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FHRI is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan and not-for-profit human rights organization. Established in 1991, FHRI is legally registered as a non-governmental human rights 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, Laws of Uganda. The organization seeks to enhance the knowledge, respect and observance of human rights, promote exchange of information and best practices through training, education, research, legislative advocacy, and strategic partnerships in Uganda. The organization 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 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 22 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, electoral reforms, 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 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 2013, FHRI marked two years in 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. Uniquely, the program also establishes and spearheads a collaborative framework between civil society and the private sector in order to maximise growth. 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 2013, 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, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Electoral Commission, Kiryandongo district local government, Uganda Governance Monitoring Platform (UGMP), Children Justice Initiative (CJI), Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN), Coalition Against Torture (CAT), African Centre for the Treatment of Torture Victims, (ACTV), Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF), Kabugo & 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, Freedom House, Global Rights, International Centre for Not for Profit Law (ICNL), the East Africa Civil Society Forum (EACSOF), the Simmons College School of Social Work (USA), the University of Wyoming (USA), Drake University (USA) and Integrity Action (UK).

FHRI also supports and works with a number of community based human rights groups such as: Universal Human Rights Defenders and Activists in Lugazi, Ssesse Human Rights and Economic Promoters, Hope Orphans and Vulnerable Children Foundation School in Kyenjojo district, Hope After and During Incarceration 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 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 Defenders Masaka, Kumi Human Rights Initiative, Pastoral Women Alliance to Break Cultural Chains in Kiboga district, Action for Human Rights and Civic Awareness in Kayunga district. Women's Initiative for Development and Paralegal Activities Association in Mukono, Human Rights Target in Luwero district, Youth Revival Association in Kampala, Lira Women's Peace Initiative and Tweweyo drama group in Luwero 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 (CCEUDU), National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders (NCHRDs), Citizens Election Watch –IT (CEWIT), Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) of the School of Law, Makerere University, 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, (HURIPAC), Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), Uganda Law Society (ULS), African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPCANN), Uganda Debt Network (UDN), Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC), FIDA-Uganda, Uganda Women's Network (UWONET), Human Rights Awareness and Promotion Forum in Kampala, (HRAPF), 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), and the Human Rights Centre (Uganda).

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

The University human rights network which was initiated in 2006 now has a total of twenty seven (27) human rights associations comprising of Busoga University, Ndejje University, Nkozi University, Makerere University, Makerere University Business School, Kampala 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 IUIU (Kaboja), Cavendish University, Mutesa 1 Royal University, Mountain of the Moon University (Fort Portal), Pentecostal University (Fort portal), St Lawrence University, Kumi University, Busitema University, Uganda Christian University (Arua), Kabale University, Lango Joint Universities and Tertiary Institutions Students' Association (LASA-Joint), Bishop Stuart University (Mbarara) and Kampala University (Jinja).

The print and electronic media are key partners. These include: CBS FM, Super FM, Radio One, Radio Simba, KFM, Vision Voice, Sanyu FM, Suubi FM, Prime Radio, Capital FM, Radio Sapientia, Voice of Teso, Dembe FM, Top Radio, Power FM, Radio West, Radio Buddu, Radio Equator, Kiboga Radio, Prime Radio, Kalangala community Radio, 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 Red pepper, among others.

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Pastoral Women's Alliance to Break Cultural Chains (PWABCC), Kiboga district, performs at the Annual Inter – District Music Dance and Drama competition on social accountability at Luwero community centre, on 24th January 2013.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Rev. Dr. John Kateeba Tumwine
Chairperson, FHRI Board of Directors

It is indeed with great honour that I present to you the 22nd Annual Report of the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) for the period ended 31st December 2013.

FHRI ended 2013 on a high and exciting note! The organisation received 2 prestigious human rights awards and one nomination for its contribution to the struggle for social justice and human rights in Uganda and East and Horn of Africa.

On 15th July, 2013, the Executive Director of FHRI, Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana received the Shanti K. Khinduka Award for Social Development from the Simmons College, School of Social Work (USA) the University of Tennessee (USA) together with Makerere University. The award was presented during the 18th Biennial International Consortium for Social Development Symposium hosted in Kampala from 15th – 19th July 2013.

On 22nd October 2013, in recognition of his efforts, Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, scooped the sub-regional Pan African Human Rights Defenders' Award for Eastern Africa (2012) from the Pan African Human Rights Defenders Network in Banjul, Gambia during the 54th ordinary session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. He accepted the award on 31st October 2013 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya.

In December 2013, FHRI's human rights song "Ddembe Lyange" translated as 'My rights' and composed by Dr. Hilderman was nominated by the New Vision readers in association with Twaweza Initiative as one of the best songs of the year because of its constructive and meaningful message. We were also humbled during the year when in the opinion survey conducted by IPSOS in May 2013, 62% of Ugandans were aware and appreciated the work of FHRI.

In 2013, FHRI built on the numerous successes recorded and lessons learnt in the past to improve its services and strategies. The organisation up-scaled its bottom up approach to influence policy, legislative and institutional reforms while balancing demand and supply in order to influence human rights practice change.

The acknowledgement and recognition of our work in 2013 has given us the impetus to carry on. We are grateful to all our valuable partners, members, friends and the general public for the support enjoyed in 2013. We look forward to serving you even better in 2014.

'Together We Can Make a Difference'

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Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana
Executive Director FHRI

As we look back at the growth of FHRI over the last 22 years since its inception in 1991, we are extremely proud of what we have achieved and even more excited about the prospect of an equally promising but challenging future.

2013 marked the 2nd year in the implementation of FHRI's current five year, 7th Strategic Plan titled, *'Bridging Rights and Values: Strengthening the Civic and Democratic Culture in Uganda.'* The program seeks to promote respect and observance of internationally accepted human rights practices and civic values for sustainable peace and development in Uganda.

2013 was also the year in which FHRI realised 22 years of operations. 2013 was punctuated with the launch of the Civil Society-Private-Public Sector Forum (CSPPSF) on 11th July 2013 at the UMA Multi-purpose conference hall with FHRI leadership. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed among several agencies to provide leadership of the CSPPSF who include: Crown Beverages Ltd, National Social Security Fund (NSSF), Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC), Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI), Uganda National NGO Forum (UNGOF), National Planning Authority (NPA) and Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU). With an independent secretariat now in place, these core group members will oversee the operationalisation of this exciting partnership.

In 2013, the human rights song "*Ddembe Lyange*" that FHRI sponsored in 2012 hit the top ten music charts. It was nominated by the New Vision readers in association with Twaweza Initiative as one of the best songs of the year because of its constructive and meaningful message.

In 2013, FHRI made an effort to expand and improve on its legal aid program including the Paralegal Advisory Services program (PAS) to the districts of Masaka, Jinja, Soroti and Busia.

In this respect, FHRI registered and handled 1,092 cases (664 male, 428 female) up from 489 cases in 2012. The clients registered were from 31 districts of Uganda up from 25 districts in 2012. 45% of the clients visited FHRI offices for assistance while 55% were assisted during the legal aid camps. This 54% leap is attributed to the increase in outreach. Similarly, the Paralegal Advisory Services program (PAS) contributed to the decongestion of the prisons. The number of prisoners released from places of detention attributed to PAS interventions in 2013 was 31,302.

In 2013 FHRI influenced a number of policy, legislative, institutional and practice reforms towards: a more human rights compliant legislative and policy environment; reduction in the application of the death penalty; promoting access to justice in Uganda; improving adherence to human rights standards in criminal justice delivery; strengthening democratic and social accountability in Uganda and nurturing a vibrant social justice movement.

FHRI made significant contributions to the development of the Parliamentary Checklist for human rights compliance to aid parliamentarians in determining the compatibility of proposed bills to human rights standards; advocated for



Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana

INTRODUCTION



the review of the Public Order Management Bill, 2010, the Anti- Pornography Bill, 2011 and the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Bill, 2010.

FHRI applauded the Justice Law and Order Sector who on 10th June 2013, launched, '*The Constitution (Sentencing Guidelines for Courts of Judicature)(Practice)Directions, 2013*'. The Guidelines significantly bolster access to justice for vulnerable persons, limits the imposition of the sentence of death and provides a mechanism that will promote uniformity, consistency and transparency in sentencing. FHRI is a member of the Judicial Task force on sentencing guidelines appointed in 2012.

In 2013, the Private Members bill entitled, '*The Law Revision (Penalties in Criminal Matters) Miscellaneous Amendment Bill, 2013*' which seeks to reduce the number of offences that attract the death penalty in Uganda was tabled before Parliament on 26th September 2013. Debate on the bill awaits the acquisition of the certificate of financial compliance obtainable from the Ministry of Finance.

The electoral reform campaign under the auspices of the Citizens Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU) spearheaded by FHRI gained momentum in 2013. The role of CCEDU in standard-setting and providing electoral reform proposals has been acknowledged by the public and key government institutions like the Electoral Commission, Parliament, the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and civil society.

FHRI's work on promoting democratic and social accountability has also yielded some positive results. With increased awareness of rights, some sections of the public have heightened the demand for respect for their rights and better service delivery. FHRI acknowledges the work of our community partners with whom it has worked in the districts of Kayunga, Kalangala, Luwero, Masaka, Lugazi, Kumi, Kiboga, Serere, Kasese including the university students, to demand better service delivery and respect for human rights and better access to justice. The improvements recorded in the water, education and the justice, law and order sectors following these campaigns are promising.

At the institutional level, FHRI's visibility and ratings improved during the year. FHRI's leadership and participation in the peaceful demonstration following the closure of the Monitor Newspaper and Red Pepper on 20th May 2013 has been acknowledged. The photos taken during the protest subsequently became the signature face of the campaign to re-open the media houses. The pictures appeared in the Observer, the Independent, the East African, the Times (UK) and on Amnesty International web page among others. The media acknowledged FHRI's support during the challenging period.

Investment in sustainability and leadership development was a major pre-occupation of the Foundation in 2013. The organisation continued to strengthen its capacity and sustainability by working with both local and international partners, strengthened its governance structures by constituting the FHRI Working Group, stepped up the membership drive, improved information management and prioritised staff training and development. Collaboration with the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) was further strengthened.

In 2013, FHRI participated and made interventions at key human rights and social justice events both at the national and international level. For example, FHRI delivered a key note address during the opening of the 18th Biennial International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) Symposium under the theme '*Opening New Frontiers in Development: Facing Opportunities and Challenges*', hosted by Simmons College School of Social Work, (USA) in partnership with Makerere University from 15th - 19th July 2013 held in Kampala, Uganda.

FHRI participated in a panel discussion during the International expert conference entitled; *Vienna+20: Advancing the Protection of Human Rights*, organised by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and

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International Affairs in cooperation with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights (BIM) and the European Training and Research Centre for Democracy and Human Rights of the University of Graz (UNI-ETC) from the 27th - 28th June 2013 in Vienna Hofburg, Austria.

As part of the global campaign, FHRI participated in the 5th World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Madrid, Spain held from 12th -15th June 2013.

Instructively, FHRI was invited by the Inspector General of Police to address the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Uganda Police Council on human rights and public order management issues on 21st November 2013 at Imperial Royale, Kampala.

The use of IT is central to our human rights advocacy work and in this regard investments were made to increase the use of the website, e-newsletter, face book, twitter and you-tube. Our toll free line-0800100016 is up and running. In 2013, the FHRI website and face book page recorded over 132,858 hits. 894 friends of FHRI were also registered on its face book page. A big thank you goes to all our followers on social media.

That said, these successes enumerated above have not been achieved without challenges. Some of these broad constraints include the following:

- The space for independent action and divergent political views continues to shrink with an adverse effect on human rights advocacy.
- Despondence among the population is rife due to a non/slow responsive government. Sections of the public have opted to take a back seat, a position that undermines their participation in governance.
- Lastly, the effectiveness of the access to justice campaign is undermined by several factors: increased poverty among the rural and urban poor and weak investigative capacity within JLOS which contributes to the delays and frequent adjournments within the judiciary.

Notwithstanding these current challenges, the resolve to pursue our cause and reach for our dream remains unshaken. As Thomas Jefferson once said, ***‘We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.’***

FHRI counts on the support and involvement of all stakeholders, not least, our membership, Patron, Trustees, Working Group, Board of Directors, staff, development partners, peers and allies to promote these values decisively.



Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana
Executive Director



Described as taking *'one step forward, one step backward'*, Uganda's 2013 human rights record was characterised by reports of human rights abuse. Notwithstanding some positive developments in policy and human rights practice, increasing threats to fundamental human rights after 27 years of President Yoweri Museveni's rule continued to raise serious concerns about Uganda's respect for human rights and the rule of law.

In 2013, Uganda recorded a downward trend in rights enjoyment due to the increased restrictions and harassment of the opposition and civic groups that engage government on sensitive issues. According to the Freedom House 2013 Index released on 7th January 2014, Uganda was *'Partly free'* with a freedom rating of 4.5 (1=best, 7 = worst), a civil liberties rating of 4 (1=best, 7 = worst) and a political rights rating of 5(1=best, 7 = worst). These findings resonate with the findings of the World Justice Project Rule of Law Index (2012-2013) which ranked Uganda 78th globally out of 97 countries by assessing its performance against the following indicators: rule of law, absence of corruption, order and security, fundamental rights and open government, regulatory enforcement, civil justice and criminal justice.

The clamp down on media freedom, freedom of expression, association and assembly, threats to judicial independence; the prevalence of torture despite the enactment of the anti Torture Act (2012); corruption; deteriorating economic conditions; poor transparency in the oil sector; the challenges of electoral fairness and poor enforcement of laws, contributed to rolling back of the rights and democratic gains that Uganda registered since 1995.

Although recorded as a multi-party democracy, in 2013, the Government of Uganda grew increasingly intolerant of political dissenting views in 2013. By restricting the media, opposition and civil society space, the government deprived the population of alternative views critical to the proper management of public affairs.

In 2013, the media was not entirely free: political interference, the misuse of criminal laws to restrict media freedom and the harassment of journalists adversely affected its performance.



Journalists and human rights defenders protest against the closure of The Monitor and Redpepper media houses at Namuwongo, 20th May 2013.

Similarly, incidences of harassment and intimidation of the opposition partly contributed to their inability to mobilize support and create functional political parties. Use of

excessive force to disperse rallies and public demonstrations was common in 2013, which in many instances created a backlash on democracy. The practice of opposition politicians being arrested and charged with treason, unlawful assembly, and inciting violence under section 23 and 51 of the Penal Code Act, Cap 120 was common during the year.

Although the 9th Parliament can be credited for asserting its independence and strengthening its oversight mandate, its performance raised more questions than answers. The NRM Caucus in Parliament emerged as a more important decision making mechanism. The dismissal of four NRM Members of Parliament from their party for indiscipline had a chilling effect on party cohesion often stifling internal dissent.

The legislative and policy environment remained restrictive given that some existing legislation and bills that were enacted pose a threat to the enjoyment of human rights and freedoms. For example, the Anti- Terrorism Act 2002, the passed Public Order Management Act, 2014, sections of the Police Act Cap 303, and the Anti- Homosexuality Act, 2013 are examples of such restrictive legal frameworks.

The ‘shoot to kill’ policy advocated for by the police came under serious scrutiny from human rights activists and the general public who questioned the inevitable conflict with the ‘presumption of innocence principle.’



Incidences of police brutality featured in the media in 2013.

The right to a fair hearing in Uganda was under threat given that basic rules and minimum guarantees such as the right to be tried by a competent, independent and impartial court established by law and the right to be tried without undue delay were hardly observed. Torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment was still common while the right to reparations for torture survivors received minimal attention from Government.

Land wrangles and the deprivation of the right to property were very common. Considering the slow judicial process, access to justice for the poor and vulnerable members of society still remained a deafening challenge.

Despite the enactment of the Domestic Violence Act, 2010, domestic violence continued unabated in 2013. In 2012, there was a 10% increase in deaths occasioned by domestic violence. According to the Uganda Police, Annual Crime and Traffic /Road Safety Report (2012), released in 2013, family wrangles, poverty and consumption of alcohol were responsible for this state of affairs. Prosecution of offenders remained low. Over 197 of such cases were reported in the media between June and September 2013. However, sexual violence remained the least reported crime due to victimization of the victims. Statistics from the Uganda Law Reform Commission (ULRC) indicate that 78% of women

had experienced some form of domestic abuse.

The first child labour report released by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) in September 2013 revealed that at least two million children between the ages of 5 to 17 years – 16% of the entire population in Uganda are engaged in child labour. Similarly, despite, the enactment of the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2012, Uganda continued to be a source and destination country for men, women, and children trafficked for purposes of forced labour and prostitution.

There were some positive policy and practice changes in the application and use of the death penalty in Uganda. The adoption of new Sentencing Guidelines as well as the formulation of *'The Law Revision (Penalties in Criminal Matters) Miscellaneous Amendment Bill, 2013* are useful indicators. Prisoners on death row decreased due to: prison releases, commutation of sentences to life imprisonment, and fewer sentences being handed down by the courts. As at 7th February 2014, the number of deathrow inmates stood at 301 inmates down from 406 inmates in 2013 and 505 inmates in 2012.

In March 2013, President Museveni signed the HIV/AIDS regional Bill 2010, which seeks to prevent and manage the spread of HIV/AIDS and promotes the human rights of people living with the disease. Public consultations on the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Bill 2010 continued. The Bill proposes mandatory HIV testing, forced disclosure of HIV status, and criminalization of behaviour that might result in transmission among those who know that they are HIV-positive. In 2013, the Bill was sharply criticized by local and international human rights activists on grounds that it promotes discrimination of people living with the disease.

Corruption in public offices was still common. Uganda was ranked 140 out of 177 countries surveyed according to Transparency International's (TI) Corruption Perception Index (2013). Despite the existence of laws to combat bribery, the TI East African Bribery Index (2013) showed that Uganda ranked highest in the overall likelihood of bribery at 26.8%.

In July 2013, the Ugandan Parliament passed the Anti-Money Laundering, Bill 2013. The Bill criminalizes money laundering and provides for specific measures to detect and deter the practice as well as facilitating the investigation and prosecution of such offences. Similarly, in August 2013, the Anti-Corruption Amendment Bill 2013 was also tabled in Parliament. The proposed legislation seeks to amend the Anti-Corruption Act 2009. If passed into law, the Bill would provide the government with powers to confiscate the property of people convicted of corruption by the Anti-Corruption Court, and also ensure that the property placed in the names of relatives and friends of corrupt officials is traced and recovered.

The discovery of oil has the potential to be a game changer for the economy of Uganda as oil revenue is expected by 2016. Uganda, potentially on the verge of a mining boom, is however repeating, the mistakes made by many of its resource-rich neighbors: the exploitation of vast natural resources with limited public oversight which may benefit only a few.

Finally, Uganda is at the cusp of yet another general election come 2016. The calls for electoral reforms, particularly the establishment of an independent electoral commission have pre-occupied the Citizens' Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda. Government's commitment to undertaking electoral reforms is critical for a free and fair election, lest this election is seen as a mere franchise that takes place every 5 years.

Given the above challenges, the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) continued with its advocacy for democratic reform in 2013.

2013 marked the second year in the implementation of FHRI's 7th Strategic Plan titled: *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:

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 2013 Annual report highlights each of these Actions, the activities carried out there under, the progress made in accomplishing the planned activities in 2013, outcomes, the difficulties encountered and measures taken to address them.

PROGRAMME ACTIONS





A cross section of FHRI members at the 2013 Annual General Meeting held on 10th August 2013, Human Rights House, Nsambya.



A cross section of the CCEDU membership during the launch of the draft model bill establishing an independent electoral commission, 3rd December 2013, Golf Course Hotel, Kampala.



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 for research: *right to a fair hearing, 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

Four (4) activities were planned in 2013: publication of two thematic human rights reports on: *'The functioning of multi-party democracy in Uganda* and *'Eradication of extreme poverty in Uganda'*; participate in the 53rd and 54th ordinary sessions of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) and submit an alternative report; convene two (2) Lower Level Platforms (LLPs) in the districts of Moroto and Mbarara; undertake research and analysis of the human rights compatibility of existing laws and submit memoranda to relevant parliamentary committees on bills before the House.

Output

One (1) Lower Level Platform (LLP) was convened in Fort Portal, Kabarole, district from 25th to 26th April 2013 to disseminate the report on *'The Right to a Fair Trial – Next Steps'*, published on 10th December 2012.

The platform, held at Hotel Cornerstone was attended by seventy one (71) participants (58 male and 13 female). In attendance were representatives of: the Uganda Police Force, Uganda Prison Service, the judiciary, district leaders, civil society organisations and the media from the districts of Kabarole, Kasese, Bundibugyo and Kyenjojo.

The objectives of the platform were: to appraise current initiatives being undertaken by the Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS) to improve access to justice, and to promote dialogue with stakeholders on key challenges in the delivery of criminal justice in Uganda.



From left - right: Ms. Josephine Kankunda, Senior Researcher, FHRI, Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director, FHRI, His Lordship Justice Yorokamu Bamwine, the Hon. Principal Judge, His Lordship Justice Mike Chibita, Resident Judge Kabarole district, Hon. Abdul Namuyimba, Resident District Commissioner Kabarole district and Mr. Edmond Nkalubo, National Outreach Coordinator, FHRI at the launch of the report on the 'right to a fair hearing' in Fort Portal on 25th April 2013 at Hotel Cornerstone.

The platform was officially opened by His Lordship Justice Yorokamu Bamwine, the Hon. Principal Judge who also launched the report. Presentations were made by His Lordship Justice Mike Chibita, Resident Judge, Kabarole district on *'Recent developments in addressing key challenges in the delivery of justice in Uganda'*, Mr. Kwanya Wilson, Regional Police Commander, Kabarole district on *'The protective mandate of the Uganda Police Force'*, and Mr. Waako Stephen, Regional Officer, Professional Standards Unit, Kabarole district on, *'fast tracking the role and relevance of the Professional Standards Unit.'*



Participants who attended the LLP on the right to a fair hearing, Hotel Cornerstone, Fortportal, 25th April 2013.
Front row left –right (sited): Mr. Edmond Nkalubo, National Outreach Coordinator FHRI, Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director, FHRI, Mr. Abdul Namuyimba, Resident District Commissioner, Kabarole district, His Lordship Justice Yorokamu Bamwine, the Hon. Principal Judge, His Lordship Justice Mike Chibita, Resident Judge, Kabarole district, and Ms. Cissy Mudhasi, Chief Magistrate, Fort Portal.

Some of the pressing concerns within the justice system which were discussed during this platform were: the challenges in adhering to the constitutional 48 hour rule, abuse of police bond and the right to bail, the shortage of judicial officers, corruption, among others. As a follow up, a memorandum on the right to a fair trial in Uganda was submitted by FHRI to JLOS. It outlines the emerging issues from the LLP.

Thereafter, a lobby meeting was held with Brigadier Fred Tolit, chairperson of the General Court Martial (GCM) on 22nd February 2013. The meeting focused on rights of detainees undergoing military trial. With support from FHRI, 4 bail applications were filed (*High Court Bail Application No. 107/13*) by Rwakafuzi and Co. Advocates in favour of 4 suspects who were later released on bail on 25th October 2013.

In order to support FHRI's penal reform advocacy, a total of twenty five (25) prisons and sixteen (16) police holding cells were inspected in 2013. The purpose of the visits was to assess prison conditions and practices against existing international human rights standards on the treatment of prisoners as shown below:

Table 1: Prisons visited by FHRI in 2013.

NO.	PRISON	DATE
1	Kigo Prison	13 th Feb 2013
		11 th March 2013
		6 th Dec 2013
2	Mpigi Prison	28 th May 2013
3	Kitgum Prison	5 th June 2013
4	Pader Prison	6 th June 2013
5	Patong Prison	6 th June 2013
6	Bushenyi Prison	10 th June 2013
7	Buwanbo Prison	18 th June 2013
8	Nkozi Prison	19 th June 2013
9	Butoolo Prison	19 th June 2013
10	Muyinayina Prison	21 st June 2013 2 nd December 2013
11	Bugungu YP	28 th June 2013

NO.	PRISON	DATE
12	Bugungu YO	28 th June 2013
13	Lugazi Prison	28 th June 2013
14	Kiryandongo Prison	11 th November 2013
15	Kigumba Prison	11 th November 2013
16	Isimba Prison	13 th November 2013
17	Masindi Female Prison	13 th November 2013
18	Masindi Male Prison	14 th November 2013
19	Luzira Women Prison	25 th November 2013
20	Murchison Bay Prison	26 th November 2013
21	Kampala Remand Prison	27 th November 2013
22	Butuntumula Prison	3 rd December 2013
23	Kamuli Prison	4 th December 2013
24	Mityana Prison	5 th December 2013
25	Muduuma Prison	5 th December 2013

Table 2: Police stations visited by FHRI in 2013.

NO.	POLICE STATION	DATE
1	Kabalagala Police Station	19 th February 2013
		10 th Dec 2013
2	Katwe Police Station	19 th February 2013
		10 th Dec 2013
3	Kakiri Police Station	22 nd February 2013
4	Busunju Police Station	22 nd February 2013
5	Luweero Police Station	25 th February 2013
		3 rd December 2013
6	Nakasongola Police Station	25 th February 2013
7	Masaka Police Station	28 th February 2013
8	Entebbe Police Station	1 st March 2013

NO.	POLICE STATION	DATE
9	Central Police Station Kampala	5 th March 2013
		10 th Dec 2013
10	Jinja Road Police Station	5 th March 2013
		10 th Dec 2013
11	Kawempe Police Station	5 th March 2013
		10 th Dec 2013
12	Old Kampala Police Station	5 th March 2013
13	Kiryandongo Police Station	12 th November 2013
14	Masindi Police Station	13 th November 2013
15	Jinja Police Station	4 th December 2013
16	Nateete Police Station	10 th December 2013

From 11th – 15th November 2013, FHRI conducted a fact -finding mission on juvenile justice in Kiryandongo and Bunyoro sub-regions upon the invitation by the Kiryandongo Local Government. The findings were forwarded to JLOS and the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development for appropriate follow up.

In 2013, 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 3 details some of the issues raised by FHRI as highlighted by the media.

Table 3: Media reports on FHRI (2013)

No.	Media House	Issue
1.	The Daily Monitor, <i>March 30th 2013.</i>	280 inmates incarcerated without sentence-judge
2.	The Daily Monitor, <i>April 30th 2013.</i>	How FHRI has enabled Government achieve its National Development Goals
3.	The Daily Monitor, <i>April 30th 2013.</i>	Striving to guard human rights.
4.	The Daily Monitor, <i>May 1st 2013.</i>	Principal Judge to colleagues: Stick to judicial core values
5.	The Daily Monitor, <i>May 8th 2013.</i>	In Uganda, industries grow at the expense of workers
6.	Bukedde, <i>May 16th 2013.</i>	<i>Temulemesa bantu kweyogerera mutteka lyenkungaana.</i> <i>'Don't limit freedom of speech'</i>
7.	The New Vision, <i>May 23rd 2013.</i>	More children committing crime, says judge
8.	The Observer, <i>May 27th 2013.</i>	Members of Parliament condemn closure of Red Pepper, Monitor media houses
9.	The Daily Monitor, <i>June 3rd 2013.</i>	FHRI pushing for Constitutionalism
10.	The Daily Monitor, <i>June 3rd 2013.</i>	Activists to government: you can't defend order bill.
11.	The Investigator, <i>August 9th 2013.</i>	Unlawful: Human rights activists dare President Museveni to assent to the Public Order Management Bill and they drag government to Court, as they attack Deputy Speaker and accuse him of being the President's puppet
12.	The Daily Monitor, <i>August 11th 2013.</i>	Civil Society Organizations sue government over Bill on Public Order Management
13.	The Red Pepper, <i>September 24th 2013.</i>	Civil Society Organisations condemn Alshabab
14.	The Daily Monitor, <i>October 3rd 2013.</i>	Anti-pornography Bill back
15.	The Daily Monitor, <i>December 10th 2013.</i>	State of human rights worrying
16.	The Red Pepper, <i>December 10th 2013.</i>	Activists slum Police as world marks the International Human Rights day
17.	The Observer, <i>December 10th 2013.</i>	Civil Society has duty to engage government
18.	NTV, <i>April 3rd 2013.</i>	The Launch of Uganda Human Rights Commission 15 th Annual Report/Public Order Management Bill
19.	NTV, <i>April 3rd 2013.</i>	(Minibus) discussing the Public Order Management Bill.
20.	NBS TV/Top TV/Radio Simba /Ddembe FM/KFM Radio/Super FM/Radio One/ CBS Radio, <i>May 15th 2012.</i>	St. Balikuddembe Traders
21.	NBS TV/NTV/ Radio Simba/ Ddembe FM/KFM Radio, <i>June 26th 2013.</i>	World Torture Day.
22.	NBS /NTV/ Radio Akaboozi, <i>October 2nd 2013.</i>	Public Order Management Bill
23.	NTV/WBS TV/ NBS TV/ Channel 44/ KFM Radio/Super FM/ Radio Simba/ Radio Akaboozi/ Radio One/Buddu FM/Prime Radio, <i>October 2nd 2013.</i>	FHRI submission on the Anti –pornography Bill to Parliament

Under the Treaty reporting component, FHRI participated in the 53rd ordinary session of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights (ACHPR) in Banjul, The Gambia in April 2013. Within the framework of the campaign against the death penalty, a statement was prepared and submitted to the ACHPR highlighting the plight of children

of persons sentenced to death or executed; the rights of death row inmates, the difficulty in accessing information on the use of the death penalty in East Africa, and the need to institute a moratorium on the imposition of death sentences in East Africa.

On 29th August 2013, FHRI hosted a delegation of Commissioners from the ACHPR at the Human Rights House. The ACHPR delegation discussed with representatives of civil society organisations the situation of human rights in Uganda. This visit was part of their promotional mission to Uganda under the African Charter.



Delegation of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights visiting the Human Rights House on 29th August 2013.
Front row left-right: Mr. Pacifique Manirakiza, Commissioner, Ms. Lucy Asuagbor, Commissioner, Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director, FHRI, Ms. Faith Pansy Tlakula, Commissioner, Mr. Med S.K. Kaggwa, Commissioner.

FHRI is also a member of the inter-ministerial committee on human rights under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs a body that coordinates the state party reporting to Treaty bodies. Within this framework, FHRI participated in the drafting of the 5th Country report on human rights which was due for presentation at the 55th ordinary session of the ACHPR slated for 28th April – 12th May 2014, Luanda, Angola.

FHRI is also a member of the civil and political rights cluster spearheaded by HURINET. In this regard, FHRI actively participated in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process and in the on-going efforts to develop a National Action Plan on Human Rights.

In pursuit of its policy and legislative advocacy role, FHRI submitted three (3) memoranda to: the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee on the human rights implications of the Anti- Pornography Bill, 2011 on 2nd October 2013; to the Committee on Defense and Internal Affairs on 28th March 2013 on the future of Amnesty law in Uganda

and the lapse of Part II of the *Amnesty Act, Cap 294* (as amended) and to the joint Parliamentary committee on HIV/AIDS and Health on 7th March 2013 on the HIV and AIDS Prevention and Control Bill, 2010.



From right - left: Hon. Stephen Tashobya, Chairperson, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee, (sitting in black suit and tie), Ms. Sheila Muwanga, Ag. Deputy Executive Director (programs), FHRI, Ms. Josephine Kankunda, Senior Researcher, FHRI, Ms. Penny Mbabazi, Associate Researcher, FHRI and Mr. Rubaramira Ruranga, representing the NGO Forum, before the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee of Parliament on 2nd October 2013.

In 2013, FHRI and other like-minded organisations pressed for the review of the Public Order Management Bill, 2010. In this regard, FHRI's Executive Director addressed the Police Council Extra Ordinary meeting on 'public order management' at Imperial Royale Hotel on 21st November 2013. FHRI held a series of press conferences on the proposed bill, as well as lobby meetings with Members of Parliament and the media. An easy-to-read Guide on the human rights implications of the Public Order Management Bill, 2010 for parliamentarians was also developed.

In a related development, FHRI commissioned a victim-centered critique of the proposed National Transitional Justice Policy in October 2013. The findings of the study will be submitted to the JLOS Transitional Justice Working Group of JLOS after consultation with other stakeholders.

In May 2013, FHRI commissioned IPSOS to conduct an opinion survey on the following areas: the functioning of multi-party democracy in Uganda; level of public support of the death sentence in Uganda, and the extent to which the public is aware of FHRI's work as a human rights organisation.

Lastly, the study on, '*The functioning of multi-party democracy in Uganda*' was finalised. A report of the findings would be published on 15th January 2014.

Outcome

In 2013, FHRI worked towards several policy, legislative, institutional and practice reforms. Among these were an enabling legislative and policy environment, better access to justice, and improved adherence to human rights standards in criminal justice delivery.

The thematic report on 'The Right to a fair trial-next steps,' launched on 10th December 2012, was well received within JLOS. While launching the report at the LLP held from 25th -26th April 2013, Fort Portal, His Lordship Justice Yorokamu Bamwine, the Hon. Principal Judge urged judicial officers to stick to the values of independence, impartiality, transparency, equality, respect, professionalism and integrity, if the right to a fair trial is to be observed. Some of the follow up discussions held with JLOS institutions in Fort Portal during the LLP brought to the fore a number of challenges faced by the sector in the dispensation of justice. These challenges were brought to the attention of relevant institutions for further action in a memorandum dated 13th May 2013.

In this respect, a number of positive developments have been recorded. The issuance of directives by the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to Police Unit Commanders to avoid detention beyond 48 hours, and the revamping of the data centre in the judiciary to fast-track overstay cases are examples of institutional mechanisms and policy measures that have been put in place to ensure that detention practices are compatible with constitutional requirements.

In 2013, FHRI actively pursued the trial of civilians by the General Court Martial (GCM) during the reporting period. A series of meetings were held with the GCM on the human rights concerns related to trial procedures. Following this intervention, eight civilians on trial before the court were released on account of overstay on remand, one was transferred to a civilian court in Wakiso and 21 cases were completed. There has been a significant reduction in the number of new civilian cases referred by security agencies for trial in the military courts: from 15 cases in 2011 to only 2 in 2012 and none in 2013.

The appointment of 25 judges to the High Court following repeated calls by FHRI and other stakeholders for the appointment of more judges, is likely to contribute to the reduction in case backlog. Six more judges (4 High Court and 2 Industrial Court) were approved by Parliament on 24th February 2014.

The juvenile justice campaign has also yielded some positive outcomes. Through FHRI's intervention, eight (8) juveniles who had overstayed in police custody and held together with adults were produced in court on the day of FHRI's visit. Some were released, while others were remanded. Similarly, during an inspection of Jinja Road Police Station, three (3) juveniles who were found in detention with adults were released following FHRI's intervention.

Following a series of lobby meetings with the Uganda Prisons Service, the sanitary conditions in some of Uganda's prisons have improved. For example, in Nkozi, Mityana, Muduuma and Lugazi prisons, the 'bucket system' which the prisoners previously used as toilets has been replaced with water-borne toilets.

Likewise, the sleeping conditions in some prisons have also improved. Unlike in the past, where inmates were provided with only one blanket, the Uganda Prisons Service has started providing the inmates with mattresses, or at the very least, two blankets. Better still, in some female prisons like Mbarara, Jinja, Luzira, Kigo and Masindi women prisons, mattresses and beds have been provided.



From prisoners being tested for various diseases and given necessary medication to having their rights observed, all indicating improved prison services in Uganda.



Uganda Prisons Service publicist, Mr. Frank Mbaine, (standing in brown uniform) at the launch of FHRI's report on the right to fair trial in Uganda, 10th December 2012, Hotel Africana, Kampala. He responded to some of the issues raised in the report on prison conditions.

FHRI has also maintained active engagement of Treaty bodies more especially the ACHPR with respect to Uganda's treaty reporting obligations. Through regular briefing of the regional body, the state is encouraged to account and be held responsible for any policy lapses.

Additionally, FHRI made significant contributions to the development of the Parliamentary Checklist that would aid Parliamentarians in determining the compatibility of proposed bills to human rights standards. The checklist was launched on 10th September 2013. The checklist promotes a human-rights based approach in the legislative process. FHRI's contribution to the checklist has been acknowledged by the institution of Parliament and other key stakeholders.

In response to FHRI agitation against the Public Order Management Bill, 2010, a number of legal safeguards have been incorporated in the law despite some existing flaws.

Likewise, the report of the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee on the Anti-Pornography Bill, 2011 integrates a number of concerns raised in FHRI's memorandum. The *Amnesty Act, Cap.294*, was also renewed when Government issued two new Statutory Instruments extending the Amnesty Act and revoking Part II of the Act that had lapsed for two years.

In regard to the HIV/AIDS campaign, FHRI's submissions towards an acceptable legislation were a subject of discussion during the retreat of the Joint Committee on Health and HIV/AIDS and the Standing Committee on Human Rights on 18th December 2013 at Speke Resort Munyonyo, Kampala.

Challenges

Notwithstanding the good working relation with government officials and agencies, the slow response to reforms continues to hamper the change progress in the country.



ACTION 2: LEGAL SERVICES

Objective

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

The Action has three activities:

1. Legal aid services,
2. The Death Penalty campaign and,
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 2013, the activities carried out under the Legal Services Division included: pro-bono legal aid services to at least nine hundred (900) clients, twelve (12) legal aid camps in the districts of Wakiso, Kiboga, Kampala, Kalangala, Bundibugyo and Kibaale, a toll free hotline to support rapid response to reports of human rights abuse, an Information Management System (IMS) for ease of case tracking and the design of a simple flier to support the legal and human rights education campaign.

Under the campaign against the death penalty, the following activities were planned in 2013: support mitigation hearings for death row inmates; conduct a fact-finding mission to Tanzania, convene a consultative meeting for parliamentarians on the Private Members bill, convene the East African civil society coalition strategic planning meeting, publish fact sheets on true life stories of death row inmates, convene a roundtable for parliamentarians in Kenya and Uganda on the death penalty, run three training sessions on international human rights standards for prison officials in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania, attend the 53rd Session of the ACHPR, convene three (3) civil society fora for Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, convene three (3) parliamentary task force meetings in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, and commemorate the World Day Against the Death Penalty in Uganda.

Under public interest litigation, the following activities were planned: follow up the constitutional petition on terrorism and human rights and the Supreme Court appeal on the right to bail.

Output

1. Legal aid assistance.

In 2013, FHRI's legal aid program was expanded to cover six (6) districts which include; *Kampala, Wakiso, Kalangala, Kiboga, Bundibugyo and Kibaale*. Legal assistance was extended to a total of one thousand ninety two (1,092) cases of human rights abuse. Figure 1 below illustrates the number of cases handled by FHRI from 1993 to 2013.

Fig 1: Trends analysis of cases received by FHRI from 1993 to 2013

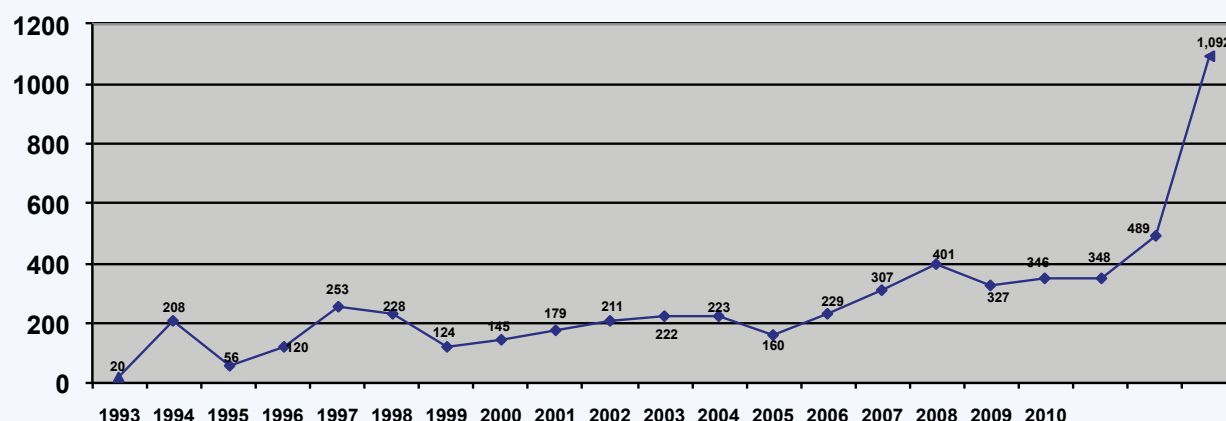
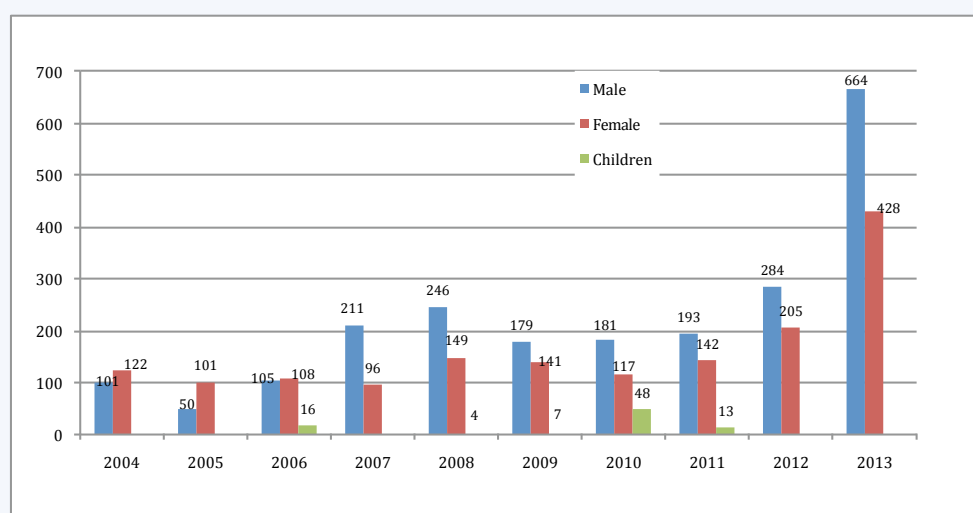


Figure 1 shows a 54% increase in the number of clients received in 2013 compared to 2012. This is attributed to the expansion of the program and increase in outreach activities.

The clients registered hail from thirty one (31) districts compared to twenty five (25) in 2012. These include Kampala, Wakiso, Mukono, Mpigi, Masaka, Rakai, Luwero, Buikwe, Kiboga, Mityana, Mubende, Kumi, Busia, Masindi, Moyo, Rukungiri, Mbarara, Iganga, Jinja, Amolater, Mbale, Lira, Kyenjojo, Kasese, Tororo, Butambala, Kamwenge, Lwengo, Kalangala, Bundibugyo, Kibaale.

45% of the clients visited FHRI offices for legal assistance while 55% were assisted during the legal aid camps. Figure 2 below shows a breakdown of the caseload disaggregated by gender from 2004 – 2013.

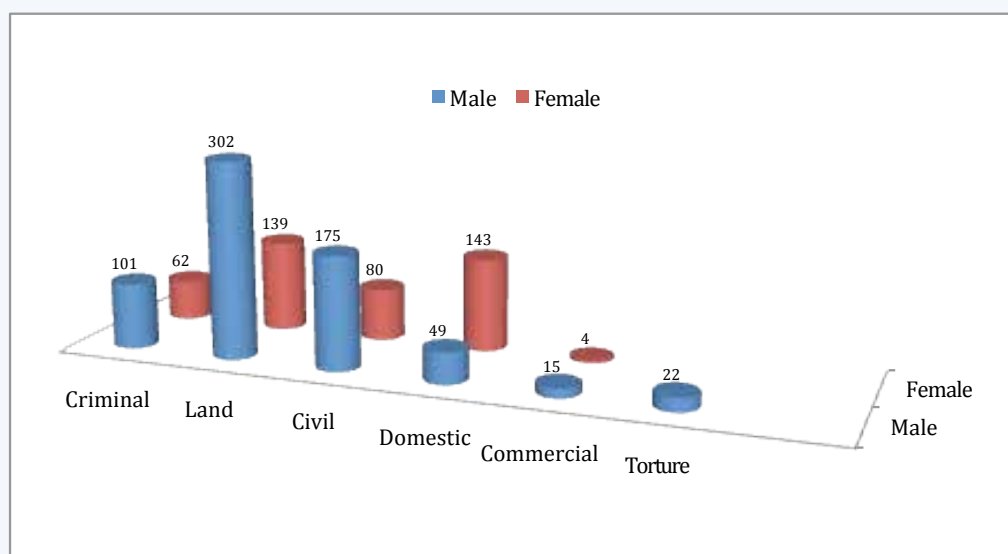
Fig 2: Category of cases, 2004-2013



Like 2012, male clients constitute the bulk of cases handled. While the number of male clients in 2012 constituted 58%, the numbers increased to 60% in 2013. On the other hand, the number of female clients in 2012 constituted 42% and 40% in 2013.

Unlike in 2012 where the majority of cases handled were domestic-related, in 2013, land cases ranked highest. Figure 3 illustrates the nature of complaints reported in 2013 disaggregated by gender.

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



In 2013, 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.

Civil cases ranked second comprising of compensation claims resulting from accidents, refugees, and breach of contract. Domestic-related cases ranked third. The case load comprises: child neglect, child custody, inheritance and domestic violence. Criminal cases rank fourth. These include assault, threatening violence, theft, robbery, defilement, malicious damage to property, and assault occasioning grievous bodily harm. Torture related cases came fifth and commercial cases ranked sixth.

Legal rights awareness sessions were conducted concurrently with legal aid camps in Kampala and Kibaale districts. The focus was on land rights. A total of one hundred eighty two (182) community members were reached.



Ms Harriet Nanyanga, a lawyer and member of FHRI, (standing in brown), during a legal rights awareness session in Kawempe, Division, Kampala, 10th June 2013.

In 2013, a case management system was installed to ease retrieval of information, case follow up and support case monitoring.

Lastly FHRI commissioned a consultant to develop the 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQs) fliers to support the legal and human rights campaign. These will be distributed in 2014.

2. The Death Penalty campaign.

In 2013, FHRI provided legal assistance to two (2) death row inmates during mitigation hearings. The nature of support includes mitigation briefs, witness tracking, legal advice and legal representation.

In 2013, FHRI conducted a fact-finding mission to Tanzania from 22nd – 24th January, 2013. This was a scoping study aimed at establishing the status of the application of capital punishment in Tanzania and to map potential partners in advancing the campaign at the national level.

To advance the campaign, FHRI supported the drafting of the Private Members bill entitled, *'The Law Revision (Penalties in Criminal Matters) Miscellaneous Amendment Bill, 2013*. The object of the bill is to enforce the Supreme Court ruling in the Suzan Kigula case by repealing all laws that provide for mandatory death sentence. The Bill is sponsored by Hon Alice Alaso, member of the human rights committee in Parliament, and Hon Fox Odoi, member of the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee.

Again, on 31st January 2013, FHRI convened a consultative meeting for Members of Parliament, government officials and civil society organisations on the draft bill at Protea Hotel in Kampala. The meeting was attended by thirty (30) participants (16 female, 14 male) participants drawn from the judiciary, First Parliamentary Counsel, Uganda Law Reform Commission, Uganda Prisons Service, Members of Parliament, civil society groups and religious leaders. The purpose of the consultations was to popularise the bill.

Thereafter, roundtable meeting for Members of Parliament was convened at Speke Resort Munyonyo, from 25th – 26th March 2013.



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Participants at the Consultative meeting held on 31st January 2013 at Protea Hotel.

Front row, sited: left -right: Hon Medard Segona, MP Busiro East and Member of the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee, Ms Sheila Muwanga, Ag. Deputy Director (Programs), FHRI, Fr. Sylvester Arinaitwe, Executive Secretary UJCC, Hon Jova Kamateka, Chairperson Human Rights Committee in Parliament, Rtd Bishop Mathias Sekamanya, Chairperson, UJCC, Hon Judge Lameck Mukasa, Head Criminal Division, High Court, Hon. Fox Odoi MP, West Budama and Member of the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee, and Hon Alice Alaso, Woman Representative, Serere district and Member of the Human Rights Committee in Parliament.

The meeting was attended by forty five (45) participants (23 male, 22 female) participants drawn from: Parliament, JLOS, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces, civil society groups, the media and development partners.

The participants were addressed by Baroness Nuala O'Loan from the UK House of Lords, on, *'The role of parliament towards the abolition of the death penalty'*; His Lordship Justice David Wangutusi, Judge of the High Court on, *'The effects of Susan Kigula on the principles and practices of sentencing in Uganda'*, and; *'The Uganda Prisons perspective on the death penalty'*, by Ms. Aliyo Natukunda, Assistant Superintendent of Prisons. On this occasion, the participants also had the opportunity to discuss the draft Private Members Bill which was presented by Hon. Alice Alaso.

Subsequently two parliamentary task force meetings were convened in 2013 by Hon. Alice Alaso and Hon Fox Odoi to strategise on the next legislative steps in parliament with regard to the proposed bill. The bill was introduced on the floor of the House on 26th September 2013. The parliamentarians were granted leave by the Hon. Speaker to prepare the Private Members bill.

As part of the campaign, FHRI also run a training workshop for Uganda Prisons Service staff from 13th – 14th March 2013 at Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel in Entebbe. The aim of this workshop was to impart knowledge and share best practices and emerging international human rights standards on the treatment of prisoners on death row. It was attended by fourteen (14) senior prisons staff including 9 male and 5 female officers.



Uganda Prisons staff who attended the prisons staff training, 13th – 14th March 2013, Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel, Entebbe.

Within the context of the campaign, four (4) more events were convened by FHRI at the sub-regional level in 2013 including: the strategic planning meeting for the East African civil society coalition against the death penalty; 2 civil

society fora on the death penalty and alternative sanctions in Tanzania and Kenya and a prisons training workshop on international human rights standards in Kenya.

The strategic planning meeting for the East African civil society coalition against the death penalty was convened from 11th – 13th February 2013 at Mosa Courts, Kampala. The planning meeting was attended by twenty (20) human rights defenders including 12 male and 8 female participants from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The meeting was facilitated by Mr. George Kegoro, Executive Director, ICJ (K). A five year program which prioritises legislative advocacy and promotional activities at the national and regional levels was adopted.

FHRI in partnership with the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) in Tanzania convened the civil society organisations forum on the death penalty and alternative sanctions from 29th -30th May 2013 at Giraffe Ocean View Hotel, Dar-es-salaam. The meeting which was attended by twenty seven (27) human rights activists in Tanzania reactivated the national civil society coalition against the death penalty in Tanzania. The meeting was addressed by the retired Principal Judge in Tanzania, His Lordship Judge Amir Maneto and Hon. Chana Pindi, a Member of Parliament in Tanzania and a strong abolitionist.

In Kenya, the CSO forum was held in partnership with ICJ-Kenya from 27th – 29th November 2013 at Lukenya Gateway, Kenya. The forum was facilitated by ICJ –K and attended by twenty (20) civil society activists including 11 female and 9 male participants from civil society organisations in Kenya. The participants agreed to establish the Kenya civil society coalition against the death penalty, spearheaded by ICJ Kenya and the Kenya National Human Rights Commission.

FHRI, in partnership with Penal Reform International (PRI) organised a prisons staff training on international human rights standards for the treatment of prisoners on death row from 29th – 31st July 2013 at Lukenya Gate away, Kenya. Attended by fifteen (15) senior prison staff from Kenya Prisons Service including 8 male and 7 female officers, the meeting agreed on a set of recommendations that prioritise reform of the sentencing regime in Kenya. A five member task force was tasked to follow up on the implementation of these recommendations.

At the international front, FHRI together with PRI submitted three (3) joint statements during the 68th session of the UN General Assembly on 27th March 2013 in Geneva on the application of the death penalty in East Africa. These were presented to the UN Committee Against Torture on 15th April 2013 in Geneva during the examination of Kenya's second state party report under the Convention Against Torture and during the 53rd ordinary session of the ACHPR in April 2013, Banjul.

FHRI also participated at the 5th World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Madrid, Spain from 12th -15th June 2013. Hon Alice Alaso and Hon Paul Mwiru from Uganda, Hon Pindi Hazara Chana from Tanzania and Senator Janet Ongera from Kenya were supported to participate in the forum.

In commemoration of the World Day Against the Death Penalty, FHRI and other human rights defenders and abolitionists joined the rest of the world to observe the day on 10th October 2013 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya.

On this occasion, H.E Ms Mary Shockledge, Deputy British High Commissioner to Uganda, H.E Mr. Stephano Dejak, the Italian Ambassador to Uganda and Mr. Thomas Miller, First Secretary, Head of Governance, Trade and Private Sector at the EU Delegation in Uganda, addressed the gathering on global death penalty trends and the call to abolish the sentence. Hon Alice Alaso highlighted the progress made in tabling the Private Members' bill and called for public support once it is tabled before Parliament. Mr. Patrick Zizinga an ex-death row inmate also made a case for the abolition of the death penalty.

Activities that had earlier been planned namely: the publication of fact sheets on true life stories of death row inmates, the prisons staff training for Tanzania Prisons Service and the roundtable for Members of Parliament of Kenya were postponed to 2014.

3. Public Interest Litigation

The Constitutional Court Petition No. 50 of 2011 [*Foundation for Human Rights Initiative Vs Attorney General*] seeking to challenge the offence of treason was not heard. Likewise, the

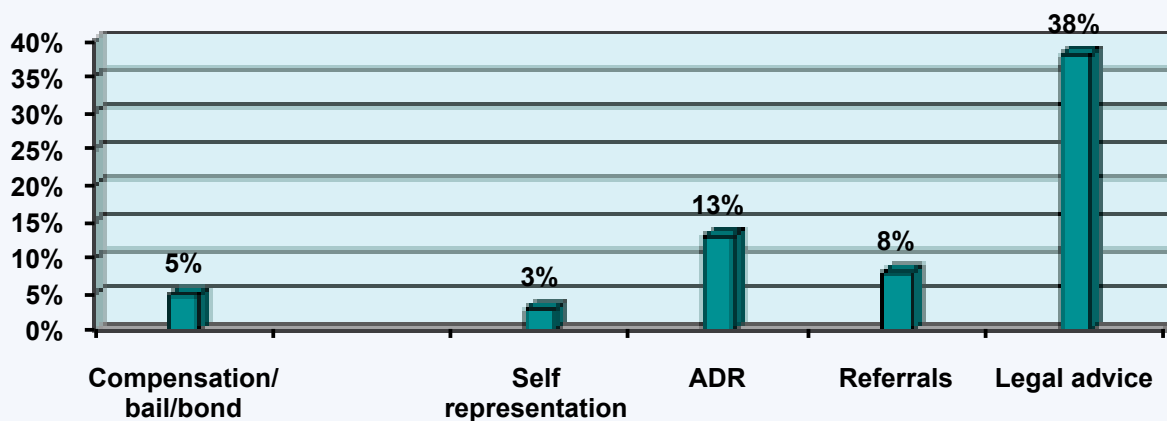
Supreme Court appeal on the right to bail, [*Constitutional Appeal No. 3 of 2009; Foundation for Human Rights Initiative Vs the Attorney General*] had not been heard by year's end.

Outcome

Legal aid assistance

Legal aid takes the form of mediation, court representation and out of court settlement for victims of human rights abuse. 5% of the cases handled were completed through legal representation, leading to releases on bail, acquittals, setting aside of default judgments, redemption of property and cause listing. 3% of the clients have been empowered to represent themselves in magistrates' courts while 13% of the disputes have been settled through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). 8% of the cases registered were referred to relevant agencies for assistance while 38% received legal advice. 7% of the cases were abandoned by clients. Figure 4 below shows the nature of remedies received in 2013.

Fig 4: Nature of remedies received in 2013



As indicated in figure 4 above, the majority of the clients received legal advice and support in drafting documents like affidavits, wills, agreements, caveats and declarations. 3% of the clients were empowered to self represent and successfully won their causes in Magistrates' courts.

Campaign Against the Death Penalty

The campaign against the Death Penalty has registered some positive results. For instance, the coming into law and adoption of '*The Constitution (Sentencing Guidelines for Courts of Judicature) (Practice) Directions, 2013*' presents a major milestone in the campaign for the progressive abolition of the death penalty in Uganda.

The formulation of the *Private Member's Bill* titled, *'The Law Revision (Penalties in Criminal Matters) Miscellaneous Amendment Bill, 2013* is yet another step towards the progressive abolition of the death penalty in Uganda. The object of the bill is to enforce the Supreme court ruling in the Susan Kigula ruling by amending all laws that provide for the mandatory death sentence. If passed into law, the number of offences that attract the death penalty in Uganda would be significantly reduced.

The mitigation hearings for prisoners on death row have had a positive impact on the campaign against the death penalty in Uganda. In 2013, out of the 158 inmates who had their sentences mitigated upon, 6 death row inmates were released, 16 death sentences were upheld, 7 inmates released, 4 were referred to Butabika Mental Hospital, 1 inmate on Minister's Orders (committed crime as juvenile), 2 inmates were not sentenced and the rest were given custodial sentences ranging from 8 to 65 years. One Zizinga Patrick who had spent 8 years on death row was released after appealing his sentence of death during mitigation with the assistance of FHRI.

Following these developments, the population on death row has decreased due to: prison releases, commutation of sentence to life, and fewer sentences being handed down by the judiciary. As at 7th February 2014, the number of death row inmates stood at 301 inmates (283 men, 18 female) down from 406 inmates (377 male and 29 female) in 2013 and 505 inmates (470 male, 35 female) in 2012.



Commemorating the World Day Against the Death Penalty, 10th October 2013, Human Rights House, Nsambya

In the centre in black suit is H.E Stephano Dejark, the Italian Ambassador to Uganda. Next to him, to the left is Mr. Thomas Miller, First Secretary, Head of Governance, Trade and Private Sector at the EU Delegation in Uganda, Mr. Patrick Zizinga, ex-death row inmate, a senior prison officer, H.E Ms Mary Shockledge, Deputy British High Commissioner to Uganda and Hon Alice Alaso Member of Parliament and sponsor of the Private Members' bill.

Public opinion continues to shift in support of the abolition of the death penalty for certain offences. From an overwhelming support of the death penalty in 2005, the opinion survey conducted by Ipsos and commissioned by FHRI in May 2013 indicates a growing distaste among Ugandans for the imposition of the death penalty for offences such as treason, terrorism, defilement, corruption and robbery.

Challenges

Despite efforts to fast track the mitigation hearings, a large number of appeals are yet to be attended to. This slow pace is attributed to delays and frequent court adjournments as well as the slow pace of investigations.



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 major activity with five sub-components:

1. 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. Civil Society-Private –Public Sector outreach.
- v. Human rights song (*Ddembe lyange*).

Implementation

In order to strengthen voice and demand for democratic and social 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, dance and drama, the existing network of community paralegals and community based organizations, the Action benefits different sections of the public including; the private sector (manufacturers' associations, small and medium enterprises, trade unions, farmers' associations, rotary clubs, market vendors, transport sector and media associations), the public sector institutions, Uganda Local Government Association, faith based groups, universities, other tertiary institutions and community based human rights groups.

Planned Activities

In 2013, the following activities were planned:

Under the human rights monitoring and reporting component:

- One (1) training course for Kalangala community human rights monitors,
- Evaluation of the Kalangala human rights education program and,
- Evaluation of the EU supported Democratic Governance and Accountability Program (DGAP).

Under the social accountability component:

- Two (2) Music, dance & drama festivals,
- Launch of policy briefs at the regional level,

- Radio talk shows,
- Five (5) training sessions for representatives of special interest groups/ vulnerable groups,
- Vertical tracking of public expenditure on poverty eradication programmes,
- Interface meetings on policy briefs and vertical tracking findings,
- Eight (8) joint public campaigns on service delivery and human rights,
- Ten (10) dialogue meetings at sub county level on quality of service delivery,
- Two (2) training courses for district staff on website design, maintenance and use,
- Neighbourhood Assemblies and,
- E-society and website development.

Under the university outreach:

- The 6th Inter – University human rights competition,
- Seven (7) university human rights seminars/guest lectures and,
- Four (4) university human rights debates.

Under the Private Sector outreach:

- Launch of the Civil Society-Private -Public Sector Forum (CSPPF) and dissemination of the report,
- Three core group meetings and,
- Three regional CSPPF platforms.

Under the Human Rights song:

- Dissemination of the human rights song (*Ddembe lyange*).

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. This facilitates continuous monitoring of the state of governance in the country and enables them make appropriate demands for possible reforms in their community.

In 2013, FHRI conducted one, 5-day training course on human rights monitoring and reporting for community human rights monitors in Kalangala district at Upland hotel. A total of twenty five (25) community monitors including (10 female and 15 male) monitors from the islands of Kitobo and Kibanga were trained. The session was conducted by FHRI and officials from JLOS in Kalangala district. The course sought to equip the community human rights monitors with knowledge on human rights and practical skills for effective human rights monitoring, documentation and advocacy for practice change in Kalangala district.

Thereafter, FHRI conducted a monitoring visit to Kalangala district in order to assess the progress made by community human rights monitors and to provide them with technical back stopping. Focus Group discussions were held with community members, the monitors and officials from JLOS from 8th -13th May, 2013.

As part of the evaluation process, FHRI convened the end of project feedback meeting under the EU supported Action titled: *'Promoting good governance and democratic accountability through human rights monitoring and reporting, legislative advocacy and leadership development of human rights defenders in Uganda'* on 20th July 2013. The 2 year Action was implemented by FHRI from 21st July 2011 – 20th July 2013.

During the meeting, the partners and beneficiaries provided feedback on the quality of project implementation; assessed the extent to which the intended project objectives had been achieved; and documented successes and lessons learnt. The meeting was attended by forty one (41) beneficiaries and partners (20 female, 21 male) participants. They included: community monitors, students from the university human rights associations and staff of Parliament.



Mr Moses Omiat from SODANN, (standing) outlines progress made during the report back session on 20th July 2013, Human Rights House, Nsambya.

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

Under this component, FHRI works towards enhancing civic competence of community actors in order to strengthen social accountability in the central region of Uganda. FHRI implemented 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 local leaders, vulnerable persons as well as special interest groups.

In 2013, a series of activities were implemented:

i) Music, Dance and Drama (MDD) competitions.

Through the use of music, dance and drama, the community is conscientized about the daily challenges confronting them. Among these is poverty and unemployment.

On 24th January 2013, three (3) drama groups namely, Tweweeyo disability drama group from Luwero district, AHURICA drama group from Kayunga district and PWABCC drama group from Kiboga district, participated in the music dance and drama human rights and social accountability competition for vulnerable persons.

The event which was attended by one hundred forty (140) community members (61 female, 79 male) was officially flagged off by the Minister of State for elderly and disability affairs, Hon. Sulaiman Madaada. The Resident District Commissioner, Luwero district, Mr. Paul Lubowa, the deputy district speaker, Mr. Abdul Kasule, the chairperson LCIII, Luwero sub county, Mr. Semugabi Emmy and sub-county chief, Luwero sub county, Mr. Kigozi Mathias attended the event. Tweweeyo Disability Drama group from Luwero district emerged the overall winner.

On 26th February 2013, the second music, dance and drama competition took place at Kasana play grounds, Nyendo, Masaka district. Two drama groups namely, Masaka Human Rights Defenders Drama group and Bumangi - Mengo Women's Development Organization (BUMEWO) from Kalangala district competed. One hundred and thirty eight (138) community members (58 female, 80 male) attended the event. The Chief Administrative Officer, Masaka district, Mr. Kweyamba Ruhemba flagged off the competition. Masaka district emerged the winner.

ii) Validation workshop on policy briefs.

Following the monitoring visits conducted by the community monitors to assess the quality of service delivery in the health, water, and education sectors under this initiative, a validation meeting was held on 31st January 2013, to feed into the policy briefs compiled by the monitors.

The meeting held at Green Valley Hotel, Kampala was attended by seventeen (17) national and civic leaders from the target districts including representatives from the central government, local government and community based groups. Ms. Sarah Ayugi who represented the Commissioner, Rural Water and Sanitation in the Ministry of Water and Environment, Mr. Isabirye Mathias, the Education Officer, Kalangala district, Mr. Ouma Joseph, the Vice Chairperson, Kayunga district, Mr. Tom Gidudu, the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, Kiboga district, Ms. Adyero Christine the assistant District Health Officer, Luwero district, and Ms. Senfuma Florence, the district drug inspector, Luwero district, participated in the meeting.

On 22nd February 2013, FHRI launched the policy briefs at a public event in Lwamata sub- county, Kiboga district. Seventy six (76) community members (42 male, 34 female) participated. Hon. James Kabajo, Member of Parliament, Kiboga East, while launching the policy briefs, called upon citizens to be active watch-dogs. Mr. Agaba Medson, the vice chairperson, Kayunga district, Ms. Galimaaka Immaculate, the district information officer, Kayunga district and Mr. Alex Bamukyaye and the district information officer, Kiboga district, addressed the participants as well.



Left -right: Ms. Kabatwairwe Olive, Assistant Programmes Officer, CEW-IT, Mr. Mukasa Misusera, Consultant, CEW-IT, Hon. James Kabajo Kyewalabye, M.P. Kiboga East, Ms. Najjulu Meridah, LC 3 Vice Chairperson, Lwamata sub- county, Mr. Agaba Medson, Kiboga district vice chairperson, and Ms. Rose Nanyondo, Project Officer, FHRI, during the launch of the policy briefs, at Lwamata sub-county headquarters, 22nd February 2013.

iii) Radio Programmes.

In 2013, seventeen (17) radio talk shows were supported to promote public involvement in monitoring service delivery. The programs were aired on *Kalangala Community radio, Ssesse radio, Buddu FM, Equator radio, Radio Simba, Kiboga FM and Prime radio*. The radio programs reached an estimated listenership of 100,000 people. Table 4 gives a summary of the talk shows.

Table 4: Summary of the radio talk shows in 2013.

Date	Radio Station	Guests	Thematic Area/Topic
3/2/2013	Radio Simba, 97.3 FM	Vice chairperson & secretary for finance, Kayunga district, Mr. Ouma Joseph.	Budget performance (2012/2013).
22/2/2013	Radio Kiboga, 89.5 FM	District chairperson, Mr. Agaba Medson and PWABC coordinator, Mr. Mugabi Herbart.	Government programs in Kiboga district.
26/2/2013	Buddu, 98.8 FM	District speaker, Masaka; Mrs. Pheobe Kyewalabye.	Inclusion of Special Interest Persons in planning processes.
21/4/2013 (2 shows)	Radio Simba, 97.3 FM	District chairperson-Kayunga; Eng. Dagada Stephen.	The district planning process; Role of Community.
28/4/2013 (2 shows)	Radio Simba, 97.3 FM	District Inspector of Schools-Kayunga.	Redressing the gaps in education service delivery.
19/5/2013 (2 shows)	Radio Simba, 97.3 FM	District chairperson-Kayunga; Eng. Dagada Stephen. District Information Officer, Ms. Galimaka Immaculate.	Roads and works department performance; 2012/2013 FY.
7/5/ 2013	Prime radio, 91.9 FM	Project Officer, FHRI; Ms. Rose Nanyondo	The concept of social accountability.
15/5/ 2013	Prime radio, 91.9 FM	Assistant District Water Officer-Luwero district.	Water supply and distribution.
10/6/ 2013	Prime radio, 91.9 FM	District PWD councillor -Luwero; Ms. Deborah Nalubega.	Participation of vulnerable persons.

1/5/2013	Kalangala Community Radio	Chairperson, district social services committee; Ms. Nakawungu Resty & representative of the District Health Officer; Mr. Katende Richard.	Maternal health
29/5/2013	Kalangala Community radio	Senior Education Officer, Kalangala district, Mr. Katta Luwalagga & district youth chairperson, Mr. Frank Semakula.	Access to education.
28/4/2013	Radio Kiboga, 89.5 FM	PWABC coordinator, Mr. Mugabi Herbart	The state of social services in Kiboga district.
29/4/2013	Radio Kiboga, 89.5 FM	NAADS coordinator, Dwanilo S/C & LC III Chairperson.	The NAADS programme.
19/6/2013	Equator Radio, 93.0 FM	Senior district rehabilitation officer, Masaka district, Mr. Miiri Deo.	Access to social services for PWDs; milestones in Masaka.

iv) Training sessions for elected representatives of vulnerable groups.

In 2013, five- 2 day training sessions for elected representatives of vulnerable groups were conducted. In Masaka district the training was conducted on 20th March 2013, at the district *Lukiiko* hall, for Kayunga district on 25th March 2013 at Kayonza sub county headquarters, for Luwero district on 27th March 2013 at Bwayo guest house, for Kalangala district, on 10th April 2013 at Upland hotel and for Kiboga district on 12th April 2013 at Brovix hotel, Lwamata.

The training was conducted in form of skills building sessions sought to equip the trainees with knowledge, practical skills and techniques in public speaking, lobbying and advocacy. In Masaka, Mr. Kalungi Joseph, the district chairperson officiated at the opening ceremony while Mrs. Pheobe Kyewalaabye, the district speaker, presented a paper on, *"Hierarchy in the district council; the role of women representatives"*. In Kayunga, Mr. Ntege Kizito, the district speaker, discussed the *Persons With Disabilities Act, 2006* and stressed the importance of training and inducting councillors representing persons with disabilities. In Luwero district, the training session was presided over by the district chairperson, Hajj Abdul Nadduli who cautioned elected representatives against corruption.



These training sessions were attended by a total of one hundred and fifty-two (152) persons (70 female, 82 male).

Left -Right: Mrs. Proscovia Namanse, Luwero district speaker, Mr. Mulani Mukibi, Secretary for Works and Technological development Luwero district, Hajji Abdul Nadduli, (standing) Chairperson LC V Luwero District and Hon. Ibrahim Muwulize Norman, facilitator, at the opening session of the training of councillors representing persons with disabilities on 25th March 2013 at Kayonza sub-county headquarters.

v) Vertical tracking of public expenditure of poverty eradication programmes.

In 2013, a total of twenty four (24) monitoring visits were conducted by the community monitors in the target districts. The purpose of the visits was to track the use of public funds remitted by the central government to local governments to promote service delivery.



Community monitors examining water pipes at Kakabala valley dam in Dwaniro sub-county, Kiboga district, 22nd May 2013.

Twenty four projects were visited that are representative of the education, water, agriculture and health sectors. In Masaka district, the visits took place from 10th – 12th April 2013, in Kiboga district from 22nd – 25th May 2013, in Kalangala district from 3rd – 8th May 2013, Kayunga district from 30th April – 7th May 2013 and Luwero district from 8th - 15th May 2013.

vi) Interface meetings between local leaders and citizens.

In 2013, fifteen, 1-day interface meetings were held at the rate of 3 per district in 5 target districts to disseminate the findings from the vertical tracking process.

vii) Joint public campaigns.

To increase the dissemination of the findings from the vertical tracking of public expenditure, eight, 1- day joint public campaigns conducted as parallel activities to the 1st May 2013 labour day celebrations in each of the target districts.

viii) Community dialogues at district and sub county level.

Community dialogues were held in six districts and 14 sub-counties in the target districts with the support of FHRI. The theme of each of the meetings was, “*Bridging gaps in service delivery; stakeholder analysis.*” Table 5 below provides a summary of the dialogues.

Table 5: District and sub-county based dialogues (2013).

District level dialogues				
S/N	Date	Venue	District	Major concerns
1.	12/4/2013	Mugoye sub-county (s/c) Headquarters (Hq)	Kalangala	Staff absenteeism: teachers and health workers.
2.	15/4/2013	Dwanilo s/c Hq.	Kiboga	Long distances walked by mothers to health centres.
3.	16/4/2013	Kimanya Kyabakuza s/c Hq.	Masaka	High ratio of teacher to pupil. Concealment of Bills of Quantities for public projects.
4.	18/4/2013	Youth Centre Katikamu-Wobulenzi Town Council.	Luwero	Water source break downs especially boreholes. Lack of response from the leaders.
5.	19/4/2013	District Hqtrs.	Luwero	Bad governance: Claims of corruption in the implementation of government programmes such as NAADS.
6.	22/4/2013	Bbaale S/C Hq.	Kayunga	High school dropout rates and lack of staff houses which leads to teacher absenteeism.
Sub County level dialogues;				
1.	22/4/2013	Mabuye Primary School (PS) Kamira	Luwero	Commercialization of water sources. Overcrowding at water sources.
2.	23/4/2013	Nambeere PS	Luwero	Corruption in government procurement processes.
3.	24/4/2013	Kasekulo landing Site	Kalangala	Lack of teachers/Low retention.
4.	25/4/2013	Kayunga village	Kalangala	Access to education facilities, defilement and prostitution.
5.	26/4/2013	Kagululwe village	Kalangala	There is only one secondary school in the whole sub county.
6.	28/4/2013	Kisagai Hills PS	Kiboga	Lack of income generating activities for vulnerable groups.
7.	29/4/2013	Bugabo village	Kiboga	Lack of water for the animals yet they are the source of income and livelihood.
8.	24/4/2013	Gulama PS	Masaka	Child labour, broken down boreholes.
9.	26/4/2013	Kayonza	Kayunga	Lack of schools for special needs children.
10.	9/5/2013	Kabonera	Masaka	Health workers' absenteeism
11.	10/5/2013	Kyabakuza trading centre	Masaka	School dropout, inadequate water sources, congestion in Masaka hospital.
12.	7/5/2013	Kamwozi village	Masaka	Lack of functional LCs, insecurity, land grabbing.
12.	12/5/2013	Gayaza village	Masaka	Poor hygiene in schools.
14.	30/4/2013	Kasokwe parish hall	Kayunga	Lack of adequate water sources. One borehole serves over 5 villages.

ix) Neighbourhood Assemblies.

Neighbourhood Assemblies (NAs) are mechanisms voluntarily established by communities to promote social accountability. In 2013, FHRI supported seventeen (17) NAs in the five target districts including *Asigala Talaama* in Masaka district, *Bugabo* in Kiboga district and *Kyaato* in Kayunga.

x) Website development and E-society support.

Under this initiative, the use of modern communication methods is supported to strengthen monitoring of the quality of service delivery. In 2013, district local governments were supported to construct websites where there was none and update those in existence.

Technical support was extended to the district information officers, district planners, statisticians and records officers in four (4) of the target districts: Luwero district from 14th to 15th March 2013, Masaka district from 11th-12th April 2013, Kiboga district from 18 - 19th June 2013 and, Kayunga district from 24th -25th June 2013.

c) University Human Rights Network (UHRN)

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

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

In pursuit of this goal, the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) in partnership with Uganda Christian University, (UCU), Mukono convened the 6th Inter- University human rights competition at the University Main hall on 9th March, 2013.

Seventeen (17) universities participated in the competition. These included Kampala International University, Nkumba University, Makerere University, Kyambogo University, Uganda Christian University, Mukono, Gulu University, Busitema University, Islamic University in Uganda (Mbale campus), Islamic University in Uganda (female's campus), Uganda Pentecostal University, Mountains of the Moon University, Uganda Martyrs University-Nkozi, St. Lawrence University, Muteesa I Royal University, Cavendish University, Busoga University and Mbarara University of Science and Technology. A total of four hundred fifty eight (458) students (256 female, 202 male) participated in the event.

The event was officially flagged off by Ms. Danette Sullivan, the Political Officer, United States Embassy in Uganda who represented H.E the US Ambassador to Uganda, Ambassador Scott DeLisi.

The occasion was also graced with the presence of Hon. Jovah Kamateeka (MP), Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights, Hon. Chris Baryomunsi (MP) Kinkizi West representing the Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga, Speaker of Parliament, Rev. Milton Tweheyo, Director Students' Affairs, UCU, Mukono and Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, FHRI's Executive Director.

The students had earlier researched and made oral presentations on *electoral democracy, democratic accountability, right to life, liberty and security of person, right to a fair trial, economic social and cultural rights, right to education, and Uganda's Vision 2040*.

A panel of human rights experts assessed each of these presentations and conferred awards upon outstanding performers. The panel of judges included Mr Solomon Kirunda, legal counsel to the Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee, Mr. Denis Kibirige from the 1st Parliamentary Counsel in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Ms Jessica Senyonjo, Policy and Advocacy officer, Plan International and Mr. Charles Mwangushya from the Monitor Publications.



Left – right: Ms. Danette Sullivan, Political Officer, US Embassy in Kampala and Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director, FHRI, listen attentively as the students make their presentations during the 6th Inter-University human rights competition on 9th March 2013, at UCU, Mukono

Busitema University emerged winner of the 6th Inter – University human rights competition while Uganda Pentecostal University was the 1st runner up, and Gulu University scooped the 2nd runner up award.



A cross section of university students attending the 6th inter-university human rights competition, UCU Mukono, 9th March 2013.



The panel of judges: left to right: Mr Solomon Kirunda, parliamentary counsel, Mr Denis Kibirige, Legislative Counsel, Ms Jessica Senyonjo, Program Officer, Plan International and Mr Charles Mwangushya, Monitor publications, during the 6th Inter-university human rights competition, 9th March 2013, UCU, Mukono.



The winners: Jubilant Busitema university students pose with Hon. Chris Baryomunsi (3rd from right) on 9th March 2013, UCU, Mukono.

Human rights debates were also held by various universities. For example, on 12th April 2013, Mbarara university human rights club organized a guest lecture/debate under the theme, *'The role of the youth in the democratic process in Uganda'*. Fifty one (51) (15 female, 36 male) students participated in the debate.

A human rights debate convened by Gulu university human rights association was held on 14th June 2013, under the theme, *'freedom of association and assembly'*. One fifty three (153) students (68 female, 85 male) participated in the debate. The occasion was graced by Ms Aceng Margaret, Dean of Students, Gulu University, Mr. John Abwola, Program Coordinator; AID Africa in Gulu district, Mr. Peter Keller, Executive Director AID Africa and Mr. Elly Kasirye, Project Assistant, FHRI.

On 21st June 2013, the Islamic University in Uganda, Mbale Campus held its internal debate on, *'The judiciary and accountability'*. The Chief Magistrate Grade II in Mbale, His Worship Mukwasi Paul was the lead facilitator during the debate. One hundred eighty four (184 students) (76 female, 108 male) took part.



*A procession through Jinja town to commemorate the launch of the human rights club in Kampala University, Jinja campus, 4th October 2013.
The event was supported by FHRI.*

Mbarara University of Science and Technology Human Rights Association held its debate on the 28th June 2013. The students addressed themselves to the topic: *'freedom of association and assembly'*, with respect to the Public Order Management Bill, 2009. One hundred twenty three (123) students (53 female, 70 male) participated in the debate.

On 20th July 2013, Gulu University under the auspices of Lango Joint University and Tertiary Institutions Student's Association (LASA- Joint) convened a human rights debate at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Lira. The chief guest at the event was Hon. Akena James, MP, Lira Municipality, who commended the youth movement from the Lango region. 13 universities and 20 tertiary institutions participated in the debate.

Being the newest member of the network, Kampala University, Jinja campus launched her human rights club at a colourful ceremony on 4th October 2013 at the campus.

d) Civil Society - Private –Public Sector Partnership.

Following the successful launch of the preparatory Civil Society- Private Sector Forum on 23rd September 2012 at the Nice House of Plastics Conference Hall, UMA Show Grounds, FHRI, Crown Beverages, National NGO Forum, Uganda Manufacturers Association, Network of Ugandan Researchers and Research Users, Women and Young Peoples' Leadership Academy, Uganda Government and Allied Workers Union, United Bank for Africa, Uganda Small Scale Industries Association, Muslim Center for Justice and Law and Human Capital Development Consult spearheaded the launch of the Civil Society-Private-Public Sector Forum, (CSPPSF) on 11th July 2013 at UMA multi-purpose conference hall. The Forum seeks to provide a common platform for dialogue and collective advocacy for economic and social transformation of Uganda.

The launch of the CSPPSF was attended by five hundred eighty eight (588) delegates (425 male, 163 female). While launching the forum, the Minister of State for Trade and Cooperatives, **Hon.** David Wakikona, welcomed the initiative and remarked that:

'Projects executed in partnership between the Private Sector and Civil Society would go a long way in building human and social capital, improve access to education, nutrition and health services, strengthen democratic institutions and public accountability, invigorate civil society and enhance greater citizen participation.'

The event was also graced with the presence of H.E Dr. Roberto Ridolfi, EU Head of Delegation to Uganda, Mrs Margaret Sekagya, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of human rights defenders, Mr. Gideon Bagadawa, Executive Director, Private Sector Foundation- Uganda (PSFU), Eng. Kasingye Kyabagambi, Ag. Executive Director, National Planning Authority (NPA), Mr. Richard Sewakiryanga, Executive Director, Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), and Ms. Imelda Namagga, Senior Program officer, Uganda Debt Network (UDN).



Guests leave after the launch of the CSPPSF, 11th July 2013, UMA Show Grounds, Lugogo

Front row left – right : H.E Dr. Roberto Ridolfi, Head of the EU Delegation in Uganda and Hon. David Wakikona, Minister of State for Trade and Cooperatives. Accompanying them are the two Co-Chairs of the CSPPSF Core Group, Dr. Maggie Kigozi, (in brown top) and Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana (in dark blue suit).

In 2013, 11 core group meetings to plan for the implementation of the Forum activities were hosted on a rotational basis by FHRI, Private Sector Foundation Uganda and NSSF. The forum has adopted four main program areas:

monitoring the national budget framework; review of the national tax policy regime; promotion of education and technical skills, and, fostering good governance practices. The CSPPSF is spearheaded by a core group co-chaired by Dr. Maggie Kigozi, Executive Director, Crown Beverages and Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director, FHRI.

A Coordination Unit of the CSPPSF has been set up at the Democracy House located on Plot 1111 Nsambya.

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 lyange*' translated as '*my rights*' by Dr. Hilderman of Zungli Hood entertainment. In 2013, the song was widely disseminated and popularised over traditional media, social media tools and played at a number of events.



Dr Hilderman (in red t-shirt) performing at the at the 3rd National Civil Society Organisations Fair, 4th July 2013, Hotel Africana, Kampala.



Left –Right: Ms Rose Mwesigwa, Ag. Director, Finance and Administration, FHRI with Dr. Hiderman, at the CSO Fair, 4th July 2013, Hotel Africana, Kampala.

Outcome

Under the Civic Education program, FHRI has empowered communities in the districts of Kayunga, Luwero, Lugazi, Kumi, Kalangala, Kiboga, Serere and Kasese to demand for better service delivery. For example, Galiraya Health

Centre III in Kayunga district received one extra Nursing officer to deal with the shortage of health workers; a kitchen was constructed at Namalere Primary School to improve quality of school feeding; the bore hole in Kawolokota Parish was repaired to improve access to clean and safe water, while the Education Ordinance that requires children to attend school is now actively enforced.

In Luwero district, following a series of activities on social accountability in the district, the local leaders resolved to convene an annual social accountability day which fosters dialogue with citizens on service delivery. The first such event was held on 29th May 2013 and was presided over by Hon Nyombi Tembo, Minister of State for ICT.

In Lugazi, the Universal Human Rights Defenders and Activists, one of the recipients of FHRI's support convened a dialogue under the theme, '*Social public accountability forum*' on 5th June 2013. The aim of the forum was to disseminate the findings of a research that was undertaken by the group on the state of Kawolo hospital in Lugazi. Local government officials were put to task to explain the poor state of the hospital. The district official took advantage of the forum to disseminate information on current community projects supported by the local government.

In Kalangala district, community human rights monitors have founded and registered a community group called Ssesse Human Rights and Economic Promoters. The group seeks to actively engage in human rights promotional work and economic empowerment.

Finally, Rwenzorie Peace Bridge for Reconciliation in Kasese, a member of the CBO network of FHRI has been co-opted on to the JLOS District Coordination Committee in Kasese district as a representative of civil society while in Kayunga, the FHRI community partner, Action for Human Rights and Civic Awareness has promoted corrective action and speedy hearing of cases within JLOS.

On the other hand, the student's human rights network has also grown. This is evidenced by the increase in numbers of the student membership in the university human rights associations since the commencement of this Action. An increase in membership of 47% has been recorded from 2011 to 2013. This is partly attributed to the increased support and guidance extended to these university associations by FHRI.

The associations are becoming more visible and widely accepted within the university administration. For example, the Vice Chancellor of Nkumba University, Prof P. Mugambi has been very supportive of the human rights association in Nkumba and has extended financial support towards its activities. Likewise the Vice Chancellor of Uganda Christian University Dr. Rev. John Senyonyi has been supportive of the association's activities and generously contributed to the 6th inter – university competition.

Another indicator of growth of the students' movement is the increase in the number of universities interested in participating in the inter-university competition. From eleven (11) in 2012 the number has increased to twenty seven (27) human rights associations comprising of: Busoga University, Ndejje University, Nkozi University, Makerere University, Makerere University Business School, Kampala University (Gaba), Kampala International University (Kansanga), Bugema University, Nkumba University, Kyambogo University, Uganda Christian University (Mukono), Gulu University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST), the Islamic University IUIU (Kaboja), Cavendish University, Mutesa 1 Royal University, Mountains of the Moon University (Fort Portal), Pentecostal University (Fort portal), St Lawrence University, Kumi University, Busitema University, Uganda Christian University (Arua), Kabale University, Lango Joint Universities and Tertiary Institutions Students' Association (LASA-Joint), Bishop Stuart University (Mbarara) and Kampala University (Jinja).

Due to the growing interest in human rights and social justice among students, a number of students from the associations have, on their own initiative, participated in activities that promote human rights, democracy and good governance. For example, FHRI now has a total of eighty four (84) university students who have joined the

organisation as members. On the other hand, the Citizens Coalition for Electoral Democracy (CCEDU) has a student membership of eight hundred forty one (841) students who actively participate in the activities of CCEDU. Some of the students are pursuing careers within human rights organisations for example in CCEDU, FHRI, CEW-IT and HURINET.

With support from FHRI, the associations have introduced platforms in their universities to facilitate regular debate and discussions of key human rights and governance concerns in Uganda. For example, the human rights associations in Gulu and Nkumba universities have established *The Students' Parliament*. This platform is open to the entire student community who wish to debate contemporary governance issues.

To strengthen voice and accountability, the students from Lango sub-region who are also members of the University Human Rights Network, formed the Lango Joint Universities and Tertiary Institutions Students' Association (LASA –JOINT) in 2013. FHRI has supported human rights seminars and debates within this framework.

Lastly, Gulu university human rights association has replicated FHRI's inter-university human rights competition by hosting similar debates among secondary schools in the districts of Amuru, Kitgum and Gulu.

The CSPPSF is steadily taking root evidenced by the growing interest in this forum among the general public and other stakeholders. From an initial membership of 25, the CSPPSF core group has now grown to 54 civil society, public and private sector institutions AND notably among them is the Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU), Crown Beverages, National Social Security Fund (NSSF), the National Planning Authority (NPA), United Bank for Africa (UBA), Federation of Uganda Employers (FUE), Uganda Local Government Association (ULGA), Uganda Small Scale Industries Association (USSIA), Indian Women Association of Uganda, Ministry of Works and Transport, NGO Forum, Uganda Insurers' Association, Uganda Joint Christian Council (UJCC) and the National Association of Researchers and Research Users in Uganda (NURRU).

The human rights song '*Ddembe Lyo*', translated as '*Your rights*' composed by Dr. Hilderman was nominated by New Vision readers in association with Twaweza Initiative as one of the best songs of the year because of its constructive and meaningful message. **(New Vision, Monday, December 9 2013- Musicians making a difference)**. For example, a New vision reader said:

'Henry Kiyaga aka Hilderman was nominated not for any other song but for his song 'Ddembe lyo' packed with a message that was relevant especially at the time of its release.'

Feature Section, New Vision page 61, December 9th 2013



Human rights are the greatest asset-Hilderman



Today Gloria
I have listened to the song a
couple of times and found it very
nervous. Our priority in life is to be free
if someone takes it away from you then
they have robbed you of the most
precious gift.....

**Donald Bategeka,
Businessman,
Hoima district, 2013**

- In July 1997, for nomination, the "best" or "strongest" of the following principles were identified:
 - The competition should be open to all interested parties
 - It should be conducted using the most appropriate and to convey the best message and information to the public
 - It should be made available to all interested parties to ensure the accessibility of the information
 - It should be made to be transparent and to be the best possible

Demer has, as he explains, also tackled the very same handles: demonstrations and protests against his lab in most cases being characterized with violations of human rights, abuse and the need for democracy in government.

Longtime *Sensations* producer, *Blackout*, 1991, who frequently sampled Africanian in his song tales of the common knowledge with which the song was filled, opening the lyrics that were affecting people in the street.

"The first time I had a room and the song was during a legal trial and then we got married in Vietnam and before we married the old people stood up to dance to it and I think this is because it contains their worship song," says the singer.

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According to Jaffer Soraingani, president NQAL, the last time he heard pleading, he was inspired by the content of the song as a birthday wish.

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"We need such orders that ensure

'The song Dembe Lyo has inspired me so much. I studied a different course from what I am doing now. One does not have to force you to do a course you do not want to do.'

**Sam Luyinda,
Computer Importer,
Kampala Road, 2013.**

What they say about Hilderman

**Joshua Lumel, Manager
Image Plus Studio**
Hillman's song
Older (70)
has inspired me
in that I have
learned to do
what I feel, like
the vast other
family members want
me to do. I refuse to depend
to be independent in whatever
decisions they make, not to
depend on their influences.

Sam Luyckx, computer importer on Kampala's The wing Island, the tropical archipelago, studies a different course from what I am doing. "One does not have to teach you to do a course," he says. "You want."

Wilton Katende graphic designer

Mark Lubaga, Senior
Two student of Uganda
Martyrs SS Nemaugongo
Power alone
freedom. If you
will peace
make peace
with allies.
Uganda has
freedom,
but it is being
abused. Replace
all to listen to Idi Amin's
Kampala Ave

Ronald Samayayco, Senior Three student Santa High, Hialeah, says "Amen" makes me feel that my dreams will come true. The youth should use their talent in making whatever they want, but they need the guidance of their parents.

of 2007, when he learned of the film. He was only in his job for nearly a year, and he was a new member of the Mensheviks. On his way around the world in 2007, he joined a new chess team, and this became his last year.

Given the high poverty levels and social pressures among the majority population, there is a growing demand for knowledge, skills and capacity to respond. FHRI notwithstanding its successes so far will have to invest more in sensitisation of the public as well as increase access to legal aid services to victims of human rights abuse.



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 three activities:

- 1: Communication and Information services.
2. IT Section.
3. Membership strengthening and development.

Implementation

FHRI has an Information Centre that provides library, internet and secretarial support services; issues three (3) e-newsletters annually; conducts book exhibitions; maintains an Information Management System (IMS); 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 oversees membership recruitment and development.

Planned Activities

In 2013, the unit sought to provide information and internet services to users; publish e-newsletters; conduct a book exhibition; organize media briefings; issue press releases, Urgent Actions/Appeals; oversee the publication and dissemination of the 2012 FHRI Annual report; install an IMS; update the library information database; update the FHRI website and face book page and organise the 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Output

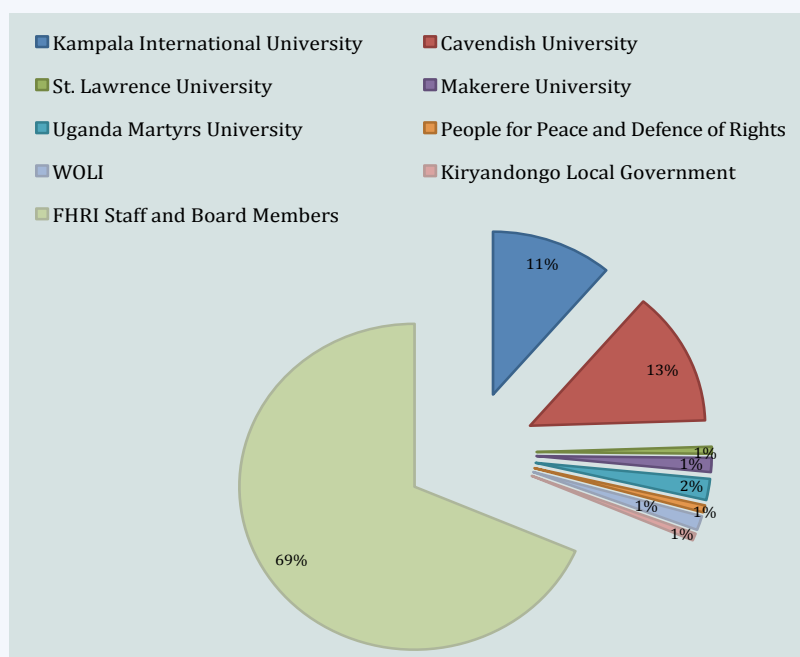
1. Communication and Information Services

Under this component, the sharing of human rights related information among human rights defenders, researchers, students and the general public was 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 2013, the Information Centre provided library services to one hundred forty three (143) users (91 female, 52 male) beneficiaries. The majority of users were students from academic institutions as shown in figure 5 below:

Figure 5: Category of Information Centre Users in 2013.



Other users were members of the general public. The Centre received two hundred and seventeen new materials (217) received from civil society organizations, research centres and government agencies.

The Centre published three editions of the *FHRI e-newsletter* and there were issued in January 2013 (*Volume 11: October – December 2012*); June 2013 (*Volume 12: January – May 2013*) and October 2013 (*Volume 13 June – September 2013*). The Centre kept the FHRI membership and other stakeholders regularly informed of new developments in human rights and organisational matters.

The Information Centre upgraded the FHRI's website to a more interactive and informative site in 2013. The FHRI face-book page is up and running. The *u-tube* through which audio visuals are played is also functional.

In 2013, the Information Centre installed the KOHA database. This software improves the visibility of the library collection. Users can now access materials using this online facility.

As part of the current awareness drive, the Centre conducted eleven (11) exhibitions of FHRI literature at the following events in 2013:

- The Annual Many human rights film festival & exhibition under the theme: '*social media in promoting the rule of law, good governance, democracy and transparency*'; 12th – 14th December 2013, National Theatre, Kampala.
- The 2nd Uganda Public Sector Innovation conference; 9th – 10th December 2013, Hotel Africana, Kampala.
- The civil society and parliamentary consultative forum; 3rd December 2013; Golf Course Hotel, Kampala.
- The land awareness week; 25th - 29th November 2013; Hotel Africana, Kampala.
- The National Conference on Religion, Human Rights and Peace in Uganda; 20th - 21st November 2013, Kampala Sheraton Hotel.
- The Kampala International University (KIU) bazaar; 4th - 12th September 2013, KIU.
- Press conference on the Public Order Management Bill; 9th August 2013, Hotel Africana, Kampala.

- The launch of the Civil Society-Private-Public Sector Forum; 11th July 2013, UMA Show Grounds, Lugogo.
- The 3rd National Civil Society Organizations' fair; 4th – 5th July 2013, Hotel Africana, Kampala.
- The commemoration of the World Day Against Torture; 26th June 2013, Buganda Road play grounds and;
- The Expert Roundtable on juvenile justice in Uganda; 22nd May 2013, Silver springs hotel, Kampala.

In 2013, FHRI visited six (6) information centres to strengthen partnerships and share best practices in modern information management. These included Uganda Christian University, Mukono library, The American Information Centre, HURINET, Makerere University, National Library of Uganda and the Uganda National Bureau of Statistics.

b) Public Affairs Unit

The Public Affairs Unit promotes the FHRI corporate image and creates awareness of services rendered by the organisation. The unit reaches out to the media and the greater public in support of FHRI advocacy agenda.

In 2013, FHRI responded to key human rights issues as they emerged. This was done through press releases, media interviews and rapid response fact finding missions. Some of the issues that FHRI responded to that were captured in the media and key among these were the issues of public order management, homosexuality and non-discrimination, death penalty, torture, media freedom, terrorism, electoral reform and bail, among others.

In 2013, fifty seven (57) media articles and fifty one (51) interviews featuring FHRI activities and positions on key human rights concerns were covered in the print and electronic media as illustrated in table 6 below:

Table 6: FHRI in the media (2013).

Media House	Title
Bukedde, May 16 th 2013	<i>Temulemesa bantu kweyogerera mutteka lyenkungaana</i>
Daily Monitor, January 31 st 2013	Youth told to show interest in government plans.
Daily Monitor, February 12 th 2013	Arrests mar Butalejja voting exercise
Daily Monitor, March 11 th 2013	Bill to scrap punishment by death in the offing.
Daily Monitor, March 27 th 2013	Did Ugandans just forget about lower local council elections?
Daily Monitor, March 27 th 2013	Discussion on the UN Secretary - General's 2013 report to the Human Rights Council on the death penalty by FHRI and PRI
Daily Monitor, March 27 th 2013	UK MP urges Uganda lawmakers to abolish death penalty
Daily Monitor, March 30 th 2013	280 inmates incarcerated without sentence-judge
Daily Monitor, April 5 th 2013	Make electoral reforms now for the readiness for 2016 general elections
Daily Monitor, April 12 th 2013	FHRI and PRI submission to the UN Secretary General on the question of the death penalty in East Africa: Kenya and Uganda: Changes in law and practice
Daily Monitor, April 30 th 2013	How FHRI has enabled Government achieve its National Development Goals
Daily Monitor, April 30 th 2013	Striving to guard human rights
Daily Monitor, May 1 st 2013	Principal Judge to colleagues: Stick to judicial core values
Daily Monitor, May 8 th 2013	In Uganda, industries grow at the expense of workers
Daily Monitor, June 3 rd 2013	FHRI pushing for Constitutionalism
Daily Monitor, August 16 th 2013	Activists to government: you can't defend order Bill
Daily Monitor, August 11 th 2013	Civil Society Organizations sue government over Bill on Public Order Management
Daily Monitor, September 6 th 2013	Rights activists renew call for abolition of death penalty

Daily Monitor, October 3 rd 2013	Anti –pornography Bill back
Daily Monitor, October 21 st 2013	2016 polls: What will influence Voters?
Daily Monitor, October 24 th 2013	Rights Boss bags defenders’ award
Daily Monitor, December 10 th 2013	State of human rights worrying.
Daily Monitor, January 9 th 2013	Free Information flow will raise levels of civic consciousness
Daily Monitor, Dec 10 th 2013	Government must be held accountable
Daily Monitor, Feb 4 2013	24 observers to monitor Butalejja polls
Daily Monitor, March 1 2013	Civil Society , EC in Kenya to monitor Election
Daily Monitor, July 31 2013	When Museveni told teachers to look for greener pastures he meant it
Daily Monitor, July 16 th 2013	CSO’s private sector to address budget misuse
Daily Monitor, 29 th October 2013	All Ugandans need is clarity on succession, Political transition
Daily Monitor, 29 th October 2013	Justice delayed. Cases shelved for decades
Daily Monitor, November 1 st 2013	Activists still threatened
Daily Monitor, November 21 st 2013	Museveni told not to drag police into politics
Daily Monitor, November 29 th 2013	FHRI boss wins Rights accolade
Daily Monitor, December 4 th 2013	Ongoing regional constitutional and electoral changes should prompt reform in our country
Daily Monitor ,December 4 th 2013	MPs to table electoral reforms bill in House
Daily Monitor, September 3 rd 2013	Shoot to kill policy returns
Daily Monitor, November 27 th 2013	Kampala South police boss faces law suit over assault of lawyer
Daily Monitor, Jan 28 th 2013	Youth advised by Minister Madada
Daily Monitor, 7 th December 2013	Tribute to Nelson Mandela
New Vision, October 18 th 2013	Presidential runner up should be MP
New Vision, December 4 th 2013	Electoral Reforms for June
New Vision ,December 9 th 2013	Human Rights are the greatest asset
New Vision, July 15 th 2013	Private Sector, Civil Society to support government
New Vision, December 10 th 2013	Laws not fully implemented
Red Pepper, December 29 th 2013	Why Government must create salaries commission
The Independent, November 1 st 2013	Activist Sewanyana wins Human Rights Award.
The Independent, May 31 – June 6 2013	Events of the week
The Investigator, August 9 th 2013	Unlawful: Human rights activists dare President Museveni to assent to the Public Order Management Bill and they drag government to Court, as they attack Deputy Speaker and accuse him of being the President’s puppet.
New Vision, February 27 th 2013	Uganda’s civil society sends poll observers to Kenya.
New Vision, March 29 th 2013	Activists ask MPs to abolish death penalty.
New Vision, May 23 rd 2013	More children committing crime, says judge.
New Vision ,September 12 th 2013	Civil society wants term limits for Members of Parliament.
New Vision, September 19 th 2013	Lining behind Candidates cheaper for Local Council polls
New Vision, September 19 th 2013	Presidential Runner up should be MP
New vision, October 29 th 2013	Sewanyana wins the Regional Pan African Human Rights Award.
New Vision, May 20 2013	Traders seek help from Rights Body
The Observer, May 27 th 2013	Members of Parliament condemn closure of Red Pepper, Monitor media houses.
The Observer, December 10 th 2013	Civil Society has duty to engage government.
The Observer, May 24 th -26 th 2013	Besigye Raila Should be in parliament
The Observer, May 31 st June 2013	Day 4 Monitor Red Pepper Remain closed

The Observer, May 1 -2 2013	Let us reflect on worker's Rights
The Observer, July 19 -21 2013	Fellow citizens we need to worry
The Red Pepper, September 23 rd 2013	Electorla Commission fires forty over poll malpractices.
The Red Pepper, September 24 th 2013	Civil Society Organisations condemn alshabaab
The Red Pepper, October 21 st 2013	Unmasking activists - Sewanyana.
The Red Pepper, November 04 th 2013	Uganda shines at AU Awards.
The Red Pepper, December 10 th 2013	Activists slum Police as world marks the International Human Rights day.

In terms of rapid response, FHRI mobilised staff and other civil society organisations to protest the closure of the Daily Monitor and Red Pepper media houses on 20th May 2013. FHRI issued a public statement that condemned the act as an assault on media freedom, expressed solidarity with the media houses, and called on Government to re-open the two media stations unconditionally.

Similarly, on 9th August 2013, FHRI addressed a press conference to express disapproval at the manner in which the Public Order Management Bill, 2011 had been passed in Parliament. The media briefing was held at Hotel Africana.

On 22nd October 2013, Dr Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director, FHRI, scooped the sub-regional Pan African Human Rights Defenders' Award (2012) for Eastern Africa. The award ceremony took place on 22nd October 2013 during the 54th ordinary session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in Banjul, Gambia. He accepted the award on 31st October 2013 at a ceremony held in his honour which was graced by H.E Alphons Hennekens, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands in Uganda and Ms. Birgit Gerstenberg, representative of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Uganda, at the Human Rights House, Nsambya.

Earlier on 15th July, 2013, Dr Livingstone Sewanyana was awarded the Shanti K. Khinduka Award for Social Development from the Simmons College, School of Social Work in the US together and Makerere University. