounts receivable		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	6	66,638	121,846
		66,638	121,846
Current liabilities			
Accounts payables	7	3,127	8,627
Net current assets		63,511	113,219
		83,889	133,619
RESERVES AND FUNDS			
Restricted fund	4	2,355	2,355
Accumulated fund		81,534	131,264
		83,889	133,619

The financial statements which appear on pages 10 to 20 were approved by the Board members on 14/9/ 2016 and signed on its behalf by:



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President



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Chairman

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2016 Shs'000	2015 Shs'000
Cash flows from operating Activities			
(Deficit)/ Surplus for the year		(48,406)	48,987
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	5	11,628	5,800
Adjustment in prior year		(1,324)	-
		(38,102)	54,787
Changes in working capital			
Trade and other Receivables		-	2,223
Trade and other payables		(5,500)	(13,069)
Net cash flows (used in)/ generated from operating activities		<u>(43,602)</u>	<u>43,942</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Cash paid for purchase of PPE	5	(11,606)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(11,606)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(55,208)</u>	<u>43,942</u>
Movement in cash and cash equivalents			
At the start of the year		121,846	77,904
Net decrease/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(55,208)	43,942
At end of the year	6	<u>66,638</u>	<u>121,846</u>

NOTES: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

1) General Information

The fraternity is a Non-Government Organization (NGO) incorporated and domiciled in Uganda. The address of its registered office and principal place of business in Kampala.

The principal activity is that of seeking to share Christ, in fellowship together, in outreach to the lost, and in seeking justice for all members of the society, in a spirit of love and compassion.

2a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity have been prepared in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and the NGO Act. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Fraternity's accounting policies. There aren't areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimations are significant.

These financial statements comply with the requirements of the Ugandan Non-Government Organizations' (NGO) Act. The statement of profit or loss and accumulated funds represent the profit and loss account referred to in the Act. The statement of financial position represents the balance sheet referred to in the Act.

Going concern

The financial performance of the Fraternity is set out in the board members' report and in the statement of Comprehensive Income and Accumulated funds. The financial position of the company is set out in the statement of financial position.

Based on the financial performance and position of the organization and its risk management policies, the board members are of the opinion that the fraternity is well placed to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and as a result the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

b) Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The Fraternity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting

accounting estimates will by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

There are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

c)Revenue recognition

The organization recognizes revenue when: the amount of revenue can be reliably measured; it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity; and specific criteria have been met for each of the fraternity's activities.

- i. Revenue from donations and grants represents the amounts received from the donor during the year
- ii. Sales of goods are recognized upon delivery of products and customer acceptance;
- iii. Sales of services are recognized upon performance of the services rendered by reference to the stage of completion of the service contract;

d)Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at cost and thereafter stated at historical costless depreciation. Historical cost comprises expenditure initially incurred to bring the asset to its location and condition ready for its intended use.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost can be reliably measured. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial year in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated on straight line method to write down the cost of each asset, to its residual value over its estimated useful life using the following annual rates:

	<u>Rate %</u>
Motorcycles	20%
Furniture and fittings	12.5%
Lawbooks	6.5%
Computer equipment	20%
* Software	30%

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

The assets residual values and usefulness are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each statement of financial position date.

Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing

the proceeds with the carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating profit/loss.

e) Accounts receivables

Account receivables are initially recognized at the transaction price.

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amounts of trade receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

f) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and financial assets with maturities of less than 91 days, net of bank over drafts, money market lines and restricted cash balances.

Restricted cash balances are those balances that the fraternity cannot use for working capital purposes as they have been placed as alien to secure borrowings.

In the statement of financial position, bank over drafts are included within borrowings in current liabilities.

g) Accounts payables

Accounts payables are recognized initially at the transaction price. They are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

Accounts payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rate at the reporting date. The resulting differences from conversion and translation are dealt with in income statement in the year in which they arise.

h) Provisions

Provisions for restructuring costs and legal claims are recognized when: the company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount can be reliably estimated. Restructuring provisions comprise lease termination, penalties and employee termination payments. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognized as interest expense.



i) Translation of foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies during the year are converted into Ugandan shillings at rates ruling at the transaction dates. Assets and liabilities at the statement of financial position date which are expressed in foreign currencies are translated into Ugandan shillings at rates ruling at that date. The resulting differences from conversion and translation are dealt within Comprehensive Income in the year in which they arise.

j) Employee benefit obligations

Pension obligations

The Fraternity and its employees contribute to the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), a statutory defined contribution scheme registered under the NSSF Act. The company's contributions to the defined contribution scheme are charged to profit or loss in the year to which they relate.

k) Impairment to assets

At each reporting date, property, plant and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognized immediately in Comprehensive Income.

