



UGANDA CHRISTIAN
LAWYERS' FRATERNITY

Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy. Prov 31:9

A world where Justice and Human Dignity is a reality for all.



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List of Acronyms

ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
BMS	Baptist Missionary Society
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COVID-19	Corona Virus Disease 19
GBV	Gender Based Violence
LASPNET	Legal Aid Service Providers' Network
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
LCF	Lawyers' Christian Fellowship
PAS	Paralegal Advisory Services
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
UCLF	Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity



1.0 FOREWORD BY PRESIDENT

Much has been said about living and working amid a VUCA world. Indeed, for UCLF, the year 2021 - 2022 has been a strategic and God-guided navigation through the volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity that characterized the post-pandemic period. As President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors, I take this opportunity to thank all members of UCLF for the privilege and opportunity they have accorded to the entire Board of Directors to steer the Fraternity affairs towards achieving our mission and strategic objectives.

As enumerated in this report, we have been able to attain considerable success in the Six Key program areas of UCLF:

1. Access to Justice and Legal Aid
2. Students Ministry and Resource Center
3. Membership and Professional Development
4. Child Protection and Juvenile Justice
5. Environmental Justice
6. Paralegal Advisory Services and Psychosocial Counselling Services

Through the above platforms, we have

been able to carry out community sensitization on basic legal knowledge to over 5000 people, reach out to over 3,905 suspects with the Gospel, and extend various legal services to over 1,380 suspects through the Access to Justice and Legal Aid pillar.

One of our goals for this year was to strengthen various fellowships through the continuous mobilization of members at different levels. Through this endeavor, we have hosted numerous Breakfast meetings with Faculties/Schools of Law Deans, NGOs, and Student Representatives. These meetings have enabled us to raise resources for the UCLF Students' resource center project.

Perhaps, what has acted as the glue that has kept us together and has also been the fuel that has kept us going, has been our weekly online fellowships that have been graced by various inspiring and gifted guest speakers. From a humble weekly attendance of 10-20 members in the previous years

to the current 80 – 120 members, one cannot help but note that the more faithful we devoted ourselves as members to pray, the more we got to witness God's gracious hand in helping us achieve all the fruit as shared in this report.

As we rightly celebrate our achievements, I hope that we shall also be awakened to a realization of the need to rally together in the fulfillment of various pending projects such as the construction of the Justice House, the UCLF Online Law Library, the setting up of the Resource Center among many others. It is my prayer that the incoming Board will continue to work with the Fraternity in devising methods that would enable UCLF to deal with emergent challenges while taking advantage of the opportunities at hand. That is the prevailing global socio-economic instability; we will address the urgent need to put more emphasis on resource mobilization strategies for the sustainability of the Fraternity.

Special gratitude goes out to all our invaluable partners, our patron, and numerous volunteers who have faithfully stood with us and supported us through the different seasons of the 2021-2022 year. I am also cognizant of the fact that my work as UCLF President would not have been possible without the hard work, tenacity, and wholehearted support of the Board, the staff, and associates of UCLF; all of whom have given their time, skills and expertise towards the advancement and sustainability of our organization.

I hope that as we go through the account of what the Board and Management have been able to accomplish with your mandate, we will not help but notice God's amazing favor upon UCLF and the many more years of abundant fruitfulness ahead of us.

Thank you all
For God and My Country.



MRS. ANNE MUHAIRWE



2.0 REMARKS FROM THE Ag. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As acting CEO, I am entirely thankful to the Lord who has led us through the year 2021/2022. We thank Him for the gift of life and his grace that he has lavished on us to be able to serve Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity especially in these times.

I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for the overwhelming support to the secretariat. In the same realm I wish to extend my appreciation to the former CEO, Mr. John Osapiri for the great work he rendered unto UCLF.

UCLF's visibility through the Year 2021/2022 has continued to grow through the years and we have been able to build stronger synergies aimed at fostering collaborations for achievement of UCLF's Vision and Mission. As UCLF, we have continued to connect and build synergies with different partners. Our work wouldn't have been possible without your support in enabling UCLF achieve its goals.

We are grateful for the existing partnerships between the Inter-Religious Council of Uganda, Uganda Youth Forum, Legal Aid Service Providers Network, the Network for Public Interest Lawyers and Inspire Synergy. These partnerships have been a leverage for us to speak up for the vulnerable in society, stand against injustice, develop the capacity of our members and staff, guarantee religious liberty and freedoms as we work together with these institutions.

The effects of covid 19 have continued to emanate though that did not deter UCLF from meeting its Vision and Mission amidst the challenges it faces. Much as there was a reduction in funding from our international development partners, we are nevertheless grateful to the Baptist Mission Society, Lawyers' Christian Fellowship of UK and the UCLF members for always

endeavoring to support UCLF during the tough times. Surely it is only God who can reward your kindness handsomely.

The UCLF staff, volunteers and interns have worked tirelessly to make this year a success amidst the continuous existing obstacles faced in their everyday work. With such dedication and commitment, the team was able to conduct sensitization, mediation, outreaches with other organizations, legal

representation, counselling, fellowships, youth conventions, CLE trainings, Arua gospel mission and the crown of it all was the fundraising dinner for the Justice House which will be a UCLF symbol of legacy.

We are graciously grateful for all the efforts and support rendered unto the Fraternity. I believe we can achieve more and further more great opportunities to meet our Vision and Mission.

God bless you all.

OUR IDENTITY

Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity (UCLF) is a membership based Non-Governmental Organisation seeking justice for all in Uganda through the provision of legal aid, legal education and research and policy advocacy on behalf of vulnerable people. The UCLF was founded in 1987 by Christian law students at Makerere University. In 2005 was registered as a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO).

OUR VISION

"A world where justice and human dignity is reality for all"

OUR MISSION

"We are an association of Christian Legal Professionals sharing our faith in Christ, promoting access to justice and respect for human dignity through speaking up, fellowship, mentorship and defending the rights of the vulnerable"

CORE VALUES AND DISTINCTIVE IDENTITY

We are committed to upholding the Christian faith and its principles of;

a. Christian ethics and integrity

UCLF shall demonstrate the highest standards of spiritual, ethical and professional integrity and practice in its operations and to develop Godly character among the members and staff, by being the salt and light in the legal profession and society as a whole. (Proverbs 13:6; John 14:23)

b. Justice

UCLF believes that while primarily the message of the Gospel is one of forgiveness of sins and divine reconciliation, God's people are to reflect his character in their attitudes and relationships. As

God revealed himself to Israel and then fully and perfectly through Christ he established his character of justice at the heart of Christian living. This will necessarily relate to five essential components of;

i. Holiness:

Straight and righteous living, a commitment to God's holy moral order in both private and public life.

ii. Procedural justice:

Truth is part of justice therefore an appropriate forum for the truth to be told is essential. This also mandates the need for universal access to justice.

iii. Substantive justice:

Punishment and compensation should be correctly directed in a proportional manner.

iv. Human rights:

God made people in his own image therefore conveying basic dignity. Human dignity is most clearly protected in human rights and therefore UCLF claims a Biblical preference for the upholding of human rights. Biblical human rights is best embodied by Kingdom principles which will inevitably seek for the restoration of the whole person, including their freedom, their access to basic amenities, the imputed influence of their gender, their bodily and spiritual well-being.

v. Community relationships:

Justice can only be understood within the context of right living within a series of inter-personal relations, therefore

ter-personal relations, therefore UCLF values relationships over and above projects as being demonstrative of God's character of justice.

OBJECTIVES OF UCLF

- a) 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.
- b) To advocate for, represent and advise the voiceless and disadvantaged.
- c) To advocate for the enactment and implementation of fair laws and policies that are in harmony with Christian principles.
- d) To encourage member participation in ethical legal practice and community involvement by providing pro-bono services.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

UCLF aims within its Christian context to demonstrate the highest standards of spiritual, ethical and professional integrity and practice in its operations and life. It is assumed and expected that all members, employees and volunteers of the UCLF will exhibit this ethos and aspiration in their personal, public, and private conduct and discourse. The UCLF statement of faith as provided for in the Schedule of its Constitution is to help the members, staff and volunteers to develop a Godly character, exhibit professional integrity to the glory of Christ and His Kingdom. Briefly UCLF believes in;

A. The Bible

The Bible is God's Word, written by men divinely inspired, and the supreme infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct. Man's customs, traditions and opinions should not supersede the authority of the Bible (John 1:1-3, 2 Timothy 3:16).

B. The Triune God

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit (1 Timothy 1:17, John 1:14, John 4:24).

(i) We believe in God the Father, perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom and measureless in power. We rejoice that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves us from sin all who come to him through Jesus Christ (Leviticus 11:44; Psalm 39; Psalm 50:1).

(ii) We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal and only begotten Son of God who was conceived of the Holy Spirit by virgin birth, who was sinless in His life and who through His death made atonement for the sins of the world. We believe in His resurrection, His ascension, His role as our Mediator before God and His future return to the world (John 3:16, Luke. 31-32, John. 1:14, Acts 8:37, John. 14:3).

(iii) We believe in the person of the Holy Spirit, whose ministry is to glorify Christ, to convince the world of sin, and to regenerate, indwell, sanctify, comfort, encourage and empower those who believe in Christ (John. 6:62, 15:26, 16:7-14, John.5:1, Romans. 8:9, Romans. 13:16, 1 Peter 1:2, 1 Corinthians. 12:7-11).

