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FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE (FHRI)

WHO ARE WE

FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE (FHRI) is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan and not-for-profit human rights organisation. Established in 1991, FHRI is legally registered as a non-governmental organization under the Non-Governmental Organizations Registration (Amendment Act) 2006. It is duly incorporated under the Companies Act, Cap.110 as a body corporate and incorporated under the Trustees Incorporation Act, Cap.165, and Laws of Uganda. The organization seeks to enhance the knowledge, respect and observance of human rights and promotes exchange of information and best practices through training, education, research, legislative advocacy and strategic partnerships in Uganda. FHRI has Observer Status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, is a member of the World Coalition against the Death Penalty and is affiliated to the International Federation of Human Rights Defenders, (FIDH).

FHRI has effectively executed eight 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. FHRI has been at the fore of the human rights movement in Uganda in the past 28 years through the publication of action oriented research reports, capacity building programs, treaty reporting to regional and UN treaty bodies, campaigns against torture, the death penalty and impunity, electoral reforms, law reform, public interest litigation and provision of legal aid services to the rural and urban poor particularly women and children in hard to reach areas. In addition, FHRI has facilitated the formation of community based human rights groups, sponsored radio and TV talk shows and human rights centred music, dance and drama and established a Human Rights and Democracy Resource Centre to support program implementation.

In 2019, FHRI marked the third year into the implementation of its 8th Strategic Plan (2017-2021) titled, 'Between Rhetoric and Practice: Bridging the Democracy Divide in Uganda'. In this five- year program FHRI recognizes the need for a paradigm shift, founded on a participatory approach, which is aimed at building pressure from below, through citizen movement, to demand for respect for constitutional order, adherence to the rule of law and the protect and promotion of human rights. To achieve this aim, FHRI will work towards building active citizenship. In keeping with her mandate, vision and mission, FHRI shall further aspire to enhance access to justice for victims of human rights violations, the poor and vulnerable in Uganda. FHRI shall utilise the existing opportunities to bridge the gap between the government's rhetorical commitments, and the negative trends at legislative, policy and practice levels.

FHRI is proud to be associated with a number of implementing partners including: Uganda Prisons Service (UPS), Uganda Police Force (UPF), Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHR), Parliament of Uganda, Uganda Law Reform Commission (ULRC), the Justice Law and Order Secretariat (JLOS), the Judicial Studies Institute (JSI), the Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP), Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Electoral Commission, National Association of Women Judges in Uganda (NAWJU), Uganda Governance Monitoring Platform (UGMP), Children Justice Initiative (CJI), Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN), Coalition Against Torture (CAT), Africa Centre for Treatment of Torture Victims, (ACTV), Wells of Hope, Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF), Kabugo & Co. Advocates, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, NGO Coalition for an Effective 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 (WMD), Freedom House, World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ – Kenya), International Centre for Not for Profit Law (ICNL), the East Africa Civil Society Forum (EACSOF), Women Leadership Development (WLEDE), the Simmons College School of Social Work (USA), the University of Wyoming (USA), Drake University (USA), Integrity Action (UK), the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR), Children Education Society (CHESO) and The Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) both in Tanzania.

FHRI also supports and works with various community based human rights groups such as: Universal Human Rights Defenders and Activists (UHRDA) in Lugazi, Ssesse Human Rights and Economic Promoters (SHREP), Hope After and During Incarceration (MAC) in Entebbe, Voices of Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Masaka district, Support the Elderly Persons in Uganda in Masaka district, Human Rights Activists and Monitors (HURAMO) in Amuru district, Community Rural Empowerment and Support Organisation in Gulu district, Koboko Civil Society Network, Soroti Development Association and NGO Network (SODANN), Kamu

District NGO Network (KANENGO), Tororo Civil Society Development Association, National Human Rights Association of Uganda (NHRA) in Tororo, Rwenzori Peace Bridge for Reconciliation (RPBR) in Kasese district, Masindi District NGO Forum, Kalangala Human Rights Defenders, Kalungu Paralegal Association, Human Rights Defenders Masaka, Kumi Human Rights Initiative (KHRI), Pastoral Women Alliance to Break Cultural Chains (PWABCC) in Kiboga district and Action for Human Rights and Civic Awareness (AHURICA) in Kayunga district. Other groups are Human Rights Target (HRT) in Luwero district, Youth Revival Association (YRA) in Kampala, Lira Women's Peace Initiative (LIWEPI) and Tweweyo drama group in Luwero district.

FHRI also collaborates with a number of civil society organisations including: Human Rights Network (HURINET), Development Network of Indigenous Voluntary Associations in Uganda (DENIVA), Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN), National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders (NCHRDs), Citizens Election Watch-IT (CEWIT), Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) at the School of Law, Makerere University, Network of Public Interest Litigators (NETPIL), Platform for Labour Action (PLA), Uganda Land Alliance (ULA), Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), Legal Aid Service Providers Network (LASPNET), Uganda Journalists Human Rights Network (UJHRN), Uganda Parliamentary Press Association (UPPA), Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPAC), Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC), FIDA-Uganda, Uganda Women's Network (UWONET), Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum in Kampala (HRAPF), National Coalition Against the Death Penalty in Uganda, East African Coalition Against the Death penalty, Refugee Law Project (RLP), Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU), the Strengthening Access to Justice – Uganda Chapter (SAJEA), Human Rights Centre Uganda (HRCU), the Citizens Election Observers' Network-Uganda (CEON-U) and, the Citizens' Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU).