Similarly, at each reporting date, inventories are assessed for impairment by comparing the carrying amount of each item of inventory (or group of similar items) with its selling price less costs to complete and sell. If an item of inventory (or group of similar items) is impaired, its carrying amount is reduced to selling price less costs to complete and sell, and an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount (selling price less costs to complete and sell, in the case of inventories), but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized immediately in Comprehensive Income.

l) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

	2016 Shs'000	2015 Shs'000
3. Revenue		
3.1 Donations		
Foundation for Human Rights Initiative	190,497	170,230
BMS World Mission	215,311	181,850
Democratic Governance Facility	65,846	647,184
Lawyers Christian Fellowship (UK)	4,692	35,603
African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (ALARM)	23,800	-
Members' Donation	3,650	7,805
Membership	3,865	4,265
Total donations	<u>1,127,661</u>	<u>1,046,937</u>
3.2 Other income		
Library Fees	228	110
Client Support to UCLF	200	310
Interest Received on Bank Accounts	1,670	2,224
Fellowship Collections	-	188
Sale of Promotional Items	1,440	865
Book Sales	-	160
Other income	-	2,885
Contributions- UCLF @10 Dinner	18,940	-
CYAN International	23,638	-
File opening fee	210	-
Consultancies	500	-
AGM Contribution	2,758	-
Electricity- Gerona	300	-
	<u>49,884</u>	<u>6,742</u>
Total income	<u>1,177,545</u>	<u>1,053,679</u>
4. Restricted fund		
	<u>2,355</u>	<u>2,355</u>
	<u>2,355</u>	<u>2,355</u>

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5. Property, Plant and equipment

	Furniture & fittings Shs'000 12.5%	Motor cycles Shs'000 20%	Law Books Shs'000 6.5%	Computers Shs'000 20%	Equipment Shs'000 20%	Software Shs'000 30%	Total Shs'000
Cost							
At 1 July 2015	10,536	3,480	83,775	10,560	-	-	108,351
Additions	2,858	-	808	5,757	1,583	600	11,606
At 30 June 2016	13,394	3,480	84,583	16,317	1,583	600	119,957
Depreciation							
At 1 July 2015	5,339	1,135	73,600	7,876	-	-	87,951
Charge for the year	1,674	696	5,498	3,263	317	180	11,628
At 30 June 2016	7,013	1,831	79,098	11,139	317	180	99,579
Net book Value							
At 30 June 2016	<u>6,381</u>	<u>1,649</u>	<u>5,485</u>	<u>5,178</u>	<u>1,266</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>20,378</u>
At 30 June 2015	<u>5,197</u>	<u>2,345</u>	<u>10,174</u>	<u>2,684</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,400</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	2016 Shs'000	2015 Shs'000
6. Cash and cash equivalents		
The year-end cash and cash equivalents comprise of the following:-		
Barclays Bank of Uganda (General)	65,468	81,937
Barclays Bank of Uganda (Criminal Public Defence)	-	35,068
Barclays Bank of Uganda (Paralegal Advisory)	-	2,806
Total bank balances	<u>65,468</u>	<u>119,811</u>
Cash at Hand (General)	10	116
Petty cash-UCLF Kasese office	35	223
Petty cash-CPD Kasese office	-	72
Petty cash-CPD Kampala office	63	5
Petty cash-UCLF Gulu office	446	347
ALARM Gulu office	219	-
Petty cash-CPD Masaka	397	592
Petty cash-UCLF Moyo (now in Masaka) office	-	680
	<u>1,170</u>	<u>2,035</u>
Total Cash and Cash equivalents	<u>66,638</u>	<u>121,846</u>
7. Accounts payable		
Sekabanja Edward	-	5,500
Audit Fees	<u>3,127</u>	<u>3,127</u>
	<u>3,127</u>	<u>8,627</u>

8. Contingent liabilities

There were no material contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2016.

9. Events after the end of the reporting date

There were no events after the reporting period that required is closure in the financial statements.



10. Commitments

There were no capital commitments as at 30 June, 2016.

11. Presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Uganda Shillings (Shs), rounded to the nearest thousand ('000).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

12. Comparative figures

Where necessary comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation in the current year.