C. Salvation and Forgiveness

We believe that all people by nature and by choice are lost sinners and can only be saved by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, through faith and not only by

works. We believe in the resurrection from the dead of the believer to everlasting life and the blessedness and joy with the Lord in heaven, and of the unbeliever to everlasting punishment and separation from God in Hell (John 3:16, 5:28-29, Romans 5:8-12, John 17:3, Ephesians 2:1-9, Titus 3:5, Revelation 20:11-15).

D. The Church

We believe in the Church as a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and of which all regenerated people are members (Colossians 1:18). The transformation of believers and social improvement are inevitable by-products of the Gospel and discipleship.

E. The Relationship between Church and State

We believe that all Christians should be faithful citizens and obedient to the State, in upholding and maintaining its laws. Governments are ordained by God. We believe that every human being is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith. At the same time every church must cooperate with, uphold and implement the civil laws of Government, seeing that they are for the good of the people.

(Matthew 2:21, Acts 6:1-7, Romans. 13:1-7, 14:7-12, Titus 3:1, I Peter 2:13-14).

UCLF 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 professional faith based registered Non-Government Organization (NGO), S.5914/5536. UCLF was granted with a permit to operate as an NGO from 05th of February 2019 for the next 60 months. We were also issued with a Certificate of approval of legal chambers by Uganda Law Council for the year 2020/2021.

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3.0 THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

138 Radio station awareness campaigns

12 TV station awareness campaigns

52 Community outreaches and trainings

18 Mediations

19 Outreaches with partner organizations

263 Court Cases

1438 Suspects given legal advice and assistance

10 Prison/ cell visits

101 Drafting non court legal documents

48 counselling sessions

60 Membership fellowships

4 Dialogues in the refugee settlement camps

1700 EC materials distributed

1 UCLF Covid-19 basket fund

4 Gospel Mission

2 Fundraising Dinner

1 Annual General Meeting

3 Youth Conventions

5 CLE Trainings

4.0 THE YEAR IN DETAILS (DEPARTMENT REPORTS)

The Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF) Constitution provides that the Secretariat shall be responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the Organization. UCLF had eight program areas implemented in 2021/2022. These programs are; Legal Education, Criminal Public defense, Paralegal Advisory Services, Juvenile Justice and Child Protection, Civil Legal Aid, Students and Library Department, Environmental Justice and Counseling. The programs are implemented in the UCLF offices in Kampala, Kayunga, Masaka, Kasese and Gulu. The programs are grouped into departments and these include;

LEGAL AID AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

The department offers both Civil and Criminal legal aid and it is headed by Project Officer, Access to Justice and Legal Aid.

1. Civil Litigation: The Department engages in Client advisory or counseling, offers mediation services, free legal representation on civil matters, trains prisoners and clients on self-representation, engages in policy advocacy, research and Public Interest Litigation.

2. Criminal Public Defense:

The Department further engages in offering free Criminal representation to prisoners, assists in Bail applications and bond for suspects and prisoners respectively, implements a plea

bargain programs in Kayunga, educates prisoners on court processes and advocates for the rights of prisoners. Our focus is to comprehensively increase representation with the availability of funds.

3. Community Legal Education:

The department as well engages with UCLF partners including the District Local Governments, Local Councils, the Uganda Police Force, Uganda Prisons Service and Churches to educate communities on their duties and obligations as Citizens, create awareness on Human Rights and encourage citizens to be law abiding. UCLF is soon commencing a program on sensitizing communities on COVID 19 Causes, Prevention, and treatment and engage in advocacy for access to Vaccines for everyone. Community sensitizations are coordinated by social Workers and Paralegals.

4. Paralegal Advisory Services:

The Department also supervises the provision of Paralegal Advisory Services Project. The Objective of the project is to contribute to the reduction in case backlog in justice delivery institutions. The Paralegals offer first legal aid to suspects in police custody and to prisoners through linking Suspects to their families, lawyers and Sureties. Educating suspects and prisoners on Court processes, following up on the police files for suspects, mediating

cases with the purpose of channeling them from the criminal to civil Justice System, prepare suspects in police custody for court, and sensitize suspects on self-representation. Paralegal Services are offered at CPS, Wandegaya Police Station, Kasese Police Station, Gulu Police Station, Buganda Road Court, and LDC Court.

5.Environmental Justice Program:

The department also oversees environmental Justice Response. UCLF engages in environmental awareness in schools, markets and communities pressing for the protection of the environment. UCLF further engage in the green growth strategy by providing tree seedlings for institutions and communities. The program as well encompasses environmental legal research, environmental policy advocacy, and litigation and engage in sustainable agriculture trainings for farmers.

6. Policy Research and Advocacy:

With the aim of influencing policy and advancing for fair laws and policies in harmony with Christian principles. UCLF engages in timely advocacy, research and dissemination of information.

7. Juvenile Justice and Child Protection Program:

The Juvenile Justice program offers representation to children in conflict with the law. This program ensures that Children in Naguru Remand Home and Reception

receive counseling services and legal representation. The Child Protection Program is implemented in Gulu District with support from Baptist Mission Society UK.

STUDENTS AND RESOURCE CENTRE DEPARTMENT

The Department is headed by the Project Officer, Students and Resource Centre. The Department is supported by a project assistant. The Department currently implements the following projects.

1.Students Professional Development;

UCLF comprises of a students' department whose major goal is to contribute to the development of a radical generation of lawyers who will serve God through their profession. The student's department has existed since the coming into place of UCLF more than 15 years ago working with law students from more than 7 university faculties of law, with law fellowships being at the center. Some of the activities conducted on an annual basis by the department include Symposiums, Leadership seminars, Students' Retreats, Orientation forums and Student fellowships.

2. Resource Centre;

UCLF has also established a fully-fledged physical resource center at its Secretariat. The resource center aims at facilitating academic research. UCLF is in the process of establishing an online library. UCLF launched the UCLF Law Journal to contribute to the development of scholarly discourse.

3.UCLF Christian Mentorship Program;

through this program both law students and young lawyers are mentored to be developed in all aspects of life. The UCLF mentorship program has been in place for more than 5 years. The mentorship program is run by mentors through the year and coordinated by UCLF. The mentorship program boosts professional and spiritual ethics and skills among students and young lawyers.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

UCLF is a membership based Organization, which depends on its membership capacity to implement activities and also sustain its self. Most the projects implemented by the Secretariat have been funded through membership subscription fees, voluntary giving by members and other member initiatives like the UCLF Civil Litigation Fund and the UCLF Probono Fund. This Department is headed by the Project Officer Membership and Professional Development and is supported by a project Assistant. The Department implements the following Activities.

1. Membership Obligations and recruitment;

The department creates linkage between UCLF and its members through maintaining constant

communication with the membership and follow up to ensure that members meet their membership obligations. The department also leads in recruiting and sustaining the current membership. The department timely engages in communicating benefits of membership to members and also ensures that UCLF offers moral support to members in grief or in good time.

2. UCLF Pastoral visits; the department coordinates with members to ensure that UCLF visits them either in their offices or homes to pray with them.

3. UCLF Fellowships; the department coordinates members weekly and end of month fellowships.

4. Probono Fund; in bid to raise local resources the department is vested with the role of following up with members and non-members to give to the Pro bono Fund.

5. CLE Programs;

UCLF was accredited by the law Council to offer Continuous Legal Education for lawyers; the department therefore coordinates the implementation of this activity.

UCLF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

This department is headed by the Director Finance and Administration, assisted by an accountant and Procurement Assistant.

However the department has other offices attached to it and reporting to it, these include;

1. Counseling Office;

Provides free psycho social support to UCLF staff and clients to wit children in Naguru Remand Home, walk in clients, Children in Naguru

Reception Center, counseling Services to the Women prisoners in Kigo, Kasangati and Luzira Prisons. The department also provides counseling services to Wandegaya, CPS and Kasangati Police Stations. The department further coordinates evangelism programs for UCLF.

2. IT and Communications;

The office is run by an IT officer and a communications specialist.

4.1 UCLF DEPARTMENTAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Under this section we give an overview of the activities that transpired between July 2021 and June 2022 in relation to projects that were implemented. Most of the programs were not only implemented at the Secretariat but also at the UCLF field offices namely Gulu, Masaka, Kasese and Kayunga.

LEGAL AID AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT (KAMPALA)

The department handles mainly civil matters and those include matters to do with Land, Employment, Breach of Contract, and Administration of estates, Family, Children, NGOs and companies. The department is headed by an Advocate (Project Officer) stationed at Kampala Head office, assisted by one legal officer (Project Assistant) and one volunteer and is currently funded by BMS World Mission and Lawyers' Christian Fellowship of the UK.

NATURE OF CASES HANDLED

MATTER	NO. OF CLIENTS
Land	42
Succession	25
Family	20
Children	05
Employment	07
Criminal Matters	20
TOTAL	119

NATURE OF CLIENTS HANDLED

Nature of clients	Number
Males	64
Females	50
Children	05
Total beneficiaries	119

In spite the aftermath of COVID 19 lock-down and its effects on the economy, the department dispensed legal aid and represented over 119 clients in the courts and on different forums.

NET WORKING AND PARTNER-SHIPS

The department has networked with several projects handling similar work like; the Legal Aid Clinic of the Uganda Law Society where we have referred several clients, The Legal Aid Service Providers' Network, International Justice Mission, and Foundation for Human Rights Initiative among others.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. The department conducted a community sensitization and offered pro-bono at Deliverance Church Makerere where over 50 Church members and members of the

sounding community benefited from the same.

