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FHRI has effectively executed six strategic plans since its inception in 1991. Each of these programs is based on research, monitoring and documentation of human rights violations, human rights education, legislative advocacy and legal aid service delivery. In its 20 years of human rights advocacy, FHRI has spearheaded the human rights movement in Uganda and beyond through publication of action oriented research reports, capacity building programs for community based human rights associations, treaty reporting to regional and UN human rights bodies, campaigns against torture, the death penalty and impunity, law reform and provision of legal aid services to the rural and urban poor especially women and children in hard to reach areas. In addition, the organization has facilitated the formation of community based human rights groups, sponsored weekly radio talk shows and human rights centred drama and established a Human Rights and Democracy Resource Centre to support program implementation.

In 2012, FHRI embarked on the implementation of its seventh Strategic Plan (2012 – 2016) titled, *'Bridging Rights and Values: Strengthening the Civic and Democratic Culture in Uganda (2012-2016)'*. This five year program which complements the 6th Strategic Plan, seeks to address the democracy and human rights deficit in Uganda at the policy, legislative and practice levels. The program goes beyond the human rights discourse and interrogates the question of values and links both rights and civic values. The program prioritizes the use of ICTs in human rights advocacy. It has three broad focus themes: social accountability, equality and democratic governance. Gender, child rights, HIV/AIDS, the elderly, PWDs and minority rights are cross cutting issues in research, legal assistance, policy and legislative review, civic education and campaigns.

FHRI is proud to be associated with a number of partners at the national, regional and international level. In 2012, FHRI actively maintained close collaboration with its implementing partners including: Uganda Prisons Service, Uganda Police Force, Uganda Human Rights Commission, Parliament of Uganda, Uganda Law Reform Commission, the Justice Law and Order Secretariat, The Judicial Studies Institute/Judicial Training Committee, the Directorate of Public Prosecution, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Gender, Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Uganda Governance Monitoring Project (UGMP), Coalition Against Torture, African Centre for the Treatment of Torture Victims, (ACTV), Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF), Foundation for Needy Communities (FDNC), Kabugo Tamale & Co. Advocates, Katende Sempebwa & Co. Advocates, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, NGO Coalition on the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, the East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Network Project (EHAHRDP), the Death penalty project LTD, FIDH, OMCT, Penal Reform International (PRI), World Movement for Democracy and the International Centre for Not for Profit Law (ICNL).

FHRI also supports and works with a number of community based human rights groups such as: Human Rights Activists and Monitors in Amuru district, Community Rural Empowerment and Support Organization in Gulu district, Koboko Civil Society Network, Soroti Development Association and NGO Network, Kamuli District NGO Network, Tororo Civil Society Development Association, National Human Rights Association of Uganda in Tororo, Rwenzori

Peace Bridge for Reconciliation in Kasese district, Masindi District NGO Forum, Kalangala Human Rights Defenders, Kalungu Paralegal Association, Sembabule Paralegal Association, Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum in Kampala, Masaka Human Rights Defenders, Kumi Human Rights Initiative, Pastoral Women Alliance to Break Cultural Chains in Kiboga, Action for Human Rights and Civic Awareness in Kayunga, Women's Initiative for Development and Paralegal Activities Association in Mukono, The Uganda Paralegal Society in Kampala, Human Rights Target in Luwero, Youth Revival Association in Kampala, Uganda Ey'enkya Development Project Group in Masaka, Lira Women's Peace Initiative and Human Rights and Paralegal Services in Busia district.

FHRI is a member of and collaborates with a number of civil society networks, coalitions/platforms and civil society groups including: Human Rights Network (HURINET), Development Network of Indigenous Voluntary Associations in Uganda (DENIVA), Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN), Coalition Against Torture (CAT), Uganda Governance Monitoring Project (UGMP), Citizens Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU), Platform for Labour Action (PLA), Uganda Land Alliance (ULA), Legal Aid Service Providers Network (LASPNET), the Uganda Journalists Human Rights Network (UJHRN), Uganda Parliamentary Press Association (UPPA), Uganda Media Development Foundation (UMDF), Human Rights and Peace Centre, (HURIPEC), Uganda Law Society (ULS), ANPCANN, Uganda Debt Network (UDN), Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC), FIDA-Uganda, UWONET, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Uganda), Uganda Land Alliance (ULA), Refugee Law Project (RLP), Anti Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU), the Strengthening Access to Justice – Uganda Chapter (SAJEA), the National NGO Forum and the Human Rights Centre.

The University human rights network which was initiated in 2006 now has a total of twenty two (22) human rights associations comprising of Busoga University, Ndejje University, Nkozi University, Makerere University, Makerere University Business School, Kampala International University (Gaba), Kampala International University (Kansanga), Bugema University, Nkumba University, Kyambogo University, Uganda Christian University (Mukono), Gulu University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, the Islamic University, Mbale, IUIU (Kaboja), Cavendish University, Mutesa I Royal University, Mountain of the Moon University (Fort Portal), Pentecostal University (Fort portal), St Lawrence University, Kumi University and Busitema University.

The print and electronic media are key partners. These include: CBS FM, Super FM, Radio One, Radio Simba, KFM, Vision Voice, Sanyu FM, Capital FM, Voice of Teso, Dembe FM, Top Radio, Power FM, Radio West, Voice of Africa, BBC, UBC, WBS, NTV, Top TV and Record TV among others. Newspapers that have supported the campaign include: New Vision, Monitor publications, Weekly Observer, Bukedde, The East African, Reuters, The Independent Magazine, the Sunrise Newspaper, among others.

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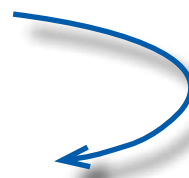
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MESSAGE FROM THE

CHAIRPERSON

REV. DR JOHN KATEEBA

Chairperson,
FHRI Board of
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Within the last two decades, Uganda has witnessed profound changes; there has been increased awareness of human rights, government is mainstreaming human rights in its development programs while civil society groups continue to involve different stakeholders in decision making processes at all levels of governance.

The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) continues to promote human rights awareness, respect, and observance. In 2012, FHRI piloted new human rights programs: a civil society –private sector forum, a human rights song (Ddembe lyaffe), a legal aid program for six districts of Uganda (Kampala, Kibaale, Kalangala, Bundibugyo, Kiboga and Wakiso) as well as the release of the periodic human rights

report on the right to fair trial in Uganda.

FHRI continues to influence debate on current human rights and democracy issues including but not limited to: the application of the death penalty, electoral reform, right to a fair hearing and access to justice.

Little could have been achieved without the support of our partners, peers, membership and staff. To all of you, we say thank you.

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**

REV. DR JOHN KATEEBA
CHAIRPERSON,
FHRI BOARD OF DIRECTORS



INTRODUCTION

Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana
Executive Director, FHRI

The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) turned a new page in 2012. We began yet another five year journey with the implementation of the 7th Strategic Plan (2012 -2016). This five year program titled; *'Bridging Rights and Values: Strengthening the Civic and Democratic Culture in Uganda (2012-2016)'*, has been designed to address the democracy and human rights deficit in Uganda at the policy, legislative and practice levels. The program goes beyond the human rights discourse and interrogates the question of values, linking both rights and civic values.

The program takes a holistic approach to human rights advocacy: Research, legislative advocacy, legal assistance, civic education and building strategic partnerships underpin our future engagement. The program reaches out to a diverse constituency: universities, community- based groups, JLOS institutions, parliament, judiciary and regional bodies such as the East African Community.

It is now over a year since we began this ambitious campaign. The support and good will we have received is unprecedented while the positive outcomes of our work have encouraged us to move on.

2012 in our view had three main ground breaking events which characterised the campaign. First the launch of the Civil Society - Private Sector Forum (CSPSF) on 20th September 2012 at the Nice House of Plastics, UMA Show Grounds

bringing together 250 delegates that raised new opportunities for partnership and collaboration for improved service delivery and prospects for social investment.

The Human Rights song, *'Ddembe Lyaffe'*, translated as *'Our Rights'* composed during the year promises to make its way to the top of the chart. Our dream is for this song to spread like wild fire, bring about the much desired human rights practice change and instil a human rights and civic culture both top- down and bottom- up.

The launch of the legal aid program in Wakiso district on 17th December 2012 that registered about 500 ordinary Ugandans was another landmark event for FHRI. There is no doubt that the choice of strategy is relevant as indicated by the increasing demand for legal aid services. One hundred and thirty seven (137) cases were received on that day alone.

While building on past achievements, the campaign on the abolition of the death penalty, electoral reform, access to justice, the right to quality health care, and the pursuit for transitional justice have continued to bring hope in the lives of thousands of ordinary Ugandans. Our work at the regional and international level in this respect has been acknowledged while our role in contributing to the development of human rights standards cannot be over emphasised.

Through civic education we reached over 5,000 Ugandans during the year; University students, faith-based groups, the elderly, fishing communities, secondary school students, manufacturers, activists, vulnerable groups, civic leaders and rotaracters. All the four (4) regions of Uganda were traversed.

Use of Information & Communication Technologies (ICTs) in carrying out human rights advocacy has been strengthened through increased use of the website, face book and twitter.

Several outcomes at the institutional, policy and practice levels were documented and these include but not limited to: First, the institutional reforms that have a bearing on respect for human rights and democratic accountability. Examples of these include; the establishment of the parliamentary committee on governance and human rights, human rights desks in police stations across the country, the appointment of a human rights committee for Wakiso local government and the Health and Human Rights working group in the Ministry of

Health are a product of these advocacy efforts.

Second, the legislative reforms that widen the scope for the enjoyment of human rights and promoting accountability and multi-party democracy in Uganda. These include: the Anti-Torture Bill (2010) and the defacto moratorium on death sentences. Mitigation hearings for capital offenders, the commutation of death sentences and release of prisoners on death row are progressive outcomes of the campaign for the abolition of the death penalty in Uganda.

A new sentencing regime is in the offing following a Judicial Task force on new Sentencing Guidelines appointed following the Supreme Court ruling in the *Susan Kigula* case will enhance uniformity and consistency in sentencing by judicial officers. FHRI is a member of this task force. Guidelines are now ready for implementation.

At the level of practice, the access to justice campaign has yielded some positive results. A number of pre-trial detainees have been able to access justice: fast tracking cases, increased access to legal services and speedy transfer of cases to appropriate judicial and administrative bodies. Lower level advocacy by community based human rights defenders contributed to practice change and better service delivery in some of the target areas.

At the organisational level, FHRI membership has grown from 638 members in 2011 to 890 in 2012. A new Board of

Directors (2012 -2015) was elected during the 8th General Assembly held on 4th August 2012 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya while Hon Dr. Justice George Kanyeihamba was elected the first Patron of the Foundation on this occasion.

These achievements have not been without difficulties because the road to change never is. Among these is:

- i. **Access to information** in the hands of government institutions remains an uphill task. The lack of up to date information in some instances makes it difficult to analyse trends, delays and thus negatively affects advocacy for practice change.
- ii. **Impunity:** Impunity amongst some government officers or individuals claiming to be part of Government is on the rise. Assisting victims of abuse is made particularly difficult owing to non compliance with human rights safeguards.
- iii. **Effectiveness of government institutions:** The effectiveness of our legal assistance program is largely undermined by non responsive government institutions. Legal processes are slow, complex and unpredictable.
- iv. **High expectations of clients:** Due to increasing levels of poverty and disempowerment many Ugandans present excessive demands. Realising expectations alongside provision of quality service is an uphill task.
- v. **Restrictive space for independent action:** A number of existing laws threaten civil society space. Human rights defenders continue

to encounter threats to both their work and life.

vi. **Organizational sustainability:** FHRI marked 21 years of human rights activism at the end of 2012. FHRI has to work towards full institutionalization – deepening its financial base, consolidating achievements and building systems that can last. The organisation however continues to depend on external assistance. Given the global economic meltdown, these resources are also dwindling yet the demand for services is overwhelming. Deepening the local resource base is a major goal. This notwithstanding, we remain indebted to our development partners for the financial and technical support accorded to us in 2012.

vii. **Security threats:** The organisation faced security threats during the year. A number of safety measures need to be taken to secure the working and operating environment.

As we reflect on the progress made in 2012, we remain indebted to all our partners who made this success possible.

‘Together We Can Make A Difference’



Livingstone Sewanyana
Executive Director, FHRI

CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

In 2012, the National Resistance Movement Government marked twenty six years in power. From a no – party system in twenty years, the first multi-party elections were held in February 2006 and subsequently in February 2011. Seven years into a multi-party system, the events before, during and after these elections, bear worrying signals which make Uganda's democratic gains appear very fragile. It is apparent that Uganda still has to deal with the pains and challenges of transiting from a one party rule (Movement) to a pluralist multi-party political system.

Political opposition though few in Parliament, have made an effort to advise government where necessary on policy and practices; are increasingly becoming a channel through which people express their dissatisfaction. However, their effectiveness and ability to deepen and nurture democratic discourse has been hampered by a restrictive legislative environment which limits expression of divergent views and does not nurture pluralism. The absence of a functional and effective National Political Parties Consultative Forum, a non- partisan police force, prevalence of intimidation and an overbearing NRM dominated legislature continues to hamper their effectiveness. Continued harassment of political opposition characterized by arrests and trumped up charges remains a matter of grave concern.



Youth carrying placards to the A4C planned rally at Kololo Air strip on 4th May 2012 demonstrate against the continued tear gassing of FDC leader Dr Kiiza Besigye during the walk to work protests

On the other hand, political parties are yet to adopt people centered ideologies and coherent policies, have a weak membership base, lack internal democracy and are largely bedeviled with factionalism and poor funding. These internal weaknesses continue to erode public confidence among parties slows down progress and contributes to a democratic deficit in Uganda.

Despite attempts by the executive to control the 9th Parliament, the August House has been rated highly in terms of legislation and oversight in 2012; **[UGMP Report: 2012]**. This performance is largely attributed to the independence of Members of Parliament in the fight against corruption and impunity. Its attempt to protect national interests such as oil and other extractive resources in Uganda is a case in point. However, the emergence of the NRM MP caucus as a key decision making body exercising undue influence on its members in the House undermines the performance of Parliament.

The Judiciary provides useful checks and balances on the legislative and executive branch of government through decisions that uphold human rights.

The Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS) has put in place mechanisms to ensure that the judiciary effectively plays this role. Major challenges however remain. The failure to implement court rulings, delay in appointment of judicial officers, and corruption impact negatively on access to justice. There seems to be a growing negative perception about the judicial system. Arbitrary arrests, failure to honour the 48 hour rule, unnecessarily lengthy detention of inmates on remand, poor prison conditions, torture in some police cells among others are some of the challenges that contribute to this perception.

Fostering public accountability, transparency, freedom and equality in public institutions remains a challenge. Despite government efforts to put in place institutions like the Inspector General of Government and legislation to curb incidences of corruption, media reports of spiraling incidences of corruption continue unabated. The recent report by Transparency International indicates that Uganda ranks highest among the East African countries in bribery and corruption **[Transparency International Kenya, East African Bribery Index 2012]**. Relatedly, corruption threatens the newly established oil industry in Uganda. The Petroleum (Exploration, Development and Production) Act, 2012 does not address the wide spread fears about the economic benefits of this resource.

Media freedom continues to face some threats. With a few notable exceptions, it appears that Uganda continues to experience a steady erosion of press freedom, including attacks on journalists and the media. The media has often been portrayed as an enemy of the state accused of being used by the opposition and others to overthrow the government.¹

¹ FHRI reports of journalists beaten up during the 'walk to work' campaign on 14 April 2011.



A scuffle between journalists and the police during the A4C planned rally at Kololo Air Strip, 4th May 2012.

While some media houses have been able to withstand this undue interference, others have been crippled and are now exercising high levels of self-censorship. Some sections of the media fear that they could be closed down and their licenses could be suspended or revoked by a regulator that is widely seen as less independent. Whereas some media owners could challenge government action in court, many are business people who cannot risk losing business in court battles that could last for years.

Uganda has made progress in enacting legislation but enforcement of these is lacking particularly those that are progressive.

In spite of efforts to improve the delivery of social services particularly within the health and education sectors, performance standards do not meet accepted standards. Maternal mortality is high. Remuneration of health workers is less competitive. The poor working conditions demotivate civil servants.

The introduction of Universal Primary Education (UPE) and Universal Secondary

Education (USE) has increased the enrolment of students. Unfortunately the quality of education is still low. The liberalization of higher education has stimulated the growth of new tertiary institutions and universities who unfortunately have questionable quality standards.

It is against this background that FHRI continues to advocate for improvements at the level of policy and practice as was the case in 2012.



Section

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PROGRAMME ACTIONS

PROGRAMME ACTIONS

2012 marked the first year of implementation of FHRI's 7th Strategic Plan: Bridging Rights and Values: Strengthening the Civic and Democratic Culture in Uganda (2012-2016). The program has seven strategic objectives:

1. To monitor and document human rights practices in order to promote dialogue and respect for human rights and democratic development in Uganda.
2. To promote sustainable access to justice for the poor and vulnerable groups in Uganda.
3. To promote the sharing of best practices in the administration of justice in the Great Lakes region.
4. To enhance the capacity of democratic structures with knowledge on legal rights, procedures, remedies and civic obligations.
5. To promote electoral democracy in the run up to the 2016 General elections.
6. To promote leadership development among human rights defenders in the Great Lakes region.
7. To strengthen the institutional capacity and sustainability of FHRI.

This program has three broad focus themes: social accountability, equality and democratic governance. These themes are executed under seven Actions:

A cross section of FHRI members at the 2012 General Assembly, Human Rights House, Nsambya, 4th August 2012



- Action 1:** Research, Advocacy and Lobbying
- Action 2:** Legal Services
- Action 3:** Civic Education
- Action 4:** External Services
- Action 5:** Special Projects
 - i. The Paralegal Advisory Services Program (PAS)
 - ii. Citizens Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU)
- Action 6:** Partnerships
- Action 7:** Organizational Development

The Annual Report highlights each of these actions, the activities carried out there under, the progress made in accomplishing the planned activities in 2012, outcomes, the difficulties encountered and measures taken to address these.

ACTION 1: RESEARCH, ADVOCACY & LOBBYING

Objective

The Action seeks to influence policy and practice change through human rights research, advocacy and lobbying.

The Action has three activities:

1. Thematic human rights reports.
2. Treaty reporting.
3. Policy and law reform.

Implementation

FHRI has earmarked eight focus themes: right to a fair hearing in Uganda, political pluralism and multiparty democracy in Uganda beyond 2011, natural resource management (land evictions, equity and access to resources), exercise of legislative powers, food security, decentralized governance (service delivery and accountability), eradication of extreme poverty (planning, participation, resource distribution, corruption) and electoral democracy (management of elections, civic education). The Research Division periodically publishes and disseminates thematic human rights reports at the national and district level through Lower Level Platforms (LLPs). Treaty reporting and advocacy for policy and law reform are integral aspects of the Action.

Planned activities

Three (3) activities were planned in 2012: publication of two human rights thematic reports on *the right to a fair hearing and multiparty democracy in Uganda*; participation in the 51st and 52nd Ordinary Sessions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples Rights (ACHPR); convene two (2) Lower Level Platforms in the districts of Gulu and Kasese; undertake research and analysis of the human rights compatibility of existing laws and submit memoranda to relevant parliamentary committees on pending Bills.

Output

The report on the right to a fair hearing titled: "The Right to a fair trial-Next Steps" (June 2011 – July 2012), was published by the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) on 10th December 2012. The report was made public at a press launch that was attended by eighty one (81) delegates at Hotel Africana, Kampala. The report was officially launched by the Principal Judge, Hon. Yorokamu Bamwine. The report which covers the period: June 2011 – July 2012, examines the current level of compliance with the constitutional requirement that suspects, accused persons and inmates are entitled to a fair, speedy and public hearing before an independent and impartial tribunal. The report also contains an assessment of the human rights situation in Uganda for the period. In order to ensure comprehensive coverage of the criminal justice system, interviews were conducted with key stakeholders within the Justice, Law and Order Sector (JLOS), academia, civil society groups, offenders at police stations and inmates in prisons. Focus Group Discussions were

held with members of the general public in hard to reach areas namely; Nakapiripirit, Kotido, Moroto, Kasese and Fort portal.



Hon Yorokamu Bamwine, the Principal Judge (centre) launching the right to a fair hearing report. Extreme left is FHRI Patron Hon Dr Prof George Kanyeihamba and Mr Livingstone Sewanyana on the right, 10th December 2012, Hotel Africana, Kampala

Five hundred (500) copies of the report were printed and widely disseminated to: the Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS) secretariat, JLOS institutions, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and other government ministries and departments, the private sector, civil society groups, political parties, Parliament, Judiciary, constitutional bodies, practicing advocates, academia, the media and development partners.

The media covered the research findings as elaborated in Table I below:

Table I: Media coverage of research findings: 2012

Title of the Article	Source
Principal Judge Bamwine opposes probe of Judiciary	<i>The New vision, Tuesday, December 11th 2012</i>
Abuse of Human Rights worsening	<i>Daily Monitor, Wednesday 12 December 2012</i>
Human Rights Report released	<i>Radio One, Monday 10th December 2012</i>
Report says corruption hindering justice	<i>Sanyu FM, 10th December 2012</i>
Lipota ku dembe lyo'buntu efurumizidwa	<i>CBS fm, 10th December 2012</i>
Lipota ku'nkola ya kooti mu Uganda	<i>Radio Simba, 10th December 2012</i>
A new report on human rights released	<i>NBS, 11th December 2012</i>

As part of the dissemination strategy of the earlier report on the Right to healthcare in

Uganda, FHRI convened one (1) Lower Level Platform (LLP) in Gulu district from 19th – 21st March 2012 under the theme: *‘Ensuring access to quality health care for all Ugandans.’*

The platform held at Churchill Courts Hotel was attended by fifty six (56) participants including 44 male and 12 female. These include district leaders, Ministry of Health and district health officials, medical personnel, community based organisations, district and national civil society groups and the media from the three districts of; Gulu, Amuru and Nwoya.

The objectives of the 3rd LLP were: to disseminate the findings of the FHRI report titled: *‘Right to HealthCare in Uganda; January - June 2010 released in 2010; to promote dialogue and local level response among district leaders, district health officers, medical personnel, community based organisations and civil society groups on key challenges in the delivery of health services in Uganda and; to create an awareness of current initiatives being undertaken to address the challenges in the health sector.*

The platform was officially opened by the Resident District Commissioner, Gulu District, Mr. Owor Odoi while Mr. Atube Anthony Omach, the Local Council V Chairperson of Amuru district represented Amuru. Nwoya district was represented by Mr. Semet Okwir. All the three local government leaders acknowledged the timeliness of the platform. The opportunity to engage with senior officials from the Ministry of Health officials on this occasion was a chance to discuss the challenges associated with and collectively agree on strategies to deal with the outbreak of meningitis and nodding disease in the three districts at that time.

The Ministry of Health (MOH) was represented by Dr. Isaac Ezati, Director, Health Services Planning and Development who represented the Permanent Secretary; and Dr. Paul Kagwa, the Communications Commissioner. The Ministry applauded FHRI for sustaining the lower level dialogue on the right to quality health care in Uganda between government and civil society. Other MOH officials from the districts included: the District Health Officer, Gulu district; the Assistant District Health Officer Amuru district and the Senior Clinical Officer, Nwoya district.

National civil society groups including Uganda National Health Users/Consumers Organization (UNHCO) and Sickie Cell Association of Uganda participated in the platform. They led discussions and highlighted the progress of the campaign with respect to improving maternal health in Uganda and the much needed medical support to sicklers.

As part of the follow up mechanism, two lobby meetings were held with: Major Felix Kulaigye, Uganda Peoples’ Defence Forces (UPDF) who was the UPDF spokesperson on 9th January 2012 on civilians awaiting trial in the General Court Martial and; with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Sports regarding one of the

teachers who had been interdicted from duty for participating in the strike by the Uganda National Teachers Union over poor pay.

In the same vein, FHRI spoke out on a number of human rights abuses and against state excesses. The organisation called for legislative and practice reform in several areas.

Table 2 details some of the issues raised by FHRI as captured by the media.

Table 2: Media reports on FHRI

No	Topic/Theme	Source
1	Interview on allegations by Hon Nsaba Butuuro that Human Rights groups receive money to promote homosexuality.	Sun Rise News Paper, 6th March 2012
2	Police brutality.	Radio One, 15th March 2012
3	Statutory Instrument banning A4C activities	Daily Monitor 4th April 2012
4	Phone interview on the Restoration of presidential term limits and Statutory Instrument banning A4C activities	KFM 4th April 2012
5	Implications of Statutory Instrument banning A4C Activities	Edoboozi 5th April 2012
6	Campaign against the Death Penalty and Statutory Instrument banning A4C activities.	Uganda Radio Network 10th April 2012
7	Museveni's succession plan and religious leaders and politics.	CBS 17th April 2012
8	Police rough up of Ingrid Turinaawe.	Daily Monitor, 21st April 2012
9	Handling of Ingrid Turinaawe by Police.	Radio One, 23rd April 2012
10	Police handling of women protestors and media freedom.	Radio Simba, 24th April 2012
11	Interview on presidential term limits.	Associated Press, 25th April 2012
12	Uganda : human rights record.	Daily Monitor, 1st May 2012
13	NRM 10 Point Program: Building a self sustaining integrated economy.	Daily Monitor, 5th May 2012
14	Public Order Management Bill 2010.	KFM, 22nd May 2012
15	LGBTI - NGO Space.	Observer, 3rd July 2012
16	Rampant school fires in Uganda.	KFM, 4th July 2012
17	Senseless murders in and around Kampala.	Bukedde, 8th August 2012
18	Banning of Play 'State of the Nation'.	Daily Monitor, 31st October 2012
19	The IGG and Corruption.	New vision 4TH December 2012
20	Detention of MPS Nsereko, Baryomunsi and human rights.	KFM, 27th December 2012
21	Detention of MP Nsereko	Kingdom FM, 27th December 2012
22	Detention of MP Nsereko	Radio One, 27th December 2012
23	Detention of MP Nsereko	Radio Simba, 27th December 2012
24	Detention of MP Nsereko	Super Fm 27th December 2012
25	Detention of MP Nsereko	Akabozi, 27th December 2012

Under the Treaty reporting component, FHRI participated in the 51st session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in the Gambia from 18th April – 2nd May 2012. On this occasion, FHRI together with the International Federation of Human

Rights Defenders (FIDH) presented brief country reports on the human rights situation in Uganda. Relatedly, in March 2012, FHRI and FIDH presented a status report to the 19th Sessions of the Human Rights Council on the substantive recommendations rejected by Uganda during the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in October 2011. All these reports were well received by the Treaty bodies.

At the policy and legislative level, FHRI submitted views on The Prohibition and Prevention of Torture Bill, 2010 before the Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs on 10th February 2012. The Bill was passed into law in April 2012.

In a related development, in September 2012, FHRI commissioned a research study aimed at scrutinizing pieces of legislation and proposed Bills in Uganda in as far as they guarantee and widen the enjoyment of freedom of expression, association and assembly. Following this review, on 14th December 2012, FHRI convened a validation meeting to discuss the research findings.

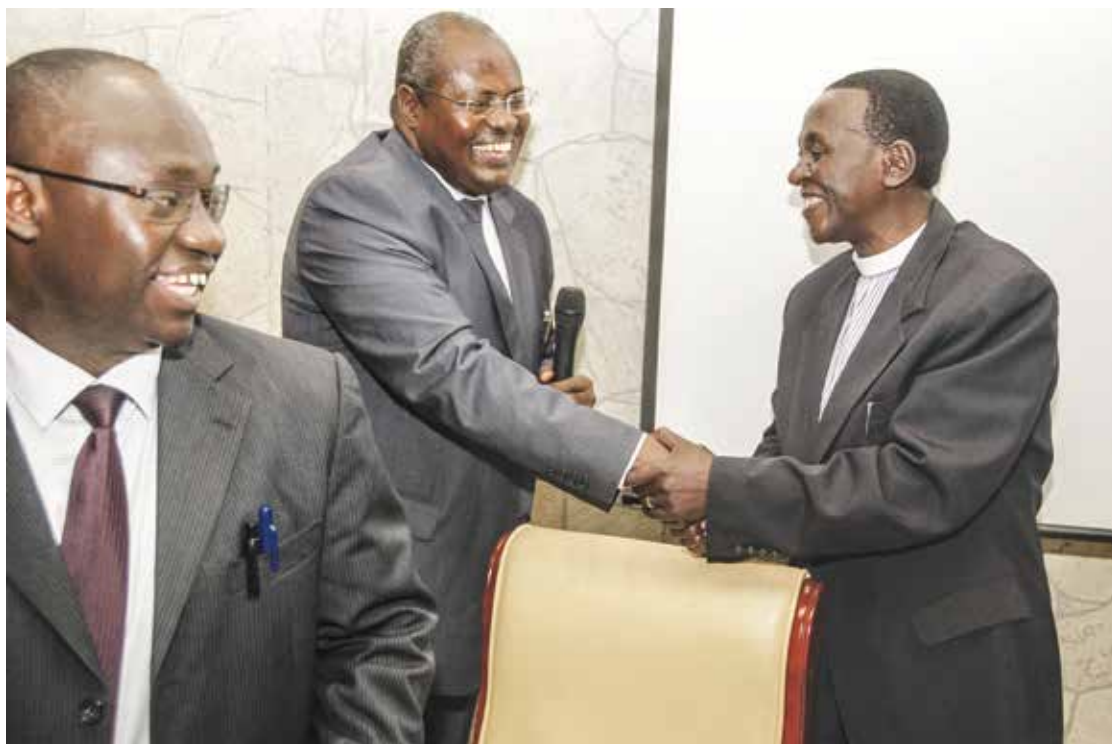
The meeting was attended by twenty three (23) participants (18 female and 5 male) from the Uganda Law Reform Commission, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Civil Society Coalition on Human Rights and Constitutionalism (CSCSRC), Centre for Constitutional Governance, Human Rights Network for Journalists, Parliament of Uganda, the Human Rights Committee of the Parliament of Uganda, The Daily Monitor and the School of Law (Makerere University). The participants discussed the report and made comments on scope, focus, structure and current developments. During the meeting, Mr. Geoffrey Ogwaro, Co-coordinator of the Civil Society Coalition on Human Rights and Constitutionalism delivered a presentation on the human rights implications of the Anti- Homosexuality Bill, 2009.

Lastly, research on 'The State of Multi-party Democracy in Uganda' continues.

Outcome

"The Judiciary welcomes efforts such as these. I have read the report and agree with some of the recommendations. We shall study the proposals and follow through on implementation. Those who feel that their cases have been inappropriately handled by the judiciary as documented in the report should come and file a complaint with me"
[Hon Yorokamu Bamwine, The Principal Judge; during the public launch of the report on 10th December 2012, Hotel Africana, Kampala.]

During the launch of the report, the Principal Judge encouraged the public to report any form of complaint related to case management to his office. Similarly, two cases involving mismanagement by the Uganda Police were taken up by the Professional Standards Unit (PSU) for effective follow up.



The Principal Judge, Hon Yorokamu Bamwine (centre) shares a light moment with the Chairperson of the FHRI Board of Directors, Rev Dr John Kateeba (right) as Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana looks on during the launch of the report on 10th December 2012, Hotel Africana, Kampala.

Following the continued lobbying by FHRI, thirty three (33) cases of civilians awaiting trial before the General Court Martial were transferred to civilian courts during the year while 4 were released. Likewise, the trial of the 25 suspects of the September 2009 Buganda riots commonly known as the ‘Kayunga suspects’ begun. 11 of these suspects were acquitted.

FHRI campaign on juvenile justice initiated in 2009 with the publication of a thematic report on Juvenile Justice in Uganda, yielded some results. Following FHRI’s intervention, three juveniles detained with adult offenders in Nakasongola prison were transferred to Kasaana prison which has a juvenile detention facility. Similarly, two juveniles detained with adults were transferred to Naguru Remand Home from Muduma prison in Mityana and Kauga prison in Mukono after independent medical professionals opined that they were under 18 years of age.

The demand for the thematic reports published by FHRI in the last five years has increased. In 2012, FHRI recorded one hundred twenty one (121) requests from; development partners, Justice Law and Order Sector institutions, government ministries, civil society groups, the media, students, researchers and international human rights advocacy groups.

Singled out is the Human Rights Desk of the UPDF which receives these thematic reports acknowledged the report on fair hearing as informative and of high quality.

The research reports remain a useful source of information on the human rights trends in Uganda. They have been quoted extensively in both international and local human rights literature **(for example, see ‘Countries at Cross Roads 2012: Uganda’ by Freedom House and the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee report on the Public Order Management Bill (2010) of 2012).**

Due to persistent alternative reports being submitted to the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, Uganda has improved its reporting record under the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights. This has led to increased dialogue on Uganda’s human rights record within the African Human Rights system between the Government of Uganda and the Commission.

Uganda was also peer reviewed at the 18th and 19th Session of the UN Human Rights Council in 2011. Interactive dialogue among fifty five (55) states on Uganda’s human rights record generated several recommendations. The UN Human Rights Council benefited from reports submitted by stakeholders including FHRI.

Progress has been registered with respect to the implementation of commitments made by Uganda during the Universal Periodic Review in 2011. For example, The Anti -Torture Law was passed into law on 7th July 2012; the Judiciary has adopted Sentencing Guidelines to ensure consistent application of the Supreme Court decision in the Susan Kigula case on the application of the death penalty; The Public Order Management Bill was withdrawn for further consultations and; the Cabinet sub-committee to provide policy oversight and guidance on human rights issues has been set up.

With respect to lower level advocacy for practice change, there has been increased advocacy towards improvement of health service delivery. For example, following the 3rd Lower Level Platform (LLP) held in Gulu district on the right to quality health care in Uganda, the WorldVision organized a Civil Society symposium in Gulu on patients’ rights. The forum which was held on 2nd April 2012 was an advocacy platform for improvement of health service delivery in the district. It was attended by a cross section of civil society groups that participated in the LLP.

A human rights working group set up in the Ministry of Health (MoH) to which FHRI is a member is partly attributed to recommendations of the lower level advocacy platforms such as the LLP. The human rights training manual for health workers which the group has authored is now undergoing pre-testing.



Participants at the Lower Level Platform in Gulu, 19th – 21st March 2012, Church Hill Courts, Gulu, Front row: L- R: Mr Paul Kaggwa, Ass. Commissioner, Health Promotion and Education, MoH, Mr. Atube Omach, LCV chairperson, Amuru district, Ms Robinah Kaitiritimba, Executive Director, Uganda National Health Consumers, Mr Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director, FHRI, Dr Isaac Ezati, Director Health Services, Planning and Development, MoH and Mr Owor Odoi RDC Gulu District.

Challenges

Despite the enactment of the Access to Information Act, 2005 securing information from some government institutions is still difficult. Without relevant information, analysing trends and sustaining advocacy for practice change is rendered difficult.

ACTION 2: LEGAL SERVICES

Objective

The Action seeks to promote access to justice for poor and vulnerable persons in Uganda.

The Action has three activities:

1. Legal Aid Services.
2. The Death Penalty Campaign.
3. Public Interest Litigation.

Implementation

The campaign which promotes sustainable access to justice and advocates for best practices in the administration of justice involves; pro-bono legal aid services to the poor and vulnerable persons; the campaign for the abolition of the death penalty and; public interest litigation for policy and practice change.

Planned Activities

In 2012, the planned activities under the Legal Services Division were: to offer pro-bono legal aid services to at least three hundred (300) clients; run two legal aid camps in Wakiso district; install a toll free hotline for rapid response; support mitigation hearings for death row inmates; produce a documentary film on the death penalty and conditions of death row inmates in Uganda; publish a report on alternative sanctions and death penalty trends in Kenya and Uganda; commemorate the World Day Against the Death Penalty; convene an IPU side event on the death penalty in Uganda and follow up the constitutional petition on terrorism and human rights as well as follow up the Supreme Court Appeal on the right to bail.

Output

1. Legal Aid Assistance

In order to expand the legal aid program and strengthen outreach, the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) together with the Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) of the School of Law, Makerere University launched a two year legal aid program at Wakiso Grounds. Launched by the Solicitor General of Uganda Mr. Francis Atwoki, the project seeks to improve access to justice for the poor and vulnerable persons in Uganda. The project covers six districts which include; *Kampala, Wakiso, Kalangala, Kiboga, Bundibugyo and Kibaale*. In 2012, FHRI provided legal assistance to a total of four hundred eighty nine (489) cases of human rights abuse. Figure 1 below illustrates the number of cases handled

by FHRI from 1993 to 2012:

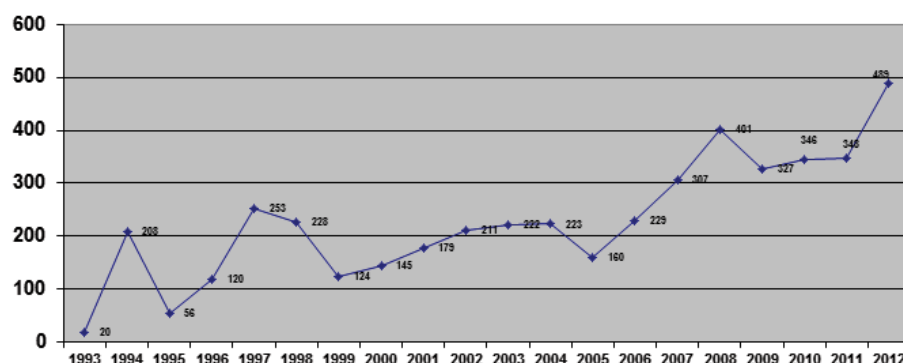
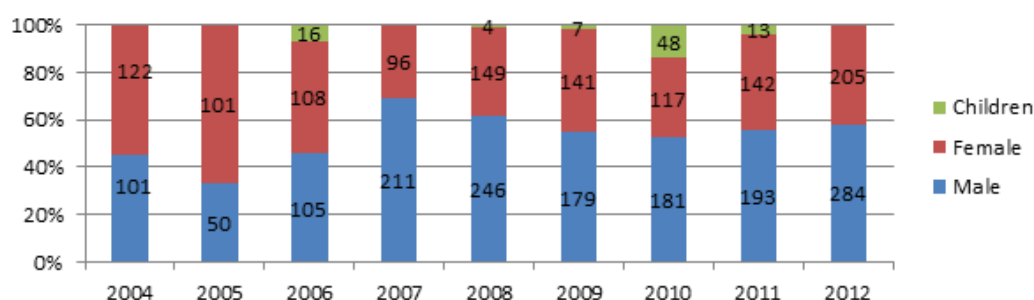


Fig 1: Trends analysis of cases received by FHRI from 1993 to 2012

Figure 1 shows an increase in the number of clients received in 2012 compared to 2011. This is attributed to the increase in outreach activities like running legal aid camps in rural areas. Clients seeking legal assistance were drawn from twenty five (25) districts including: Buikwe, Busia, Butambala, Fort Portal, Kabula, Kampala, Kamuli, Kamwenge, Kiboga, Kalangala, Kayunga, Hoima, Lamwo, Lyantonde, Masaka, Mityana, Mpigi, Mubende, Mukono, Nakasongola, Rakai, Rukungiri, Sironko, Tororo and Wakiso. In Wakiso district alone, the legal aid camp run alongside the launch of the program registered one hundred eighteen clients (66 female and 52 male).

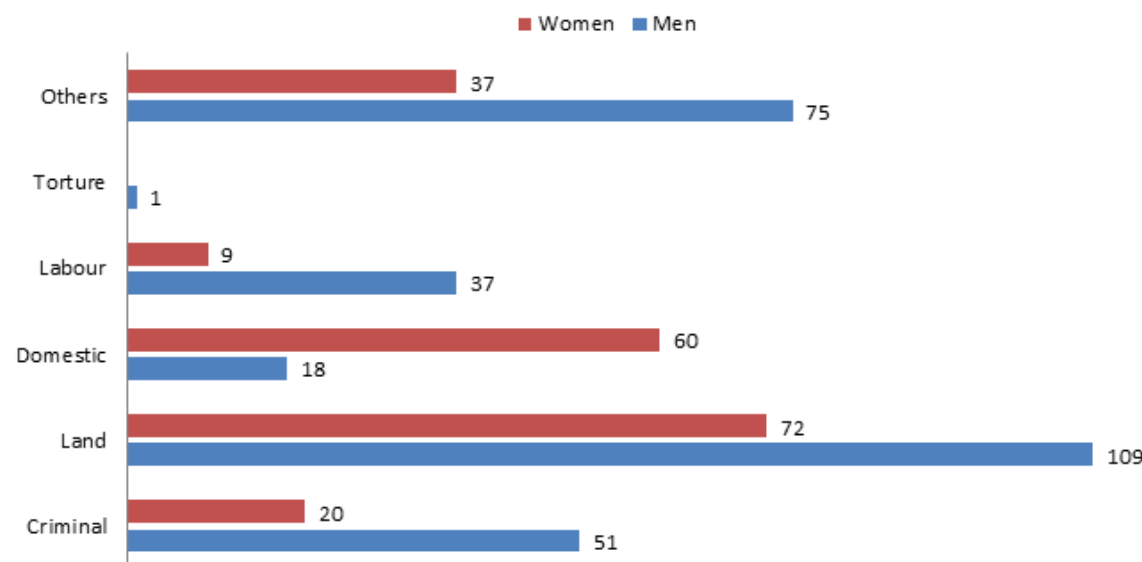
Fig 2: Category of cases, 2004-2012



Male clients constitute the bulk of cases handled. Unlike in previous years, the proportion of men clients was higher to that of women.

Unlike in 2011, the majority of cases handled in 2012 were domestic related cases. Figure 3 illustrates the nature of complaints reported in 2012 disaggregated by gender.

Fig 3: Nature of violations and prevalence by Gender: 2012



Unlike in previous years, in 2012, land matters such as disputes between land owners and customary tenants, unlawful land evictions, land grabbing and criminal trespass comprised the largest category of cases handled.

Domestic related cases rank second. The case load comprises: child neglect, child custody, inheritance and domestic violence. Criminal cases rank third. These include assault, threatening violence, theft, robbery, defilement, malicious damage to property, and assault occasioning grievous bodily harm. Labour related cases came fourth comprising of non-payment of salary dues and wrongful dismissal.

Other matters include civil cases: compensation claims resulting from accidents, refugees, claims and breach of contract.

Legal rights awareness sessions were conducted for members of Universal Human Rights Defenders and Activists in Lugazi on 4th July 2012. The focus was on land rights, inheritance and children's rights. Thirty five (35) members of the organisation including 23 male and 12 female attended this session.

2. The Death Penalty campaign

In 2012, FHRI provided legal assistance to seven (7) death row inmates. The nature of support includes: preparation of mitigation briefs, witness tracking, provision of legal advice and legal representation.

On 3rd October 2012, the Executive Director, FHRI Mr Livingstone Sewanyana addressed

a two day workshop for trial judges organised by the Judicial Studies Institute (JSI) on the lessons learnt from and implications of the Suzan Kigula ruling. He called for legislative and policy reforms to give effect to the ruling.

FHRI, in partnership with Penal Reform International (PRI) published six hundred (600) copies of a research report titled; *'The Abolition of the Death Penalty and its Alternative Sanction in East Africa: Kenya and Uganda'* in April 2012. A documentary film entitled, *'Trials and Tribulations'* was also produced to support the regional campaign during the year.

At the policy level, FHRI together with Penal Reform International (PRI) convened a side event on the margins of the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) at Imperial Royale, Kampala under the theme, *'What can Parliamentarians do for Penal Reform?'* The event which was attended by sixty delegates (60) including; Members of Parliament within the Commonwealth, civil society groups in Uganda and the media, were addressed by Rt. Hon Ann Clwyd, Member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Committee on Human Rights, Ms Andrea Huber, Policy Director at PRI, Hon Ken Lukyamuzi MP Rubaga South and Mr Livingstone Sewanyana, FHRI.



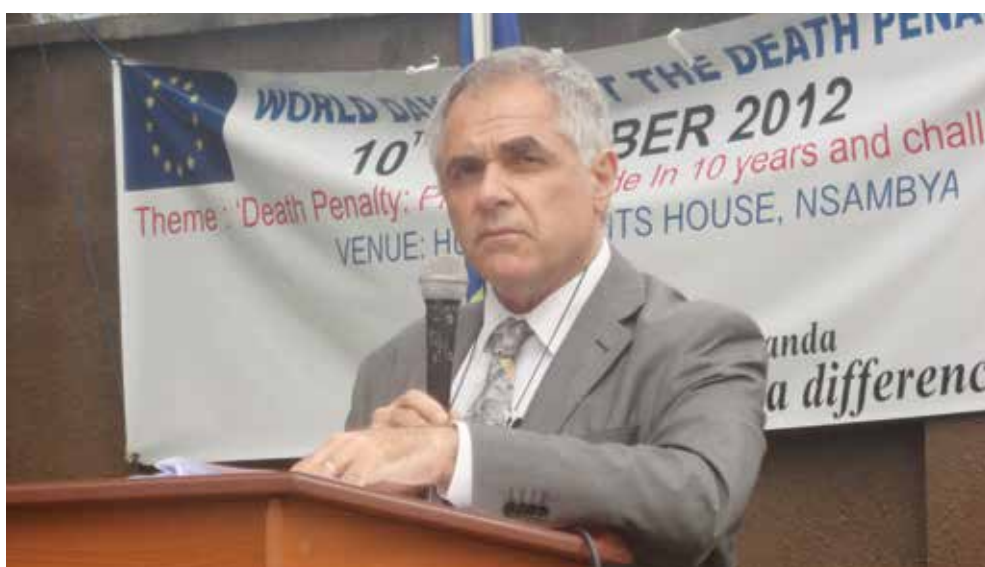
L-R: Ms Andrea Huber, Policy Director, PRI, Hon. Ann Clwyd, Member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Committee on Human Rights, Mr Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director, FHRI and Hon. Ken Lukyamuzi MP Rubaga South, Uganda, at the IPU side event, 3rd April, 2012, Imperial Royale, Kampala.

At the international and sub-regional front, FHRI together with PRI submitted a statement to the UN Secretary General on the implementation of a moratorium and status of application on the use of the death penalty in Uganda and Kenya during the 67th Session of the UN General Assembly in June 2012. Similarly, FHRI participated in the inter-regional conference against the death penalty in Kinshasa, DRC on 30th and 31st March 2012. The East and Central Africa Coalition against the death penalty was launched during this occasion. FHRI was nominated as coordinator of this initiative.

In commemoration of the World Day Against the Death Penalty, FHRI, human rights defenders and abolitionists joined the rest of the world to observe the day on 10th October 2012 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya.

On this occasion, H.E Dr. Roberto Ridolfi, Head of the European Union Delegation to Uganda, delivered the Key note address on the Global Abolition campaign. He urged the Government of Uganda to support the UN General Assembly Resolution for a Global Moratorium on the use of the death penalty. H.E Aline Kuster, the French Ambassador to Uganda acknowledged the progress Uganda had made towards the abolition of the death penalty following the Susan Kigula case.

Three panellists including: Ms Jackie Asiimwe, a women's rights activist, Hon. Justice Lameck Mukasa, Head Criminal Division of the High Court of Uganda, Dr Johnson Byabashaija, Commissioner General of Uganda Prisons and Rev Fr. Dr Sylvester Arinaitwe Executive Director, Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC) highlighted the progress made with respect to the campaign against the death penalty in Uganda in the last ten years. The Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee of Parliament, Hon Jovah Kamateeka graced this occasion as well.



H.E Dr. Roberto Ridolfi, Head of the European Union Delegation to Uganda, delivers the Key note address, 10th December, 2012, Human Rights House, Nsambya.

3. Public Interest Litigation

In 2012, FHRI petitioned the Constitutional Court on the human rights implications of charging demonstrators with treason. Constitutional Court Petition No. 50 of 2011 [*Foundation for Human Rights Initiative Vs Attorney General*]. Despite several dates being set for scheduling conferences, a date is yet to be set for the hearing.

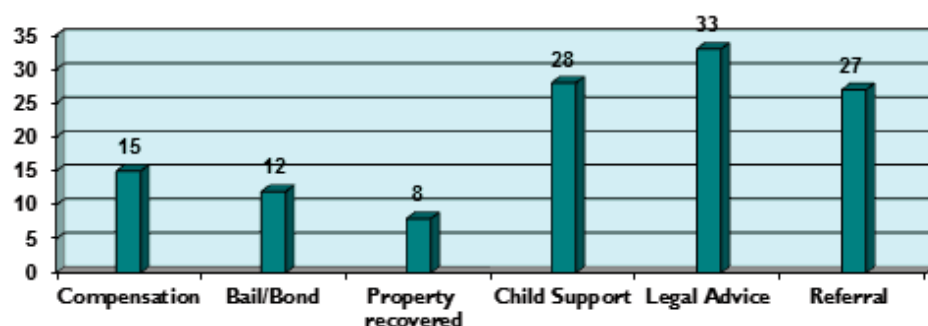
The Supreme Court appeal on the right to bail, (*Constitutional Appeal No. 3 of 2009; Foundation for Human Rights Initiative Vs the Attorney General*) is yet to be heard due to lack of quorum in the Supreme Court.

Outcome

- Legal aid assistance

Through mediation, court representation and out of court settlement, victims of human rights abuse have been assisted. 15 clients were compensated, 12 were granted bail and police bond, 8 properties recovered, 28 children received maintenance, 33 clients received legal advice and 27 were referred as shown in figure 4 below:

Figure 4: Nature of remedies received in 2012



As indicated in figure 4 above, majority of the clients received legal assistance on matters such as domestic violence, child maintenance, custody, land disputes, divorce and separation. Four (4) clients were empowered to self represent and successfully won their causes in Magistrates' Courts of Nabweru, Makindye, Mpigi and Mwanga II.

Given FHRI's contribution to the improvement of access to justice, FHRI is a member of Makindye magisterial District Coordination Committee (DCC) This platform provides FHRI with an opportunity to lobby for better practices within the criminal justice system.

- Campaign against the Death Penalty

The campaign against the Death Penalty has registered some results. In 2012, out of the 7 death row inmates represented, 4 had their sentences reduced to 20 years imprisonment while for the remaining 3, were to be delivered on notice. So far, 28 inmates have had their sentences quashed and substituted with alternative sentences. 8 death row inmates have been released.

At the policy and legislative front, there has also been visible policy and legislative developments towards reducing the application of the death penalty in the East African region. In Uganda and Tanzania, mandatory death sentences have been declared unconstitutional for all crimes and in Kenya, with the exception of murder. Sentencing guidelines are being developed as well. The Judiciary in Kenya has initiated a process to develop national guidelines on aggravating and mitigating factors during sentencing, while in Uganda, sentencing guidelines in capital cases have been developed. FHRI has supported this process having been appointed to the Judicial Task force on re-sentencing guidelines in October 2012.

A Private Members' Bill that seeks to repeal legal provisions that allow for the mandatory application of the death penalty has been drafted and currently awaits a motion to be tabled before the Parliament.

There has been increased public debate on the suitability of the death penalty in East Africa as well. For example, in Kenya and Uganda, twelve media articles on the death penalty and alternatives to imprisonment were published as noted below:

- So many innocent people are dying; by Wambi Michael, Uganda Radio Network.
- Few death sentences come with challenges for prisons , *Observer*, 19th - 21st October, 2012
- Limit offences carrying death sentence- Judge; *New vision*, 12th Oct 2012
- Real life story; Gabula Africanos, 26 Years in Prison; *New vision* 28th October 2012
- Kakama killer handed 30 years jail term; *Daily monitor*, May 8th 2012
- Two convicted of murder; *Daily monitor*, 9th May, 2012
- Activists bitter over release of Sharma Kooky; *Daily monitor*, 27th March, 2012
- Women MPs condemn release of Sharma Kooky; *New Vision*, 29th March, 2012

- Committee delays presidential pardons; *New vision*, 16th January 2012
- Aganyi okukyusa mu ky'okutibwa translated as *Judge upholds death sentence*; *Bukedde* 12th January 2012
- Magistrates push for repeal of death penalty; [http.allafrica.com](http://allafrica.com)



L-R: Ms Jackie McCalesher, PRI, Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana (centre), Ms Andrea Huber, PRI and Ms. Doreen Namyalo (right) FHRI, at the Human Rights House, Nsambya, 2nd April 2012

Challenges

Delays in case disposal due to bureaucratic procedures in government institutions, frequent court adjournments and lack of quorum in higher courts affects the effectiveness of the legal assistance program.

In the same way, delays in mitigation hearings due to missing files of prisoners, case backlog, death of trial judges and limited high court sessions contributes to the slow disposal of inmates' cases.

In order to mitigate some of these difficulties, FHRI will continue to press for corrective action within JLOS and the Legal Aid Service Providers Network (LASPNET); promote use of alternative dispute resolution and advocate for the appointment of more judicial officers.



Ms Editor Assimwe, FHRI Legal Intern (in white top) listens to clients at Wakiso grounds; 17th December 2012

ACTION 3: CIVIC EDUCATION

Objective

The Action seeks to enhance human rights and civic awareness in order to increase the demand for political and social accountability.

The Action has one activity with five sub-components:

I. Public Outreach

- i. *Support to community based human rights associations to improve human rights monitoring and reporting.*
- ii. *Support to community based human rights associations to strengthen social accountability.*
- iii. *The University Human Rights Network (UHRN)..*
- iv. *Private Sector outreach.*
- v. *Human Rights song (Ddembe Iyo).*

Implementation

In order to strengthen voice and demand for accountability, FHRI uses both conventional and non-conventional platforms to create awareness on rights, duties and values of a citizen. Through public outreach, use of ICTs, music, the existing network of community paralegals and community based organizations, the action benefits different sections of the public including; the Uganda Local Government Association, the private sector (manufacturers' associations, small and medium enterprises, trade unions, farmers' associations, rotary clubs, market vendors, UTODA and media associations), faith based groups, universities, tertiary institutions and community based human rights groups.

Planned Activities

In 2012, the following activities were planned:

Under the human rights monitoring and reporting component;

- Three regional training courses on human rights monitoring and reporting and;
- The re-print of the Pocket Guide on Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting and the Paralegal Reference Handbook.

Under the social accountability component:

- Three capacity building courses on policy advocacy and web-based monitoring tools;

- Policy analysis in respect of poverty eradication policies;
- A validation workshop on policy briefs;
- Public expenditure monitoring;
- Radio and TV talk shows and;
- Nine district interface meetings on policy briefs.

Under the university outreach:

- Five human rights seminars;
- Three university debates and;
- The 5th Inter-University Human Rights Competition.

Under the Private Sector outreach:

- The launch of the Civil Society Private Sector forum.

Under the Human Rights song:

The release of a human rights song (ddembe lyo).

Output

a) **Support to community based human rights associations in human rights monitoring and reporting**

Under this component, FHRI seeks to strengthen its network of community monitors by building their capacity to effectively undertake human rights monitoring and reporting in order to facilitate continuous monitoring of the state of governance in the country and make appropriate demands for possible reforms in their community.

During the reporting period, three, 4 –day training courses on human rights monitoring and reporting were conducted: in the Northern region, 15th – 19th April 2012, Western region, 27th - 31st May 2012 and the Central region, 21st – 25th October 2012. A total of eighty two (82) community monitors (56 male, 36 female) were trained.

The training courses were co-facilitated by resource persons from FHRI, officials from the Justice Law and Order Sector, Justice Centers- Uganda, Action Aid- Uganda and FIDA- Uganda. A participatory training approach was employed during the training.

The course curriculum focused on: understanding the concept of human rights, understanding the work of a community human rights monitor, monitoring and documenting human rights violations including guiding principles; report writing, scene visits (police, prisons, community), documentation and presentation of research findings, monitoring the right to life, liberty and security of person, right to a fair hearing, right to political participation, rights of marginalized groups, lobbying and advocacy and security tips for human rights defenders. A Country Specific Pocket Guide on Human Rights

Monitoring and Reporting was re-printed and made available to the trainees as part of the reference materials.

Panel discussions conducted with support of JLOS personal covered issues such as: the right to political participation, the right to a fair trial, the rights of an accused person and the right to life, liberty and security of person.

The training course for community monitors in Northern Uganda was conducted from 15th – 19th April 2012 in Gulu district at Sunset Hotel. The course was presided over by Mr. Ojok Isaac Nelson the LCV Vice Chairperson, Gulu district. Twenty five (25) including 16 male and 9 female community monitors benefitted from the course. They were drawn from Nwoya, Gulu, Amuru and Koboko districts. Resource persons were drawn from Uganda Police Force, Uganda Prisons Service and from the civil society groups including FIDA -Uganda and FHRI.



Community monitors from the Northern region in a group work session: 15th -19th April 2012, Sunset Hotel. Gulu, district. In the fore is Ms Alice Nasaka from FHRI who conducted the session. In the fore is Ms Alice Nasaka from FHRI who conducted the session.

Community monitors from the Northern region in a group work session: 15th -19th April 2012, Sunset Hotel. Gulu, district.

In the western region, the human rights monitoring and training course was conducted

from 27th – 31st May 2012 in Kasese District at Rwenzori International Hotel.

The opening session enlisted the presence of Mr. Martin Muwereza – Programme Manager, Democratic Governance and Accountability Programme (DGAP) and Mr. Eramu Pascal, Senior Assistant Secretary who represented the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Internal Affairs Dr. S P. Kagoda. The LC Vice Chairperson of Kasese District, Mr. Muhindo Tadeo Mathwese addressed the participants at the closing.

Twenty six (26) community monitors (16 male, 10 female) benefited from the training. They were drawn from the districts of: Kibaale, Hoima, Bullisa, Kiryandongo, Masindi, Kyenjojo, Kamwenge, Kabarole, Ntoroko, Kasese and Bundibugyo. The course was conducted by resource persons from Justice Centres (Uganda) and FHRI.

The course for the community monitors from the central region was conducted in Masaka district from 21st – 25th October 2012 at Hotel Brovad. The opening session was graced by the LC Vice Chairperson Masaka district, Mr. Kalungi Joseph; the Vice Chairperson, Mr. Miwanda Jamil, the Resident District Commissioner, Mr. Chris Owor Odoi, the Program Manager of the Democratic Governance and Accountability Program (DGAP), Mr. Martin Muwereza and Mr. Davidson Serunjonji, the Hon Treasurer, FHRI Board of Directors.

The course was attended by 31 community monitors (24 male, 7 female) from the districts of Kayunga, Kalungu, Masaka, Sembabule, Kalangala, Lugazi and Kampala.

As part of the support of the on-going support to community based human rights groups, the paralegal training and support program in Kalangala district is being conducted. A human rights based needs assessment survey was conducted in Kibanga and Kitobo landing sites. Twenty five (25) respondents participated in the survey including: fishermen, human rights monitors, police, district officials, religious leaders, health officials, social workers, community based organizations and civic leaders.

The survey findings informed the five day paralegal training course held between 19th – 23rd November 2012 at Upland Hotel, Masaka. The course seeks to equip the twenty five (25) community human rights monitors with knowledge on human rights and practical skills building for effective human rights monitoring, documentation and advocacy for practice change in Kalangala district.

b) Support to community based human rights associations to strengthen social accountability

Under this component, the civic competence of community actors is enhanced in order to strengthen social accountability in the central region of Uganda. FHRI is implementing this initiative in Buganda region in partnership with the Citizens Elections Watch with

Information Technology (CEW-IT). The 5 target districts include: *Kalangala, Kiboga, Kayunga, Luweero and Masaka*. The beneficiaries are vulnerable persons as well as the special interest groups.

In 2012, a series of activities were implemented:

i. Training on Public Expenditure Tracking Surveys (PETS) & Poverty Resource Monitoring Tools (PRMT).

The training on *Public Expenditure Tracking Surveys (PETS) & Poverty Resource Monitoring Tools (PRMT)* was held from 17th – 19th May 2012 at Eastern Route Hotel, Kampala. The training that targeted staff of implementing partner organisations equipped trainees with skills in monitoring service delivery using web-based platforms.

Subsequently, FHRI conducted a training session for 30 community monitors in each of the 5 target districts in the practical use of these web-based tools.

Three, 2 day trainings on PRMT and web-based tools were run in Kayunga & Luweero districts (12th -13th June 2012, 60 monitors (38 male, 22 female) at Shine Hotel, Kampala), Kiboga (20th – 21st June 2012, 30 monitors, 19 male, 11 female at Brovix Hotel, Lwamata) and for Masaka & Kalangala, (4th -5th July 2012, 60 monitors 35 male, 25 female in Gretton Hotel, Masaka).

ii. Training on policy analysis and advocacy.

In preparation for the participatory assessment of the effectiveness of poverty eradication policies by the community monitors, FHRI conducted a three day training course on policy analysis and advocacy from 29th -31st May 2012 at the Human Rights House. Twenty (20) community monitors (11 female, 9 male) were drawn from the target districts. The policies analysed during the training include: the Education sector policy with respect to Universal Primary Education (UPE), the Agricultural sector policy with respect to the National Agriculture Advisory Services (NAADS) and the Health and Water sector policies.

iii. Participatory assessment of poverty eradication policies:

Following the training on policy analysis and advocacy, the community monitors embarked on assessing the effectiveness of poverty eradication programmes with respect to UPE, NAADS and Health Centres. During this appraisal levels of availability, accessibility and affordability of the social services in question was carried out in the 5 target districts from 23rd – 27th July 2012. The monitors collected data from one hundred (100) service delivery points including water points, health centres and primary schools. The findings have been compiled into a *Policy Briefing paper* to be launched and disseminated in 2013.

iv. Consultative meetings with special interest groups:

Under this component, FHRI seeks to enhance the competence of vulnerable groups to effectively engage with government on key policy issues affecting them in accessing quality service delivery. Within this component, component supports consultative meetings between special interest groups and local leaders are held in order to provide a platform for engagement on key challenges that affect their participation and inclusion in policy formulation and implementation. Two (2) consultative meetings were held in the districts of Luweero and Kayunga on 9th August 2012 and 28th August 2012, respectively.

In total, seventy (70) representatives of special interest groups (41 male, 29 female) participated in the consultative meetings including representatives of the youth, women, elderly, Persons Living with HIV and AIDS and Persons with Disability (PWDs).

v. The Electronic Society (E – Society).

Under this initiative, use of modern communication methods is supported to strengthen monitoring of the quality of service delivery.

To this end, an Electronic Society (E- Society) is to be established and operated in each of the five target districts. District websites will be constructed and where they exist, remodelled in order to facilitate access to information by citizens and feedback on quality of services.

To this end, FHRI held consultations with the district administration in Kalangala and Luweero on 1st August 2012 and 27th August 2012 respectively. The local government in these districts has since welcomed this innovation. Memoranda of Understanding have been entered into with FHRI in this respect.

vi. Community dialogues on quality of social service delivery

In order to strengthen social accountability, dialogues between duty bearers and rights holders on quality of service delivery have been supported. Four (4) community dialogues were held in the five target districts between local government leaders and civil society to assess the quality of service delivery and map out strategies for improvement as follows.

• **Kiboga district**

On 6th November 2012, FHRI supported a dialogue in Lwamata sub-county under the theme, “*Maternal health & access to health care services*”. The meeting was attended by forty six (46) residents, (31 Male, 15 Female) among them were medical/health workers, teachers, farmers, the youth, Persons Living with AIDS, Persons with Disability, the elderly as well as community monitors and the media. The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Kiboga district, Mr. Gidudu Tom, the L.C. V Vice Chairperson Mr. Agaba Medson, the

district Director of Health Services, the Community Development Officer and the Child & Family Protection Unit officer participated in the meeting.

- **Luweero district**

On 12th November 2012, FHRI in the company of the community monitors convened a community dialogue in Kamira sub-county, under the theme, “*Access to clean and safe water, challenges & local solutions*”. Forty Seven (47) participants (8 female, 39 male) from the parishes of; Mazzi, Kaswa, Nambeere, Kitenderi, Kataggwe and Kabunyatta attended the meeting. The sub-county chief, Mr. Lukenge Robert welcomed the initiative.

- **Masaka district**

The community dialogue in Masaka district was held on 23rd November 2012 at Buwunga sub-county headquarters under the theme, “*Access to clean and safe water, challenges & local solutions*”. Forty (40) residents (15 female, 25 male) comprising the district water Officer, sub-county chief, councillors, LC I and II leaders, religious leaders, women, leaders, teachers, farmers, youth, persons with disability and the elderly attended the meeting.

- **Kayunga district**

The 4th community dialogue was held in Kayonza sub-county, Kayunga district on 29th November 2012 at Kayonza sub-county headquarters. The theme of the dialogue was, “*Bridging gaps in access to Education: Stakeholder analysis*.” A total number of 46 citizens (32 male, 14 female) attended the dialogue from the parishes of Namaliri, Kamusabi, Namizo and Nakyessa.

vii. Radio and Television programs

Under this initiative an inbuilt media campaign to promote social accountability has been developed. Five (5) radio talk shows were supported on social accountability and proactive monitoring of service delivery:

- *Radio Ssesse 101.9FM*, 20th September 2012 on citizens’ participation;
- *Radio Kiboga 89.5FM*, 6th November 2012, on maternal health;
- *Beat FM, 96.3FM*, 13th November 2012, on clean and safe water coverage;
- *Buddu FM 98.8FM*, 22nd November 2012, on access to clean and safe water and;
- *Radio Simba FM, 97.3 FM*, 16th December 2012, on budget performance & service delivery.

Similarly two (2) Television talk shows featured on *StarTV*, 13th September & 18th December 2012 to popularise the web- based tools for monitoring service delivery.

viii. Neighbourhood Assemblies

On 18th October 2012, the Neighbourhood Assembly in Kalangala district was convened to discuss challenges in to health care service delivery on Bufumira island, Kalangala district.

The assembly held at Bufumira Development Association (BIDA) offices on Semawundu landing site was attended by nineteen (19) residents and civic leaders among them, the Bufumira sub-county district councillor, Mr. George Peter Okwi, the sub county NRM chairperson, Mr. Batume Charles, the LC I chairpersons for Semawundu and Lulindi landing sites, officials from the Beach Management Unit, the sub-county woman councillor, the secretary for production and the secretary for health services.

ix. Routine monitoring of social service delivery in local communities

To follow up on policy assessment, fourteen (14) monitoring visits were conducted by the community monitors in select districts in order to facilitate public expenditure tracking.

On 2nd November 2012, community monitors in Mugoye sub-county, Kalangala district mobilised sub-county leaders and visited Bugoma shallow well. The water was found to be unfit for human use. The community monitors brought this finding to the attention of the community leaders.

c) University Human Rights Network (UHRN)

FHRI holds the view that strengthening the human rights movement in Uganda, a cadre of young human rights defenders who are passionate and knowledgeable in the field human rights is needed.

The FHRI's schools outreach program therefore seeks to build knowledge, strengthen research skills and stimulate debate on human rights amongst young human rights defenders in schools and institutions of higher learning.

On 23rd March 2012, the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) in partnership with Nkumba University Human Rights Association (NUHRA) convened the 5th Inter-University Human Rights competition at Sienna Beach Hotel, Entebbe. Eleven (11) universities participated in the competition and registered a total of two hundred fifty seven (257) students (110 female, 147 male) in attendance. The universities that participated include: Nkumba University, Makerere University, Gulu University, Kampala International University, Cavendish University, Uganda Christian University, Bugema University, Mutesa I Royal University, Islamic University in Uganda, Kyambogo University and Busoga University.

The competition was officially flagged off by His Excellency the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda, who was represented by the Minister of State in the Vice President's Office, Hon. Vincent Nyanzi. The event was also graced by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Dr. S.P Kagoda, the Programme Manager, PMU (DGAP) Mr. Muwereza Martin, FHRI Patron, Hon. Justice George William Kanyeihamba, Her Worship Stella Amabilis, Secretary to the FHRI Board of Directors, His Worship Mr. Vincent Kayanja, the Mayor of Entebbe, Associate Prof. Dr. Michael Mawa, Patron, Nkumba University, Patron of the Nkumba Human Rights Association who also represented the Vice Chancellor of Nkumba University and FHRI's Executive Director, Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana.

All the guests at this occasion applauded FHRI for championing the university outreach network and for all efforts made to address the current knowledge gap about best human rights and democratic practices.



L-R: Mr Livingstone Sewanyana, Dr S.P Kagoda, Hon Justice G. Kanyeihamba and Mr. M Muwereza at the opening of the 6th Inter-University competition: 23rd March 2012, Siena Beach Hotel, Nkumba.

The students had earlier researched and made oral presentations on: The Right to a fair hearing, electoral democracy, democratic accountability, multi-party system of governance and human rights, judicial independence, right to life, liberty and security of persons and economic social and cultural Rights.

Following each presentation, the students were able to debate at length on pre-selected. A panel of human rights experts assessed each of these presentations and conferred

awards upon outstanding performers. The panel of judges included, Mr. Gwada Ogot, Project Communications Manager with The Citizens Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU), Mr. Neil Blazevic, Research Officer, East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project and Mrs. Sophie Kyagulanyi Bakidde, Research and Policy Analyst on Democratic Governance in Action Aid (Uganda).

In their assessment, the panel of judges credited the university students for the in-depth research and analysis, the level of knowledge on issues of human rights and democratic accountability, the excellent public speaking skills and the quality of arguments. Kampala International University Human Rights Association emerged the winner of the 5th Inter University competition. Gulu University and UIIU came second and third runners- up.



The winning team from KIU celebrates: 23rd March 2012, Entebbe. The winners' certificate (inset)

Shortly after the competition, six internal human rights debates were hosted by different University Human Rights Associations. Three (3) internal human rights debates were held on 21st April 2012 and another three (3) held on different dates as follows:

Nkumba University Human Rights Association conducted the debate on 21st April 2012, at Comfort Hotel in Nkumba. The debate centred on the rights of children in Uganda and the role of the international community in protecting these rights. The guest speaker

at the event was Mr. Awich Pollar, Uganda's representative to the UN Committee of the Rights of the Child (CRC). Over (seventy) 70 student members attended.

Similarly, Kyambogo University Human Rights Association hosted their human rights debate at Kyambogo Student's Centre. The students discussed the state of human rights in Uganda. Dr. Margaret Lubega, the Matron of the Association was the guest speaker at the debate. The Executive Committee of the Association handed over to the newly appointed members of the Committee on this occasion.

On the same day, the Human Rights Association of the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU), Mbale conducted its debate at the Mbale Campus. The debate centred around the concept of leadership and accountability. The guest speaker, Dr. Mpeza Mihigo, the Vice Rector IUIU – Mbale addressed the students on the need to groom leaders for effective representation. Seventy (70) students from the human rights association and other faculties participated in the debate. At this event the old Executive of the Association handed over to the newly elected body.

On 19th May 2012, Gulu University Human Rights Association convened its internal debate at the University Campus while the Association in the Islamic University – Kabojja campus held its own on 7th October 2012. Fifty (50) students from the Association in Gulu University attended while eighty two (82) students participated in the Kaboja debate. The students in Gulu hosted Mr. Ojibo Geoffrey, Coordinator, Human Rights Activists and Monitors in Amuru district while the Kaboja Campus hosted Mr. Pascal Ojijo from the African legal research center. The discussions centred around leadership development, accountability and the value of partnerships. The human rights club at Kabojja Campus was launched on this occasion.

Lastly, on 23rd November 2012, Muteesa I Royal University held its internal debate on leadership skills. Seventy eight (78), students (47 female, 31 male) participated in the event. The speakers included: Dr. Kalanzi Joseph and Mr. Ahigika Dancun both lecturers at Makerere University Business School. The students were encouraged to embrace a reading culture as they strive to become effective human rights defenders.

d) Civil Society - Private Sector Partnership

Following the Guest Lecture delivered by Prof. Gordon Wavamuno on 8th July 2011 at the Human Rights House to the staff of FHRI, on 'Working with the Private Sector in Uganda', FHRI convened the first ever organised the Civil Society- Private Sector Forum on 23rd September 2012 at the Nice House of Plastics Conference Hall, UMA Show Grounds. The Forum seeks to strengthen collaboration between the Private sector and Civil Society while exploring possible opportunities to advance social justice in Uganda.

Addressing over two hundred and fifty (250) delegates from the Private sector and civil society, the Head of Delegation of the European Commission to Uganda, H.E Dr. Roberto Ridolphi encouraged both sectors to embrace the emerging opportunities for collaboration.

Other guest speakers on this occasion were Ms. Patricia Nduru, Senior Human Rights Officer, Uganda Human Rights Commission who represented the Chairperson; Mr. Javier Sanjuan from the UNOHCHR who represented the Head of Office in Uganda. Both speakers welcomed the forum.

The Forum was addressed by the Commissioner, External Trade Mr. Silver Ojakol, who represented Hon Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperative, who commended FHRI for spearheading this effort.

'This is a golden opportunity for us to tap the expertise, resources and goodwill afforded by both sectors in realizing the goals that we have set ourselves in the National Development Plan.' **[Hon Amelia Kyambadde, Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperative, 23rd September 2012]**

The Forum was financed by the United Bank for Africa (UBA) and UMA House of Plastics.

- **Public Outreach**

Efforts have been made to reach out to local leaders in Makindye division as follows: Masavu Zone, 22nd July 2012 at Holly Wood Theatre; Makindye 2 Parish on 26th August 2012 at Katwe Kibuye PS; Makindye 1 on 7th August 2012 at Molly & Paul PS and; Kevina Zone on 16th September 2012 at St Peters Nsambya. Over 1,200 leaders have been reached.

Other groups reached during the year include; Makerere Adult School of Education on 4th July 2012, Mitiyana Town Council leaders on 31st July 2012, Uganda Adult Literacy Association on 30th October 2012, Lugazi Equator College on 5th October 2012 and Bukadde Kulaba Association in Nakifuma county on 28th November 2012. FHRI was able to sensitise over 1,000 civil society actors and local leaders on human rights values, principles and practices..

e) **The Human Rights Song**

Mass awareness of rights and values is possible through songs and drama. IN 2012, FHRI supported the production of a human rights song titled; 'Ddembe lyaffe' translated as 'Our rights' by Dr. Hilderman of Zungli Hood entertainment. A video of the song has been produced and the song was sung at the launch of the Legal Aid Program on 17th December 2012, Wakiso district. It has been uploaded on You-tube on www.fhri.or.ug

Outcome

The network of trained community monitors has remained proactive following the capacity building opportunities extended to them. They have, on their own initiative undertaken monitoring visits to prisons and police stations and exposed a number of human rights violations. During the reporting period, six police and prison inspections were conducted in Gulu Main prison on 17th April 2012, Rukoki prison in Kasese on 29th May 2012, Masaka Main Prison on 23rd October 2012, Ntenjeru prison and Kayunga police station on 7th June 2012, Mabira and Najeebe police post in Lugazi on 11th -15 June 2012.

Community monitors have utilised the knowledge and skills learnt to influence practice changes at the community level. For example, community monitors have had a bearing on the corrective action on Kayunga Grade 1 Magistrates Court: The Clerk and Magistrate Grade 2 were transferred due to corrupt practices while the Resident State Attorney was prosecuted due to similar conduct.

Improvements have been registered under the social accountability: For example the recruitment of health workers in Kiboga district has been fast tracked following the gaps identified by the health sector survey undertaken in the target districts. Water user committees in 7 sub-counties of Mugoye in Kalangala, Kayonza in Kayunga, Dwanilo and Lwamata in Kiboga, Buwunga and Kyabakusa in Masaka and Kamira in Luwero have been revamped for effective engagement with government on water related matters in these sub-counties.

The University Human Rights Network has expanded; the number of university clubs has increased from thirteen (13) to twenty two (22) University associations. These include: Bugema University, Busitema, Busoga University, Cavendish University, Gulu University, Islamic University in Uganda (Kiboga & Mbale), Kampala International University, Kampala University, Kumi University, Kyambogo University, Makerere University, Makerere University Business School, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Mountain of the Moon University, Muteesa I Royal University, Ndejje University, Pentecostal University, St. Lawrence University, Uganda Christian University and Uganda Martyrs University-Nkozi.

The student membership in the different human rights associations has also grown. For example, the membership in Nkumba Human Rights Association increased from 120 to 392 students while the student membership in IUIU –Mbale Campus grew from 84 to 190 in 2012.

Through debates and competitions, the students' movement has gained considerable interest in participating in national events and campaigns: For example, Makerere University Human Rights Association organized a lawyers conference, on 14th November

2012 at which the Vice President of Uganda, H.E Edward Ssekandi was Chief Guest. The event was organised as part of the national activities in commemoration of 50 years of Uganda's independence. Likewise, over five hundred (500) students are participating in the electoral reform campaign in Uganda under the Citizens' Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU).

Efforts to develop Civil Society – Private Sector partnership are gaining ground. A Core Group co- chaired by FHRI and Dr Maggie Kigozi, Director, Crown Beverages and former Executive Director Uganda Investment Authority (UIA) continues to deliberate on the way forward.



Dr Maggie Kigozi (in purple and brown) addressing members of the Core Group, 6th March 2013, Human Rights House, Nsambya at one of their regular meetings.

The human rights song (manyā eddembe lyo) is being played on various TV and radio stations. Initial reactions indicate a favourable response.

Challenges

Although the community monitors have gained considerable knowledge and skills in monitoring the human rights situation and quality of service delivery at the lower levels, the fear of reprisal affects their effectiveness. Coupled with this is the difficulty associated with accessing information in the hands of district officials regarding budgets, grants and development plans. To mitigate this, FHRI opts for constructive dialogue with local government and promotes objectivity in human rights monitoring.



Ms. Rose Nanyondo, Project Coordinator, Social Accountability project displays some of the reports published by FHRI at 8th General Assembly, 4th August 2012, Human Rights House, Nsambya

ACTION 4: EXTERNAL SERVICES

Objective

The Action seeks to improve information sharing and management, promote collective advocacy, maximize participation and build consensus on democracy and human rights issues in Uganda.

The Action has two activities:

1. Communication and Information Services.
2. Membership strengthening and development.

Implementation

FHRI holds an Information Centre that provides library, internet and secretarial support services; issues two e-newsletters annually; conducts book exhibitions; maintains a Management Information System; updates the FHRI website www.fhri.or.ug and face book page; conducts media briefings, issues press releases and urgent appeals; oversees the publication and dissemination of the *Annual report* and *brochure* and other relevant literature and spearheads the FHRI membership drive.

Planned Activities

In 2012 activities to carry out were: to provide information and internet services to staff and external users; issue 2 e-newsletters; conduct one book exhibition; organize media briefings; issue press releases Urgent Actions/Appeals; publish the 2011 FHRI Annual report, print new FHRI brochures; oversee the development of a Management Information System (MIS); regularly update the FHRI website and face book page, and organise the 8th General Assembly, 2012.

Output

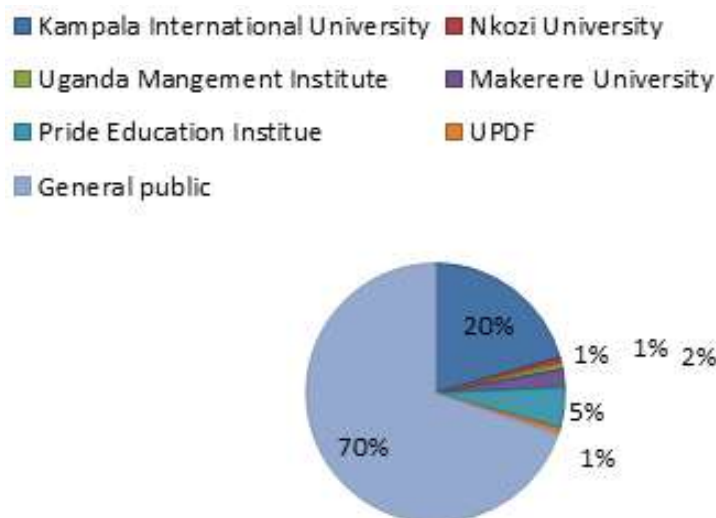
1. COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Under this component, the sharing of human rights related information among human rights defenders, researchers, students and the general public is undertaken through:

a. *The Human Rights and Democracy Information Centre*

The Information Centre is a reading and reference facility which promotes access to and exchange of information internally, nationally and internationally. In 2012, the Information Centre provided library services to 138 users (77 female, 61 male). The majority of users were students from academic institutions as illustrated in figure 5 below:

Figure 5: Category of Information Centre Users in 2012.



Other users were ordinary members of the general public seeking information on human rights. The Centre registered two hundred seventy eight reading materials (278) drawn from civil society organizations, research centres and government agencies.

The centre published two editions of the *FHRI E-newsletter* which were issued in September 2012 (*Volume 10: January – September 2012*) and January 2013 (*Volume 11 Issue No.2*). The Centre kept the membership and other stakeholders informed of new developments in human rights.

The Information Centre upgraded the FHRI's website to a more interactive and informative site in 2012. The FHRI face-book page is up and running. The yoYou-tube facility through which audio visuals are played is also available.

The Centre conducted 6 Book exhibitions in 2012 at the following events; the JLOS open day on 18th March 2012; civil society fare on 31st May – 1st June 2012; World Refugee day on 20th June 2012; the 2nd ACSA Bi-annual conference on 2nd – 5th October 2012; the women's week exhibition on 5th -8th October 2012 and; Makerere University Business School book exhibition on 19th October 2012.

b. Public Affairs Unit

The Public Affairs Unit promotes FHRI's profile and creates awareness of services rendered. The unit reaches out to the media and the greater public in support of FHRI advocacy agenda. In 2012, forty two (42) media articles featuring FHRI activities and

positions on key human rights concerns were covered in the print and electronic media as illustrated in Table 4 below:

Table 4: FHRI Media briefings 2012

NO	MEDIA HOUSE	ISSUE	DATE
1.	Sun Rise News Paper	Interview on allegations by Nsaba Buturo that human rights groups receive money to promote homosexuality.	6 th March 2012
2.	Radio One	Police brutality.	15 th March 2012
3.	Daily Monitor	Statutory Instrument banning A4C activities.	4 th April 2012
4.	KFM	Restoration of presidential term limits and Statutory Instrument banning A4C activities.	4 th April 2012
5.	Edoboozi	Implications of Statutory Instrument banning A4C activities.	5 th April 2012
6.	Uganda Radio Network	Campaign against the Death Penalty and Statutory Instrument banning A4C activities.	10 th April 2012
7.	CBS	Museveni's succession plan and religious leaders free to discuss politics.	17 th April 2012
8.	Daily Monitor	Police rough up of Ingrid Turinaawe.	21 st April 2012
9.	Radio One	Poor handling of Ingrid Turinaawe by police.	23 rd April 2012
10.	Radio Simba	Police handling of women protestors and media freedom.	24 th April 2012
11.	Associated press	Interview on presidential term limits.	25 th April 2012
12.	Daily Monitor	Uganda human rights record	1 st May 2012
13.	Daily Monitor	NRM 10 points program Building a self sustaining integrated economy.	5 th May 2012
14.	KFM	Public Order Management Bill, 2010.	22 nd May 2012
15.	Observer	LGBTI NGO Space.	3 rd July 2012
16.	KFM	Rampant school fires in Uganda.	4 th July 2012
17.	Bukedde	Senseless murders in and around Kampala.	8 th August 2012
18.	Chimp Reports.com	Break in at Human Rights House.	3 rd September 2012
19.	Daily Monitor	Break in at Human Rights House.	3 rd September 2012
20.	KFM	Break in at Human Rights House.	3 rd September 2012
21.	Radio One	Break in at Human Rights House.	3 rd September 2012
22.	Radio Simba	Break in at Human Rights House.	3 rd September 2012
23.	Record Tv	Break in at Human Rights House.	3 rd September 2012
24.	Red Pepper	Break in at Human Rights House.	3 rd September 2012
25.	Dembe Fm	Live Show- Human Rights in Uganda.	7 th September 2012
26.	KFM	Live Show- Human Rights in Uganda.	7 th September 2012
27.	NTV	Civil Society Private Sector Forum.	22 nd September 2012
28.	Daily Monitor	Banning of play- 'State of the Nation'.	31 st October 2012

NO	MEDIA HOUSE	ISSUE	DATE
29.	Edoboozi	UK aid cuts effects on Uganda.	19 th November 2012
30.	WBS TV	UK aid cuts effects on Uganda.	19 th November 2012
31.	Daily Monitor	Donor aid cuts.	4 TH December 2012
32.	New Vision	The IGG and corruption.	4 TH December 2012
33.	Observer	Human Rights Day	5 TH December 2012
34.	Capital Fm	Human Rights Day	6 TH December 2012
35.	WBS	General human rights situation in 2012.	18 TH December 2012
36.	NBS	Human Rights in Uganda	20 th December 2012
37.	KFM	Detention of MPS Nsereko, Baryomunsi	27 th December 2012
38.	Kingdom Fm	Detention of MPS Nsereko, Baryomunsi	27 th December 2012
39.	Radio One	Detention of MPS Nsereko, Baryomunsi	27 th December 2012
40.	Radio Simba	Detention of MPS Nsereko, Baryomunsi	27 th December 2012
41.	Super Fm	Detention of MPS Nsereko, Baryomunsi	27 th December 2012
42.	Akaboozi	Detention of MPS Nsereko, Baryomunsi	27 th December 2012

FHRI addressed 2 press conferences on reinstating presidential terms limits and supported 2 Urgent Appeals on the arrest of the FIDH Vice President in Bahrain.

FHRI and the East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP) hosted the Ambassador of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to Uganda, H.E. Alphons J.A.J.M.G. Hennekens who in the company of Ms. Judith Maas, Political Officer in the Netherlands Embassy paid a courtesy call to express solidarity with human rights defenders.



H.E Alphons Hennekens (7th front row from left) poses with the staff of FHRI and EHAHRDP, 9th November 2012, Human Rights House, Nsambya.

And on 23rd October, 2012, FHRI hosted a delegation of 18 public sector-civil society students from Uganda, Ghana, Zambia and Burkina Faso. They were participants in a two-week course on Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) offered by the International Law Institute-African Centre for Legal Excellence (ILI-ACLE) in collaboration with the DANIDA Fellowship Centre.

a. The Documentation Unit

In 2012, FHRI published seven hundred fifty (750) copies of the Annual Report (2011) and ten thousand (10,000) copies of the FHRI Brochure that reflects the new program focus. Copies of the report were widely distributed to development partners, government agencies, civil society groups, media, academia, FHRI membership and the general public.



Some of FHRI publications on display during the 8th General Assembly, 4th August 2012, Human Rights House, Nsambya. Ms Veronica Lee-Tayo (in blue and white) introduces the literature to members.

2: IT SECTION

The IT Section ensures that an efficient Management Information System is in place including the use of ICTs and social media. The section rebranded the FHRI website at www.fhri.or.ug and updated the FHRI face book page. The section also maintains a Local Area Network (LAN) in support of the on-going activities.

3: MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

One membership platform was convened for FHRI members in Masaka district on 24th October 2012 at Hotel Brovad. Such platforms are utilised as an a mechanism to update members on developments in the organisation, the existing challenges and explore possibilities for their support.

Outcome

There has been gradual increase in requests from the information centre. These requests stem from government institutions, civil society organisations, international NGOs, the media and academic institutions.

‘Dear FHRI, thank you for the Newsletter. It is rich and informative’

[Eng. Dr Badru Kiggundu, Chairperson, Uganda Electoral Commission, 2012]

Second, the increased visibility of FHRI and its interventions in both local and the international media, national, and international human rights community. FHRI’s work has been reported by among others, the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Uganda, the report of the 19th Session of the UN Human Rights Council; in Spring Field News (UK) and on the Website of the World Movement for Democracy and the All Africa Website.

The FHRI website and face book page has recorded over 26,000 hits. 242 articles on human rights have been accessed and 244 friends of FHRI registered.

The Executive Director of FHRI, Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana participated in several global events that attest to the growing impact of FHRI’s advocacy work. Among these were:

- The consultative forum on the Draft UN General Comment on child rights and business held on 26th August 2012, Nairobi, Kenya;
- The Oxfam America Aid effectiveness campaign, Capitol Hill, Washington D.C from the 28th - 29th June 2012, USA;
- Human rights and literacy during the commemoration of the UN International Literacy day symposium organized by Ministry of Gender and Social Development, 7th September 2012;
- The UN Expert Consultation on the death penalty, Harvard Law School, Boston, USA, 25-26th June 2012;
- Launch of Saving Lives (SALI) program on the death penalty, Abuja, Nigeria, 27th March 2012, and;
- The Africa Regional Conference on Community Based Paralegals organized by Global Rights, Kampala, 9th – 11th July 2012.

FHRI received twenty (20) requests for program related partnerships of which were eight (8) requests from researchers at graduate, post graduate and doctoral level. FHRI also received a total of one hundred forty two (142) requests for internship and volunteer placement within FHRI. The organization was able to extend internship opportunities to thirty two (33) interns (28 female, 5 male).

Lastly, FHRI registered substantial growth in its membership as well. In 2012, FHRI membership grew by two hundred fifty two (252) members; up from six hundred thirty eight (638) members in 2011 to eight hundred ninety (890) in 2012. The membership is spread across fifty four (54) districts of Uganda.

Challenges

The costs of operating a modern information facility are high for a charity like FHRI.



ACTION 5: SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. Paralegal Advisory Services Program(PAS)

PAS seeks to improve understanding of principles and procedures of the formal criminal justice system by both users and criminal justice agencies in Uganda. The program contributes to physical and case file decongestion, links the demand and supply sides and advocates for practice change in the criminal justice system.

PAS commenced in October 2005 as a pilot project in four sites and had by end of 2011 expanded to eleven (11) sites including: Gulu, Jinja, Arua, Kitgum, Mbarara, Bushenyi, Lira, Fort Portal, Luzira, and Mbale (hosted by Uganda Prisons Service), and one site hosted by Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF). The programme was at the end of 2012 directly implemented by thirty eight (38) paralegals and forty -one (41) social workers who are placed in prisons and police stations to provide basic legal advice, follow up cases in the criminal justice institutions, and link the suspects and remand prisoners to their families and community members for legal assistance.

Following the 2010 evaluation of the program, a new Paralegal Advisory Services Strategy: 2011/12 – 2015/16 was developed and is due to be implemented when PAS is integrated into the JLOS structures of government. The PAS programme is currently implementing the 2007/2010 strategic plan.

In 2012, PAS planned activities were:

- To provide legal assistance to detainees in police stations;
- To provide legal assistance to detainees charged with petty offences;
- To provide legal assistance to detainees charged with capital offences and;
- To provide legal assistance to juveniles.

In 2012, PAS extended legal assistance to eleven thousand six hundred thirty five (11,635) suspects in police custody, nine hundred forty three (943) capital offenders and two hundred nineteen (219) juveniles.

The paralegals and social workers contributed to the process of physical and case file decongestion within the targeted magisterial areas as shown in Table 5 below:

Table 5: Tabulation of PAS releases: January-December 2012

Project Site	Bail	Police Bond	Community Service	ADR	Fines	Other releases	Total Releases
Kampala	1,122	1,025	375	23	101	859	3,505
Mbale	486	1,136	164	227	17	1,225	3,255
Bushenyi	353	653	79	45	37	322	1,489
Jinja	1,014	1,250	233	125	52	662	3,336
Fort Portal	631	1,500	108	164	33	407	2,843
Gulu	821	1,143	112	53	39	1,467	3,635
Kitgum	521	645	35	300	33	340	1,874
Mbarara	650	795	96	233	18	1,303	3,095
Arua	663	1,303	113	25	26	602	2,732
Lira	3,092	2,185	213	90	282	1,063	6,925
Total	9,353	11,635	1,528	1,285	638	8,250	32,689

In 2012, the total number of suspects and inmates released through PAS interventions was thirty two thousand six hundred eighty nine (32,689). Among them were: nine thousand three hundred fifty three (9,353) received bail, eleven thousand six hundred thirty five (11,635) received bond, one thousand five hundred twenty eight (1,528) got community service sentences, one thousand two hundred eighty five (1,285) benefited through mediation/diversion and six hundred thirty eight (638) through fine payment. Other releases comprised eight thousand two hundred fifty thousand (8,250). These include cases that were dismissed, cautioned, discharged, discontinued and acquitted.

In 2012, three (3) PAS Steering Committee meetings were held at which several bottle necks in the administration of justice were discussed. Follow up of challenges identified contributed to better performance of criminal justice institutions in areas where PAS operates.

On 13th December 2013, PAS Steering Committee members were honoured and awarded with plaques by FHRI in recognition of their contribution to the criminal justice system to Uganda through their commitment to the PAS programme. It was also an opportunity to appreciate and bid farewell to Ms. Winnie Walakira who was the then Program Officer, Access to Justice who was leaving the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF).



National steering committee members and PAS secretariat staff with their plaques at Cassia Lodge, Buziga Kampala, on 13th December 2012.

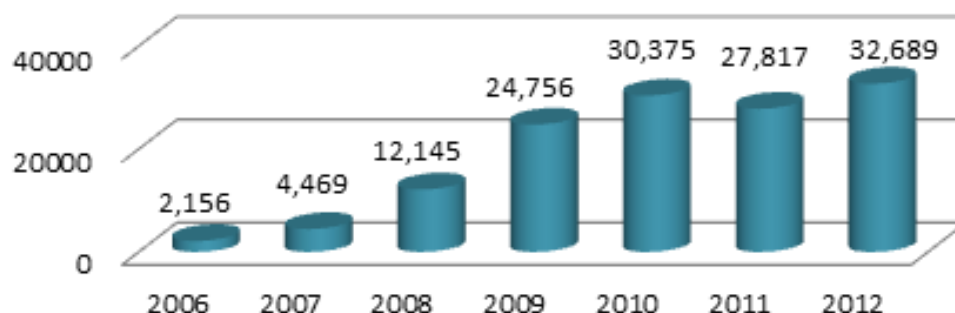
Three (3) monitoring visits were conducted by the secretariat to all the project sites in a bid to provide back up support to the paralegals and social workers. Similarly, in December 2012, the PAS secretariat coordinated intra-site meetings for the Eastern and Central sites on 17th December 2012 –(Western PAS sites) on 5th and 12th December 2012 - (Northern PAS sites). The purpose of these meetings was to share successes and best practice for better service delivery. It was also an opportunity to strategize and re-energize teams to effectively implement the PAS programme.

In the spirit of partnership, PAS participated in a number of external meetings during the year including; the opening of the Annual Law year at the High Court on 13th January 2012; the JLOS open day held on 19th March 2012 and, the Africa regional conference on community based programs on 29th June 2012.

Outcome

Within the framework of PAS, the total number of inmates released through PAS interventions has steadily increased as shown in figure 6 below:

Figure 6: Number of releases attributed to PAS: 2012



The number of prisoners released from places of detention attributed to PAS interventions in 2012 was 32,689.

PAS' contribution to decongestion of the criminal justice system is evident. The initiative has emerged as an effective mechanism for providing legal advice and assistance to poor and marginalised persons within the criminal justice system in Uganda.

Challenges

The disregard of standards within the system undermines the PAS program. PAS will continue to engage the District Coordination Committees to strengthen monitoring mechanisms.

2. Citizens Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU)

Objective

The Citizens' Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU) is a non-partisan, broad civil society coalition which seeks to advocate and promote integrity, transparency and active citizens' participation in Uganda's electoral process through: mobilizing citizens to partake in civic education, advocate for electoral reform and engage in election monitoring.

Implementation

CCEDU was launched on 19th August, 2009 by the then Speaker of Parliament, Hon. Edward Kiwanuka Sekandi. At its inception CCEDU signed up 487 civil society groups. To date CCEDU has membership of 780 civil society organizations and over 10,000 individual members.

CCEDU has three governing bodies: CCEDU membership platform, the Advisory Board and Executive Committee. The Advisory Board comprises of 12 configurations elected by the CCEDU membership including: elderly, workers, farmers, faith based networks, media, Development workers, Student/youth, Persons With Disabilities, private sector, women, human rights and Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda. The CCEDU Executive committee whose duty is to oversee policy implementation of the project has a membership of 90 civil society groups.

Planned activities

In 2012, the following were CCEDU's planned activities:

- Print the Citizens Electoral Reform Agenda Handbook (CERA);
- Translate the CERA Handbook into 4 local languages;
- Launch the translated versions of the CERA Handbook in the 4 regions of Uganda;
- Support a media campaign on electoral reforms;
- Convene a members' consultative forum;
- Observe By –elections and international elections and;
- Develop CCEDU's Website

Within the context of the campaign on electoral reforms in Uganda which was launched on 1st November 2011, the Citizens' Electoral Reform Agenda (CERA) Handbook was printed and translated into Luo, Luganda, Runyakitara and Ateso. Eight hundred (800) copies were printed.

The CERA Handbook was launched at three regional launches: Western Uganda in Bunyoro, on 16th June 2012 at Boma Grounds with over 1,500 delegates participating; Eastern Uganda in Ngora district on 1st October 2012 at Ngora Parents School with over 400 delegates attending and; Central Uganda in Kampala Metropolitan at Hotel Africana on 11th June 2012 with over 350 delegates participating



Delegates attending the launch of the CERA Handbook in Hoima district, 16th July 2012, Boma Grounds

As part of the electoral reform campaign, a media drive was also launched to popularise the reform agenda. Three press conferences on reinstating presidential terms limits within the 1995 Constitution were held on 25th April 2012, 16th May 2012, at Makerere University and, 11th June 2012 at Hotel Africana. A radio based national campaign was also supported by CCEDU on key electoral reform issues raised in the CERA Handbook. Thirty (30) radio talk shows were supported across the country as summarised in Table 6 below:

Table 6: Break down of Radio Talkshows: 2012

No	Name of Radio Station	Date of Talk show
1	Radio Kitara	8th June, 2012
2	Hoima Broadcasting Services	9th June, 2012
3	Liberty Broadcasting Services	8th June, 2012
4	Buddu Broadcasting Services	12th July ,2012
5	Kyoga Veritas	30th September, 2012

No	Name of Radio Station	Date of Talk show
6	Voice of Teso	28th September, 2012
7	Radio Kumi	30th September, 2012
8	Mega Fm	28th March, 2012
9	Radio One	25th March, 2012 ; 4th July, 2012; 25th April, 2012; 24th January, 2012; 16th November, 2012; 4th September, 2012 ; 14th September, 2012 ; 25th April, 2012
10	KFM	26th March, 2012; 28th March, 2012; 31st March 2012; 1st May, 2012; 11th June, 2012; 25th April, 2012.
11	Simba Fm	26th March, 2012
12	Radio West	28th March, 2012
13	Lango FM	28th September, 2012
14	Star FM	16th June, 2012

In order to keep CCEDU's members abreast with the developments within CCEDU, on 24th May 2012, a members' consultative forum was held at the Human Rights House, Nsambya. Members received a progress report from the CCEDU secretariat, considered and approved the five -year CCEDU Strategy (2012 – 2016). One hundred sixty seven (167) members of CCEDU attended (117 male, 50 female).

Lastly, CCEDU monitored 7 in-country By-elections in Bushenyi, (13th June 2012); Bukoto South, (12th July 2012); Kasese Woman MP, (8th August 2012); Usuk County, (12th Sept 2012); Butambala County, (13th June 2012); Kween district, (13th June 2012) and; Kamuli district, (29th November 2012).

Relatedly, CCEDU monitored 2 international elections; in Sierra Leone (17th November 2012), and Ghana (1st December 2012).

Although earlier planned, the construction of the CCEDU Website was differed to 2013.

Outcome

The electoral reform campaign has gained momentum and visibility particularly the proposal calling for the restoration of two, five year term limits for the tenure of office of the president . It has enlisted support from Members of Parliament who have crafted a Private Members Bill to be tabled before Parliament.

Secondly, CCEDU has emerged as a key player in election observation on the Continent and a key actor in electoral democracy in Uganda. Research undertaken by CCEDU on electoral democracy has raised the profile of CCEDU as an emerging research institution on election related issues in Uganda.

Challenges

Enlisting support for electoral reforms by some political parties is a challenge. CCEDU therefore plans to engage with the National Consultative Forum in order to build momentum for this effort.



Commissioner Justine Mugabi of the Uganda Electoral Commission launches the Runyakitara version of the CERA Handbook at Boma grounds, Hoima district, 16th June 2012.

In the fore, L-R is Mr Mugenyi Mulindambura, Councilor LCV, Kigorobya sub-county, Hoima district, Rtd Bishop Zac Niringiye, CCEDU member, Mr Crispy Kaheru, coordinator, CCEDU, Mr Nicholas Opio, CCEDU member and Mr Gwada Ogot, Communications Manager, CCEDU

ACTION 6: PARTNERSHIPS

1. EAST AFRICA INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (EAICJI)

Objective

The objective of the EAICJI programme is to raise awareness and enhance the capacity of key target groups including: the media, civil society, judicial officers and Members of Parliament on the role, functions and importance of the International Criminal Court in order to transform it into an effective tool in the fight against impunity in the wider Eastern Africa region. The initiative is implemented by the Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ-Kenya) in partnership with FHRI in Uganda, with Children Education Society (CHESO) in Tanzania, Human Rights First in Rwanda, African Centre for Justice and Peace Studies (ACPJS) in Sudan and ASADHO in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Planned activities

1. A joint partners' planning meeting.
2. Research on the future of Amnesty Law in Uganda.
3. Consultative meeting on the future of Amnesty Law in Uganda.
4. Regional media forum on International Justice and the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Output

i. Joint partners' planning meeting: 1-5th April 2012.

The planning meeting was held from the 1st - 5th of April 2012. It was hosted by ICJ-Kenya at the Sarova White Sands Hotel, Mombasa. The meeting was an opportunity for the partners within the initiative to share best practices; take stock of the 2012 activities and gauge the impact of the EAICJI in the seven situation countries in Eastern Africa.

As part of a forward looking strategy, the forum also sought to map out areas of emerging jurisprudence on international criminal justice in partner countries for purposes of research and documentation. The 2012 action plan was also adopted.

ii. Research on the future of Amnesty Law in Uganda: 29th July – 3rd August 2012.

As part of the on-going consultations on the future of Amnesty Law in Uganda which lapsed on 23rd May 2012, FHRI conducted research in the districts of Kiryandongo (1st -6th July 2012) and Amuru (29th July – 3rd August 2012) to collect views from victims of the LRA conflict. Over 100 respondents were involved in the research including state and non-state actors. Victims of the Lords' Resistance Army insurgency constituted part of the respondents.

iii. Consultative meeting on the future of Amnesty Law in Uganda; 28th – 30th August 2012, Gulu.

Following the research in districts of Kiryandongo and Amuru in Uganda, Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) together with the International Commission of Jurists-Kenya Section (ICJ-K) under the East Africa International Criminal Justice Initiative (EACJI) with financial support of the European Union (EU) convened the consultative forum on the future of Amnesty Law in Uganda from 28th to 30th August 2012 at Churchill Hotel, Gulu.

This meeting provided a platform particularly for victims of the conflict and beneficiaries of Amnesty to reflect on the future of the Amnesty Law in Uganda and contribute to the on-going national process of developing a legislative framework on Transitional Justice in Uganda.

The chairperson of the Amnesty Commission, Hon. Justice Peter Onega represented by Mr. Nathan Twinomugisha, the Legal Officer at the Commission, the Resident District Commissioner of Gulu district, Mr. Chris Owori Odoi, the LCV Chairperson of Amuru district, Mr. Martin Ojara Mapenduzi and Rtd. Bishop M. B. Ocholla from Gulu addressed the forty five (45) participants (25 male, 20 female) who attended the forum.

These included: victims of the conflict in northern Uganda, former abductees, current beneficiaries of amnesty in Uganda, victims' rights groups, religious leaders and faith based groups, international NGOs and the media. The districts represented were: Gulu, Amuru, Agago, Pader and Kiryandongo.

Government was represented by local government officials; the Justice Law and Order Sector secretariat and institutions including: the Law Development Centre, prisons, police, judiciary and, the Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF).

iv. Regional media Forum on International Justice and the International Criminal Court (ICC)

As part of the awareness campaign, the International Commission of Jurists, Kenya Section (ICJ-Kenya) convened the 2012 regional media forum on International Justice and the International Criminal Court (ICC) in Kigali, Rwanda, from 29th October – 1st November 2012,

The forum was attended by media and legal practitioners from the Eastern Africa, South Sudan and the Great Lakes region. The forum addressed questions surrounding the role of media in situations of conflict and violence. At this meeting, the relationship between the African Union and the ICC was also discussed.

2. THE NGO COALITION FOR AN EFFECTIVE AFRICAN COURT ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

Objective

To contribute to creating an effective African Court on Human and Peoples Rights in Eastern Africa. FHRI is the focal point for Eastern Africa within this framework.

Output

1. **Training on the Rules of Procedure of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights.**

The NGO Coalition for an Effective African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (CEAC) in collaboration with the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) conducted a training session for legal practitioners in East Africa on the Rules of Procedure of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. FHRI participated in the capacity building session which was held on 13th September 2012, at Double View Hotel in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania as focal point.

3. THE WESTMINSTER CONSORTIUM (TWC)

Objective

FHRI is part of The Westminster Consortium for Parliaments and Democracy (TWC). TWC is made up of a group of organisations that work collectively to strengthen parliamentary democracy in five parliaments namely: Ukraine, Georgia, Uganda, Mozambique and Lebanon.

Planned Activities

1. Regional conference for parliamentarians on human rights.
2. Induction seminar for the parliamentary committee on human rights in the Parliament of Uganda

Output

1. **Regional conference for parliamentarians on human rights; 2nd – 4th May 2012, Entebbe**

Under the theme: “*Parliament and Human Rights: Strengthening the Tripartite Mandate of Parliament*”, a three-day regional conference for parliamentarians was held in Entebbe, Uganda at Imperial Resort Beach Hotel from 2nd -4th May 2012. Fifty (50) Members of Parliament from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan attended. The East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) was also represented. The conference

objective was among others to disseminate best practices relating to parliament and the respect of human rights. It was facilitated by the Legislative Division of the Parliament of Uganda and the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI).

Among the guests was the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the Parliament of Uganda, Hon. Rebecca Kadaga who delivered the key note address. The delegates were also addressed by Dr. Christopher Mbazira, Ag. Deputy Dean, Postgraduate and Administration Department of Public and Comparative Law, School of Law, Makerere University; Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director, FHRI; Hon Stephen Tashobya, Chairperson, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee, Parliament of Uganda; Hon. Gervaise Akhaabi from EALA; Ms. Patrick Angela, Director, Human Rights Policy, Justice (UK); and Mr. Pius Biribonwoha, Director, Legal and Legislative Services, Parliament of Uganda..

2. Induction seminar for the parliamentary committee on human rights; 9th – 11th August 2012, Entebbe

The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) conducted an induction workshop for the members of the newly established committee on human rights of the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda from 9th to 11th August 2012 at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel. The theme of the seminar was: *‘Strengthening the Respect for Human Rights through Parliament’*.

The seminar was attended by members of parliamentary committees on: human rights, Legal and Parliamentary affairs, Equal Opportunities and Gender and Social Development.

The induction seminar was officially opened by the Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda, Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga. The chairpersons of the committee on human rights, Hon Jovah Kamateeka and the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, Hon. Stephen Tashobya also addressed the Members of Parliament on this occasion. The two-day meeting enriched the participants’ understanding of human rights principles and their practical application in the formulation of legislation.

A human rights handbook titled *‘Human Rights and Parliament: Handbook for Members and Staff’* was disseminated to participants to help them in carrying out the legislative function.



Section **II**

NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION

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Objective

To work closely with other actors in order to promote adherence to human rights standards at the national and international level.

Implementation

Like in previous years, FHRI continues to work closely with a wide range of institutions and groups undertaking similar or related activities at the local, national and international level. In 2012, networking took diverse forms: joint campaigns; country visits; internships, volunteer placements and, participation in national, regional and international events.

Output

- ❖ **Launch of ‘Saving Lives: Strengthening the role of Lawyers to fight against the Death Penalty (SALI – Kick off) Conference, Abuja, Nigeria’: 27th March 2012.**

Avocats Sans Frontieres (ASF) in partnership with the Nigerian Bar Association and the Nigerian Human Rights Commission and Access to Justice convened a one- day meeting to launch a campaign against the death penalty in Nigeria at the Chelsea Hotel, Abuja on 27th March 2012. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Chief Justice of Nigeria, the Attorney General’s chambers, Director of Public Prosecution and leading attorneys in Nigeria.



Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana (front row, 5th from left) at the opening session of the Launch of the campaign against the death penalty ,Abuja, Nigeria

In recognition of FHRI’s two decade campaign against death penalty in Uganda, FHRI Executive Director Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana was invited to give a keynote speech as well as launch the campaign against the Death Penalty in Nigeria. In his key note address, titled ‘Towards Global Abolition of the Death Penalty: The African Experience,’

Mr. Sewanyana welcomed the historic occasion as Nigeria joins the rest of the world in campaigning against the application of the death penalty. He invited the campaigners to involve as many stakeholders as possible in the debate given the controversial nature of the death penalty

❖ **The Oxfam America Aid Effectiveness campaign, Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. USA:28th -29th June 2012.**

Oxfam -America is spearheading a campaign towards more effective US aid utilization. The campaign focuses on the current USAID reforms to promote value for money and eradication of corruption. FHRI has joined this campaign given its long standing effort to promote better service delivery among the rural and urban poor.

Oxfam -America invited Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana to join the lobby campaign. From 28th – 29th June 2012, Mr. Sewanyana in the company of Oxfam staff, Mary Marchal and Archana Palaniappan held meetings on Capitol Hill with: USAID, State Department, the House committee on government oversight, staff of several Congress and House representatives both Republicans and Democrats. Other meetings were held with the Human Rights Commission of Congress, International Center for Non-Profit Law and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).



Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana (3rd from the left) after the presentation to USAID staff, 28th June 2012, Capitol Hill, Washington DC, USA



Mr Sewanyana (3rd from left) with officials of the US State Department after making a presentation on Capitol Hill, Washington DC, 28th June 2012

- ❖ **United Nations Expert Consultation on the Death Penalty and Freedom from Torture, Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment, Harvard Law School, Boston, USA: -25th -26th June 2012.**



Mr Livingstone Sewanyana at the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) offices, Washington DC. L- R is Mr. Ryota Jone, Ms. Nancy Welch, Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Mr. Dave Paterson and Mr. Eric Robinson

The Executive Director, FHRI, Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana was among delegates who attended a two-day United Nations Expert Consultation on the Death Penalty and Freedom from Torture, Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment convened at Harvard Law School, Boston, USA from 25-26th June 2012. The consultation aimed at providing input in the UN Special Rapporteur's report on both subjects which was due to be presented to the UN General Assembly in October, 2012. The event brought together leading scholars in criminology from Universities in Europe and the United States as well as Civil Society. Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana discussed the Suzan Kigula case and gave an account of some of the difficulties encountered in the anti- Death Penalty campaign in East Africa.



Livingstone Sewanyana ® at the opening session of the UN Expert Consultation on the Death Penalty, Harvard Law School, Boston, USA

Relatedly, the Executive Director participated and addressed the following events;

- ❖ A three-day workshop on strengthening collaboration between police and civil society in security, justice and peace, organised by John Paul II Justice and Peace Centre (JPIJPC); 25th - 27th April 2012, St. Augustine Institute, Nsambya.
- ❖ A meeting on the protection of human rights defenders and democratic consolidation in Uganda organised by the Human Rights Centre, 11th September 2012, Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala.
- ❖ A three-day conference on the rights and dignity of workers in the informal economy, organised by The Justice and Peace Commission of the Uganda Episcopal Conference, 15th -18th July 2012, Kampala Kolping Hotel, Bwaise.

- ❖ A three-day African regional conference for community based paralegal programs, organised by Global Rights together with NAMTI and Open Society Initiative, from 9th – 11th July 2013, Speke Resort Munyonyo.

Membership to Networks

FHRI is a member of twelve (12) networks/coalitions including the: East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Network (EHAHRDP), Human Rights Network - Uganda (HURINET-U), Development Network of Indigenous Voluntary Associations (DENIVA), Legal Aid Service Providers Network (LASPNET), Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN), Uganda Land Alliance (ULA), the Citizens' Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU), the NGO Coalition for an Effective African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (CEAC), World Coalition Against the Death Penalty (WCADP) and the East African Coalition Against the Death penalty (EACADP). The organization is affiliated to the International Federation for Human Rights Defenders (FIDH).

In 2012, FHRI held leadership positions within some of these networks as shown in Table 7 below:

Table 7: FHRI roles in Networks/Coalitions: 2011

Network/Umbrella	Position
<i>East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Network</i>	<i>Chairperson, Board of Directors</i>
<i>The East African Coalition Against the Death penalty (EACADP).</i>	<i>Coordinator</i>
<i>NGO Coalition for an Effective African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (CEAC),</i>	<i>Focal Point, Eastern Africa</i>
<i>Citizen's Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU)</i>	<i>Chairperson, Executive Committee</i>
<i>Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN)</i>	<i>Chairperson, Executive Committee</i>
<i>Human Rights Network (HURINET)</i>	<i>Treasurer, Board of Directors</i>
<i>Uganda Land Alliance</i>	<i>Member</i>

In 2012, FHRI participated in a number of events organized by partners, civil society actors and government institutions on human rights, governance and democracy. Some of the meetings attended in 2012 include:

- A consultative workshop on the 3rd JLOS Strategic Investment Plan III, organized by Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, 20th January 2012, Kampala, Uganda.

- A stakeholders meeting on women and children, organized by the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC), *31st January 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- A retreat of the JLOS Thematic Working Group organized by Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, *2nd February 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- JLOS Third Strategic Investment Plan consultative workshop on Transitional Justice organized by the Justice, Law and Order Sector (JLOS), *3rd February 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- A one day stakeholders meeting to promote rights of Human Rights Defenders organized by Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC), *15th February 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- A validation workshop of the Draft National Legal Aid Policy organized by Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (MojCA), *15th February 2012.*
- Police reform and accountability working group meeting organized by Human Rights Network (HURINET), *13th February, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Universal Periodic Review (UPR) civil and political rights cluster stakeholders' meeting organized by African Center for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (ACTV), *28th February, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Democratic Governance and Accountability Program (DGAP) Steering Committee meeting, *22nd March 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- 6th Annual National JLOS Forum under the theme "A pro-people Justice System" organized by Justice, Law and Order Sector (JLOS) *from 20th – 21st March 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- The impact and drivers of large scale land acquisition organized by Uganda Land Alliance in conjunction with Food Rights Alliance, *28th March 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Validation and information sharing meeting on Gender Bills organized by Uganda Women's Network, (UWONET), *22nd March 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Gender and democracy meeting organized by Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG), *from 23rd – 26th February, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*

- An integrated view of land grabbing, organized by Uganda Land Alliance on 23rd March 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Youth participation in national transformation meeting organized by Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG) from 25th – 26th March, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Social accountability through notable changes in governance and democracy: A global perspective, organized by Center for Constitutional Governance (CCG) from 23rd -26th February, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Reflection on the 2011 elections, challenges, corruption and changes, organized by DENIVA, 15th March, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Regional symposium on informal justice systems organized by Development Research Training, 2nd April, 2012, Kibaale, Uganda.
- CSO legal response to human rights violations in Uganda, organized by Ashanut Okille; socio-development and executive coach, 17th February, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Coalition Against Torture meeting organized by African Center for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (ACTV), 3rd February, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Uganda Governance Monitoring Platform (UGMP) meeting organized by the Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), 20th March, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Public dialogue to commemorate the World Press Freedom Day under the theme: *Press Freedom is a Human Right*” organized by the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC), UN-Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Uganda Journalists Association, 3rd May 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- The big citizens’ conversation organized by the Uganda Governance Monitoring Platform, 8th May, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Stakeholders dialogue commemorating 10 Years of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the world, organized by the International Criminal Court (ICC), Avocats Sans Frontiers and the Uganda Coalition of the International Criminal Court (UGICC), 1st July 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Extractives and human rights: A perspective of oil in Uganda, organized by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 27th June, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.

- Consultative meeting with Human Rights Defenders organized by the Human Rights Centre Uganda, *11th July, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Annual review of the Public Service Reform Program organized by the Ministry of Public Service on *12th March 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Uganda Radio Networking Strategic Planning, organized by the Uganda Radio Network, *29th June, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- The feasibility of the International Criminal Court (ICC), International Criminal Court Act (ICCA) and the International Division of the High Court (ICD) in promoting rule of law in Uganda, organized by Advocates for Public International Law Uganda (APILU), *11th July, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- National validation workshop of the report on the use of Traditional Justice and truth telling mechanisms in the promotion of accountability and reconciliation in Uganda, organized by the Justice, Law and Order Sector (JLOS), *18th July 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- A multi stakeholders approach to developing indicators to assess and monitor governance in Uganda, *from 8th – 18th August, 2012, Jinja Uganda.*
- Gender forum under the theme “Where are we after decades of work on gender equality?” organized by Panos Eastern Africa, *1st August, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Workshop under the theme “United Women Can” organized by Uganda Women’s Network (UWONET), *5th October, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- The National consultative stakeholders meeting on the review of Uganda’s foreign policy organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *17th August, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Reviving the media debate at Uganda’s Golden Jubilee Independence organized by the Uganda Media Development Foundation, *22nd October, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Uganda’s security: perspectives, lessons and opportunities for the next 50 years organized by the Inter-religious Council of Uganda (IRCUG), *25th October, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Meeting on the creation of a protection trust fund organized by the East African Law Society and Avocats Sans Frontieres *from 15th – 17th August, 2012, Arusha, Tanzania.*

- Communication on human rights and health organized by the Ministry of Health on *13th November 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- 50 Years of Independence, reflection, aspirations and commitments by young political leaders, *3rd October, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- African Centre for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (ACTV): Development Partners review meeting, *12th September, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- 6th Annual East African Civil Society symposium organized by the East African Civil Society Forum in partnership with Trademark East Africa, *29th and 30th August, 2012, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Dissemination workshop of the findings of the second chronic poverty report for Uganda, 2012 and debate on the status of the Millennium Development Goals in Uganda organized by Development Research and Training (DRT) and the Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), *17th October, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- High level stakeholders breakfast meeting on the 5th Annual Rule of Law Day 2012 organized by the Uganda Law Society, *11th October, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Breaking point consultation on the Millennium Development Goals in Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), *13th – 14th December, 2012, Kampala, Uganda..*

Outcome

FHRI's networking strategy is guided by its Strategic Plan (2012 -2016). It is focused on issue based networks and coalitions that have a bearing on FHRI' s thematic and campaign areas. This highly selective strategy has added value to FHRI's overall program by amplifying the campaign on key human rights issues like; the right to life, freedom from torture, access to justice, electoral reform, the death penalty, penal reform, among others.

Secondly, FHRI's involvement in global events on democracy and human rights has enabled the organization to widen its influence and contribute to the global human rights and governance agenda

Challenge

The requests for partnerships and involvement in meetings with FHRI are overwhelming. The challenge for FHRI is to strike that delicate balance between working with value-added partnerships and the risk of being branded 'isolationist'.



Section

III



ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Objective

The Action seeks to build a sustainable and innovative human rights advocacy organization in Uganda.

The Action has four components:

1. Monitoring and Evaluation.
2. Human Resource Development.
 - i. Staffing.
 - ii. Staff Training and Development.
3. Governing bodies.
4. Office Administration.

1. Monitoring and Evaluation (M & E)

Objective

The M & E component tracks progress of program implementation, outcomes and impact for effective human rights advocacy.

Planned Activities

The following activities were planned for 2012:

- Review and update the M & E policy.
- Update the annual work plan, year planner and budget (2012).
- Manage the External Events Diary.
- Organise 3 quarterly program review meetings.
- Organise 4 Board of Directors Meetings.
- Organise 1 end of year Board- Staff retreat.

Output

The M & E Policy is in place and will be reviewed in 2013. The annual work plan, year planner and budget for 2012 were operational during the year while the External Events Diary has been regularly updated.

Three (3) quarterly program review meetings were held for staff to review progress against set targets, respond to challenges and plan collectively.

Likewise, four (4) quarterly Board of Directors meetings were held as planned: on 5th May 2012, 21st July, 2012, 14th August, 2012, 3rd November 2012 and 21st December

2012 to monitor progress, ensure quality control and approve work-plans and budgets.

As an established practice, the Board-Staff retreat to review progress and reflect on impact was held from 19th -21st December 2012 at Green Valley Hotel, Gaba.

2. Human Resource Development

Objective

This component seeks to improve staff skills for effective implementation of the FHRI 5 year strategic program (2012 -2016).

Output

In 2012, on –job training for staff was encouraged. The following staff attended specific training opportunities during the year:

- Ms. Alice Nassaka, Manager, Capacity Development Division: Advocacy training organized by Global Rights, 22nd March, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Ms. Connie Nnumbi, Program Assistant: Fundraising and resource mobilization workshop organized by HURINET, 26th – 29th June, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Ms Josephine Kankunda, Senior Researcher: Training on effective documentation and investigation of torture organized by African Center for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (ACTV), 12th October, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Mr. Elly Kasirye, Project Intern (Civic Education): Training on dissemination of governance indicators organized by Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) and College of Business and Management Science, Makerere University, 29th October, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Mr. Isaac Sekuuma, Communications Intern (Communication and Information): Myers Briggs CSOs and leaders training on personality types and temperaments organized by Development Network of Indigenous Voluntary Associations (DENIVA), 15th May, 2012, Kampala, Uganda
- Ms. Solome Nagadya, Legal Assistant (Legal Services): Training for legal practitioners on the Rules of Procedure of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights organized by the African Court Coalition in collaboration with Tanganyika Law Society, 13th October, 2012, Arusha, Tanzania.

- Ms. Catherine Komuhangi, Project support (Death Penalty campaign): Istanbul Protocol training for legal and medical practitioners organized by ACTV, 28th October-2nd November, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Mr. Elly Kasirye, Project Intern (Civic Education): Training on development of governance indicators organized by the Uganda National Bureau of Statistics, 29th October, 2012, Kampala, Uganda.
- Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director: continued to pursue his PhD program in Public Law at the University of Cape Town, Republic of South Africa.
- Ms. Numbi Connie Samantha, Project Assistant: was nominated by FHRI to participate in the FK International Exchange Programme (January – October 2013) under HURINET. She is attached to Peace Tree Net-work, Nairobi Kenya.

3. Governing Bodies

Objective

- *To provide strategic leadership to the organization.*

FHRI is a membership organization with an organizational structure that comprises the General Assembly, Board of Trustees, Board of Directors and the Secretariat.

While the General Assembly is the supreme governing body of FHRI, the Trustees are the custodians of FHRI Constitution and property. The Board of Directors on the other hand provide strategic direction to the organization while the secretariat is the implementing arm.

FHRI holds Annual General Meetings (AGM) for its membership to reflect, adopt and approve new strategic plans, annual report and the audit reports. FHRI also convenes General Assemblies after every three years to elect new members to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meets four times a year to appraise staff, discuss and approve activity reports, budgets and program work plans.

FHRI held its 8th General Assembly on the 4th August 2012, at the Human Rights House, Nsambya. The assembly was attended by three hundred and ninety six (396) delegates, (242 male, 154 female). Members adopted the reports of the chairperson of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director as well as the Annual narrative and Audited financial Reports (2011). A new Board of Directors (2012 -2015) was elected while Hon Dr. Justice George Kanyeihamba was appointed Patron of the Foundation on this occasion.

By the end of 2012, FHRI membership had grown to eight hundred and ninety members (890); (518 male, 372 female), up from 638 members in 2011.

Table 8: FHRI Trustees: 2012

Name	Affiliation
Mrs. Mary Sewamuwe	Minnesota Health International
Ms. Sarah Mukiibi S.	Libra Consultants Limited
Mr. Albert Mukundane	Private Consultant
Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana	Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)

Sadly, on 24th December 2012, FHRI lost one of its Trustees, Ms Allen Nakiboneka. Ms. Nakiboneka served as Honorary Board Secretary (2002—2006) as well as a Board Member (1998 to 2001).



Allen Betty Nakiboneka (RIP)

She is remembered for her selfless service and contribution to FHRI. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Table 9: FHRI Patron

Name	Affiliation
Hon. Dr Prof. Justice George Kanyeihamba	G W Kanyeihamba & Co. Advocates



Hon. Dr Prof. Justice George Kanyeihamba

Table 9: FHRI Board of Directors (2012- 2015)

Name	Position
Rev. Dr. John Kateeba Tumwine	Chairperson
Her Worship Justine Atukwasa	Vice Chairperson
Mr. Adrian Jjuuko	Secretary
Mr. Davidson Sserunjogi	Treasurer
Mr. Edward Peace Obura	Member
Mr. Celestine O. Mugisha	Member
Ms. Patricia Atim P'Odong	Member
Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana	Ex- Officio

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2012- 2015)



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Mr. Edward Peace Obura
Member



Mr. Celestine O. Mugisha,
Member



Ms. Patricia Atim P'Odong
Member



Mr. Livingstone Sewanyana
Ex-Officio
Executive Director,
Foundation for Human
Rights Initiative (FHRI).

Staffing

FHRI's staff is comprised of professional and support staff. In 2012, FHRI had a staff of 50 including: 34 programme staff and 16 administrative staff.



**Mr. Livingstone
Sewanyana**
Executive Director



Ms. Sheila Muwanga
*Deputy Director
Programs*



Ms. Elizabeth Nantamu
*Deputy Director
Administration*

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Ms. Isabella Bwiire
Executive Assistant



Ms. Milly Nakakande
Executive Officer

FINANCE DIVISION



**Ms. Rose Kamuli
Mwesigwa**
Finance Manager



Mr. Patrick Lugunga
Accounts Officer



Ms. Gladys Mirembe
Administration Intern

RESEARCH DIVISION



**Ms. Josephine Kankunda
Mulondo**
Senior Researcher



**Ms. Penny Mbabazi
Atuhairwe**
Associate Researcher



Mr. Rashid Bunya
Research Assistant



Ms. Claire Nampala
Research Assistant



Ms. Veronica LM Tayo
Legal Intern



Ms. Edrine Katushabe
Legal Intern

LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION



Ms. Lydia Namazzi
Legal Officer



Mr. George Musisi
Legal Assistant



Ms. Salome Nagadya Khauka
Legal Assistant



Ms. Editor Asimwe
Legal Intern

RIGHT TO LIFE PROJECT



Ms. Doreen Namyalo Kyazze
Manager

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Ms. Alice Nassaka
Manager – Capacity Development Division



Mr. Edmond Nkalubo
National Outreach Coordinator



Ms. Rose Nanyondo
Project Officer



Mr. Elly Kasirye
Project Intern



Ms. Diva Mukisa
Project Intern

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION DIVISION



Ms. Faridah Naluyange Lule
Public Affairs Assistant



Mr. Daniel Ntambi
Marketing Officer



Mr. Isaac Ssekuuma
Communication Intern



Ms. Hannah Taremwa
Project Intern



Ms. Nsiimire Sandra
Project Intern



Ms. Kyobutungi Doreen
Project Intern



Ms. Winnie Munyegera
Administrative Intern

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Mr. Denis Angeri Okello
Projects Assistant

CITIZENS COALITION FOR ELECTORAL DEMOCRACY IN UGANDA (CCEDU)



Mr. Crispy Kaheru
Project Coordinator



Mr. Sammy Gwada Ogot
Project Communications Manager



Ms. Rhona Adong
Project Associate

PARALEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES (PAS)



Ms. Elinor Wanyama Chemonges
National Coordinator



Ms. Lucy Nantume
Legal Officer



Ms. Faith Mutumba
Administrative Assistant



Mr. Hannington Musisi
Driver



Ms. Josephine Namukasa
Legal Intern

SUPPORT STAFF



Mr. Stephen Sebaana Segulanyi
Office Manager



Ms. Elizabeth Nakato
Front Desk Officer



Ms. Connie Samantha Numbi
Project Assistant



Mr. Allan Semalulu
Driver(1)



Mr. Moses Kyazze
Driver(2)



Mr. Mathew Sekitto
Office Assistant



Ms. Olivia Kigozi
Welfare Assistant



Mr. Richard Okeya
Security Officer/ Gardener



Mr. Ali Nsubuga (RIP)
Security Guard/ Cleaner

On 11th January 2012, FHRI lost yet another member of the FHRI family, Mr. Ali Nsubuga who had served as a Gardener/Security Guard at the Human Rights House from 2003.



Ali Nsubuga (RIP)

We remember Ali for his dedication to FHRI during his 10 years of service. May his soul rest in eternal peace

Interns

Name	Institution	Division
Joshua William Bukenya	Makerere University	Communication and Information
Nabatanzi Genevieve	Makerere University	Programmes & Finance
Annet Namugosa	Makerere University	Legal Services
Gorreth Matovu	Kyambogo University	Capacity Development
Mukooki Rhodah	Kyambogo University	CCEDU
Nakabugo Rebecca	Makerere University Business School	Finance
Nassiwa Doreen	Kyambogo University	Capacity Development
Gloria Irene Nabasumba	Islamic University in Uganda	Programme Development
Sharifah Nagawa	Islamic University in Uganda	Capacity Development
Linda Kanyunyuzi	Makerere University	Legal Services
Namasinga Teddy Lubowa	Makerere University	Legal Services
Katende Steven	Makerere University	Programme Development
Nampijja Asiyat	Makerere University	CCEDU
Nakirijja Deborah	Makerere University	Capacity Development
Hassan Naveen	Osgoode Hall Law School	Research
Kathryn Fox	Osgoode Hall Law School	Research
Lizet Vlamings	Maastricht University, Netherlands	Research
Lauren Hislop	University of Alabama school of Law	Research
Amel Ferchichi	University Paul Cezanne Aix- Marseille	Legislative Advocacy
Esther Nshankira	Kabojja International School	Legal Services
Catherine Komuhangi	University of London	Legal Services
Sammy Lubwama	Kyambogo University	Capacity Development
Juliet Innocent Namukasa	Uganda Christian University	Capacity Development
Brenda Nakabanda	Kampala International University	Paralegal Services

Name	Institution	Division
<i>Berna Mutamba</i>	<i>Law Development Centre</i>	<i>Legal Services</i>
<i>Alexandria Keitrah Sewali</i>	<i>Law Development Centre</i>	<i>Legal Services</i>
<i>Mary Nabbosa</i>	<i>Uganda Christian University</i>	<i>Administration</i>
<i>Semakula Stephen</i>	<i>Law Development Centre</i>	<i>Legal Services</i>
<i>Juliet Innocent Namukasa</i>	<i>Makerere University</i>	<i>Capacity Development</i>
<i>Ndagire Sharon</i>	<i>Nsamizi training for Social Development.</i>	<i>Programme Development</i>
<i>Cynthia Bossema</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Right to Life Project</i>
<i>Diana Vanessa Babagambe</i>	<i>Uganda Christian University</i>	<i>Legal Services</i>
<i>Monica Christensen</i>	<i>Makerere University</i>	<i>Research</i>

Office administration

In 2012, FHRI continued to meet the wage and salary bill and utility bills on a regular basis. Regular maintenance of assets was under taken despite the high operational costs.

As an established practice, FHRI commissioned Carr Stanyer Sims & Co. to carry out an External Audit of the 2011 organizational accounts. The 2011 Audit and Annual reports were approved and adopted by the membership during the General Assembly held on 4th August 2012 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya

Investments

In 2012, office acquisitions included: one Motor Vehicle (Minibus-Toyota Hiace), one HP scanner, one laptop computer, one desktop computer, a printer and accessories to support program implementation. The organisation duly insured, serviced and repaired its equipment including vehicles, photocopiers, generator, furniture, computers and their accessories.



The new FHRI Board of Directors (front row) with some staff after their 1st Board Meeting, 14th August 2012, Human Rights House, Nsambya

Section **IV**

**FINANCIAL
OVERVIEW**

Carr Stanyer Sims & Co.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Foundation for Human Rights Initiative

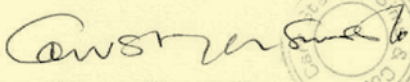
Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company at 31 December 2012 and of the surplus and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with the Companies Act, CAP 110.

Reporting on Other Legal and Statutory Requirements

The Companies Act requires that in carrying out our audit we consider and report to you the following matters. We confirm 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 the Company, so far as appears from our examination of those books; and
- (iii) The Financial Statements are in agreement with the books of account.


Carr Stanyer Sims & Co.
Certified Public Accountants



29 APR 2013
Kampala, Uganda

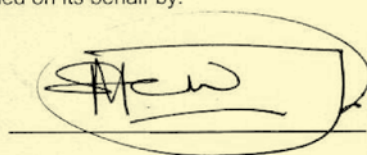
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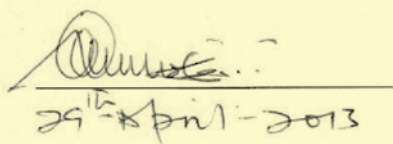
Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 Ushs.	2011 Ushs.
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	3	391,735,041	232,756,258
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank	4.1	1,106,066,440	520,522,064
TOTAL ASSETS		1,497,801,481	753,278,322
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
CAPITAL FUND	5	391,735,041	232,756,258
RESTRICTED FUNDS	6	1,044,393,060	346,332,841
		1,436,128,101	579,089,099
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables and accruals	7	61,295,940	174,156,468
Overdraft	4.2	377,440	32,755
		61,673,380	174,189,223
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		1,497,801,481	753,278,322

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 29th April, 2013
and were signed on its behalf by:



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



HONORARY TREASURER

29th April - 2013

FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE (FHRI)

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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 Actual Ushs.	2012 Budget Ushs.	2011 Actual Ushs.
INCOME				
General Grants	8	2,575,876,513	2,818,379,029	2,268,766,302
Other grants	9	424,834,775	496,140,842	65,648,096
TOTAL INCOME		3,000,711,288	3,314,519,871	2,334,414,398
Less: Capital Expenditure		(230,919,699)	(241,550,075)	(3,250,000)
Balance available for recurrent expenditure		2,769,791,589	3,072,969,796	2,331,164,398
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE				
PROGRAMMES				
RESEARCH, ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING				
Routine Monitoring		22,274,295	91,576,000	12,176,250
Thematic reporting production		29,309,606	70,200,000	52,137,511
Lower level Platform		25,749,217	25,800,000	28,035,000
Sub-total Thematic Human Rights Report		77,333,118	187,576,000	92,348,761
LEGAL SERVICES				
Legal Aid Services		15,039,362	40,000,000	29,995,913
Representation of Death Row Inmates		105,529,850	229,235,222	242,582,996
Public Interest Litigation/Legislative Advocacy		46,214,658	127,224,000	68,492,077
Sub-total Legal Services		166,783,870	396,459,222	341,070,986
CIVIC EDUCATION				
Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting		490,497,130	593,921,649	-
Social Accountability		92,178,505	194,451,685	-
University Human Rights Network		5,891,788	20,000,000	-
Private Sector Outreach		16,006,067	24,400,000	-
Civic awareness camps		38,058,200	65,000,000	-
Salary cost		50,032,363	91,224,000	-
Human Rights Concerts and Anthem		23,000,000	25,000,000	-
Sub-total Civic Education		715,664,053	1,013,997,334	-
ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT				
MONITORING AND EVALUATION				
Periodic Review and Staff Retreat		40,595,462	58,740,000	-
Human Resource Development		27,132,364	29,300,000	-
Governing bodies		24,734,500	25,500,000	-
Accounting software-Pastel		2,586,150	3,600,000	-
Alarm System (Human Rights House)		8,387,850	15,200,000	-
Salary costs		53,710,008	98,136,000	-
Sub-total Monitoring and Evaluation		157,146,334	230,476,000	-

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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 Actual Ushs.	2012 Budget Ushs.	2011 Actual Ushs.
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE (Continued)				
EXTERNAL SERVICES				
Communication and Information Management		25,631,398	46,500,000	-
Documentation		18,500,000	36,200,000	-
Public Affairs		18,473,800	22,500,000	-
Volunteer and Internship fund		37,414,700	52,500,000	-
Salary cost		59,299,350	87,500,000	-
Partnerships		27,585,877	30,147,250	-
Sub-total External Services		186,905,125	275,347,250	-
CAPACITY BUILDING				
Capacity Building for Local Government		-	-	33,672,834
Strengthening Grass root Associations		-	-	80,409,211
Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting Courses		-	-	191,573,550
Leadership Development for Human Rights Defenders		-	-	2,146,720
Sub-total Capacity Development		-	-	307,802,315
COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION				
Information Centre		-	-	13,821,840
Documentation Unit		-	-	83,166,456
Public Affairs Unit		-	-	28,891,560
Sub-total Communication and Information		-	-	125,879,856
PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT				
Periodic Review and Alliance Building		-	-	66,671,077
Fundraising and reporting		-	-	35,862,500
Making Integrity work -TIRI		-	-	35,586,451
Sub-total Programme Development		-	-	138,120,028
STAFF DEVELOPMENT				
Staff Training and Development		-	-	28,983,761
Sub-total Staff Development		-	-	28,983,761
SPECIAL PROJECTS				
FHRI-CCEDU		236,303,728	276,758,500	-
Africa Democracy Forum (General Assembly)		-	-	209,264,791
Safer World (Voter education photo exhibition)		-	-	3,902,915
NGO Forum (Africa Democracy Forum General Assembly)		2,000,000	2,000,000	14,000,000
ICJK (K)		33,824,292	33,941,600	7,776,950
African Court NGO Coalition		1,107,400	1,127,000	4,706,000
PRI SIDE EVENT		23,788,814	31,025,250	-
PRI (Training Community Service)		88,255,790	88,174,492	-
WFD Consortium (Parliamentary Training)		29,167,700	29,760,000	24,177,500
Action Aid (Electoral Reform Democracy)		4,160,000	4,160,000	64,777,866
Sub-total -Special Projects		418,607,724	466,946,842	328,606,022
Total Programme Expenditure		1,722,440,224	2,570,802,648	1,362,811,729

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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2012

	2012 Actual Ushs.	2012 Budget Ushs.	2011 Actual Ushs.
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE (Continued)			
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION			
Staff salaries, benefits and taxes	285,092,792	349,050,000	427,805,940
Office administration	31,821,250	50,659,808	26,711,991
Communication and postage	7,356,557	8,700,000	13,437,744
Space and Utilities	15,281,362	19,000,000	32,554,591
Office supplies and stationery	3,925,788	5,450,000	7,297,900
Governing bodies	-	-	9,919,475
Generator and vehicle fuel	12,590,000	14,500,000	45,484,500
Audit	17,110,000	17,280,000	14,750,000
Furniture and equipment maintenance	17,077,768	17,700,000	26,530,060
Insurance	14,315,727	19,000,000	14,197,266
Bank charges	10,680,641	827,340	9,065,371
Total Administration	415,251,885	502,167,148	627,754,838
Total Recurrent Expenditure	2,137,692,109	3,072,969,796	1,990,566,567
Surplus before exchange gain	632,099,480	-	340,597,831
Exchange gain / (loss)	65,960,739	-	(44,679,934)
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	698,060,219	-	295,917,897
Balance at 1 January	346,332,841	-	50,414,944
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER	1,044,393,060	-	346,332,841
Represented by:			
Bank balances	1,106,066,440		\$20,522,064
Bank overdraft	(377,440)		(32,755)
Creditors	(61,295,940)		(174,156,468)
	1,044,393,060		346,332,841

V. CONCLUSION

‘For FHRI, 21 years of human rights advocacy in Uganda is just a beginning. A lot more needs to be done. Poverty is still prevalent, governance structures are still weak, ignorance of the law and human rights is still rife. The quality of life for the majority poor is below accepted standards yet those who care for the disadvantaged are the minority.

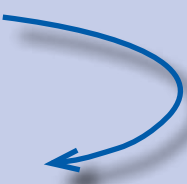
FHRI remains steadfast in its struggle for a society that respects the integrity of the individual; where corrupt practices are history, where the rule of law is supreme and human rights are enjoyed by all. The journey is still long. We shall not tire. We commit ourselves to a battle well fought. In this battle, we are not alone. To you our partners, colleagues, friends and peers, we say that you are not only treasured but share a common destiny.

We are impressed by the work of the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative. We congratulate you for surviving 21 years. Your consistency and objectivity is commendable. [Mr Sebagala M Kigozi, Executive Director, Uganda Manufacturers Association; 2013].

‘TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.’



ABOUT FHRI



What is FHRI?

The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan and not-for-profit human rights advocacy organization.

Vision

A human rights and civic culture as a foundation for peace, stability, democracy, social justice and sustainable development in Uganda.

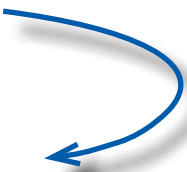
Mission

To enhance respect and observance of human rights practices and civic values, promote best practices through training, education, research, advocacy, ICTs, and strategic partnerships.

Mandate

- To promote respect for human rights and civic values.
- To empower citizens with human rights knowledge and skills to demand and defend their rights.
- To advocate for a human rights-friendly policy and legislative framework that can foster respect for human dignity.

ABOUT FHRI



Objectives

1. To promote citizen awareness of basic human rights and duties guaranteed in the Ugandan Constitution and international human rights instruments.
2. To undertake research, monitoring and documentation of human rights practices.
3. To promote good governance, respect for the rule of law, democracy and legal protection of human rights.
4. To promote best practices in the administration of justice in Uganda.
5. To enhance the capacity of democratic structures with knowledge on legal rights, procedures, remedies and civic obligations.
6. To promote access to justice through public interest litigation and legal aid services.
7. To promote solidarity and partnership building with and among similar institutions, government, communities and individuals on a national, regional and international level.
8. To build a strong and sustainable human rights organization.

Core Values

- Equal opportunity
- Result-oriented
- Team work
- Excellence
- Timeliness

Legal Status

The Organization is legally registered as a Non-governmental human rights organization under the Non-Governmental Organisations Registration (amendment) Act, 2006. It is duly incorporated under the Companies Act, Cap. 110 as a body corporate.





The Human Rights House, Nsambya



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