13. Incorporation

The fraternity is incorporated in Uganda under the NGO Act.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	2016 Shs'000	2015 Shs'000
14. Administrative expenses		
Employment costs:		
Salaries and wages	685,393	535,089
NSSF 10% Contribution	61,062	24,453
General staff and training expenses	6,439	-
Other staff costs	2,524	11,070
	<u>755,418</u>	<u>570,613</u>
Other administrative expenses:		
Printing and stationery	18,842	10,684
Postages, internet and telephones	16,881	10,819
Legal and professional fees	232	-
Legal education	32,472	21,203
Internet	-	5,371
Audit Fees	3,127	2,500
Vehicle running and maintenance	7,920	11,200
Field Expenses	34,031	14,970
Reconciliation discrepancies	-	574
Practicing Certificates	1,480	1,300
Filing fees	13,760	3,316
Generator expenses	220	246
Continued professional development	3,874	46,415
Democratic Governance Facility	-	2,220
Radio programme	1,450	5,155
Computer expenses	4,275	1,464
Corporate social responsibility and outreach	-	25,010
Student coordination expenses	22,680	5,488
Furniture for resource center	-	1,090
Orientation and Mentorship meetings	-	6,127
Stake holders meeting	33,807	15,100
Meeting, Fellowships and conferences	21,735	3,362
Institutional CAPA	14,240	6,333
Entertainment and travelling	-	11,290
Public transport	4,801	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Other Administration expenses (continued)	2016	2015
	Shs'000	Shs'000
Bank charges	4,950	2,935
Office expenses	14,218	67,496
Withholding tax	-	582
	<u>254,995</u>	<u>282,250</u>
Total administration expenses	<u>1,010,413</u>	<u>852,863</u>
15. Monitoring and evaluation expenses		
Monitoring and evaluation	4,540	2,690
Other costs	-	3,203
	<u>4,540</u>	<u>5,893</u>
16. Criminal Public Defence		
Legal sensitization	117,525	16,400
Litigation expenses	24,053	105,167
Juvenile Justice	6,953	3,863
	<u>148,531</u>	<u>125,430</u>
17. Other operating expenses		
Rent and rates	29,767	10,810
Electricity and water	5,363	3,355
Mobilization facilitation costs	10,800	-
Repairs and Maintenance	4,909	540
Depreciation	11,628	5,800
	<u>62,467</u>	<u>20,506</u>

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MEMBERSHIP

Ushs

1.Abasa Godfrey	25,000
2.Abiria Brenda	25,000
3.Akankwasa Marvin	5,000
4.Asio Daisy	25,000
5.Asua Kanya Alfred	25,000
6.Baguma H	25,000
7.Bishop Stuart University	200,000
8.Byamugisha Deus	00,000
9.Byamugisha Noah	100,000
10.Candia Emmanuel	100,000
11.Cissy Kagaba	100,000
12.Daniel Rutiba	100,000
13.Edward Balaba	100,000
14.George Bamugemereire	100,000
15.Gimara Francis	100,000
16.H/W KatushabeProssy	100,000
17.Jennifer Barya	100,000
18.John Balungu	100,000
19.Joseph Matsiko	100,000
20.Kabagenyi Lisandra	25,000
21.Kawombe Agnes Namutamba	25,000
22.Kenneth Akampurira	100,000
23.Kiiza Benjamin	25,000
24.Kizza Robert Opiya -Akinyi	50,000
25.Matsiko Joseph	100,000
26.Mugabo V. Emmy	100,000
27.Mugisha Mukeeri .S	100,000
28.Muhumuza Charles	25,000
29.Muliisa Peter	100,000
30.Munanura Gibson	25,000
31.Nabaasa Alex	25,000
32.Naboth Muhairwe	100,000
33.Najjuma Ellen	100,000
34.Nampurira Edson	15,000
35.Nansumba Josephine	25,000
36.Nicholas Kyeswa	100,000
37.Nsereko Raymond	25,000
38.Nshemereirwe Peruth	100,000
39.Olam Fred	25,000



40.Oscar Kambona	100,000
41.Patrick Mugenyi	100,000
42.Paul Asiimwe	100,000
43.Rwothumio Emmanuel	25,000
44.Sam Kiriaghe	100,000
45.Samuel EjokuOoyu	100,000
46.Sarah Tumusiime	100,000
47.Sekabanja Kato	100,000
48.Simon Peter Esomu	25,000
49.Ssuna J.BoscoNyanzi	25,000
50.Sylvia NamubiruMukasa	100,000
51.Teddy Namuleme	100,000
52.Titus Kanya	100,000
53.Tumwesigye Everisto	25,000
54.Twinomugisha John Mary	25,000
55. Norah Matovu	100,000
Total	<u>,865,000</u>

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DONATIONS/ PLEDGES

Bronze

1.Liberty Muhereza	50,000
2.Nshemereirwe Peruth	200,000
3.Ogwang Amos	100,000

Gold

4.Candia Emmanuel	500,000
5.Joseph Matsiko	400,000
6.Sekabanja Kato	500,000
7.Titus Kanya	500,000
8.Paul Asiimwe	800,000

Silver

9.Daniel Rutiba	300,000
10.Sam Kiriaghe	300,000

Total

3,650,000