2. The department is pleased to report that the team has managed to reach 119 clients of civil matters amidst Covid 19 constraints and fuel crisis. As our culture is, much attention was paid to giving legal advice and mediation considering the fact that litigation is costly in terms of finances and time.
3. Mediation has proved also to be very effective in as much as it is quicker and it promotes reconciliation and the parties remain peaceful after resolving the conflict. We also engaged in training and sensitizing the community on the laws that govern people in the different community.
4. The department has also supported spiritual leaders in the engagements with NEMA to prevent the arrest of pastors for noise pollution as well as support in court representation of those that had already been charged, a consensus was reached with NEMA to hold the arrests as well as put up better practice

Pictorial



Counsel Suzan at Deliverance Church Makerere sensitizing and advising the church member



Offering legal advice to a client

CHALLENGES FACED

1. The transport costs have shot high and yet the funding has not changed this has at times affected us in reaching out to clients.
2. The cost of living continues to go high to a point that some clients miss appointments to our office and court at times
3. Corruption is still polluting the Justice system, we had instances where clerks or even some judicial officers require bribe to perform their roles or dispense Justice.
4. Advocates in private practice tend to frustrate matters and make them unnecessarily longer because they are paid per court attendance. A potential case that can be mediated can take 5 years in court simply because the advocate in private practice does not want to end the matter amicably.



Locus visit at Gulama, Buikwe.

LESSONS LEARNT

The COVID 19 situation has exposed the members of the department to adopt to online engagements. This meant that we had to come up with new avenues of reaching out to beneficiaries. We have accordingly had to schedule meetings online and dispense professional advice online using phones and social media platforms. This was however complicated for our clients especially those who have no mobile phones, some could not access social media or the internet.

ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

The Environmental justice department has continued its intervention approaches through reaching out to masses through radio and community talk shows, sensitizations, Television Sensitization, Group school primary and secondary gatherings now that schools are fully and physically operating allowing us to engage directly the student's community in environmental activities.

The radio stations and tv stations we use to address our masses and the public include;

- a) KINGDOM FM,
- b) KINGDOM TV,
- c) BTM TV-UGANDA
- d) SMART-24
- e) MAMA FM

We continue to source out for more stations and televisions to reach out to as many people as possible. The following are the outcomes so far achieved;

NO.	ACTIVITY
56	Radio Station awareness campaigns
12	Television Stations awareness campaigns
24	Church-Based Awareness environmental awareness
1	university students leaders meeting
4	Secondary schools
4	Primary school

Achievements

1. This year we have enjoyed a good relationship with university students while more and more secondary schools are embracing and receiving this project.
2. We have also seen an increase in interest for this project shown by the Church leaders and other organization leaders working with communities as seen in their interest in taking active roles in the activism and mobilization of their communities.

Challenges

There is a lack of a proper means of transport for the project staff thus causing field movements to be uncoordinated and expensive.

- There is a limited number of staff vis the ratio of our intended target audiences.
- Delayed or even at times lack of activity funds to aid in the implementation process through materials like flyers, banners and other mobilizations tools like, coordination airtime, transport of implementers and/or facilitation allowance to outsourced facilities during our campaigns etc.
- The department has tried to address the above barriers / challenges;
- Through the help of university student volunteers / interns, we are able to address the issue of numbers by using-student interns and other volunteers

although these are always present for a short period of time.

Lessons learnt during the implementation of activities this year;

- The great need to involve everyone that is team work.

Pictorial



The environmental justice team about proper hygiene, the proper waste management and proper environmental conservation practices under the UCLF: Go Green Project



University students attending an awareness campaign.



UCLF in partnership Makerere university Students Guild, launched 8 days of environmental activism doing activities within and outside the university under the theme "the importance of youth in the fight against climate change."



The students of Cavendish University pose with UCLF Project Assistant Students and resource center Mr. Enock Mpuuga and the CEO Mr. John Osapiri after a student's fellowship and encouragement and mentee search program.



The environmental justice team leader Addressing pupils of my people primary school about proper hygiene, the proper waste management and proper environmental conservation practices under the UCLF, "Go Green Project."

KAMPALA PARALEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES (PAS)

UCLF has for the past ten years implemented the Paralegal Advisory Services Program. This program aims at dispensing legal Advice suspects in police custody and suspects remanded in the Courts. Through the years, UCLF has dispensed Paralegal Advisory Services in the Police Stations around Kampala including; Central Police Station in Kampala, Old Kampala Police Station, Wandegaya Police Station, Kiira Road Police Station and Kasangati Police Stations. The department currently employs two Paralegals solely funded by the locally raised funds from the UCLF membership. The department was able to accomplish the following in the 2021/2022 reporting period.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Followed up on **540** suspects' files (**530** males, **10** female) with the respective police officers.
2. Connecting suspects at Police with sureties and their families; **830** (**574**males, **256** females) suspects had their sureties and families traced by phone. The purpose was to enable suspects apply for police bond with the help of their sureties, but also connect them to their families while in police custody.
3. In house legal advice; Paralegals received a total of **57** (**50**males, **07**females) walk in clients at UCLF offices seeking for legal guidance on the procedures of writing an affidavit for name verification, family and on land matters.
4. Community Sensitizations; **5000** people were sensitised on basic legal knowledge and COVID 19.
5. Outreach and Evangelism; A total of **3,905** (**2,955**males, **1,850**females) souls were witnessed too in the police stations and they gave their lives to Christ.
6. Mediation; the PAS department Kampala has mediated a total of **6** matters involving (**04** males, **02** females). These cases were disposed of the Police records.
7. Set frees; as a result of the Paralegal intervention a total of **04** (**02**males, **02**females) suspects were set free and cleared by the Police to have a no case to answer.
8. Police bond; the UCLF paralegals secured police bond for a total of 581 suspects of which 470 were male and 111 were female.

SUMMARY OF PAS INTERVENTIONS

Activity	Nature of Clients/suspects	Total Number of Beneficiaries
Legal sensitization	Male: 9223 Female: 601	9824
Police Bond Secured	Male: 470 Female: 111	581
Case File Follow up	Male: 530 Female: 10	540
Suspects connected to sureties.	Male: 574 Female: 256	830
In house legal Advise	Male: 50 Female: 07	57
Community Awareness	Generally sensitized 06	5000
Souls witnessed to	Males: 2055 Female: 1850	3905
Mediation	Male: 04 Female: 02	06
Total Beneficiaries	Male: 12910 Female: 7833	20743

Lessons learnt

1. There were suspects arrested on politically related allegations, human rights related matters or even COVID 19 related offences, and the offences are fabricated or misstated and sometimes the police was stranded with them.
2. Police Bond which is meant to be given freely cannot be received by a suspect without paying money for the same.
3. Many suspects surely need Christ to in-

tervene in their lives most especially the habitual offenders. We thank God that as we dispense Paralegal Services, we are able to share Christ with several of them and many are coming to the Lord.

4. There were a lot of unnecessary arrests around urban areas, all in the name of public nuisances charges and disobedience of lawful orders.
5. We have learnt that some complainants use some police officers to torture and harass suspects.

6. Lack of knowledge of the law and its procedures by the people in the community has resulted into increased commission of offences.
7. The juveniles' still lack transport to take them to court in time and this calls for their cases to be adjourned.
8. The suspects over stayed in the Police cells especially those are arrested by flying squad and other security organs. This is contrary to the 48-hour rule of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda (1995) as amended.
9. Most suspects who were arrested and charged with rouge and vagabond found it hard to identify themselves since the police officers always confiscated their documents at the time of their arrest.
10. Suspects arrested by the Kampala Capital City Authority were just dumped at the Police without being committed to the Courts for trial. Such suspects took long periods on remand.
11. Suspects brought to the main police stations in Kampala complained that they are treated in a harsh way at the police out posts, they over stay at the out posts.

We hope UCLF can further engage with the Police Administration on such challenges.

Challenges

1. Following up on cases involving Juveniles offenders was a challenge since

there are no funds allocated for the same. UCLF needs to support access to Justice for Juveniles in partnership with the Police.

2. Physical tracing of sureties was difficult since in town people keep on changing their residence.
3. It was also a challenge to trace sureties because most of the sureties feared to come to Police and to the Court.

Recommendations

1. That UCLF recruits more human resource to support in Paralegal work especially the Central Police Station Kampala which accommodates over 500 suspects a month.
2. That UCLF increases the logistics and facilitation to the Paralegal Department, to enable the paralegals reach out to other police posts which are far away from the urban centers.
3. That UCLF further interacts with the Police leadership to address the challenges reported above.
4. That the Police Administration continues to equip the police posts with reasonable man power and ensure that people arrested in the police posts are transferred to the main police stations as fast as practicable not to delay justice.

Pictorial



Anania sensitizing, making follow ups with suspects at Wandegeya police station.



Mr. Mukasa Sebastiano from Masaka district but does farming in Wakiso district. He came to seek advice on how to acquire his father's property who died without a will.



The group of paralegals included Kijjambu Duncan, Twinomujuni Anania accompanied by Madam Isabella who delivered items like sugar, Sanitary pads, Soap and Rolls of Toilet papers as seen in the photograph above.



Ninsiima Alice from Kiteezi, Lubenga Denis from Namere and Bbaale Martin from Komamboga being attended to at UCLF Office. They wanted to be helped in tracing their relative called Lugemwa Fred who was arrested from Kiteezi in in 2020. The inmate was successfully traced from Upper prison with case no. KST/ CR/CA/56/2020, CRB 136/2020.



Sensitisation of more than 100 inmates on their rights and criminal procedures, also through evangelism, many gave their lives to Christ Jesus.



Group photo taken with members of parliament from Kasese, Kyegegwa, Kumi, Arua and Soroti where OXFAM had its activities carried out.

Social Worker's Office

Social workers have been operating in various police stations/Courts such as Central Police Station (CPS) and Wandegaya police station with duty stations at William Street police post, Arua Park post, Mini price post, Nakivubo police post, Law Development Center Court and Buganda Rd Court. It was discovered that most of the suspects are at risk of contracting the covid 19 virus since a few suspects have access to the information regarding the spread and prevention of covid 19. Therefore, Paralegals in this case act as **the first Aid** for these suspects/inmates through sensitization on basic health information, most especially on matters relating to the observation of the standard operating procedures (SOPs). It is from this background that the social workers have tasked to educate suspects/inmates, students and the community about the spread and prevention of COVID 19.

This report highlights and summarizes the activities undertaken annually between June 2021-July 2022. Below is a summary of activities that were engaged in together with cross cutting activities.

Achievements

1. Over 5700 suspects, inmates and residents from various communities have been educated about the dangers of COVID 19 and its prevention. This has been through the distribution of IECs materials on covid 19 prevention.
2. Protective gear such as masks have been distributed to over 1,000 beneficiaries of this program.

The Lessons Learnt

1. Young children are now the victims of COVID19 more than the adults.
2. Most suspects are arrested and mixed with other suspects in the police cells without putting on masks.
3. No social distancing among suspects in the police cells when it comes to role calling during the suspects' parade

Challenges

Inadequate Covid 19 materials such as masks, sanitizers, soap and so on.

4. Some Police cells accommodate many suspects and this affects our interaction with the beneficiaries on a one to one way of sensitizing them of the dangers of Covid 19.
5. Limited access to some police posts due to limited funds.

Recommendations

1. Social worker should liaise with the top administration at Police to see that the suspects observe SOPs.
2. At least each suspect/inmate to be given a mask upon detention.
3. Cells should accommodate at least a small number of suspects to appreciate social distance among suspects.

Pictorial



Above is the social Worker sensitizing residents in Nakawuuka about COVID19.



Above, people with disabilities being sensitised on COVID 19 at Lubaga division by Anania.



Social Worker sensitizing residents in Kayunga District about Covid 19.



Social worker practically demonstrating to the participants on how to wash their hands to avoid the contraction of COVID 19.

KAYUNGA OFFICE

INTRODUCTION

Legal Aid Service Providers' Network (LASPNET) with support from the European Union is implementing a two year (2) year project (2020-2022) dubbed 'Empowering the formal and informal justice systems to handle and respond to Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Mukono, Buikwe and Kayunga districts.' The project objective is to provide a holistic approach towards the elimination of GBV in three target districts of Mukono, Buikwe and Kayunga districts. Its thematic focus is hinged on five critical aspects aimed at;

- Informing interventions.
- Awareness of the public on GBV.
- Economic Empowerment of the GBV survivors.
- Provision of the legal protection services to GBV Victims.

- Capacity building for system actors to effectively respond to GBV.

Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity is an implementing partner of LASPNET for the said project in Kayunga district. The project is implemented through the work of Advocates and Paralegals who are engaged in different interventions in the community. UCLF project staff have followed up cases of GBV from police stations, the community, sensitized community members on GBV and its effects, educated suspects in Ntejeru prison on Court processes, their rights and on GBV. The project staff further participated in plea bargain negotiations, mediation of disputes and representations in Courts.

SUMMARY AND NATURE OF GBV CASES HANDLED AND INTERVENTIONS TAKEN

In the period of July 2021 to June 2022, the following interventions were undertaken by Community Watch Committees, Paralegals and Advocates;

Intervention	Nature of client		Total beneficiaries
	Male	Female	
36 Radio Sensitizations	1,000,098	2,006,000	3,006,098
Community sensitizations by the community watch	1900	1100	3000
Cases mediated	14	190	204
Cases handled in court on SBV	05	1075	120 cases (1080 people)
Cases mediated by Advocates and Paralegals	820	1080	1940 people involved
Community outreach with partnering organizations	176	184	360 people

Pictorial



When the daughters demand for part of their share of the succession Mediation (Children of late Ephrahim Kyeyune) Kiwangu-la-Wampongo Village- Kikwanya Parish- Busaana Sub County- Kayunga District



In a mediation sometimes we have to sit back, Listen and get a practical solution. Burial ground sold off and 38 bodies exhumed. It was referred back for mediation.



Sensitization at last funeral rite of the late L.W. Sengendo from Bugoge Village- Kayunga Sub County- Kayunga District



Legal Advice given at UCLF Kayunga Office by Staff



Sensitization at Regina Primary School, Kayunga



Sensitization at Market Place

KASESE OFFICE

Introduction

The department handles both criminal and civil matters. The cases range from theft, defilement, assault, battery amongst others in the criminal category and land, Employment, breach of contract, and administration of estates, family, children, NGOs and companies under the civil category.

The department is managed by a project officer who also doubles as the project advocate assisted by a project assistant who are both situated at the Kasese district headquarters in Rukoki where the office is currently located. The project is currently funded by BMS World Mission.

With funding from BMS, the office was able to receive an advocate and legal assistant in March 2022. This report reflects the activities and numbers compiled between February 2022 to June 2022.

Be that as it may, the office has managed to reach out to over seven hundred one (701) people with legal services. Of these, 284 were female and 417 were male. These categories of people received legal advice, legal representation, awareness/sensitization on laws and their rights on various topics such as land, SGBV, children and women's rights, COVID19, succession, writing and executing contracts, applying for bond and bail in court, and self-representation amongst others. While 701 people were reached, only one hundred seventy-seven (177) of which one hundred twenty-nine (129) were male and forty-eight (48) were female were direct or primary beneficiaries of our services either by virtue of being walk-in clients or having been directly handled or dealt with.

The nature of cases handled is tabulated in the table below marked table 1.

Table 1. Nature of Cases Handled

MATTER	NO. OF CLIENTS
Land	52
Succession	30
Family	48
Children	19
Employment	05
Breach of agreements/contracts/money related matters	11
Criminal Matters	12
TOTAL	177

Table 2: Nature Of Clients Handled

Nature of clients	Number
Males	129
Females	48
Children	00
Total beneficiaries	177

Networking and Partnerships

In implementing access to justice, the Kasese office has leveraged on the kindness and vigilance of various stakeholders within the district through conducting networking visits to the various offices like police, prisons, Justice Centres Uganda, courts to meet with judicial officers, radio hosts and managers, and private advocates' chambers. Through these visits and interactions, we have managed to conduct radio programs even without having to pay for them just by partnering with private advocates that have airtime slots. At police, we managed to access suspects and conduct sensitization on their rights especially on police bond and self-representation. We also leveraged on our relationships to successfully mobilize for the legal aid open day that was organized by LASPNET.

Achievements

The office has managed to provide legal assistance to over seven hundred one (701) individuals). 177 of which were direct beneficiaries of the legal aid services.

- 126 people received legal advice and counseling. These were 32female and 94 Male. Of these, 101 (23female and 78 male) were walk in clients while 25 (09 female, 16male) were assisted directly during the community awareness sessions.
- 07 police visits were conducted at Kinyamaseke, Kasese Central, Bwera and Katwe police stations. We were able to reach out to 54 suspects of which 48 were male and 06 were female suspects who were given free legal advice and trained on self-representation. Information shared was also on plea

taking, qualities of a substantial surety, requirements for accessing bond, their rights while in custody, Covid19 and how to stay safe and the benefits of good Hygiene. These visits also helped to revive and strengthen our working relationships with different stakeholders and give visibility of our office and services in the district and region.

- 05 People; 01female and 04 male obtained police bond and released from police custody after the office helped to trace their sureties.
- 02 cases were successfully converted to civil and mediated. They both involved male suspects
- 09 mediations were conducted; 02 at Office, 02 at police stations and 05 within the community. 04 were concluded successfully and 01 referred to court, 02 were abandoned and 01 is still ongoing. Of these, 05 were male while 04 were female. It was observed that mediations were effective in not just resolving conflicts but also fostering peace and enabling litigants understand where and how they made mistakes and work towards correcting them for enabling peaceful co-existence.
- 02 community sensitization trainings on domestic violence were conducted which involved 69 participants (36male and 33 female). The other was on child protection which at-

tracted over 10 participants; 02female and 08male. Total participants were 79 of which 44 were male and 35 were female. 04 legal aid clients (02male and 02female) were also advised after these trainings or meetings with the community members.

- It was observed that domestic violence cases are rampant within the district and as such massive sensitization, continuous training and partnership with stakeholders like police and local councils are necessary to curb the vice collectively. From the training, it was also observed that sexual violence cases especially against children are often mediated at village level by parents who often initiate the mediation processes.
- However, there have been efforts by some community members to tip the police who have since promised to arrest anyone who attempts to mediate sexual violence cases against children at the community level.
- There has since been a semblance of reduction or minimal halt in negotiation of sexual violence cases especially against children.
- At this open day, three hundred ninety-five (395) people were registered and of these 188 were female and 207 were male.
- 06 media sensitizations-both on radio and local megaphone stations were conducted successfully. The talk shows were premised on child protection, intestate



Relatives of our client (in red and black striped t-shirt) who were traced to come and stand surety. The matter was later mediated and the charges dropped and on the right, UCLF project officer with the Officer in Charge at Kasese Central Police station.

succession; will writing, role of an administrator and executor, human rights, Covid19 and good hygiene.

- 01 visit was carried out to Mubuku prison to meet with the officials, reintroduce ourselves and services and seek permission to access prisoners and offer our services. Unfortunately, we only met

one officer at the gate who said her boss had travelled for a regional meeting and as such,



Legal assistant, Apollo Mbusa with clients after successfully mediating their case at office

she couldn't host or attend to us.

- 19 clients of which 03 were female and 16 were male, were ably represented in court. 07 cases were civil in nature (land, divorce and breach of agreement) while the 12 were criminal cases ranging from theft, threatening violence, assault and simple defilement.
- 21 documents were drafted for clients (09 female and 12 male). These were 06 consent settlements, 05 tenancy agreements, 03 Notice of Instructions, 01 plaint with its attachments, 04 Applications and 02 Statutory Notices.

Challenges

Lack of functional transport system/mechanism to access especially mountainous and far off areas.

- The motorbike is faulty and requires constant repair which is costly and risky to travel on especially for field activities.
- The increase in fuel prices has hiked transport costs yet the funding has not changed. This is coupled with the delay in the release of activity funds thus affecting the effectiveness in delivering our mandate to the clients and meeting

our targets fully and on time.

- Lack of protective gear poses a health and life threat to staff especially if staff have to travel to the field either using the faulty motorbike or even public means like boda bodas. The rough and mountainous terrains coupled with the extreme weather patterns also require specific gear to traverse.
- While the office does not have to worry about rent in Kasese, the office building is terribly dilapidated and in dire need of renovation. The ceilings are hanging and some portions have since fallen off, some of the windows are broken and the floor is broken. This does not just cast a negative reputation on the office and staff but poses a health and security risk as well.
- Inadequate funds to conduct some activities like child protection trainings, visit of remand homes, radio talk shows and regular prison visits to all the 06 prisons in the district have dissuaded us from conducting all the activities as required.
- Corruption at the different justice institutions especially court and police continues to affect access to justice at these institutions and those who would help in handling the matters that is local leaders are not empowered enough with legal information. This remains a barrier to accessing justice.

Lessons Learnt

1. To be empathetic and listen with an open mind.
2. Nurtured relationships help to bridge gaps when we are constrained and facilitate ease in concluding an assignment. For instance, partnering with advocates enabled us to conduct radio talk shows even with the limited funds. Similarly, partnering with CFPU officers at different police stations will help clients' cases be resolved without having to go to court since most of the cases reported at CFPU require mediation to have a lasting solution.
3. Radio and other media platforms are effective in reaching a wider range of people who might not come to office or whom we might not be able to reach effectively.
4. There are people who prefer receiving advice over the phones. As a result, we have had a ton of clients calling to seek advice over the phone. However, airtime challenges have often had their calls cut off. Thus, there is need to obtain a functional telephone/toll free line that encourages clients to call the office and seek assistance.
5. In this reporting period, we notice that more men compared to women have sought legal assistance from our office. This could be attributed to fear by women to institute complaints against their male counterparts like husbands, inadequate or lack of transport

to come to the office to seek advice and assistance or just being caught up with chores at home. Community sensitization efforts should be doubled to reach out to these categories of women and improve on the number of women receiving legal information and assistance.

6. The major cases being reported relate to land, succession and gender based violence. Therefore, there is urgent need to conduct intense onsite sensitization on the aforementioned areas especially in the hard to reach communities in Kasese and for the local leaders as well.
7. Identify and train community based paralegals to identify, address and refer to us those complex cases that are in need of legal assistance especially in the far to reach areas. Albeit it might be a challenge without finances, we will leverage on those that are already in positions of leadership or engaged in resolving disputes at local level.



Amono Sharon, the UCLF Kasese Project Officer presenting at Rwenzori square during the Legal Aid Open day in Kasese organised by LASPNET while the CEO of LASPNET Dr. Sylvia Namubiru (dressed in a blue coat) and Hon. Justice Mugabo Vincent, High Court Judge, Fort Portal inspect the UCLF stall during the open day

Table 3: Summary of Services offered at UCLF Kasese Office

SERVICES OFFERED	Gender reached		Total clients/ people reached
	Male	female	
Legal Advice and counselling	94	32	126
Self-representation training during police visits	48	06	54
Legal drafting (Sale agreements, tenancy agreements, wills and memorandums of understanding)	12	09	21
Child Protection Trainings	08	02	10
Community sensitisation training on domestic violence	36	33	69
Legal aid open day	207	18	395
Mediations	07	04	11
Court representation	16	03	19
Police Bond	04	01	05
6 media sensitizations on Radio	Not disaggregated		Approximately 1,000,000
TOTAL BENEFICIARIES			Approximately 1,710,000

Conclusion

The Kasese office appreciates all the support rendered to enable it conduct activities efficiently and thus implement the access to justice project. The support,

coupled with other factors like support from community and stakeholders, funding from BMS and a zealous community has enabled the office to reach the enlisted milestones.

GULU OFFICE

Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity- Gulu office branch is currently implementing a few projects which include; Access to Justice and Legal Aid, Land rights Project, Child Protection Policy and COVID 19 Pandemic project.

The project's objectives are; to enhance access to justice for the indigent and vulnerable poor through the provision of legal representation at and out of court, alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, access to land and legal understanding to the marginalized people particularly the women, child-headed families, elderly, and HIV-infected people within the Acholi Sub-region, with the main objectives; create legal awareness of the law and civil rights among the vulnerable people in communities within the Acholi Sub-region, contribute to the reduction of land conflicts, domestic violence, and child abuse within the sub-region, build the capacity of local leaders to empower the vulnerable, and defend the rights of the poor and the needy through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and among others.

In this annual period that commenced on the 1st day of July 2021 and ended 31st day of June 2022, the office branch was able to provide several activities; legal representation of clients in and out of court, media legal sensitization, community legal sensitization, training, legal consultation services to the UCLF partners in the Gulu district, devotions and sharing the word of God amongst others.

Achievements

1. The office registered 07 court cases, out of which 04 were civil matters and 03 were criminal matters. 02 civil matters were resolved and completed at mediation and 02 are still pending at court. The 03 criminal matters 02 being of murder, robbery and theft cases were completed in the favour of the clients; and we were watching brief for and we championed the institution and sanctioning of the cases.
2. The office successfully conducted a total of 21 sessions of media sensitization via radio talk shows at radio Rupiny, 05 of which were on the land rights and 16 were on child protection and its policy. This has successfully enabled the creation of legal awareness in the Acholi sub-region and about an estimated 25,000,000 people have benefited from such.
3. We successfully conducted Covid 19 pandemic, community and media sensitisation in Gulu City and about an estimated 1,000,000 people benefited from the program.
4. There has been an increase in the annual number of legal aid clients received from about 90 annually to about 390. This is a success registered showing improved and better legal aid services provided.

Number of Clients received

Nature Of Clients	Clients Received
Males	240
Females	150
Total beneficiaries	390

RECORD OF SERVICES OFFERED

No	Action Taken	Number of beneficiaries
1	Court cases registered	7 (04 Civil Suits and 03 criminal matters)
2	Court concluded cases	05
3	Pending court cases	02 civil matters (Land dispute)
4	Mediations conducted successfully	10
5	Police bond secured	02
6	Court bail secured	04
7	Media sensitisation	25,000,000 people
8	Community sensitisation	1,500
9	Drawing pleadings, drafting contracts, agreements, correspondence and other non-trial documents	80
10	Consultancy services are offered to UCLF partners in the Gulu office	Justice, Health Livelihoods, Water Engineering Technology, Cek Cam Company Limited.

Success stories

The officer was able to resolve and successfully conclude a matter registered at our office through mediation and the photograph alongside shows the two parties who reconciled during a land matter conducted at Omokokitunge village, Idobo parish, Lalogi Sub County, Omoro district on the 4th of June 2022.



General Recommendations

The media sensitization is appreciated and as we can reach out to a good number of natives and people out of our project jurisdiction who were able to benefit from our legal services, especially those who call in during and after the talk show. The media sensitization is also advertising the organization, to the public. Through the activity, the number of clients we received has increased and others make phone calls for legal advice

Challenges

1. Delay in logistical arrangement/ delivery especially this month of JUNE 2022 as we did not receive activity fund and this made most of the activities not carried out as planned initially.
2. The office has no office furniture, especially since we have an office with two rooms for UCLF, thus we need a client seat (visitor's chair),

office desk and chair, printer, wall clock, cabin, power extension cables, book-shelf, and fan.

The Lessons Learnt

There are several natives in northern Uganda especially the Acholi sub-region, who are appreciative of the pro-bono legal aid services that are offered to them mostly through the media sensitization as the information can reach the majority members of the society. They are benefiting from it and due to that, the type cases of land dispute reported are majorly family land dispute as opposed to the inter-clans, Inter-tribes and inter-family.

Pictorial

Media Sensitisation

Land Rights Project



This photo was taken during media sensitization on land rights conducted on 21/01/2022 at Radio Rupiny



A session of media outreach on Child Protection Policy at radio Rupiny



Photos taken during a physiological, guidance, and counselling training from the Gulu office.



In-house professional training programme for all JLH and UCLF Gulu office staff together on project cycle management



Child protection officer, and the two children we referred to the children's care home during a follow-up made



Rupiny radio station in liaison with the assistant superintendent of Police in charge of the family and children department Gulu Central Police Ochira Thomas.



Valeria, the local leaders, and the vulnerable family referred to us by another NGO/Foundation, for help on a child protection case and the photo below was taken during our field visit for facts finding and investigation.



Leadership and team-building training held at the Gulu office.

Gulu Land Rights Project

The Gulu land rights program is managed by a Project assistant. Among the activities the office engages in are; Alternative Dispute Resolution, Community legal awareness and trainings, offer basic legal advice, COVID 19 awareness trainings, follow ups and many others. This report highlights and summarizes the activities undertaken in the year beginning 1st of July, 2021 and ending 30th June, 2022 by land rights project team in Gulu.

Achievements

1. Followed up 136 cases
2. Gave preliminary legal advice and guidance to 147 clients
3. Attended 43 devotions.
4. Attended a project cycle management training.
5. Conducted 7 monthly radio talk shows.
6. Carried out 17 Sensitizations on observing the COVID-19.
7. Trained 13 Church's leaders
8. Conducted 2 radio talk shows purely on COVID 19 pandemic.
9. Opened 7 files for clients
10. Updated 3 clients' files
11. Conducted 6 mediation meetings
12. Attended 4 staff meetings
13. Attended a leadership skill training facilitated by BMS
14. Referred to 2 cases
15. Drafted BMS quarterly, financial and field reports

SUMMARY OF INTERVENTION

Activity	Numbers of clients
Legal Advise	147
Case follow ups	136
Mediations	6 mediations conducted and 5 were successful
Sensitizations of people on observing the COVID-19 SOPs issued by the government	17 sensitizations carried out
Monthly radio talk shows	Conducted 7 monthly radio talk shows

Pictorial



Legal sensitization conducted on radio Rupiny and the topic was: property rights (Different land tenure systems and the significant of registration of interests in property or land).



The Gulu team attending a project cycle management training at UCLF Gulu office. The training was conducted by Joe, Tim and Genesis, on 6th September 2021.



The Gulu team attending a project cycle management training at UCLF Gulu office. The training was conducted by Joe, Tim and Genesis, on 6th September 2021.



Amos Sensitizing people at Ogul village, Angaya Parish, Paicho Sub County, Aswa County, Gulu district, on observing the COVID-19 SOPs guidelines issued by the government.



Here with the Gulu Baptist Church's chief security guard and one of the trainees displaying a poster on a tree, at the Church.



A local boundary opening (that is involving no surveyor) between 2 neighbours who were involved in a bitter land dispute.

5.0 OXFAM PROJECT

(Saving lives Now&Future)

UCLF with support from OXFAM implemented a project dubbed Saving Lives Now & Future Project in the districts of Madi Okollo and Terego from October to December 2021. The main goal was to enhance grass root led conflict resolution and peaceful co-existence in Imvepi and Rhino settlements and surrounding refugee host communities. During the implementation of the said project, both successes and challenges were registered as indicated below.

Achievements

1. A total of 156 cases were resolved by Project staff and the Village Level Mediation committees. That is 66 (30 Female and 36 Males) cases were successfully mediated by project staff and 90 (17 Female and 73 Male) cases were resolved by Village Level Mediation Committees.
2. 20 Village-level mediation committees comprising five members each will be supported to launch and operate mediation clinics at least once a week facilitated by trained LC1s and RWC1s to resolve conflicts of simple offenses.
3. About 156 (47 Females and 109 Males) persons benefited from the 4 dialogues held in Imvepi and Rhino Settlements.
4. 990 benefited from Peace education, rights awareness, SGBV and Anti-Discrimination campaigns for social cohesion conducted in schools, market settings, refugee and host communities.
5. A total of 2,375 (1,367 Females and 1,008) persons benefited from community sensitizations in Imvepi and Rhino.
6. A total of 597 (183 Females and 414 Males) persons benefited from community policing services between UCLF project staff and the police in the communities.
7. Over 1500 IEC materials were distributed to Refugee Communities. The IEC materials distributed included; Chapter 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, the Uganda Refugee Act, 2006, Alternative Dispute Resolution Training Manual for leaders, the Refugee fact sheets (Rights, duties, application for refugee status and appeals), the Conflict Resolution Flier, the Mediation Flier, and a Booklet on understanding refugee rights and protection and translated mediation Flier in Arabic.

Challenges

1. With the size of the villages it was tiresome to conduct door to door mobilization. The introduction of mega phones made it easier to mobilize.
2. Language problem, different ethnic groups speaking different languages. Therefore, there was a need to do translations while sensitizing communities in three languages.
3. The time frame of the project was short, and therefore some of the activities in mediations were not

concluded.

4. The settlement geographical area was so diverse and for a comprehensive means of transport like project motorcycles to access hard to reach areas.
 5. Printing and scanning was a challenge, since there are no photocopying points in the refugee settlements. In the next funding the offices should be equipped with printing and photocopying gadgets.
 6. Poor network that affected mobilization of the participants on phone call. We had to identify better spots where to make calls from.
 7. Culture set by other partners in settlements like refreshments; if you don't have money for refreshments activity may not be done.
- Collaboration with local structures like Office of the Prime Minister, Refugee Welfare Councils and Local Councils should continue to achieve the stated objectives in terms of mobilization.
 - We should intentionally integrate psycho social support and counseling services designing and implementing programs of future programs.
 - Mediation Committees and ADR Mechanisms is the most unique aspect that is benefiting the community in the reduction of Conflicts in the communities and families. This should be adopted within the OPM structures for refugee leadership.

Recommendations

- The project needs to be extended to further address access to Justice needs and ensure protection of refugees; there were several initiatives introduced by this project

Pictorial



Mr. Yuma James being counselled by the UCLF staff and members of Mediation committee at his home in zone 1 village 12 Block B.



The above Photo shows a UCLF staff following up files with OC Imvepi police Afande Okware Cypriano.



A police officer taking part in community policing organised by UCLF with support from Oxfam. Policing reduced the gap that existed between the police and refugees.



The above photos show Mr. Anania Twinomujuni, UCLF staff sensitizing suspects on their rights and on self-representation at Imvepi police station



UCLF STUDENTS' DEPARTMENT

Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity comprises of a students' department whose major goal is to contribute to the development of a radical generation of lawyers who will serve God through their profession. The student's department has existed since the coming into place of UCLF more than 10 years ago working with law students from more than 8 faculties of law namely; Bishop Stuart University, Makerere University, Uganda Christian University (Mukono and Kampala Campus), Kampala International University, Nkumba University, Uganda Pentecostal University, Islamic University In Uganda (Kibuli campus), Cavendish university, Gulu University and the Law Development Centre all these with law fellowships and law societies being at the centre of our synergies.

Some of the activities conducted on an annual basis by the department include; Symposiums, Leadership seminars, Students' Retreats, Orientation forums, attending/supporting University law fellowships and Mentorship. This project has been fully supported by BMS since its inception time up to date however having received the communication in January 2021 concerning the BMS partner grant's phasing process that will last for four years up to 2024, the department developed a sustainability plan different from the past work plan that was later approved by BMS on the 4th of February 2021 and that is being implemented now.

Implemented activities

During the period of July 2021 and June 2022, the department was able to successfully implement a number of activities as indicated here under.

i. The Partners' Breakfast Meeting

Breakfast meeting with Faculties/Schools of Law Deans, selected NGOs and Student Representatives aimed at strengthening stakeholder partnerships for the sustainability of the UCLF Students' and resource center project. This took place on the 10th of December 2021 at Hotel Africana. In attendance were 23 participants including Deans and representatives of Deans from Seven Universities such as; Makerere, Gulu, Nkumba, Cavendish, Bishop Stuart University, Uganda Pentecostal University and Uganda Christian University as well as Guild presidents, Law Society Presidents and Law Fellowship Chairpersons from 10 Universities. Representatives from Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, Uganda Law Society, Inspire Synergy Uganda, African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries Uganda, Uganda Youth Forum and Network for Public Interest Lawyers. All the civil societies do great work with law students in one way or the other.

ii. UCLF Interventions in University Law Fellowships and Law Society Dinners

The department was able to attend law school fellowships, participate and contribute to their activities with the help of UCLF members as facilitators on such events namely law society dinners, law fellowship handovers and law fellowships. This, in turn enhances the enrolment of a generation of Christian lawyers committed to the call of doing Justice. Engagements attended include, Kampala International University Law Fellowship handover, online and physical Law fellowships of Cavendish, Nkumba, Makerere, and Uganda Christian University. A total of approximately 540 students have been reached out to in this activity.

iii. The annual UCLF Law Students' Retreat

On 24th November – 26th November 2021, the department held an inter – university prayer retreat at FOCUS prayer centre. The retreat was conducted under the theme “This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and Knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ” Ephesians 4:13. 7. Universities including Uganda Christian University Mukono and Kampala campuses, Kampala International University, Makerere University, Bishop Stuart University, Cavendish and Uganda Pentecostal University turned up for the retreat. Over 98 student members attended the retreat. This is validated by the testimonies from students and also increased number in University Law Fellowships attendance.

iv. Student Leaders' Seminar

The department held the annual law student Leaders' seminar that took place on 11th March 2022 at UCLF Grand Global Hotel. The seminar's theme was “Trusting God in brokenness for new beginning and great fruitfulness.” It is so important that Christians learn to occupy offices of public influence with distinctiveness; and that's the genesis of such a topic at a time like this where the circular world seems to be taking up the Christian world. To bridge the gap and increase the circumference of Christians in the outside world, the department chosen this forum so as to encourage, inspire and enlighten the future Christian leaders through such a seminar. Nine (9) universities namely Bishop Stuart University Mbarara, Makerere University, Cavendish, Nkumba, Kampala International University, Uganda Pentecostal University, Gulu and Uganda Christian University were in attendance. The total number of Students in attendance was 35.

v. UCLF Resource Centre

The department has continued to contribute to the enhancement of research and advocacy amongst law students and lawyers through ensuring accessibility of the UCLF resource Centre and availability of the research materials both in hard and soft copy. Student members attending online classes and research have been able to make use of the UCLF WIFI.

vi. **UCLF Online Law Library**

The department has concluded the development of an online Law library. It has been tested for four (4) months and the developers have confirmed that it is ready to be in full operation. UCLF being a local organization whose members are spread all over the country, this will ease access to legal literature and research materials. We have been able to finalize the initial stage and are now working with the consultant to finalize the uploading of all available reading materials. As a department, we believe that such usage will attract more law students and advocates joining Fraternity as members so as to tap into the benefits of accessing the online library. Thus, UCLF has since July received and registered over 48 students.

vii. **The UCLF Mentorship Program**

Under this program, the department followed up on the existing mentorship relationships between students and their mentors whereupon challenges were identified and devised means of solving such challenges. Many students do graduate,

leave universities and get employed in distant and far places thus making physical meetings and interactions with their mentors very difficult and costly. Many students raised concerns of their mentors as being very busy people and hardly avail time to interact with them and know them better. Through this program, we have been able to impact over 150 Law students.

Conclusion

UCLF considers the student ministry as critical to its future development. Through it, UCLF has an opportunity to envision and disciple a whole generation of future lawyers; challenging them to use their skills for the sake of the kingdom of God. As such, we have seen students amongst those who most frequently avail their time to volunteer in the various programmes run by UCLF.

Pictorial



The breakfast meeting in progress and on the podium, Dr. Kakooza Anthony the UCLF Board Member.



The inception mentorship meeting between Counsel P'Bitek and her two mentees. In attendance also are the two UCLF staff members.



The UCLF Board members and some of the speakers at the retreat



The UCLF Board Vice Chairperson, Dr. Achan Patricia (Board member in-charge of Students and resource Centre Project) presenting the proposed partnership to the participants



Dr. Patricia Achan pausing with Students after the Student Leaders' Seminar.



Student Leaders' seminar in progress at Grand Global Hotel-Devotion session

UCLF COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

The UCLF counseling project is intended to empower UCLF staff and beneficiaries to manage stressful times both at work and their personal lives. The project also supports the psychosocial needs of staff and clients for positive response when dealing with issues. The department is headed by a professional Counselor. The following were the activities were carried out by the department.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Counseling emails;

In the months of July 2021 to June 2022, individual counseling sessions were conducted with staff members. This was through emails and face to face meetings. Staff members received on behavior change emails and these included; - How to work with others, ways to stay strong, Whatsapp tips on covid 19 and behavior tips, how to reduce stress at work, how to share Christ, Counseling skills, how to demonstrate respect at work place, how does behavior affect work, how to live a life of integrity, how to work with others, balancing work and family, ways to look after your mental health in the workplace and How to get over worry. The intention of emails was to improve the capacity of UCLF staff to manage their work related and personal issues. 20 Feedback emails from some of them indicate that the messages were appreciated and have had positive effect on their lives.

Individual counseling;

The UCLF counsellor had 31 individual counselling sessions with the staff and 70 with the clients in different places and also on call. Issues in individual counselling raised included adolescence, dating, marriage and marital counselling. There has been increased inner peace amongst staff members as observed, where they have been able to cope and handle some issues without stress, and also we prayed and shared Christ together.

Group Counselling; We had group counselling sessions in different places and areas of outreach as follows: -

(a) Remand home;

There were 6 group counselling sessions with over 250 children of Naguru remand home, on behavioral change topics pertaining to how to overcome theft, drug abuse and bad peers. Most of these children are in the remand home for criminal cases such theft, defilement and fighting amongst others. Most of them of these children are in the age bracket of 13 to 18 years. The group sessions were participatory 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 counsellor prayed and shared Christ with the children and 50 children confessed Christ. Glory to God!

(b) Youth ministry; The Counselling department held group counselling sessions with the 70 youths at Sanctuary of Worship Church and Full Gospel Church Kasangati. They discussed the crimes that youth commit and affect their future. The crimes mentioned by children included fighting, theft, rape, drug and substance abuse amongst others. The discussions also focused on how the youth can avoid such crimes by listening to their parents, elders and avoiding drugs. The sessions were so interactive. After the session, the team shared Christ and over 30 children gave their lives to Christ. Glory to God and after we prayed together.

(c) Staff; The counsellor had 5 group counselling sessions with UCLF staff as this is done quarterly. Areas of interaction included a discussion on how staff can balance between work and family, having time with their children, wives and the department further had group counselling with staff on how to work with others, communication at the work place and where after the trainings the staff prayed together.

(d) Pastors wives and Women Conferences; Had 5 group counselling with pastors' wives from Gayaza road on how they can support their husbands in ministry and Pastors Discipleship Network (PDN) issues raised were their husbands failing to take care of their homes and spending a lot of time in missions. At least 10 women benefited from such engagements.

Furthermore, the counselling department reached out to 5 pastors' families that were affected by Covid-19. The intention was to extend psycho-social counselling services to struggling families of clergy. UCLF delivered carried food basket to them and also prayed with them. Most of them depended on tithes to cater for their families and so its' hard time for them. We discussed on other things they can do to raise money for their families lie starting small business.

The department further had a women conference organized by True Disciples Church in Kasangati, under the theme 'wise woman'. 80 women attended the conference. Women were encouraged to pray and also they were told to take care of their families, where after the conference, there was time to pray together.

(e) Evangelism; The department engaged UCLF in reaching out with the gospel around Wandegaya Street, gave out Christian tracts and also shared Christ, where 70 people received Christ. Furthermore, in April 2021 the department organized an outreach program with Christ Glory temple church in the place called Masoli Village and 80 people gave their lives to Christ.

(f) Discipleship training in Bugiri district; Another outreach was organized in Partnership with Bugiri Arch Deaconry and Everlasting Hope Africa where the clergy were 100 clergy were trained in Evange-

lism and through door to door ministry and at least 120 souls came to the Lord.

(K) Covid 19 Awareness; The counselling department's interventions on COVID 19 was intended to raise awareness on the symptoms, cause and prevention of COVID 19. The trainings also focused on keeping hygiene and giv-

ing emotional counselling support to people affected by the Covid pandemic. The department sensitized communities and juveniles at the Naguru Remand Home. During the sensitizations, free masks were distributed to clients. At least 250 juveniles and children benefited from the 5 trainings that aimed at reaching out to children and juveniles.

TABLE SHOWING SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF INTERVENTIONS	BENEFICIARIES
Counselling emails & Posts	19	25 staff
Individual Client Counselling	70 sessions	100
Staff Individual Counselling	31 sessions	24 staff
Remand Home Group Counselling	6 sessions	250 juveniles
Youth/Teen outreach	70 reached	70 youths
Group Counselling with staff	5 sessions	25 staff
New Souls/Received Christ		50 juveniles, 30 youths, 270 adults
Counselling for Pastors' Wives/Women Conferences	5	95
Pastors Discipleship training	1 training	100 clergy
COVID 19 Awareness	5 sensitizations	250
TOTAL		1,384

CHALLENGES

1. Covid 19 pandemic affected interactions with clients.
2. Some clients did not have phones; and it was difficult to make follow ups with them.

The cost of transport increased, and this has greatly interfered with our work as sometimes the budgets cannot cover the intended movements.

LESSONS

1. We had to adopt online meetings for some counselling programs.

2. The Gospel has power to change lives. There are people we ministered too who were taking drugs, however because of the gospel, they no longer do so. The gospel breaks addictions.
3. Through prayer and intercessions, the Lord has given UCLF victories. Many people have come to the Lord and we have been able to implement programs.

APPRECIATION

1. Appreciation to staff for team work; special thanks is extended to the UCLF

Paralegals, Access to Justice team and the Environmental Justice department which always accompanied the counsellor during the implementation of these activities. The staff and members always referred staff for counselling.

2. The Police administration for renewing UCLF permission to access police stations for counselling services.
3. The Naguru Remand Home and Recep-

tion Center wardens who helped in organizing and identifying juveniles who need counselling sessions.

4. Local leaders who helped pass information to members of the different communities whenever there was a counselling program.
5. The UK Baptist Mission Society and the UCLF members for supporting the Counselling project and programs at UCLF.

Pictorial



At Kasangati prison after session with the inmates.



Group counselling at the youth conference hosted by Glory Temple church.



A counselling Session with domestically abused women



A motivational session with the UCLF staff to relieve stress.



Group Counselling session with pastors' wives



At remand home NAGURU after a group counselling session with the juveniles with Rev. Counsel Maliisa.



Through UCLF members' donation, we reached out to teenagers who were affected by Covid 19.



Counsellor and OC with the needy family (we brought mattress and clothes for this Family)

UCLF MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The UCLF membership Department aims at creating linkages between UCLF and its members. The Department is also central to local resource mobilization from the UCLF members and other partners. The Department further coordinates the implementation of the UCLF capacity development program for lawyers by implementing the Continuous Legal Education training. The department as well coordinates and runs UCLF fellowships.

This Department is headed by the Project Offi-

cer Membership and Professional Development and is supported by a project assistant. The department implements the following activities.

Membership Obligations and recruitment; The department creates linkage between UCLF and its members through maintaining constant communication with the membership and follow up to ensure that members meet their membership obligations. The department also leads in recruit-

ing and sustaining the current membership. The department timely engages in communicating benefits of membership to members and also ensures that UCLF offers moral support to members in grief or in good time.

1. **UCLF Pastoral visits;** The department coordinates with members for visits either in their offices or homes for fellowship.
2. **UCLF Fellowships;** The department coordinates members' weekly and end of month fellowships.
3. **Probono Fund;** In bid to raise local resources, the department is vested with the role of following up with members and non-members to give to the Pro Bono Fund.
4. **CLE Programs;** UCLF was accredited by the law Council to offer Continuous Legal Education Trainings to advocates; the department therefore coordinates the implementation of this activity.

Achievements this year.

1. **Fellowships:** The department organized forty-eight (48) online weekly fellowships and twelve (12) end of month online fellowships. The UCLF fellowship attendance increased from about 10-12 members in 2020/2021 to 70-120 members in 2021/2022 fellowships. The department also conducted an online and physical end of month fellowship that was hosted by the family of President Anne Muhairwe & Vice President Dr. Achan Patricia respectively; through the guidance of our Board of Directors leadership, we have been

able to attract prolific speakers from different fields which greatly improved our attendance. The Membership department further engaged UCLF members to attend the fellowships organized by the Lawyers' Christian Fellowship of UK (LCF UK). This included engaging members in the monthly prayer calls organized by LCF.

2. **Membership Pastoral Visits;** The membership department visited and prayed with Advocates at CITADEL where we prayed with Mr. Bernard Oundo; Tama-le & Co. Advocates, where we prayed with Ms. Lydia Tamale and Ms. Jacqueline K. Kirabo; Leadership Code Tribunal where we prayed with Dr. Roselyn Karugonjo; Counsel Daniel Rutiba at Rutiba and Co. Advocates; Professor George Kanyeihamba, and Wells of Hope Ministries, amongst others; Luzira Magistrates Court where we prayed with H/W Shallon Niwaha, Maser-eka Mangeni & Co Advocates; Dr. Ernest Katwesigye where we shared with the Inspectorate of Government fellowship; Dr. Livingstone Ssewanyana, from The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative, where we were able to pray together and discuss modalities through which the two entities can further work together; and with Hon. Justice Vincent Emmy Mugabo at the Fort Portal High Court of Uganda.
3. **Moral Support to Members;** UCLF visited, financially supported and encouraged members that lost their loved ones, gave birth and those who were celebrating their birthdays. We supported Hon. Lady Justice

Hellen Obura, Canon Goddy Muhumuzas Muhanguzi, Dr. Achan Patricia, Counsel Kwagala Primah, Counsel Namazi Jacqueline, Counsel Jacqueline Mulindwa, Counsel Cissy Kagaba, Counsel Titus Bitebenkezi, Counsel Sandra Mwesigwa, Counsel Martin Mwanbutasya and Counsel Justice Vincent Mugabo amongst others who lost relatives. The members also contributed to friends and members of UCLF who passed on to glory through the year. Some student members were supported financially and were able to access education. This was mainly through fundraising tuition fees from members. Some of these students included Diana Zion Nagawa amongst others.

4. **UCLF COVID-19 Basket Fund;** Following the lockdowns in Uganda that resulted from government's aim of countering the spread of Covid 19, several University students were trapped in Universities without food stuffs. Furthermore some families especially in the slum areas of Kampala lacked food. As a result, UCLF established the COVID 19 basket Fund wherein support worth **UGX 6,200,000/=** was raised from the UCLF membership. The contributions were used to procure food for the university students trapped in the hostels and residences in University. Part of the food stuffs procured were supplied to the residents of Katanga suburb, a slum in Kampala.

5. **Coordination of Continuous Legal Education Trainings;** Through the follow ups made in 2021/2022 year, UCLF was accredited by the Law Council to offer CLE trainings for Lawyers. The Membership office specifically supported in developing the programs, linking up with the different speakers and engaging with the Law Council to have the necessary approvals.
6. **Strengthening Partnerships;** UCLF attended the Inspectorate of Government fellowship and shared Christ, engagements organized by the Legal Aid Service Providers Network especially the CLE trainings, A special dinner and conference on parenting with Children at Risk Action Network (CRANE). We attended an event organised by Nkumba University School of Law, celebrating the Life and Legacy of Prof. Joseph Kakooza (RIP).
7. **SACCO Registration Follow;** The membership department further engaged with members to ensure that the UCLF SACCO is registered. The Department was able to collect signatures of the members. The process for registration is still ongoing and this will continue until the SACCO is registered.
8. **Membership Contributions;** The department with the support from other staff and the Board of Directors, managed to raise approximately **UGX 92,999,550** locally. This included contributions for the UCLF Pro Bono Fund, UCLF Membership and Membership Donations and CLE Trainings.

- 9. Arua Gospel Mission;** The department managed to mobilize and solicit funds from the members to support the Arua Gospel Outreach in the Refugee camps of Rhino and Imvepi. These funds helped the Organization to provide food, gospel literature, clothes, soap and other necessities to refugees.
- 10. National Youth Convention;** The department in the bid to ensure that we have young lawyers that are upright and founded on good Christian values, mobilized members and encouraged them to take part in the National Youth Conventions that have taken place so far with

support from the Office of the First Lady of Uganda.

11. Challenges

1. Physical gatherings by members had to be suspended due to the effects of COVID 19. This saw UCLF shifting from physical fellowships to online.
2. More funds need to be allocated to support the work of the department especially in terms of coordination, staff remuneration and welfare. This makes the Department sacrifice personal resources on transportation, coordination and other resources that come along.

Pictorial

UGANDA CHRISTIAN LAWYERS' FRATERNITY

Litigating Against Torture:
What a practitioner should know.

HYBRID TRAINING (Physical and online)
Online participants: UGX 200,000/=
Physical participants UGX 360,000/=

FOR 10 CLE HOURS

VENUE: **Hotel Africana**
WHEN: 29th and 30th April 2022
TIME: from 9am

For details: 07864002992, 0757773604, Ms. Atuhairi Lilian

DAY ONE

- Dr. Daniel Ruhweza**
The Legal Framework: Understanding manifestations and meaning of torture
- Mr. Eron Kiliza**
Civil and Criminal aspects of litigating against torture
- AIGP Asan Kasingye**
The role of law enforcement agencies in eradicating torture

DAY TWO

- Mr. Jude Byamukama**
Judicial Approach: progressive, consistent, or hold back?
- Lt. Col. Charles Oluka**
Director General-ISO
The role of security agencies in eradicating torture and its eradication.
- Ms. Mariam Wangadya**
The role of the Uganda Human Rights Commission in investigating and compensating torture victims and the role of legal practitioners in seeking justice for victims before the Commission.

CLE Training of UCLF in Partnership with NETPIL

UGANDA CHRISTIAN LAWYERS' FRATERNITY

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
UCLF Prayer ALTAR

WEEKLY
WED. 16th March 2022
7 - 8AM

JOIN US ONLINE
Meeting ID: 936 4712 0388
Meeting ID: UCLF2021

TOPIC:
The Servant of the Lord.
Isaiah 42: 1 - 7

With our Special preacher
Hon. Lady Justice Monica Mugenyi

For more information:
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Weekly Fellowships



The National Youth Convention



Pastor Visit at Masereka Mangeni & co. Advocates



Pastoral visit at Prof. George Kanyeihamba's home.



*Pastoral Visit at the Leadership Code Tribunal:
Dr. Roselyn Karugonjjo.*



*At Nkumba University School, celebrating the Life and
Legacy of Prof. Joseph Kakooza.*



*Pastoral visit at Fort Portal High Court: Hon. Justice
Vincent Emmy Mugabo.*

UCLF FUNDRAISING DINNER AT HOTEL AFRICANA

In bid to break ground for the proposed UCLF Justice House, a fundraising dinner under the theme ***Preserving Our Heritage***, The Justice House Initiative was held at Africana Hotel on the 30th September 2022.

Over 145 guests graced the event amidst the heavy downpour on that day. Amongst these were government dignitaries, judicial officers, legal practitioners, UCLF staff, students and the media. The key note speakers for the day were Right Hon. Thomas Tayemba, the current Deputy Speaker of Parliament who also graced the day as the Guest of Honor; Hon. Kiryowa Kiwanuka, the Attorney General of Uganda; and Mr. Patrick Richard Byarugaba, Managing Director of National Society Security Fund; Hon. Justice Mike Chibita, UCLF Patron and Mrs. Anne Muhairwe Twinomugisha, UCLF President. There was also a testimony by one Mr. Anania Twinomujuni regard-

ing him attaining his freedom after he was arrested mistakenly by police when he was heading for his studies. It is because of UCLF he was able to gain his freedom after spending five years in prison.

Invited guests were treated to a tale about UCLF, the unveiling of the Justice House in 3D, enlightening presentation, interesting conversation and networking, a sumptuous dinner and an overflow of contributing and pledging towards the Justice House.

UCLF is appreciative of the overwhelming support that partners, stakeholders and friends showed towards this great cause. Thank you for supporting our mission and sharing our vision.

Pictorial



Architectural plan for the proposed Justice House



The UCLF Patron giving his remarks



The Patron, President UCLF and other Guests



UCLF staff Members at the Dinner



Board Members



The Cake



Cutting the cake



6.0 UCLF TEAM



UCLF PATRON

Hon. Justice Mike
Chibita

UCLF BOARD MEMBERS



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Twinomugisha



**Board Vice
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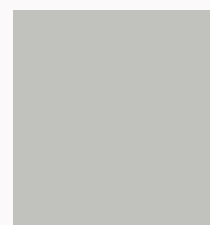
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7.0 APPROVED STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

Appreciation

This year God has blessed us with an abundance of support and encouragement from the hearts and actions of those who share with UCLF the burden and mandate of sharing our faith in Christ, speaking up and defending the rights of the poor and needy.

UCLF would like to take this opportunity to appreciate in a special way, all its dear members, partners and stakeholders for their tremendous commitment and support towards its work this accounting year. You have enabled us to fulfil our mandate of bringing justice to the poor and needy as commanded by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

God bless you all abundantly.

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