Within the framework of the Civil Society-Private-Public Sector Forum (CS-P-PSF), FHRI collaborates with a number of private and public sector institutions including: the National Planning Authority (NPA), National Social Security Fund (NSSF), World Bank, Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU), Crown Beverages Ltd, United Bank for Africa (UBA), Federation of Uganda Employers (FUE), Uganda Local Government Association (ULGA), Uganda Small Scale Industries (USSIA) and Uganda Insurers' Association (UIA).

The University Human Rights Network which was initiated by FHRI in 2006 now has a total of 39 human rights associations including: Busoga University, Ndejje University, International University of East Africa, Livingstone International University, Uganda Martyrs University -Nkozi, Makerere, University Business School, Kampala International University (Kansanga), Bugema University (Luweero), Nkumba University, Kyambogo University, Uganda Christian University (Mukono), Gulu University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, the Islamic University in Uganda (Kaboja), Cavendish University, Mutesa I Royal University, BSugema University (Mbale), Mountains of the Moon University (Fort Portal), Islamic University IUIU (Mbale), Uganda Pentecostal University (Fort Portal), St. Lawrence University, Kumi University, Busitema University, Uganda Martyrs University (Mbale), Uganda Christian University (Arua), Kabale University, Kuluva School of Nursing (Arua), Tertiary Institutions Students' Association (LASA-Joint), Kampala University (Ggaba), National Technical College Unyama (Gulu), Bishop Stuart University (Mbarara), Mbale School of Clinical Officers, Nyondo Primary Teachers Training College Tororo, Core Primary Teachers' Training College (Bushenyi), Uganda College of Commerce (Tororo), Kampala University (Jinja), Kampala International University (Bushenyi), National Technical College – Elgon and, National Technical College – Bushenyi.

The print and electronic media are key partners. These include: CBS FM, Super FM, Radio One, Radio Simba, KFM, Vision Voice, Sanyu FM, Prime Radio, Capital FM, Radio Sapientia, Voice of Teso, Dembe FM, Top Radio, Power FM, Joy FM, Radio West, Radio Buddu, Radio Equator, Kiboga Radio, Kalangala Community Radio, Voice of Africa, BBC, UBC, WBS, NTV, NBS, Urban TV, Top TV, Record TV, Aljazeera, Radio Dockbelle, Turkish News, SBC, Radio France and Deutsche Welle among others.

Newspapers that have supported the campaign include: The New Vision, Daily Monitor, The Weekly Observer, Bukedde, The East African, Reuters, The Independent Magazine, Red Pepper, among others.

FHRI receives financial support for its programs from foundations, individuals and donor agencies that have interest in the promotion and protection of human rights.

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The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) is grateful to the following organizations that have supported the implementation of FHRI's 8th Strategy Plan (2017-2021) in 2019.

1. Freedom House under the USAID Rights and Rule of Law (RRL)
2. National Endowment for Democracy (NED)
3. Robert Bosch Foundation (RBF)
4. Dignity (Danish Institute Against Torture)
5. FIDH

FOREWORD



*Ms. Rosetti Nabbumba
Chairperson, Board of Directors*

Dear Friends, It is indeed with great honor that I share with you FHRI's journey in 2019. This Annual Report 2019 recounts FHRI's interventions, accomplishments, challenges and lessons learnt through the year. We want to thank the Almighty God for bringing us thus far and keeping us afloat as an organisation. We remember all those amidst us who have lost their loved ones this year, nursed sick family and close relatives, and those amongst us who have struggled with their health and the daily challenges of our time. We pray that the good Lord will keep us well in 2020.

At the end of 2019, we gather to celebrate an organization that has stood the test of time. As you are aware, we celebrated 28 years on the 31st of December 2019. Despite the challenges, this is a huge milestone worth celebrating. Thank you to the past and present leadership that has steered the organisation through these years. Allow me to thank the Executive Director, Dr Livingstone Sewanyana for steering and together with the staff for growing the organisation with such zeal and passionate.

What this also means is that in two years time FHRI shall be celebrating 30 years as well as the end of our 8th Strategic Plan (2017 – 2021). These are important and critical dates that we must take note of and perhaps think a-bit more deeply as the FHRI family what we would like our organisation to look like come 30 years. Such reflections need to start right away. The involvement of our Trustees, Board of Directors, members and partners of FHRI are critical in this self-reflection journey.

I want to appreciate in a special way the Secretariat for keeping the organisation afloat, for showing up always even when the organisation was going through a very difficult time in 2018 and 2019. As we have continuously been updated in our Board meetings, thank you for the sacrifices each of you has made and continues to make for FHRI. We are certain that 2020 will be a more promising year.

We have registered some progress in the work that we did in 2019. For instance, we successfully convened the 10th General Assembly where we ushered in a new Board of Directors. Our legal aid program has continued to support the indigent while the Research Division continued to work with the Justice Law and Order Sector to influence penal reforms in our country. The Death Penalty Campaign has continued to be one of our flagship programs as well as our judicial outreach program and civic education. I have seen some of the interns that we have hosted and this is great resource in the human rights movement in Uganda.

