



Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity

Annual Report 2016/17



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's my pleasure to present to you the Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF) Annual Report for the financial year 2016/2017.

This report outlines what we do, why it is important, and the progress we have made in the past financial year. 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.

At the last Annual general meeting in September 2016, a new Board was elected to assist UCLF to achieve the highest standards of governance. The Board pledged to carry forward the vision of UCLF through working with all to increase on the members' participation and also make the presence of UCLF operations in Uganda felt.

2016/17, we saw the completion of a new strategic plan for the period 2017- 2012 that will help us fulfil our vision and goal. Through the next five years we hope to consolidate the organization's strengths to exploit opportunities and minimize weakness to mitigate threats. The strategic plan will be presented to the members for adoption at the Annual General meeting.

Also in 2016/17, the Secretariat proceeded with several legal aid initiatives that strengthen the access to justice in Uganda as well as enhancing the level of cooperation between the various actors as you will see in the report. We have made good progress on engaging members in the most convenient ways possible plus responding to matters of faith and law in the country through several advocacy mechanisms.

Over the past year, our local income tremendously increased to supplement the international partners support for the institution and in that line I specially appreciate the membership for their sacrificial giving and look forwards to better returns in the next financial year. I also take this opportunity to express gratitude to our development partners who support our work without which this report would not have been possible. Last but not least I acknowledge the staff and Board of Directors who give their time and skills to ensure that goals of UCLF are realized.

UCLF will continue to push for fair and equitable ability of all in society to access justice and the processes of enforcing the existing rights or laws.

I wish you an interesting read!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel R. Ruhweza', on a light blue background.

Daniel R. Ruhweza
President

SECTION I: ABOUT UCLF

The Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF) is a Non-Government Organization seeking justice for all in society through the provision of legal aid, legal education, and research and policy advocacy for the poor and vulnerable persons in Uganda. 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.

UCLF seeks to utilize the skills endowed in its members and associates to impact the most vulnerable in society, irrespective of age, gender, religious and/or ethnic background, nationwide by realizing the following ;

UCLF Objectives:

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

Organizational structure

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's NGO status was renewed on the 17th February 2014 and is valid until 17th February 2019. We were also issued with a Certificate of approval of legal chambers by Uganda Law Council for the year 2017.

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SECTION III: ACCESS TO JUSTICE WORK

This annual report is an account of the activities that were implemented by UCLF between July 2016 and June 2017) and they are captured under the following programmes/projects/sections; Legal aid services project, Students ministry, Paralegal services, civil legal aid, counselling, advocacy and membership engagements.

A. THE LEGAL AID SERVICES (LAS) PROJECT

The overall objective of the project is to increase access to increased access to justice for the poor and vulnerable in the districts of Kampala, Mukono, Wakiso, Kayunga, Buikwe, Masaka, Moyo and Kasese through the following programmatic areas; Criminal public defence, civil legal aid, juvenile Justice and Legal education. Please note that the report under this section covers all LAS project activities in the above mentioned offices.

The Project is supported by the Democratic Governance Facility.

Achievements

1. LEGAL EDUCATION

6,930 community members (**3216** male and **3714** females) were sensitized on human rights and the law. In addition over **8,800** community members (**4300** and **2500** female) were reached through radio and TV shows in Kampala, Masaka, and Kayunga and Buikwe districts.

3,246 prisoners (**2,500** male and **746** females) received legal education training on self-representation and rights of detainees in the prisons of Kigo (Wakiso); Busaana, Ntengeru and Kangulumira (Kayunga);

Nyenga, Lugazi and Buikwe (Buikwe); Rukoki, Nyabirongo, Mubuku and Bwera (Kasese); Moyo government prison in Moyo district and Masaka Prison in Masaka district.

100 children (**90** male and **10** females) in Naguru remand home were trained on self-representation, children's rights, counseling and advice.

2. CRIMINAL PUBLIC DEFENCE

729 clients (**530** males and **199** females) received legal representation in criminal matters in various courts of laws in Kasese, Kampala, Wakiso, Mukono, Kayunga and Buikwe. Of these **530** cases were concluded.

Facilitated speedy trial of children in Naguru remand home by engaging Magistrates to arrange hearing sessions and transport facilitation of the children to attend court sessions. As a result **208** children's cases were handled (**111** boys and **89** girls) and **55** cases were concluded.

3. CIVIL LEGAL AID

Offered Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to a total of **1728** clients (**872** male and **856** females) and **842** matters were concluded.

Represented **390** clients (**229** male and **161** female) in civil matters in courts of which **136** were concluded.

UCLF in Partnership with Uganda Christian University (UCU) and Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) engaged **56** (**28** male, **28**

female) students in legal aid in Mukono, Kayunga, Buikwe and Kampala districts.

4. COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF OUTPUTS BETWEEN 2015/16 AND 2016/2017

Activities	Actual outputs	
	July 2015 – June 2016	July 2016 – June 2017
Community outreach	4754	6930
Prison outreach	2657	3246
TV and Radio shows	10,000	8800
Sensitization in Naguru remand home	678	100
Court representation of Adults in criminal matters	756	729
Court representation of children in criminal matters	147	208
Court representation in civil matters	197	390
Alternative Dispute Resolution	609	1728
Total Actual Outputs		

5. SUCCESS STORIES:

(i) Kanyaruguru Ivan wins a land grabbing case against Rwenguhyo primary School.



UCLF Legal assistant and Ivan Kanyaruguru standing in the land that Ivan was battling for with Rwenguhyo primary

Mr. Kanyaruguru Ivan (62 years old) acquired land through purchase from Kambere Dominiko in 1974. Later Rwenguhyo primary school trespassed on his land but later, the two parties sat down and negotiated and the defendant agreed to buy the land. After a while, the defendant refused to pay for the land. Mr. Kanyaruguru later ran out of patience and decided to sue the school for grabbing his land. "I filed a case in court though it was dismissed for failure of payment of court fee which I had even paid. The school management had connived with court officials and the receipt was removed from the file while I attended to my wife at Mulago hospital in Kampala who later passed on. I later approached UCLF offices after being tipped by a friend about their presence in Kasese." UCLF filed an application for review of the order dismissing civil suit no 011 of 2015 which was allowed on the 22nd /1/2016. A plaint and mediation summaries were drafted and filed in

court and on the 6th /12/2016, the judgment was pronounced in favour of Mr. Kanyaruguru, UCLF client. The defendants were ordered to vacate the land with costs awarded to our client.

(ii) Bahighene Betty charged of aggravated defilement and case is dismissed by High court sitting at Kasese



Bahighene Betty aged 38 years a resident of Kinyabwamba village, Kistwamba sub county was charged with an offence of Aggravated Defilement of one Muhindo Ronney aged 2 and a half years. Something she claimed did not do. She committed to High Court for trial in 2014. "Around 2016 November I was cause listed for high court and an advocate from UCLF approached me telling me he was going to represent me which gave me hope and I then told him the truth that I didn't sleep with the child, later before court could sit there was insecurity in the district and we were returned to Katojo and later around February 2017 we were again

brought back to Kasese for the session by then I was filled with fear that I was going to be imprisoned for something I did not do.

On the 9th Feb 2017 I appeared before the judge who read charges that I pleaded not guilty later witnesses kept dodging even after several summons delivered to them by the state. And on the 27 February my case was brought to an end by setting me free and dismissing the case under a section I did not even understand. Want to thank UCLF Lawyer for having helped me in accessing justice that I could not even think of because I had lost hope even when I was innocent

(iii) Kibanja dispute resolved.

Nabukalu Justine and Yurita Nakanaabi are residents of Rakai, Kivanguzi “B” LC 1 Village. The two parties each had a plot of land which was adjacent to each other. After several settlements had failed, Nabukalu Justine approached Uganda Christian Lawyers’ Fraternity Masaka office for intervention into the matter. Mediation was conducted between the parties, that later called for conducting a locus visit to ascertain boundary demarcations



The dispute over boundary demarcation of the suit kibanja was successfully resolved by UCLF as it can be seen, the chairman conducted the demarcation and both parties were appreciative of our efforts

6. Challenges

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

- (i) The absenteeism of judicial officers was a challenge especially in civil matters with long adjournments especially in Masaka and Moyo district further aggravating the problem of case backlog.
- (ii) In Kasese, UCLF staff occasionally found it difficult to access inmates at the

main police station due to a lot of bureaucracy in securing permission from the respective structures. This was partially attributed to security concerns that resulted from the recent ethnic clashes in the regions and clashes between the central government

7. Key project Lessons and Recommendations

UCLF recognizes the importance of working with existing local networks and institutions in

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

Engaging University law students is a good avenue for increasing access to justice at minimal cost as well as helping the students to acquire the requisite skills as they prepare for their career growth. This practice should be replicated in other law schools to scale up the provision of pro bono legal aid.

B. STUDENTS' MINISTRY

The general objective of the students' programme is to contribute to the spiritual and professional growth of Christian law students in Uganda. Through the past one year we implemented the following activities under this programme.

1. Student leaders' seminar.

We conducted a student leaders' seminar on 13th February 2017 that was attended by the Law fellowship and Law society leaders under the topic **"Molding your character for greatness"**. Students learnt about the principles of leadership from a Christian perspective. Quoting from the book of first Timothy, youths were challenged to be models in what they do and say. One of the student leaders from Cavendish University highlighted that there was need for a UCLF club in their universities so that the information received is shared with their colleagues absent. Seven universities participated that is to say

Bishop Stuart University Mbarara, Makerere University, Cavendish, Nkumba, and Kampala International University, Uganda Pentecostal University, Busoga University and Uganda Christian University participated. In total we had 33 student leaders (14 female and 19 male) in attendance. The seminar was facilitated by Mr. Arthur Ayorekire; a board member of UCLF and Mr. Gumisiriza; member of UCLF.

2. Mentorship.

We aim at creating a platform for professional, social, spiritual growth and narrowing of the gap between Law Students and Lawyers.

Mentorship guidelines were developed so as to focus the activity on its intended objective. We had general and individual mentorship through the year; under individual we had 47 mentees matched to the 34 mentors. The general mentorship class was conducted on the 31st March at Grand Global Hotel and in attendance were 35 mentees. The Deputy IGG Mr. George Bamugemereire and the DPP Hon. Mike Chibita facilitated at the general mentorship class.

The Students are getting career guidance and fellowship with their mentors, Students keep recommending their colleagues to the UCLF mentorship programme.

3. UCLF Resource Centre;

UCLF has witnessed gradual increase in students' membership, library use and attendance of UCLF students' activities. In 2015-2016 the number of student members was at 58 and currently has risen to 71 whereby 13 are new students who registered during the year. Approximately 6 students access the library on a daily basis when on session.

UCLF received a donation of English Law text books from Afrinspire in the UK and we are grateful for their continued support. The students are benefiting from this donation and

we are hoping this will increase our library membership boost the Students' research and knowledge.

4. Students' Symposium

The Annual students' Symposium took place on 7th April 2017 at Cavendish University. This symposium was conducted under the theme **“COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY'S STAKE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC POLICIES IN UGANDA”**. The Symposium examined Commissions of inquiry that have become an ingrained part of Uganda's tradition of governance. Students were in position to appreciate commissions of inquiry as instruments for both ensuring public accountability and reforming public policies. The symposium brought out the practical details which the Students missed in their Administrative law class. In fact one of students while giving a vote of thanks to UCLF confessed that the discussion had contributed immensely to his research. The symposium was attended by seven universities giving us a total number of 73

students (29 female and 44 male).

5. Attending University Law Fellowships

We visited the Law School fellowships of the following universities; Bishop Stuart University Law, Uganda Christian University Law, Kampala International University, Nkumba University and Makerere University. Due to UCLF's regular influence, the fellowships have grown. For example Bishop Stuart University fellowship started in 2016 with one person, the chairperson but over this reporting period they were in position to fully constitute the leadership committee. As a result of the UCLF support, the fellowship has a weekly attendance of averagely 40 students, it has also begun reaching out to other university fellowships and influencing their programming. The number of lecturers attending the fellowship increased from one lecturer who is the patron to five lecturers. More than 200 students were reached out to through conducting the above activity



UCLF staff taking part in the KIU Students fellowship

6. University Students' Orientation

The purpose is to raise more awareness about UCLF and how the students can engage with the Fraternity. We visited the Law schools and spoke to first law students mainly about UCLF and the available opportunities or options in the Christian and legal sector which could be explored by the students during their term at university and after university. Through orientation meetings this year we managed to reach out to 380 law students.

7. Law Students' Retreat.

The annual students' prayer retreat was conducted on 14th October to 16th October at the FOCUS Prayer centre Gerenge under the theme: **Inner beauty; Set your mind on the things above, living and walking by faith. Romans (8:28-30).** At the retreat we had student representatives from 9 universities. The activity was graced by all the speakers we had invited and the students were inspired to do justice with a passion and to uphold the Christian Values.



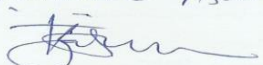
Law students cutting a cake with the DPP and his wife as guests of honour at the annual Law students retreat

8. Testimony from a Law Student

Testimony.

I Kasube Asanabo Nathan have had an opportunity to work with the student department as they conducted their activities with the students. I have also been coordinating students activities between UCLF and Uganda pentecostal University. It has surely been of great benefit both academically and spiritually. I have completed my bachelors in which the student department has been of great support in my academics by providing guidance with reading materials. I was supported by well knowled knowledge and guidance by the UCLF lawyers when they helped me hear and appreciate the professional plus their encouraging words. I have been able to experience the practical part of my professional through moots organised by the student department and learn from the symposium. Spiritually I have gone to UCLF student retreats.

I appreciate the good work that UCLF student department does and may God bless you. I would also like to encourage you that don't stop what you are doing because it is of great help and benefit to the students future.

Thank you
Kasube Asanabo Nathan


9. Challenges

Insufficient funding for both staff remuneration and activities is one of the challenges that we are facing. Unlike the financial year 2015-2016, for the financial year 2016-2017 we had to limit the number of students attending the department activities due to limited facilitation which left some students complaining and disappointed. But either way we are thankful to God that the year ended well and all the activities were conducted.

10. Appreciation

Finally Students department wish to extend a word of thanks to our funders - BMS World Mission, UCLF Staff, UCLF Members, Law Faculties and Law School Christian Fellowships from different Universities to have been part of the group that has contributed to making this year 2016-2017 a success.

C. PARALEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES (PAS)

PAS is a nationwide programme coordinated by Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) and funded by the Democratic Governance Facility. Our activities are guided by the following specific objectives;

- A. To contribute to the process of physical and case file decongestion in the Criminal Justice system;
- B. To Change practices within the criminal justice chain through advocacy and civic engagement; and
- C. To link the demand and supply sides of criminal justice

The team reached many achievements through various activities that were implemented as reported below;

1. Surety tracing

Surety tracing enables associates of suspects and inmates to connect with their persons in conflict

with the law for purposes of knowing their whereabouts and standing for them as sureties during bond and bail application. This activity is done through telephone calls, letter writing and physical location. In addition, the potential sureties traced were sensitized on the requirements of police/court for one to qualify as a substantial surety without objections from the prosecution or judicial officers. As a result, **2769** Male, **524** Female and **48** Juveniles were linked to their sureties were by a total of **3341** sureties were traced.

2. Paralegal Law clinics (PLCs)

Basic legal sensitization sessions were conducted for inmates in Prisons and suspects in Police Cells as well as in court cells waiting to appear before the trial Magistrates. The Sensitization aims at empowering suspects and inmates on simple charges for self-representation and enabling even capital offenders to understand the processes and procedures of accessing justice as well as getting a speedy trial. As a result 928 PLCs were conducted whereby 37,635 suspects were sensitized, (**34,981** were men, **2,490** were women, and **164** were juveniles).

3. Screening and follow up of cases:

This activity enables the suspects and accused persons whose trial has been delayed to be fast tracked through the criminal justice system. The

PAS team screened **8,126** suspects (7394 males, 687 females and 45 juveniles) in total and submitted lists of overstayed remand prisoners to the trial Magistrates and the State Attorneys for faster legal action.

4. Attending suspects' parade at police :

Paralegals attended **928** suspect parades, so as to identify suspects whose files had delayed at Resident State Attorney's offices, and suspects who needed surety tracing.

5. ADR/ Mediation:

The Paralegal team at police mediated **47** cases, amid suspects and complainants on petty cases such as Domestic violence, simple assault, family neglect, and theft upon the advice of police to reduce inflow of cases into the formal justice system. Mediation is sometimes recommended by the trial magistrates when matters are before court. As a result of the mediation activity, **30** male, **8** female and **9** juveniles benefited.

6. Coordinating with the community service officers:

The team did this through screening during awareness sessions and basic legal advice/sensitization. The teams liaise with the coordinators/officers of the community service program, and the responsible trial magistrates so that inmates with the basic requirements are granted community service orders. The team documented the inmates who

aspired to plead guilty or qualify for community service sentences and sensitize suspects /inmates how to apply for community service orders. And a number of **255** offenders benefitted from community service.

7. Outreaches

Paralegals at Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity and Paralegals at Luzira Prison successfully teamed up to offer legal services to both suspects and inmates in Mukono district, Kasangati and Entebbe. Due to demands for Paralegal services outside Kampala district, Paralegals have extended therefore their services to Mukono, Kasangati and Entebbe.

8. Joint prison sensitization

PAS-UCLF teamed up with the Luzira team and carried out sensitization activities at the Luzira prisons where Paralegals sensitised the inmates/suspects on their rights such as freedom from , inhumane and degrading treatment, presumption of innocence until court finds you guilty, a fair and impartial hearing within reasonable time. Some of the prisons reached were, Murchison bay, Upper prison, Kampala remand prison and women's prison. During the implementation, the team took note of issues that needed further attention for example, noted that Nabweru court has a number of complaints raised by inmates, such as denying inmates bail, magistrates absenting themselves and among others.



Paralegals educating over 1,522 prisoners on bail and other rights



Paralegals seated in a tent with the officer in charge of the Kampala remand prison in a brown uni form together with the interns from various universities and a group photo of Paralegals both from the Luzira and Uganda Christian Lawyers' fraternity.

9. Community sensitization

On 22nd/03/2017 the paralegal team, joined DPC Mr. Kacumu, OC station Ndaula in a one day workshop at Kasangati Police to sensitize the police community at Kasangati police station. This workshop was to sensitize and create awareness of Paralegal services, counseling services and creating ways on how police can actively work with Paralegals in enhancing the community service program. Over fifty (50)

Police officers attended and the DPC Afande Kacumu requested that we hold such workshops every month.

In the picture below is a Paralegal together with the Staff of UCLF and police officers posing for a photograph outside Kasangatti Police station after a one day workshop of creating awareness about paralegal services and community service programme



10. Success stories

Beyond legal aid service provision

Twikiriza Judith was arrested from her home in Makindye, Kampala district and detained at Wandegaya police station on Charges of Infanticide referenced SD/CR/TAR 54/21/03/17.

According to her, the new born child fell sick and died in hospital but she abandoned the dead body in hospital due to lack of financial support from her husband to get the child buried. The Paralegal lobbied Officer in Charge Criminal investigation to quicken the investigations in her matter and thereafter Judith was discharged from Police for lack of evidence.

*Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity further offered psych social counselling services to the client and also raised her transport back to Kabale, Western Uganda. She knelt down and said "I am so grateful to you people may God bless all of you". Indeed thank you ULCF and the staff this was **BEYOND LEGAL AID SERVICE PROVISION.***



From left the police cells guard opens cells for Twikiriza as paralegal waits to move with her and right Pas supervisor Sarah talks to Twikiriza from PAS office.

11. General challenges

Flying squad always bring their suspects in police cells for safe custody and they end up overstaying in the cells whereas the police and the paralegals have limited power to intervene. A case in point is that of one Zake Emmanuel, Ref No: 19/1/1/17, was arrested on 1/1/17, brought to Kira Road police Station on 22/2/17 and spent over 2 months in police custody. When paralegals learnt about his case, they followed up

with the OC CID and OC station who also said their hands on this particular issue were tied because this suspect was only on safe custody.

The same applies to Jinja road police station where the OC CID and OC station also expressed concern that sometimes they get suspects from units like CID Headquarters, KMPE (Kampala metropolitan East), Immigration and Interpol, for safe custody and in most cases these suspects take so long in

police cells yet they have no control over their files.

12. Summary of achievements

During the period between July 2016-June 2017 Paralegals registered the following achievements in summary;

- ✓ Paralegals screened and followed up a total of **11311** inmates/suspects both at police and court.
- ✓ Paralegals gave basic legal advice to inmates/suspects both at police and court. A total of **37635** suspects/inmates benefited.
- ✓ Paralegals facilitated mediation and a total of **47** cases were diverted from criminal justice.
- ✓ Paralegals lobbied for police bond at police and a total of **2214** suspects benefited from police bond.
- ✓ Paralegals traced sureties for both suspects/inmates and a total of **3413** sureties were traced by both physical and phone tracing.
- ✓ Paralegals conducted **928** Paralegal Legal Clinic at both court and police. A total of **37635** suspects and inmates attended Paralegal Legal Clinics.
- ✓ Paralegals made referrals to other legal providers and a total of **122** inmates were referred to other legal institution like Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity.

13. Conclusion

All gratitude goes to our partners, in the Justice System, who have tirelessly embraced our involvement, UCLF our host and supervisor organization, and FHRI PAS secretariat for all

the guidance, sharpening, and financial lobbying done for us. Your contribution has pushed us through the year.

D. CIVIL LEGAL AID PROGRAMME

The main objective is to enhance access to justice for the vulnerable and poor people through court representation and use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) as a means of resolving conflicts. This programme has been funded by BMS World Mission and the Lawyers Christian Fellowship UK since its inception. As a result many souls have been touched and blessed around central Uganda where this service is being provided.

For the reporting period we reached out to 121 clients of which in terms of subject; 80 were land matters, 10 were family and children related matters, 6 were for administration of estates, 3 cases were compensation and breach of contract, 3 were tort under The Law Reform (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act for death as a cause of action or what we call accident claims and 19 were arising out of employment. As you can see above we received more land cases; this means there are several land conflicts which is mainly associated to insecurity of tenure, overlapping and conflicting land rights, and the ever increasing population densities on inelastic land.

The following is our output in terms of type of intervention;

1. Court representation

We represented 14 clients (eight women and six men) with 14 cases in Courts of law. Of the 14 cases, 9 cases were concluded.



The staff advocate Mrs. Suzan Kasozi Lukwago in Court representing a needy client.

2. Alternative Dispute resolution:

- ✓ We had 32 cases resolved through mediation-out of court settlement, 28 cases for men and 4 cases for women.
- ✓ We managed to help 42 to solve their issues by writing letters to their adversaries/opponents, 30 women and 12 men.
- ✓ We referred 33 clients to other legal aid service providers and lawyers in private practice (28 cases were for men and 5 cases for women). Cases are referred because of various reasons such as lack of litigation funds, failure to meet the means and merits test for legal aid and for special attention by specialized legal aid services providers.



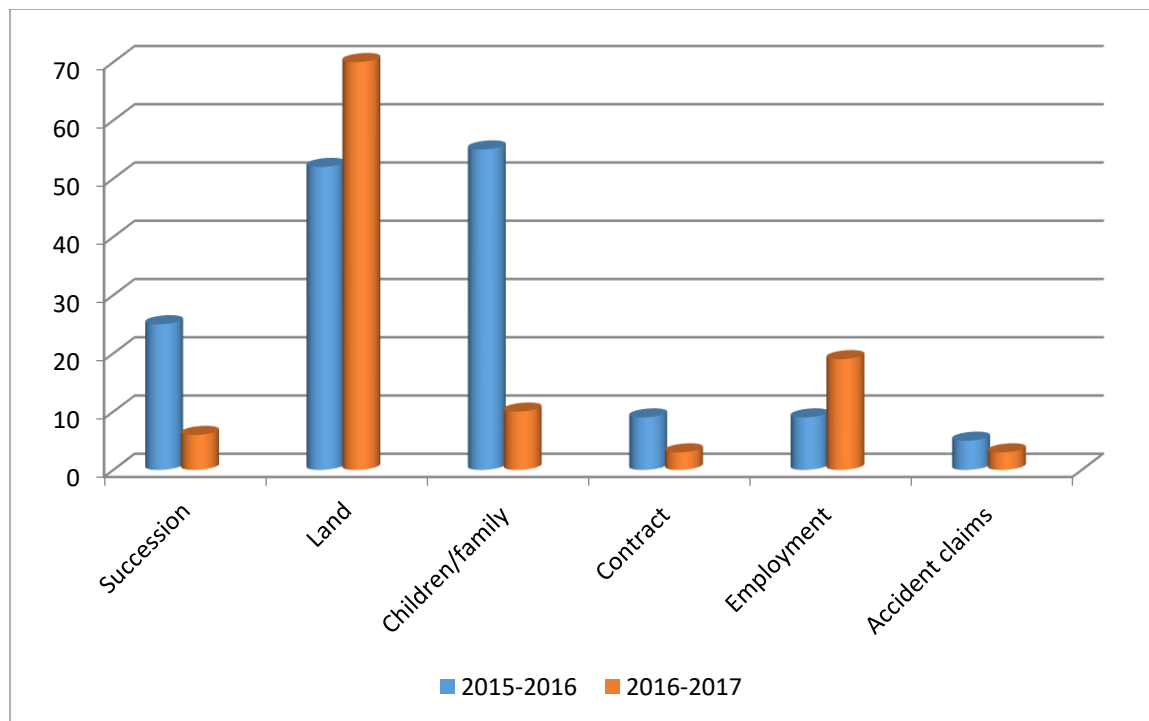
Left: The legal Assistant Mr. Christopher Tweteise writing an agreement outside Mpigi Magistrates Court after settlement was reached between Bibanja holders Maweje and Kyakuwa Stephen. Right is a picture of Joel Wangwa a volunteer with the department training a group of needy clients at Busukuma in Wakiso District.



3. The table below has a comparative summary for out puts between 2015/16 and 2016/17

NATURE OF CASES.	NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED 2015-2016	NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED 2016-2017	REASON FOR THE DIFFERENCE	CASES COMPLETED 2015-2016	CASES COMPLETED 2016-2017
SUCCESSION.	25	6	Succession matters are usually easier to conclude through mediation. The cases that were not completed in 2015/16 continued in 2016/17	6	13
LAND	52	80	Land matters take long to be concluded so many are still pending although more cases were received in 2016/17.	15	8
CHILDREN/FAMILY	55	10	Most of the family matters have been concluded and this year we did not take on so many.	15	13
CONTRACT	9	3	Some of the matters have been concluded and three are still pending.	4	0
EMPLOYMENT	9	19	Employees who have suffered unlawful termination lost interest in settling matters amicably so we have them still [pending in the labor courts.	4	5
ACCIDENT/TORT	5	3	We have taken on just a few because of our constrained resources. These matters take long to be concluded and yet they are costly.	3	2

NB: This table reflects the number of cases handled per year but we are mindful about the fact that some cases were not concluded last year and so they continue to appear and are being handled.



It is clearly shown that there has been a general decline in the matters taken on. This can be premised on the fact that the department does not have a litigation fund so where mediation is not likely to succeed the department is hesitant to handle. We are hoping for the better next financial year.

4. Success story.

We were approached by a woman who had been thrown out of his home by the father in law and other relatives after the death of her husband. They argued that the property belonged to their late son and therefore the widow should go and rent as she did not have a share in the estate. We took her through the process of applying for letters of administration and after the family meeting an officer from Administrator general's office out ruled the in laws that the widow takes priority and that she should not be evicted from her late husband's property and that whoever attempts to do so should be prosecuted.



Above the Staff advocate attending to the widow

5. Noteworthy information

- This year we recorded an increase in the number of youth who approached the organisation for legal aid services.
- We have realized over a time that empowering clients to represent themselves is a tool that helps. When trained they are able to handle their own cases and our role remains to follow through with them and to build their confidence.

E. RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

We aim at contributing to practice change and policy initiatives and reforms through research and advocacy.

UCLF responded to National Policy guidelines and service standards for sexual and reproductive health and rights. The Ministry of Health had proposed to have children as young as 10 years old access family planning services as one of the means to reduce early pregnancies among adolescents. The National Policy Guidelines and Service Standards for Sexual and

Reproductive Health and Rights required all health facilities to provide quality services to all adolescents irrespective of age, sex, ability to pay, marital status, school status, education level, location or ethnic origin. UCLF however presented its position that that was not in the best interest of the children as it would boost and encourage free engagement in sexual activities amongst children which is not only illegal, but also contrary to the values of Ugandans. As a result of the different stakeholders' interventions, the Ministry of Health revisited the policy and raised the age to 15 years but we want to see a total overhaul in

National Policy guidelines and service standards for sexual and reproductive health and rights.

We engaged the Kampala City Council Authority on its directive to ban street preaching. As a result UCLF was invited to contribute to the drafting of Street Preachers guiding Regulations. UCLF is in touch with the Directorate of Ethics and Integrity, Office of the President which is currently consulting stakeholders nationwide. Having consulted with the UCLF membership on the National Religious Faith Based Organizations policy in June 2017, we await to present the UCLF position to the Directorate and also commence the appropriate advocacy activities with the responsible offices.

F. COUNSELLING

The counseling project is intended to empower UCLF staff and beneficiaries to manage difficult times both at work and their personal lives. Counseling services are provided either through individual counseling or group counseling.

1. Individual counseling

Individual or one to one counseling sessions were conducted with different staff members. This was through emails and face to face meetings. The selection of topics for individual counseling were guided by the needs presented by the staff members and were intended to improve the capacity and wellbeing of UCLF staff. The emails sent touched the following subjects: - Annoying habits that will give your co-workers a nervous breakdown, how to manage financial stress, qualities of a good parent, how to motivate yourself at work, how to work with difficult people, tips to stop overspending, things that a responsible husband will never do, how to become a praying parent, Stages of child development and Guidelines for parent child

relationship. Feedback from some of recipients indicated that the messages were appreciated and contributed significantly to management of personal challenges.

There were 30 sessions of individual counseling with different staff members and 50 sessions with clients. The continuous interaction has increased the relationship between the counselor and the staff members hence we have been able to pray and share testimonies together.

2. Group counseling

(a) UCLF staff members

We had four group counselling sessions with averagely 15 UCLF staff on entrepreneurship skills that can generate income to supplement salaries, motivation and managing our personal time among others. The sessions were interactive as members contributed to the discussions and made commitments on personal way forward.

(b) Naguru remand home

UCLF provides legal aid to juveniles through legal sensitization and court representation. Juveniles in Central Uganda are remanded at Naguru remand and during this period, the counselling project reached out to 300 children on remand. The counselling topics included behavioral change, how to guard against temptations, how to take care of themselves even when HIV positive children. The group counselling sessions were participatory in a sense that almost all children had time to ask a question. After the counselling session we prayed together and shared prayer requests, 50 children accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and Christian tracts were given out.

(c) Police Stations

Counselling services were extended to Police officers and suspects at the Police stations. We believe that the counselling services improve service delivery by the police officers and change the behavior of the crime suspects.

During this period, the counselling project reached out to 3 Police Stations; these included Kiira police station, Kasangati police station and Kampala central police station. We had group counselling with 100 police officers on how they can manage stress and anger at work for example by having time to rest, having exercises, eating in time and also seeking counselling for marital issues and also on how to have customer care for the people who seek help from them; the workshops were engaging and offered a different options to the officers challenges.

We had two group counselling sessions on behavioural change with 80 suspects at Kampala police station on what leads them to crimes e.g. Drug and substance abuse, wrong groups of people, non-employment, anger, stress etc. and we discussed on how to avoid crimes like accepting Christ in their lives, finding work to do, avoiding drug and substance abuse. At the end of the sessions we preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, prayed together and gave out Christian tracts.

(d) Prisons

Inmates in prisons face different challenges ranging from legal, economic to psychosocial. The Counselling department complimented the legal departments in their different legal interventions in Prisons. Counselling services were provided jointly with legal education sessions.

We had two group counselling session with 250 female inmates in Kigo prison on women's day. The theme was how to become a better woman

in the community. Topics included how to manage anger, being hardworking, caring about others and also being a good example to our children etc. Since it was a women's day there was competition in dancing and singing and the best groups got gifts, the Gospel of Christ was shared and 20 female inmates came to know the Lord.

During this period, the counseling project reached out to Kigo prisons and had group counseling with 30 prison officers' wives on how to be responsible women at home, parenting adolescents, how to keep clean at home and also how to avoid domestic violence; the workshop was so participatory and ended with the sharing of prayer requests.

We also had group counseling in Ntenjeru Prisons with 100 inmates on behavioral change and how to get off worry while in prison, after the group counseling also had time to do individual counseling, 50 inmates confessed Christ, we gave out tracts to read while in prison.

(e) Community Volunteers in Buikwe

Community volunteers are people of influence in their respective communities and are empowered by UCLF to provide basic legal advice and information to community members. The project provided counseling services on family issues, relationships so as to further build their capacities.

(f) Church

The Counselor conducted group counseling with the 15 youth of sanctuary of worship church on Christian dating. The youth learnt how to live a Christian life as youth and also to abstain from



Success story

Ivan Rukundo, 27 years old. He is former Alcohol addict who started taking alcohol in high school and because of sneaking alcohol in school he was expelled from school. While out of school his father died and it brought grief in his life which accelerated the drinking, fighting, womanizing, and stealing. The mother requested for assistance from the counsellor, who referred Ivan to Butabika hospital for rehabilitation. He was given medication and somehow he stopped after two weeks but again went back to drinking. The Counselor prayed for him for God to intervene, he confessed Christ and now goes to the nearby church where he translates and stopped drinking. He is now a happy man. To God be the glory.

sex before marriage, the session was so interactive and a lot of questions were asked.

We also had community sensitization with 100 people of Masooli village on how to parent children according to stages of growth, and how parents and guardians can be good role model to their children, which will help them become responsible people in the community. We also had time to share Christ and also pray together

CHALLENGES

- ✓ Some of the clients of UCLF particularly, the children at Naguru remand home are HIV positive but there not able to get balanced diet because, the management of Naguru remand cannot afford and most of these children are orphans'. This makes it hard for counseling services because they always request for support, which is beyond the project budget.
- ✓ Some clients don't have contact phones and therefore follow up on them is difficult. One has to trace them up to their homes which are very far from the office. Whenever they are requested to come to office, they have no transport, and the transport provided is not enough to reach every client.



Speaking to remand home children about behavioral change



Counselor having a group counseling on how to manage stress with Kasangati police officers



Speaking to the youth of sanctuary of worship church on abstaining from sex until marriage and how to live a Christian life as youth

G. KASESE OFFICE

This office implemented the Legal aid services (LAS) project activities and as such some of its interventions were captured under the legal aid services project section above. The report below represents activities that were implemented with support from BMS World and what was not covered under the legal aid services project report referred to above.

1. LEGAL EDUCATION

Achievements

Legal education recorded the following achievements from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017;

- ✓ **5** Community trainings were conducted and community members, religious and local council leaders benefited and a total of 155 Participants have been reached with 52 females and 103 males.



UCLF legal assistant training community members of the Bakingwe community a minority tribe living at the shores of late Edward on land rights.

✓ 7 public awareness trainings have been conducted in joint partnership with Rwenzori Peace Bridge of reconciliation (UCLF Partner organization) awareness focused on understanding Human rights with focus on cultural rights and rights to vote(emphasis on lower local government administration. This was

done in Nyabisusi in Maliba Sub County, Kyarumba Sub County, Bweisumba Sub County, Kinyamaseke in Munkunyu, Karambi in Karambi Sub County, Mahango Sub County and Buhaghura in Rukoki Sub County and **759** people benefited with **310 females** and **449 males**.



UCLF legal assistant during the public awareness dialogue at Mahango catholic church around November 2016

- ✓ 9 radio talk shows were conducted on Messiah Radio in which approximately 2 million listeners benefited in the districts of Kasese, Budibugyo, Kamwenge, Ruburizi, Ntoroko, Kabarole and Eastern part of Congo.



Rev Ezra Mukonzo Chairperson Inter Religious Council of Uganda Kasese chapter during the talk show in March on restoring peace in the rwenzori region in partnership with UCLF Kasese

2. PARALEGAL SERVICES

ACHIEVEMENTS

PAS recorded the following achievements;

- ✓ 2 trainings conducted with police officers and Prison officers were conducted 61 officers benefited from the trainings on understanding human rights and domestic violence and of the participants 19 were females and 42 males.



UCLF legal officer during the sensitisation of prison officers at Mubuku Prison around November 2017

- ✓ A total of 375 suspects and accused persons have been attended to with 116 walk-in for advice and 259 at the police stations of Hima, Kisinga, Kasese, Bwera and Rugendebara and the courts around Kasese (51 female and 324 males) were handled by PAS department on surety tracing, legal advice, police bond at police, court, field, office and prison
- ✓ 4 community leaders and religious trainings have been carried out in Kyogha, Katesende, Kyaminyawandi and Ndongo Baptist churches and 105 leaders were trained of which 63 were males and 42 females.



UCLF legal assistant during a sensitisation at Kyogha Church of Uganda with religious and community leaders in Kyogha parish Bwera Sub County

- ✓ 4 volunteer trainings have been conducted in Kisinga and Karusandara sub counties where 2 were conducted at Kirembo church of Uganda and Karusandara community hall on violence against children and positive parenting aiming at empowering the religious leaders from all religious sects and 58 participants benefited 19 females and 39 males.



UCLF in partnership with Good hope teaming up with religious leaders in Kisinga on violence against Children and positive parenting

- ✓ Drafted 14 legal documents for indigent clients which included among other constitutions of church founded organisations and sale agreements, memorandum of understanding

SUCCESS STORY

Mulemberwa and Anatosi finally settle their boundary marks

The two neighbours have since been enemies and could not see eye to eye, there problem being land boundary, Mulemberwa claimed Anatosi had destroyed the boundary mark which his agents destroyed while mining sand from his portion of the garden which neighbours our clients land however when the two parties were called for mediation at office they both appeared and still resolved that matter be handled at locus and when UCLF legal assistant went to locus and settled the matter and the two parties made fresh boundaries of their pieces of land with the help of the Ridge/ village elder who had witnessed the giving of the land to our clients father. All parties became happy that finally they had their boundaries marked clearly.

H. GULU OFFICE LAND RIGHTS PROGRAMME



The land rights project being implemented in Gulu district and the surrounding districts is funded by World Baptist Mission (BMS).

The projects objectives include:

- To create legal awareness on the law and civic rights among the vulnerable people in communities within Acholi Sub region.
- To contribute to the reduction of land conflicts and violence within the sub region.
- To build the capacity of local leaders in the provision of alternative

dispute resolutions to the community.

The table below illustrates the nature of intervention, and a comparative analysis of the output between the current year 2016/2017 and the previous year 2015/16 plus the impact or comments

	ACTIVITY	OUT PUT		IMPACT/COMMENTS
		2015/2016	2016/2017	
1	Land rights legal education training	i. 17 members of local council 1 were trained ii. 45 village chiefs and their committee members were trained. iii. 477 Community members were trained (256 women, 221 men)	i. 24 village chiefs and their committee members were trained. ii. 594 Community members were trained (273 women trained 258 men trained, 3 disabled men trained ,1 disabled women trained and 59 teen agers)	The village chiefs widely advocated for mediation more than the LCs and the impact was that more mediations took place in 2016/2017 than in 2015/2016. Cases of land conflicts involving violence reduced
2	Radio talk show	i. 4 shows were conducted on radio Rupiny in Gulu town ii. The topic was customary land ownership and rights iii. 23 people made calls out of which 18 asked questions and 5 appreciated UCLF a lot.	i. 5 shows were conducted on radio Rupiny in Gulu town ii. The topic was customary land ownership and rights iii. 27 people made calls with questions and 3 appreciated UCLF a lot.	As a result of radio talk shows 38 people came to the office to seek for legal assistance.
3	Mediation	i. 5 mediation were conducted	i. 7 mediation were conducted	Healing and reconciliation have greatly been restored among the warring parties as more and people go for

		ii. 4 mediations were successfully concluded while 1 was still pending conclusion.	ii. 5 mediations were successfully concluded while 2 were pending conclusion by the time the financial year ended.	mediation other than violence or court cases. Some mediation are even done at local levels (ie before the village chiefs and LCs) without involving UCLF.
4	Legal advice	i. 23 women were advised while 16 men were also advised ii. 3 children of child headed families were advised iii. 12 Pastors were advised	i. 28 women were advised while 41 men were also advised iii. 19 Pastors were advised on land related cases	Many people have continued to come for advice and they were so happy with the advice given and it has helped them solve their problems well.
5	Follow up	i. 43 land related cases were followed up with Police, CSOs, village chiefs, local council 1 and 3 in 16 sub counties in Gulu, Omoro, Nwoya, Amuru and part of Oyam districts.	i. 53 land related cases were followed up with Police, CSOs, village chiefs, local council 1 and 3 in 16 sub counties in Gulu, Omoro, Nwoya and Amuru districts	In our follow up, we have discovered that most of the advices given and mediation conducted, have bore good fruits. However, referrals have not been handled to the expectation of the clients since many clients complained
6	Legal Aid clinic	i. 5 clinics were conducted in Gulu ii. 18 men and 13 women were assisted		We did not conduct any legal aids clinics in 2016/2017

7.	Training on the rights of children who are in conflict with the law	i. 3 trainings took place at Gulu remand home ii. 109 boys and 3 girls were trained		Many children admitted that the training was of great impact to them since they had not heard such a training. However, some few admitted that they had received such a training from another NGO but it was still good to remind them.
8	Training on court procedures	i. 2 trainings took place at Gulu remand home ii. 69 boys and 2 girls were trained		Many children admitted that the training was of great impact to them since they had not heard such a training. However, some few admitted that they had received such a training from another NGO but it was still good to remind them.
9	Constitution drafted for Baptist Churches		7 Church's constitutions were drafted for 7 Baptist Churches	This resulted into 5 out of the 7 Churches to register with Baptist Union of Uganda and also 6 of the 7 Churches registered with their respective districts.
10	Training on record keeping		2 record keeping trainings were conducted. The trainings on record keeping were conducted at Gulu Baptist Church and it was meant to equip the trainees with better knowledge of record keeping, how to make slabs as projects of their own in order to boost their income at household levels. 31	• Reduced insecurity, conflict because people now have other sources of livelihood. • It has promoted productivity in the area and therefore, increased food security

			trainer of trainers were trained	
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Lesson learnt.

Net working with other CSOs boosts UCLF Gulu activities, there are plans of joint legal sensitization field work.

Pictorial



The Paralegal, conducting legal education training on customary land ownership and rights. The training was at down shop village, Techo Sub ward, Layibi division, Gulu municipality

I. MASAKA OFFICE

This office implemented the Legal aid services (LAS) project activities and as such some of its interventions were captured under the legal aid services project section above. The report below represents only what was not covered under the legal aid services project report referred to above.

1. COMMUNITY POLICING

- ✓ Participated and had an input into 03 community policing sessions organized by Police.
- ✓ Conducted a legal education training on 18th/August/2016 in Kimanya-Kabakuza. Kimanya, Gayaaza Village, Masaka District where we sensitized 48 Community members (08 Male and 40 Female) as direct beneficiaries of the training.

- ✓ We held a legal sensitization training 08th March 2017 in Kizungu, Masaka Municipality, Masaka District for 52 Community members (23 male and 29 female) as direct beneficiaries, and on 08th March 2017 in Ssaza, Ndegeya Village, Masaka District for 72 members of the community were trained of which 45 were male and 27 females.



UCLF Legal Assistant Mr. Omitta Jerry Charles Conducting a community policing along with the community liaison Officer Masaka Police on 18th/08/2016 at Gayaza-Kyabakuza Masaka District

- ✓ We also conducted two mediations and two locus visits where there were family wrangles on property distribution and land dispute on boundary demarcation on 12th/11/2016 in Kiwanguzi “B” LC I Village, Rakai district and on 12th/01/2017 at Kaboyo Village Kisekka Sub-County, Lwengo respectively. The mediations were concluded successfully.
- ✓ Within the reporting period, the office was also able to secure 2 inmates at police with bond pending investigation of the crimes allegedly committed

2. Success stories

(a) Best Friends reconciled

Namutebi Prosy and Kasozi are residents of Gayaza-Kyabakuza, Masaka District who were best of friends in the Village. However their friendship turned sour with time and become irreconcilable with each threatening another with death and witchcraft.

The local authorities of Gayaza invited UCLF and the Community liaison officer Masaka Police on 18th/08/2016 to intervene and resolve the dispute between these once great friends

At the mediation the parties reconciled and as seen below they afforded to share a hand shake and smile after a long time



(b) First wife deprived of her right to property ownership!

On 3rd/01/2017, Nakalanzi Winifred, a 50 year old woman approached Uganda Christian Lawyers, Fraternity seeking our intervention in the matter where she had been denied her right to property ownership by the husband after the husband marrying the second wife. On 09th/01/2017 Uganda Christian lawyer fraternity invited both parties for mediation at the office that was conducted successfully. On 12th/01/2017 Uganda Christian lawyer fraternity conducted a locus visit to see how to share the property between the two wives. An agreement was made that gave each wife a share out of the disputed land and it was acknowledged by the husband

(c) A successful land sale transaction

Miss Nakiyumba Jane's sister sold a family piece of land without consent from the other family members to Mr Ssejirinya Tadeo. Miss Nakiyumba Jane approached UCLF with the need to challenge the Purchaser in Court. However her thoughts of Court were cancelled as the matter was resolved amicably with the family paying the purchaser the purchase price of the piece of land and thus repossessed there piece of land



Mr. Ssejirinya Yuda Tadeo sold land to Miss Nakiyumba Jane at a consideration of UGX. 3,600,000/= (Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Shillings Only) on the 30th day of May 2017

Lessons Leant

- Locus visits have helped us allot in critically identifying what is under dispute and as such help us dispose of cases easily
- Child neglect and separation has been common amongst community members especially among the youth and persons between the ages of 16 -35

SECTION 1V: UCLF EVENTS/ MEMBERSHIP

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The UCLF Annual Conference was held on 24th Sept 2016 at Namirembe Guest house, Kampala. The conference was preceded by a devotion led by Mr. Candia Emmanuel, the managing partner of Candia Advocates and a UCLF Board member. The reference scripture for the devotion was from Isaiah 42:1ff. Members were encouraged to be God's trusted envoys wherever they are as they promote Justice. In doing this, they were encouraged to depend on the Holy Spirit without whom they could not accomplish anything.

The conference was premised on the theme; "The Law and current trends in the Human Trafficking in Uganda; the role of legal practitioners in combating the crime" The presentations from Mr. Edrine Wanyama, Mr. Binoga Moses -Commissioner of Police Coordinator of the Uganda National Counter and Mrs. Sylvia Namubiru Mukasa- E.D, **LASPNET** enabled lawyers understand current human Anti trafficking legislations and developments. At the end of the conference a committee was established to support the government in the development of the Anti-trafficking in person's regulations.



Conference

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The UCLF Annual General meeting was held on 24th Sept 2016 at Namirembe Guest house, Kampala. The Chairman informed members that the term of office for the Board was ending and he gave a brief report about the highlights of what the outgoing Board had been able to achieve; they had managed to build systems of UCLF as an NGO for easy running of the organization and for proper accountability. Members were informed that the UCLF Constitution was reviewed and a new Constitution adopted. He also noted that the organization continued to ensure that the victims of injustice and unfairness in society were helped. The programme, annual budget and financial reports were presented to the members and thereafter an election was conducted. The following were elected to the different offices; President - Dr. Daniel R. Ruhweza; Vice President - Mr. Iradukunda Elijah; Gen. Secretary - Mr. Muhereza Liberty; Treasurer - Ms. Eva Mudondo; Member - Mr. Arthur Ayorekire; Member- Mr. Titus Kamyia; Member - Mr. Candia Emmanuel. The incoming President in his acceptance remarks pledged to carry on the Vision of UCLF. He promised to work with the Board, members and secretariat to increase members' participation and UCLF's impact in Uganda.



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CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

On 14th April 2017, (Good Friday) the UCLF team and some students from Makerere Law faculty scripture union visited Ntejeru prison in Kayunga and shared the love of Christ with the inmates. Necessities such as soap, sugar, volleyball net, ball, clothes, sanitary towels were given out ahead of the Easter. The members shared a meal with the inmates and played games with them. As a result of the UCLF gesture many gave their lives to Christ and promised to live a changed life after prison



A cross section of members and staff handing over the necessities (left) , ministering unto inmates (center) and playing volley ball with inmates after handing over the volleyball net and ball

FELLOWSHIP

The students' department supports the Law School students' fellowships at higher institutions of learning. This involves working with the UCLF representatives at the universities to see that students attend their fellowships, getting topics, speakers to speak in these fellowships. Four quarterly fellowships were organized for Lawyers throughout the year. Seasoned Speakers were always invited to speak to the lawyers on topics that cut across their law practice and faith for example a debate was organized on "The Biblical aspects of intellectual property law". Open sharing fellowships were organized at a member's home and members families were involved in some fellowship meetings. We conducted pastoral visits at some of the members' offices and homes for encouragement of one another. This year's fellowship meetings aimed at creating stronger bonds amongst the members and capacity building.



1. At one of the fellowship meetings.
2. Pastoral visit at Sipi Law Associates, Nakasero.
3. The future Christian Lawyers had their session alongside their

SECTION V: FINANCE

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

The Board members submit their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017 which disclose the state of affairs of "Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity".

ABOUT THE UGANDA CHRISTIAN LAWYERS' FRATERNITY

The Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF) is a Non-Government Organization seeking justice for all in society through the provision of legal aid, legal education, and research and policy advocacy. 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.

Registration Status

UCLF is registered with the NGO registration board with registration number S.5914/5536. UCLF's registration status was renewed on the 17th February 2014 and is valid until 17th February 2019.

Coverage

Since 2005, UCLF has supported indigent persons to access legal aid services in the districts of Kampala, Gulu, Wakiso, Mukono, Masaka, Kasese, Moyo, Gulu, Kayunga and Buikwe districts.

UCLF Objectives

1. To inform and educate people from whatever section of the society, and especially those who have no access to legal information, about the Law and their rights.
2. To advocate for, represent and advise those who have no voice and are unfairly disadvantaged.
3. To advocate for enactment and implementation of fair laws and policies which are in harmony with Christian values.
4. To encourage member participation in ethical legal practice and community involvement by providing Pro-Bono opportunities to the indigent clients.

Progress on UCLF Objectives in the financial year 2016/17

1. To inform and educate people from whatever section of the society, and especially those who have no access to legal information, about the Law and their rights.

- (a) At least 16,500 persons directly and 100,000/= indirectly accessed legal knowledge through community sensitization, radio talk shows and paralegal advisory services at Police Stations and Magistrate courts.
- (b) At least 500 inmates were trained in the 13 prisons on self-representation skills, their rights and law.
- (c) At least 5000 copies of Information Education Communication materials were distributed during the year.
- (d) At least 30 legal education messages were disseminated on social media platforms such as Facebook.

2. To advocate for, represent and advise those who have no voice and are unfairly disadvantaged.

- (a) At least 800 adults (600 males and 200 females) clients represented in court in criminal matters.
- (b) At least 300 juveniles were represented in the Courts of law
- (c) At least 72 (45 males and 27 females) clients represented in civil matters
- (d) 400 clients supported through Alternative Dispute Resolution

3. To advocate for enactment and implementation of fair laws and policies which are in harmony with Christian values.

Under this objective we aim at contributing to practice change and policy initiatives and reforms through research and advocacy. UCLF responded to National Policy guidelines and service standards for sexual and reproductive health and rights. We engaged the Kampala City Council Authority in relation to its warning of the public about the unapproved activities among which was street preaching. The engagement with the City Authority resulted into UCLF's involvement in the drafting of Street Preachers guiding Regulations. Currently we are consulting about the Faith Based Organizations policy and we hope to commence advocacy activities with the responsible offices.

4. To encourage member participation in ethical legal practice and community involvement by providing Pro-Bono opportunities to the indigent clients.

- (a) At least 20 Law students from Makerere University and Uganda Christian University participated in UCLF legal aid service provision

- (b) At least 11 lawyers provided pro bono services to UCLF's needy clients.
- (c) At least five lawyers' and 11 law students' forums such as fellowship meetings, retreats, workshops, mentorship classes, leadership seminars, symposiums were organised during the year.

VISION

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

MISSION

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**UGANDA CHRISTIAN LAWYERS' FRATERNITY
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES OF UGANDA CHRISTIAN LAWYERS' FRATERNITY

The activities include the following:

- A. Legal education
- B. Criminal Public Defense
- C. Civil legal aid
- D. Paralegal Advisory Services
- E. Students ministry and resource Centre.
- F. Fellowship
- G. Public interest work and advocacy

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

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

FUNDING

Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity principal financial supporters include:

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

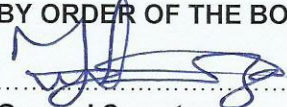
RESULTS:

The operating results of the fraternity for the year ended 30 June 2017 are set out on page 12.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

PKF Uganda has expressed willingness to continue in office.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD MEMBERS


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General Secretary

Kampala

12th Dec 2017

**UGANDA CHRISTIAN LAWYERS' FRATERNITY
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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STATEMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

The board members are of the opinion that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the financial affairs of the fraternity as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and the NGO Act.

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

Approved by the Board members on...th 12/ October 2017 and signed on their behalf by:


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President


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Vice President

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

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity for the year ended 30 June 2017 set out on pages 12-22 which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017 and the Statement of comprehensive income and accumulated fund for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 15 -18.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Uganda, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter – Basis of preparation

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2a to the financial statements, which describes the basis of preparation. The financial statements are prepared to assist the Board to report to the Members and stakeholders of Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity on the organizations' financial performance and status.

Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Board members' report, performance highlights and management information but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially

misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO MEMBERS OF UGANDA CHRISTIAN LAWYERS' FRATERNITY (continued)

Responsibilities of Management for the financial statements

Management are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, accounting policies described in note 2a and the requirements of the financing agreements, and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the organization financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up .

- the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

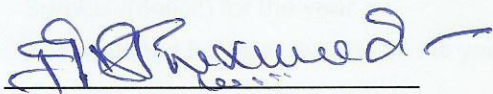
We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal requirements

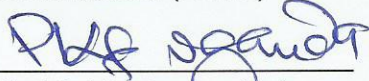
We report to you, based on our audit, that:

- i) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- ii) In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity, so far as appears from our examination of those books, and
- iii) Uganda Christian Lawyers' Fraternity statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income and accumulated fund are in agreement with the books of account.

The engagement partner responsible for the audit resulting to this report of the independent auditor is:



Frederick Kibbedi (P0242)



Certified Public Accountants

Kampala

 2017

Ref: FK/U078/7344/17



STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND ACCUMULATED FUND

	Notes	2017 Shs'000	2016 Shs'000
INCOME			
Donations	3.1	966,282	1,151,299
Other income	3.2	7,102	24,246
Income available for recurrent expenditure		<u>973,384</u>	<u>1,177,545</u>
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE			
Administration expenses	16	819,311	1,010,413
Monitoring and evaluation costs	17	4,930	4,540
Criminal public defense	18	87,893	148,531
Other operating expenses	19	48,046	62,467
Total recurrent expenditure		<u>960,180</u>	<u>1,225,951</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		<u>13,204</u>	<u>(48,406)</u>
Accumulated funds at the start of the year		81,534	131,264
Adjustment in the year		2,355	(1,324)
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		<u>13,204</u>	<u>(48,406)</u>
Accumulated funds at the end of the year		<u>97,093</u>	<u>81,534</u>

The notes on pages 19 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements

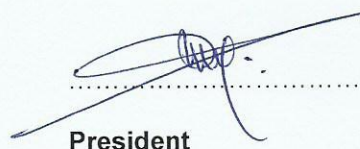
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2017

	Notes	2017 Ushs'000	2016 Ushs'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	10,659	19,958
Intangible assets	6	240	420
		<u>10,899</u>	<u>20,378</u>
Current assets			
Other current assets	7	43,167	-
Cash and cash equivalents	8	63,442	66,638
		<u>106,609</u>	<u>66,638</u>
Current liabilities			
Accounts payables	9	20,415	3,127
Net current assets		<u>86,194</u>	<u>63,511</u>
		<u>97,093</u>	<u>83,889</u>
RESERVES AND FUNDS			
Restricted fund	4	-	2,355
Accumulated fund		97,093	81,534
		<u>97,093</u>	<u>83,889</u>

The financial statements which appear on pages 12 to 25 were approved by the Board members on 13/10/2017 and signed on its behalf by:


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President


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Vice President

The notes on pages 19 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Notes	2017 Shs'000	2016 Shs'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		13,204	(48,406)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation & amortization	5 & 6	11,954	11,628
Adjustment in the prior year		-	(1,324)
		<u>25,158</u>	<u>(38,102)</u>
Changes in working capital			
Payables and accruals		17,288	
Receivable		<u>(43,167)</u>	<u>(5,500)</u>
Net cash flows (used in)/ generated from operating activities		<u>(721)</u>	<u>(43,602)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Cash paid for purchase of PPE	5	<u>(2,475)</u>	<u>(11,606)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(2,475)</u>	<u>(11,606)</u>
Net (Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(3,196)</u>	<u>(55,208)</u>
Movement in cash and cash equivalents			
At the start of the year		66,638	121,846
Net decrease/increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(3,196)</u>	<u>(55,208)</u>
At end of the year	8	<u>63,442</u>	<u>66,638</u>

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

1) General Information

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

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

2a) Basis of preparation

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

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

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

Going concern

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

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

b) Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The Fraternity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

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

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

c) Revenue recognition

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

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

d) Property, plant and equipment

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating profit/loss.

e) Accounts receivables

Account receivables are initially recognized at the transaction price.

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

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

f) Cash and cash equivalents

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

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

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

g) Accounts payables

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

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

h) Provisions

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

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

i) Translation of foreign currencies

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

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

j) Employee benefit obligations

Pension obligations

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

k) Impairment of assets

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

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

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

l) Comparatives

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Notes	2017 Shs'000	2016 Shs'000
3. Revenue			
3.1 Donations			
Foundation for Human Rights Initiative		159,825	190,497
BMS World Mission		193,143	215,311
Democratic Governance Facility		533,543	665,846
Lawyers Christian Fellowship (UK)		38,284	24,692
African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries (ALARM)		-	23,800
CYAN International		27,512	23,638
Members' Donation	21	9,005	3,650
Membership	20	4,970	3,865
Total donations		<u>966,282</u>	<u>1,151,299</u>
3.2 Other income			
Library Fees		188	228
Client Support to UCLF		1,750	200
Interest Received on Bank Accounts		716	1,670
Interest received from Stanlib fund management		3,167	-
Sale of Promotional Items		185	1,440
Gain on disposal		200	-
Contributions- UCLF @10 Dinner		-	18,940
File opening fee		419	210
Consultancies		-	500
AGM Contribution		340	2,758
Electricity- Gerona		-	300

Offertory	<u>137</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>7,102</u>	<u>26,246</u>
Total income	<u><u>973,384</u></u>	<u><u>1,177,545</u></u>
4. Restricted fund		
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,355</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,355</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

5. Property, Plant and equipment

	Furniture & fittings Shs'000	Motor cycles Shs'000	Law Books Shs'000	Computers Shs'000	Equipment Shs'000	Total Shs'000
Cost						
At 1 July 2016	13,394	3,480	84,583	14,517	3,383	119,357
Additions	745	-	-	-	1,730	2,475
Disposal	-	-	-	-	(500)	(500)
At 30 June 2017	<u>14,139</u>	<u>3,480</u>	<u>84,583</u>	<u>14,517</u>	<u>4,613</u>	<u>121,332</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 July 2016	7,013	1,831	79,098	11,139	318	99,399
Charge for the year	1,767	696	5,485	2,903	923	11,774
Disposal	-	-	-	-	(500)	(500)
At 30 June 2017	<u>8,780</u>	<u>2,527</u>	<u>84,583</u>	<u>14,042</u>	<u>741</u>	<u>110,673</u>
Net book Value						
At 30 June 2017	<u>5,359</u>	<u>953</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>3,872</u>	<u>10,659</u>
At 30 June 2016	<u>6,381</u>	<u>1,649</u>	<u>5,485</u>	<u>5,178</u>	<u>1,265</u>	<u>19,958</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

6. Intangible asset: software

	2017 Ushs'000	2016 Ushs'000
Cost		
At 1 July 2016	600	600
Additions	-	-
At 30 June 2017	600	600
Amortisation		
At 1 July 2016	180	-
Charge for the year	180	180
At 30 June 2017	360	180
Net book value		
At 30 June 2017	240	420

7. Other current assets

The fraternity invested an amount of Ushs 40,000,000 in STANLIB Uganda Money Market Fund in the month of October 2016. STANLIB Uganda is a unit trust (collective investment scheme) fund where short term investments are made of periods up to 6 months.

At the reporting date the funds had earned Ushs 3,166,581

	2017 Ushs'000	2016 Ushs'000
Initial deposit placed with StanLib in October 2016	40,000	-
Interest earned	3,167	-
Balance at 30 June 2017	43,167	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	2017 Shs'000	2016 Shs'000
8. Cash and cash equivalents		
The year-end cash and cash equivalents comprise of the following:-		
Barclays Bank of Uganda (BMS & LCF / General a/c)	6,600	65,468
Barclays Bank of Uganda (DGF)	56,039	-
Barclays Bank of Uganda (FHRI)	31	-
Total bank balances	<u>62,670</u>	<u>65,468</u>
Cash at Hand (General)	-	10
Petty cash-UCLF Kasese office	239	35
Petty cash-LAS Kasese office	274	-
Petty cash-CPD Kampala office	-	63
Petty cash-UCLF Gulu office	2	446
ALARM Gulu office	-	219
Petty cash-CPD Masaka	-	397
Pettycash UCLF Masaka office	112	-
Petty cash-UCLF Moyo office	145	-
	<u>772</u>	<u>1,170</u>
Total Cash and Cash equivalents	<u>63,442</u>	<u>66,638</u>
9. Accounts payable		
PAYE	10,391	-

NSSF	6,897	-
Audit Fees	<u>3,127</u>	<u>3,127</u>
	<u>20,415</u>	<u>3,127</u>

10. Contingent liabilities

There were no material contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2017.

11. Events after the end of the reporting date

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

12. Commitments

There were no capital commitments as at 30 June, 2017.

13. Presentation currency

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

14. Comparative figures

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

15. Incorporation

The fraternity is a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated under the Company's Act and licensed by the NGO Board.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	2017 Shs'000	2016 Shs'000
16. Administrative expenses		
Employment costs:		
Salaries and wages	617,181	685,393
NSSF 10% Contribution	35,897	61,062
General staff and training expenses	-	6,439
Other staff costs	-	2,524
	<u>653,078</u>	<u>755,418</u>
Other administrative expenses:		
Printing and stationery	20,702	18,842
Postages, internet and telephones	3,691	16,881
Legal and professional fees	-	232
Legal education	17,309	32,472
Audit Fees	3,127	3,127
Vehicle running and maintenance	6,486	7,920
Field Expenses	14,426	34,031
Practicing Certificates	3,919	1,480
Filing fees	2,370	13,760
Generator expenses	719	220
Continued professional development	1,902	3,874
Radio programme	6,609	1,450
Computer expenses	1,819	4,275
Counselling	6,578	-
Student coordination expenses	13,658	22,680
Stake holders meeting	-	33,807
Meeting, Fellowships and conferences	28,626	21,735
Newspapers and periodicals	635	-
Institutional CAPA	-	14,240
Public transport	-	4,801
Bank charges	3,317	4,950
Office expenses	<u>30,340</u>	<u>14,218</u>
	<u>166,233</u>	<u>254,995</u>
Total administration expenses	<u><u>819,311</u></u>	<u><u>1,010,413</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	2017 Shs'000	2016 Shs'000
17. Monitoring and evaluation expenses		
Monitoring and evaluation	4,930	4,540
	<u>4,930</u>	<u>4,540</u>
18. Criminal Public Defence		
Legal sensitization	62,854	117,525
Litigation expenses	24,512	24,053
Juvenile Justice	527	6,953
	<u>87,893</u>	<u>148,531</u>
19. Other operating expenses		
Rent and rates	23,640	29,767
Electricity and water	6,059	5,363
Mobilization facilitation costs	6,393	10,800
Repairs and Maintenance	-	4,909
Depreciation	11,954	11,628
	<u>48,046</u>	<u>62,467</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

20. MEMBERSHIP

UCLF Membership

	Shs
H/W Joyce Kavuma	100,000
H/W Vicent Muga	100,000
Norah Winyi Matovu	100,000
Martin Erone	100,000
Kiggundu Herbert	100,000
Aisia Suzanne	100,000
Pauline Nansamba Grage	100,000
Bwengye Andrew	100,000
Hon Justice David Matovu	100,000
Canon Goddy Muhanguzi Muhumuza	100,000
Kinobe Simon Peter	100,000
H/W Sarah Tusiime	100,000
Justice Hellen Obura	100,000
Remmy George Wamimbi	100,000
Annet Ttendo Miller	100,000
Damien Miller	100,000
Masereka M	100,000
Mangeni Peter	100,000
Bagyenda Ivan	100,000
Mitanda Sarah	100,000
Caroline Idembe	100,000
Iradikunda Elijah	100,000
Arthur Ayorekire	100,000
Eva Mudondo Musasizi	100,000
Kaahwa Christine	100,000
Daniel Ruhweza	100,000
Muhereza Liberty	100,000
Catherine Bamugemereire	100,000
Obiro Isaac	100,000
Namazzi Jacqueline	100,000
Candia Emmanuel	100,000
Daniel Rutiba	100,000
Edward Balaba	100,000
Paul Asimwe	100,000
Sam Kiriaghe	100,000
Sekabanja Kato	100,000
Titus Kamyia	100,000
Muwaganya Jonathan	100,000
Owor Moses C. Kibang	50,000
Subtotal UCLF Membership	<u>3,850,000</u>

Min of Repentance and Holiness	250,000
Subtotal company Membership	250,000

Students Membership

Sengendo Henry	20,000
Nampewo Diana	25,000
Kyomuhendo Justine	25,000
Bukirwa Rahom Maria	25,000
Nakafu Grace	25,000
Wanamama Stella	25,000
Beinomugisha Godwin	25,000
Tumwine Wills	25,000
Mugisha Davis	25,000
Kayondo James Wampamba	25,000
Nakanzi Loyce	25,000
Ainembabazi Madonna Vicky	25,000
Wakabahenda Theopista	25,000
Akino Jacintah	25,000
Cissy Nabatanzi	25,000
Nassuna Annet Dembe	25,000
Buyayi Mark	25,000
Birungi Hazel	25,000
Begumisa Winnie	25,000
Afoyomungu Olum Lorna	25,000
Rutaremwu Johnpaul	25,000
Arineitwe solomon	25,000
Tusubira Grace Mark	25,000
Niyonzima Alex	25,000
Ayebare Eliezer	25,000
Jjumba Lawrence	25,000
Byamugisha Joseph	25,000
Mawanda Moses	25,000
Olupot Anthony Philip	25,000
Ochero J Norman	25,000
Nimusiima Briton	25,000
Muhiirwa Deus Alituha	25,000
Abunia Godwin Toko	25,000
Kakaire Samuel	25,000
Kabagenyi Lisandra	25,000
Subtotal Students membership	870,000

Total	4,970,000
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

21. DONATIONS/ CONTRIBUTIONS

Bronze	Shs
1.Peruth Nshemereirwe	70,000
2.Candia Emmanuel	100,000
3. Liberty Muhereza	150,000
Silver	
4.Sam Kiriaghe	300,000
5. Masereka, Mangeni & Co.	300,000
Gold	
6.Titus Kamya	500,000
7. Sekabanja Kato	450,000
8. Daniel Rutiba	900,000
	2,770,000
Contributions towards the budget	
Edward Balaba	60,000
Iradukunda Elijah	100,000
Eva Mudondo Musasizi	150,000
Sam Tumugarukire	660,000
Martin Erone	900,000
Candia Emmanuel	260,000
Daniel Ruhweza	235,000
Norah Winyi Matovu	900,000
Nambowa Justice K	30,000
Paul Asiimwe	2,100,000

	<u>5,395,000</u>
Dr. Steve - Prophetic conference	840,000
Total	<u><u>9,005,000</u></u>

Note:

i) Donations / Contributions

This is a group of members handling civil cases. An AGM was held in 2014 where it was communicated that UCLF had got a donor but before funding them that donor wanted UCLF to partly contribute.

On registration & membership payment, each Lawyer was requested to choose a category of preference based on the different contribution per category, i.e Gold - 500,000, Bronze - 100,000, Silver - 300,000, Platinum - 1,000,000. However, all these contributions are voluntary.

It was from this that 4 categories were formed under the donations.

The amounts totaling to Ushs 2,770,000 are the annual contributions made.

ii) Contributions to the budget

These are commitments that were made by UCLF members towards the budget at the AGM in 2016. The total amounting to Ushs 5,395,000 is what was paid in fulfilment of their pledges.