The struggle for resources is real everywhere and we are challenged in times like these, to be a lot more innovative and steadfast. One of our biggest challenges as we start a new year is our sustainability. Those who came before us planned well when they conceptualized the Human Rights House and other income generating activities that have sustained the organization. We need to build on these resources to strengthen the financial muscle of the organization even further. We need, with funds allowing also invest in evaluating our work and using some of our results to attract new partners. We still need to ensure that we have a strong policy environment within the organization in order to attract the best and improve our efficiency and effectiveness in the future.

As we start a new year, we also need to reflect on our external environment. With the economic challenges, the poverty levels on the rise, and the upcoming general -elections in 2021, we need to reflect as an organization what our strategy will be in the next two years.

Finally, together we shall count on our Membership, Trustees, Secretariat and our Partners to stand with thus in the future.

‘Together We Can Make A Difference’



Ms. Rosetti Nabbumba Nayenga
Chairperson, Board of Directors

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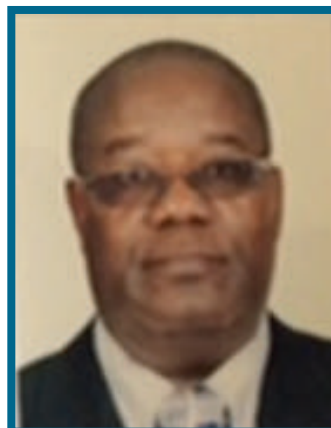
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2019 IN PERSPECTIVE



*Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana
Executive Director, FHRI*

In 2019, the challenges in the human rights and governance sector continued to exist with the major set back being the attacks on the human rights norms and standards. Other challenges were the shrinking civic space for civil society, the rise of nationalism and populism, and the ever-growing threat on multilateralism.

We witnessed increased attacks on the sector, dwindling donor funding, over emphasis on security and a general sense of dissatisfaction within the sector. Similarly, the socio-economic context also presented an equally grim picture characterized

by poverty, unemployment, inequality and a weak civil society. The challenge faced by the state to guarantee its citizens their rights and ensure a satisfactory standard of living remained a real challenge and it was more important than ever before for civil society organizations like FHRI to reflect deeply on what could be done to stem this rising tide.

In 2019, FHRI made a modest effort to address these challenges by spearheading six campaigns.

The My Rights, My Power campaign sought to address the causes of powerlessness among the citizens thereby empowering them to demand for accountability from the state institutions. The campaign which was launched in Mbale district in 2018 progressed in 2019 focusing on mobilizing citizens in the districts of Mbale and Mbarara in order to build civic consciousness on civic rights, duties and electoral processes – in order to increase citizen demand for state accountability in the run up to the general elections in 2021.

The Defence of Personal Liberty campaign aims at influencing policy and practice change through human rights monitoring and documentation, advocacy and lobbying. In 2019, the campaign addressed the problem of Pre-trial detention in Uganda. The Research Division conducted human rights trainings, developed a 'Legal and Practice Guide to Lawful Pre-Trial Detention in Uganda' and subjected it to review and debate among the JLOS stakeholders. FHRI with DIGNITY entered into a partnership to popularise the Guide and to train personnel of JLOS institutions on how to reduce Pre-trial. In partnership with FIDH, research was also conducted in the Oil Extractive Industry in the Albertine Graben districts.

The Rights and Rule of Law campaign aims at strengthening the capacity and independence of the judiciary to reach just decisions and uphold human rights. With support from Freedom House and in partnership with the Judicial Training Institute, 93 judicial officers were trained on a range of topics; 392 community members and 1,483 students were empowered through the judicial outreach programme and; 3 Public Interest Litigation cases were handled on treason, life imprisonment and lining up as a mode of election. The Supreme Court delivered its judgment on the bail application case.

The campaign on Access to Justice is designed to promote and to enhance the protection of the rights of vulnerable and poor persons through provision of pro-bono legal assistance. During the year, legal assistance was extended to 300 new clients and 126 accessing on-spot legal advice through the toll free hotline with particular focus on Kampala, Wakiso and Kalangala. Districts. As a result of this, 13 court judgments and 6 court rulings were obtained, a total of 96,190,000/= collected on behalf of clients; recovery of 10 pieces of land, 3 houses and a boda boda and, secured bond and bail for 18 clients.

Last but not least, the campaign for the abolition of the Death Penalty aims at the progressive abolition of capital punishment in Uganda, which registered some successes in 2019. As a result of our sustained campaign, there was a reduction in the death row prison population from 150 to 140 people. In 2019, FHRI also commemorated the 16th World Day against the death penalty.

The success registered in 2019 is attributed to the strong partnership and strategic alliances with a range of partners including; Defend Defenders, Dan Church Aid, the Civic Education Network for Eastern and Southern Africa (CENESA), Judicial Training Institute, Judicial Service Commission and, the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, among many others. In a special way, we would also like to appreciate our donor partners for the financial support and goodwill during the period under review. Our membership, Trustees, our Out-going and New Board of Directors, and partners in the sector are acknowledged in the same spirit.

As part of organizational matters, in 2019 the FHRI membership grew to 1,556 people. The challenge now is to devise strategies to tap into this pool of people for potential expertise that can enrich and influence FHRI activities. A new Board of Directors was elected in 2019. Just like the out-going which has demonstrated passion, dedication and exemplary leadership, we are confident that the new Board of Directors will be resolute, innovative, courageous and result oriented. Our staff line up remained largely the same with staff exhibiting dedication during the difficult times that 2019 presented.

As we celebrate our modest achievements, the challenges of funding still persist. In 2019, we have proposed a hybrid model where FHRI would embrace the profit/not for profit approach to generate her own resources that would afford the organization an opportunity to continue acting independently. This model would allow local revenue generation to promote sustainability. This being the case, we see the next phase of FHRI as the sustainability phase having transited from the consolidation stage. Innovation, creativity, resilience and pragmatism will therefore be the defining characteristics of this phase.

‘Together We Can Make a Difference.’



Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana
Executive Director

II. PROGRAM ACTIONS

In 2019, FHRI spearheaded five campaigns namely;

1. My Rights, My Power
2. Access to Justice
3. Rights and Rule of Law
4. Freedom from Pre-trial detention
5. The Campaign against the death penalty in Uganda.

CAMPAIGN 1: MY RIGHTS, MY POWER

Objective: To increase demand for state accountability and rights knowledge among the citizenry.

Activities implemented in 2019:

• 6 human rights sessions for community groups were held in 2019 between February and August 2019 including: in Bukomansimbi on 9th March 2019, in Kikubamutwe- Kabalagala on 22nd February 2019, People Concern Children's Project- Kabalagala on 26th March 2019, Luuka District at Kitwekyambogo Primary School on 5th July 2019, Kalangala on 3rd August 2019 and Biira Primary School on 6th August 2019.



Mr. Elly Kasirye, the Project Officer (Civic Education) at FHRI addressing a cross section of the newly elected Local Council I leaders of Bukomansimbi Town Council on what is required of them as community leaders as well as giving them basic human rights knowledge on 9th March 2019.

• 3 University leadership seminars organised by University Human Rights clubs in Uganda Christian University, Kumi University and IUIU were attended.

Outcome

*Leadership transition for clubs.
Increase in the number of people seeking assistance from FHRI.
People more aware about their rights.*

• 2 regional Forums on civic rights, duties and the electoral process in Mbarara were held on September 16th 2019 and in Mbale district on 20th of November 2019. The forum in Mbarara attracted 138 participants (41 female and 92 male) while the Mbale forum was attended by a total of 195 participants (144 male and 51 female) including Members of Parliament, the Electoral

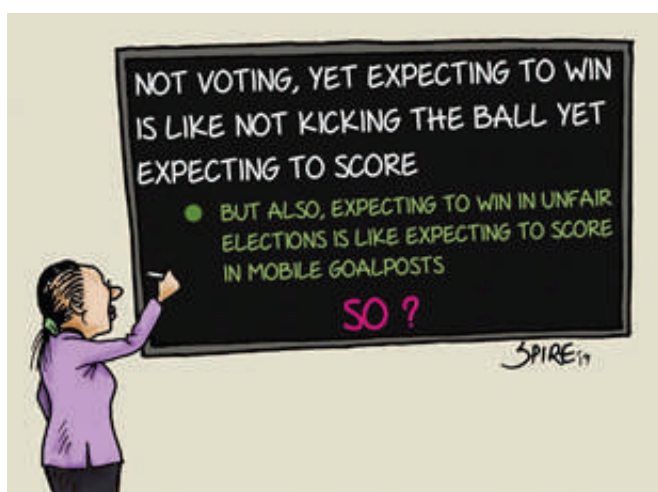
Commission, Local Government leaders, senior citizens, political parties, civil society organisations, youth representatives, women, persons with disabilities and cultural leaders.

•Radio programs on Radio West (100.2FM) and Open Gate (103.2 FM) on elections were supported



A cross section of participants at the regional forum, Mbarara on September 16, 2019 at Pelikan Hotel, LTD.

•The ‘Active Citizenship’ online media campaign which was launched in October 2019, had “campaign-specific landing pages” on three social media platforms including: Facebook/ugelects2021, Instagram/ugelects2021 and Twitter/@ugelects2021/#UgElects2021. In 2019 the online campaign building continued to grow attracting between 1,000 to 3,000 followers.



Samples of cartons developed and published as part of the FHRI on-line campaign to promote active citizenship on the social media pages.

In 2019, the conversation gained firm traction. The campaign is building up healthy linkages with other organizations like cceduganda, @ugandaEC, Uganda Media Centre, The Observer and Daily Monitor. A total number of 16,163 posts were posted and 16,161 people were reached aged between 18 – 34 years with 70% male. A total of 357 followers have been acquired.

CAMPAIGN 2: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Objective 1: To enhance access to justice for victims of human rights violations, the poor and vulnerable persons in Uganda.

Activities implemented in 2019:

- 300 new clients were registered and received legal assistance (163 male and 137 female).
- Domestic cases formed the bulk of the complaints registered (75), followed by civil (56), criminal (52), land (25) and commercial (36).
- 102 cases were closed while 198 cases were still pending.
- Registered 69 mediation cases. Of these 21 cases were successfully closed, 34 forwarded litigation and 14 are still on-going.
- Sensitised 70 people on maintenance, bibanja and property rights.
- On-spot legal advice was extended to 126 people (94 male and 32 female) through the toll free hotline.

Out of this work, the following achievements were registered:

- 13 court judgments and 6 court rulings.
- Recovery of (96,190,000/=) on behalf of clients.
- Recovery of 10 pieces of land, 3 houses and a boda boda thus restoring our clients' rights to property.
- Fully resolved 33 cases of custody and maintenance hence restoring the children's rights.
- Obtaining of 18 bail and bonds on behalf of our clients.
- Reduced case backlog at Wakiso Magistrates Court

The mediations resolved on the other hand led to;

- Recovery of fifty seven million Uganda Shillings (Ugx 57,000,000) on behalf of clients.
- Resolution of 4 cases of custody and maintenance thus restoring the children's rights and welfare.
- The clinic obtained 2 letters of administration on behalf of our clients.



Makindye Open Court Day, June 2019: The Hon Deputy Chief Justice Hon. Justice Owiny Dollo in black suit, visits the FHRI exhibition table during the Makindye Open Court day in June 2019.

Outcome

Legal Assistance

- 13 court judgments and 6 court rulings.
- Recovery of (96,190,000/=) on behalf of our clients.
- Recovery of 10 pieces of land, 3 houses and a boda boda thus restoring our clients' rights to property.
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- Resolution of 4 cases of custody and maintenance thus restoring the children's rights and welfare.
- Offered legal advice to 9 clients.
- Increased knowledge of legal rights and procedures.
- Increased number of clients seeking FHRI's services due to awareness about the availability of free services for the poor.
- Increased access to justice by the poor.
- Four million four hundred and ninety thousand Ugandan Shillings (13,030,000USHS)) was recovered on behalf of our clients.
- The clinic obtained 2 letters of administration on behalf of our clients.

Toll free helpline.

- Rapid response to clients' matters.
- Increased access to justice by the poor in hard to reach rural areas.
- Increased number of clients seeking FHRI's services due to awareness about the

availability of free services for the poor CAMPAIGN 3: RIGHTS AND RULE OF LAW

Objective: To strengthen the capacity and independence of the Judiciary in order to reach just decisions that uphold human rights.

Activities implemented in 2019:

• Regional training for judicial officers on the effective adjudication of sexual offences against children in Jinja district on March 22, 2019. A total of twenty eight (28) judicial officers (18 female and 10 male) from 21 districts in the eastern and parts of Northern Uganda regions were trained..



Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director, FHRI delivering a presentation during the regional workshop on sexual offences on June 10, 2019 at Mada Hotel – Jinja Nile Resort.

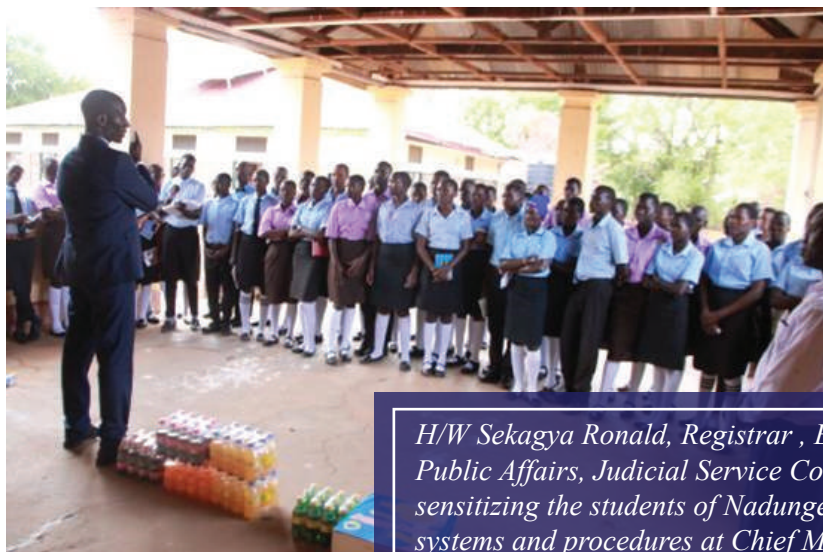
- On March 28, 2019, the judicial outreach activity was conducted in Katikekile Sub-County. A total of 97 participants (30 female and 67 male) attended. These included elders, local leaders, councillors, police officers, teachers, opinion leaders, a religious leader and peasants.

- On March 27, 2019, the judicial outreach was conducted at Nadunget Senior Secondary School– a partially government aided school. A total of 402 students (Senior One – 136, Senior Two – 143, Senior Three – 77 and Senior Four – 47 within the 10-14 years and 15-19 years age cohorts attended.



H/W Sekagya Ronald, Registrar JSC at Nadunget SSS, Moroto on March 27, 2019.

- In a bid to foster in-depth understanding of court procedures, duties of judicial officers and the role of court officials, a total of 65 students (Senior One – 17 students, Senior Two- 19 students, Senior Three – 12 students and Senior Four – 17 students) visited the Chief Magistrates Court, Moroto on March 26, 2019 while 49 students (28 female and 21 male) visited the Chief Magistrates Court, Kalangala on June 19, 2019. The visit organized in partnership with Judicial Service Commission under the auspices of the Chief Magistrates Court, Moroto and Kalangala availed a session to the students to attend proceedings of on-going criminal cases.



H/W Sekagya Ronald, Registrar , Education and Public Affairs, Judicial Service Commission JSC sensitizing the students of Nadunget SSS on Court systems and procedures at Chief Magistrates' Court, Moroto on March 26, 2019.

Outcome

Training in Moroto

An assessment of the pre-training evaluation done by 403 students revealed 38% rated their knowledge and skills as low, 36% rated medium while 26% rated high in the various areas of the outreach at Nadunget S.S.S.

Of the 403 participants, 77 students completed the post training evaluation. 52% rated the training as excellent, 47% rated it good while 1% rated average in terms of impact, usefulness and administration. In the post evaluation analysis, 62% of the participants indicated that their knowledge and skills on the administration of justice had improved and 38% alluded to greatly improved knowledge.

Training in Kalangala

An assessment of the pre-training evaluation completed by 96 participants revealed that 48 percent rated their knowledge and skills as medium, 40 percent rated low while 12 percent rated high in the various areas of the outreach at Bumangi Community Poly-technic of St. Joseph. The topics covered during the outreach included, rights and responsibilities of citizens, laws governing sexual offences, understanding court systems and procedures.

Of the 118 students, 75 completed the post training evaluation. 40 percent rated the training as excellent, 53 percent rated it good while three percent rated average in terms of impact, usefulness and administration. In the post evaluation analysis, 40% of the participants indicated that their knowledge and skills on the administration of justice had greatly improved in human rights, court systems and services. Fifty nine percent alluded to improved knowledge and skills, while one percent maintained that the knowledge and skill gain was the same.

Public Interest Litigation

•FHRI vs. Attorney General (AG) (Constitutional Petition No. 3 of 2015): In an effort to advocate for a hearing date, a letter from the RRL program was written to the Registrar, Court of Appeal on June 12, 2019 to fix the matter for hearing at the nearest convenient date. Court advised that the matter would be fixed at the next convenient session.

•FHRI & LASPNET vs. AG& ELECTORAL COMMISSION (EC) (Constitutional Petition No. 39 of 2017): The petitioner's filed their submissions in this matter on July 2, 2018. The AG has not responded to date. A letter from the RRL program was written to the Registrar, Court of Appeal on June 12, 2019 to bring to light the current status of the case and request a hearing date to be fixed at the nearest convenient date. Court also advised that the matter would be fixed in September 2019 at the next convenient session.

In 2019, the analysis of the evaluation tools revealed that 77 percent of the judicial officers' knowledge and skills on human rights issues had greatly improved, 23 percent indicated that their knowledge gain had improved while 3.8 percent had their skills and knowledge rated at the same level. Rights and Rule of Law team

CAMPAIGN 4: FREEDOM FROM PRE-TRIAL DETENTION

Objective: Seeks to monitor, document and report human rights violations; advocate for law, policy and institutional reform, and promote reduction in the number of inmates on pre-trial and preventive detention.

Activities implemented in 2019.

- Completed a Human Rights Impact Assessment of the Extractive Investment Project on the Local Community in the Albertine Graben: Kikuube and Buliisa districts.

- FHRI compiled a draft Legal and Practice Guide to Lawful Pre-Trial Detention in Uganda as an innovation aimed at reducing the levels and periods of pre-trial detention and increasing the technical capacity of actors in the administration of justice sector to deliver their constitutional mandates.



Participant asking a question during a Public Pre-trial Detention Rights Awareness Baraza, Namakwekwe Primary School, June, 2019

- On June 09th -14th 2019, the team travelled to Mbale to conduct training on the Guide and distribution of pre-trial detention rights manuals. Thirty-five (35) state actors and forty (40) public defenders were trained. Public pretrial detention rights awareness barazas benefited over five hundred (500) people including students.

- From 1st -5th of July 2019 the research team travelled to Gulu to conduct training on the legal and practice guide to lawful pre-trial detention. Thirty (30) state actors were trained.

- From 21st-26th of July 2019, FHRI travelled to Gulu and Mbale to conduct strategic interest litigation discussions with public defenders. This second phase was meant for the focus group discussion with a few identified private legal practitioners to iron out legal issues to be presented before court for adjudication and determination on the treatment and unlawful long periods of pre-trial detention as well as prison visits.

- On the 1st of August 2019 the team carried out Advocacy meetings on pre-trial detention with the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights and on 20th August 2020 with the American Embassy in Kampala.



FHRI's Research team at MEGA FM in Gulu district popularizing and sensitizing the community on the Legal and Practice Guide on Lawful Pre-Trial Detention in Uganda. Left – Right: Mr. Rashid Bunya— Research Officer; Mr. John Bosco Thembo – Research Assistant and Dr. Fred Sekindi – Director, Research and Advocacy Division.

- Additionally, the team organized a dialogue under the theme; Sharing of experience on existing initiatives to address the levels and periods of unlawful Pre-trial detention in Uganda on the 26th of September 2019 at FHRI.

- On the 17th -23rd of November 2019, the team travelled to Mbale and Gulu to carry out a survey on the impact of the Pre-trial detention Guide and trainings that were carried out earlier this year.

CAMPAIGN 5: THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY IN UGANDA

Objective: To advocate for the progressive abolition of the death penalty and the implementation of humane alternatives through research, advocacy, networking and capacity building.

Activities implemented in 2019

- FHRI participated in the 7th World Congress Against the Death Penalty that took place in Brussels, 24th February to 2nd March 2019. Among the activities conducted was election of new steering committee. 25 member organisations including FHRI contested but only 20 organisations including FHRI were elected to the Steering Committee 2019 – 2021.



WCADP member organisations posing for the group photo after elections of the new Steering Committee members 2019 – 2021, Brussels, Belgium.

- FHRI participated in the 65th Ordinary session in Banjul on 19th October 2019 focusing on children of parents who are sentenced to death or executed in Sub-Saharan Africa, the theme of this year's World Day.
- The organization held 10 routine prison visits to Luzira condemned section. Under this follow up on prisoners files and the status of their cases was carried out.
- FHRI commemorated the World Day Against the Death Penalty, 10th October 2019 at the Human Rights House.



A cross-section of delegates that graced the commemoration of the World Day Against the Death Penalty occasion on 10th October 2019 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya. Seated Left-Right:- FHRI's Board Treasurer, Ms. Margaret Pauline Namagembe; Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Parliamentary Committee, Hon. Jovah Kamateeka; Keynote Speaker, Hon. Medard Lubega Sseggoni; Executive Director of FHRI, Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana; Executive Director of Defend Defenders, Mr. Hassan Shire; and Executive Director of African centre for Treatment and rehabilitation of Torture Victims, Mr. Samuel Nsubuga.

“With the persistent and sustained follow up on prisoners files and status of their cases of FHRI, the number of death row inmates has gone down from 170 prisoners in 2016 to 140 prisoners in 2019 (6 women, and 134 men).”

EXTERNAL SERVICES

Objective 1: To improve information sharing and management, promote collective advocacy, maximize participation and build consensus on democracy and human rights issues in Uganda.

Activities implemented in 2019:

Participated in three Book Exhibitions.

Makindye open Court Day on 10th May 2019 at Makindye Court Premises

- 21st Annual General Meeting on 29th June 2019 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya.
- PILAC Open day on 4th October 2019, Makerere University Freedom Square.
- Updated the website with 24 articles, 3 calls for proposals and 5 press releases.
- 274 posts were made on Facebook.
- FHRI's opinions and views in addition to articles appeared over 119 times in the print media.
- FHRI organised and held its 21st AGM on 29th JUNE 2019 and over 200 people attended it with 120 FHRI members.



A cross-section of FHRI Members at her 10th General Assembly held on 29th June 2019 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya.

Outcome

- 89 Publications were received: 29 reports, 14 newsletters, 46 magazines.
- FHRI registered 128,345 content hits in the year.
- The posts had a total reach of 184,000 people with an engagement rate of 2963.
- FHRI registered 869 new followers on facebook this year.
- Registered 1020 new followers on twitter the year

II. ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Partnerships: By the end of 2019, FHRI remained an active member in 3 networks as indicated here below:

Network/Umbrella Position

The East African Coalition Against the Death Penalty (EACADP) Coordinator
 Federation of International Human Rights Defenders (FIDH) Vice President
 World Coalition Against the Death Penalty Member, Steering Committee

•Governing Bodies and Membership Strengthening: The following activities were organized in 2019 including:

o The 21st FHRI Annual General Meeting was held on 29th June 2019. A new Board of Directors was elected and stands as follows for 2019- 2021:

Name	Position
Ms. Rosetti N. Nayenga	Chairperson
Mr. Sserunjogi Davidson	Vice Chairperson
Ms. Berna Bakkidde	Hon. Secretary
Ms. Namagembe Margaret	Hon. Treasurer
Mr. Lukwago Rajab	Member
Dr. Josephine Ndagire	Member
Ms. Korishaba Evelyn	Member
Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana	Ex-Officio, Executive Director



A cross-section of FHRI staff with the 10th Board of Directors at the Human Rights House in September 2019.

Front row: 2nd left to right: Mrs. Berna Nakimbugwe Kiberu—Hon. Secretary; Mr. Rajab Lukwago—Hon. Member; Ms. . Rossetti Nabumba Nayenga—Chairperson; Dr. Josephine Ndagire—Hon. Member; Ms.. Margaret Pauline Namagembe—Hon. Treasurer

III. HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

This component seeks to support effective and efficient programme implementation through staffing, staff training and development and a robust internship programme.

Human Resource Development has three components:

- I. Staffing
- II. Internship program
- III. Staff training and development

STAFF LINE- UP 2019



Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana
Executive Director



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Ms. Milly Nakakande
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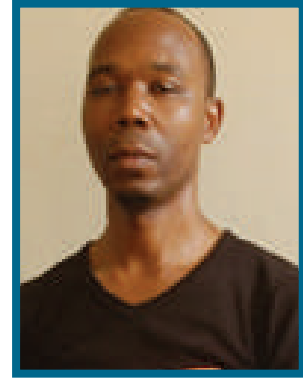
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Mr. Sebaana Stephen



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Mr. Mathew Sekitto
Office Assistant



Mr. Kyazze Moses
Senior Driver



Ms. Olivia Kigozi
Welfare Assistant



Mr. Richard Okeya
Security Guard



Mr. Frank Sendawula
Gardener



Mr. Godi Hassan
Gardener

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In 2019, FHRI hosted a total of 55 interns (40 female and 15 male). The students contributed to the human rights campaigns throughout the year.

Lists of interns hosted by FHRI in 2019

LIST OF INTERNS 2019

NO	NAME	GENDER	INSTITUTION
1.	Kobusingye Lukia	F	KIU
2.	Kabarungi Dinah	F	KIU
3.	Ayo Esther Joy	F	KIU
4.	Nakibirango Jesca Epidu	F	Makerere University
5.	Mulasa Peter	M	MUK
6.	Nadego Lydia	F	Kyambogo University
7.	Nirere Sadrach	F	KIU
8.	Nakabuye Hilda Flavia	M	KIU
9.	Tukashaba Anthony	M	Metropolitan International University
10.	Nanyonga Shiffayi	F	Metropolitan International University
11.	Tenywa Charles	M	Metropolitan International University
12.	Nalubowa Hadijah	F	Metropolitan International University
13.	Balemezi Emmanuel	M	UCU
14.	Kabasinguzi Mackline	F	MUK
15.	Namaganda Taubah	F	MUK
16.	Katushabe Naume.	F	KIU
17.	Kanshabe Evas.	F	KIU
18.	Kanyunyuzi Daphine.	F	Kyambogo University
19.	Namwabira Felistus.	F	UCU
20.	Namirembe A. Immaculate	F	UCU
21.	Namuyomba Sumaiya.	F	MUK
22.	Ms. Bagaya Patricia Winnie	F	Kyambogo University
23.	Turinawe Cyrus	M	UCU
24.	Ssendikadiwa Simon Elvis	M	UCU
25.	Nangobi Mary Magdalene	F	UCU
26.	Maria Theresa Nabulya	F	LDC
27.	Ayebazibwe Judith	F	UCU

27.	Ayebazibwe Judith	F	UCU
28.	Namuyiga Annet	F	MUBS
29.	Namuddu Angella	F	UCU
30.	Liina Maria Tarvainen	F	Malmö University
31.	DeAndra Moore	F	Osgoode Hall Law School
32.	Mia Karakaris	F	Potsdam University
33.	Marleen de Valk	F	Foundation Vrolijkheid
34.	Nafula Elizabeth	F	Post Dip in Legal Practice
35.	Nalugya Vonita	F	Post Dip in Legal Practice
36.	Busingye Racheal	F	Kyambogo University
37.	Nakyambade Tinah Marrilyn	F	MUK
38.	Mr. Sserwadda David	M	MUK
39.	Namusoke Nancy	F	UCU
40.	Abbo Bridget Gloria	F	UCU
41.	Zijan David Livingstone	M	MUK
42.	Okiring Ronald	M	MUK
43.	Ndaula Hamis Ashraf	M	MUK
44.	Tusiime Monica	F	KIU
45.	Nakayiwa Gloria	F	MUK
46.	Nasasira Annah	F	KIU
47.	Mwase Alex	M	KIU
48.	Nakimera Maria	F	Nkumba University
49.	Nakaddu Sandra	F	MUBS
50.	Kengozi Jacinta	F	Kyambogo University
51.	Muna Abdinasir	F	University of Sharjah
52.	Nicola Vieser	M	Germany
53.	Septon Tal	F	Ucuaster University
54.	Shannon Johnson	F	Washington College Of law
55.	Annabelle Willeme	F	University College Utreht.



Interns hosted by FHRI in 2019

IV. Staff training and development.

Training on Safety and Security

It is against this background that the Rights and Rule of Program contracted Defend Defenders to conduct training on safety and security for FHRI staff members on April 17–18, 2019 at the Human Rights House. The overall objective was to aid a learning, participatory and consultative process in the development of FHRI security plan/guidelines that will guide employees to understand their roles and responsibilities in regard to internal and external safety and security.

The safety and security guidelines/plan will put in place a mechanism that provides a framework within which the organization improves both its physical and digital management systems. A total of 29 FHRI staff (21 female and 8 male) attended. FHRI staff eluded to increased knowledge on safety and security issues, safety measure at office, home, computers and phones like malware and phishing.



A cross section of participants during the training on Safety and Security conducted by Defend Defenders on April 17, 2019 at the Human Rights House.

Development of Communication Guidelines

RRL organized the development of communication guidelines for staff members to maintain and improve relations with beneficiaries (poor, vulnerable and marginalized persons), stakeholders (prisons, judiciary, police, parliament, academia and CSOs) and development partners. It is imperative to establish accurate, efficient and effective internal and external communications procedures for information sharing. Quality assurance and control mechanisms are paramount.

The overall objective was to aid learning, participatory and consultative process in the development of communication guidelines as well as acclimatize staff with new methods of communication. Further still, with the ever-growing workforce, it is imperative to adopt new communication initiatives with staff involvement to cultivate ownership and collective advocacy.

FHRI contracted Ms. Joan Mugenzi from April 29 – 5 May, 2019 to lead an interactive and learning process for skills building on the development of communication guidelines at the Human Rights House. A total of 25 FHRI staff (19 female and 6 male) attended. The development of communication guidelines is underway.



A cross section of FHRI Staff at the development of communication guidelines on April 29, 2019 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya

Approval of the advocacy and resource mobilization strategies.

The advocacy and resource mobilization strategies that were developed in 2017 were validated in 2018 and finally on June 8, 2019 approved by the Board of Directors as official documentation for the organization.

CONCLUSION

Respect of human rights and rule of law are not abstract notions. They define states and are an engine for economic and social growth. They determine the quality of life of a people. As we gear up to celebrate 30 years of human rights work in Uganda and beyond, FHRI will reflect on this every journey begins with a single step.

‘TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.’



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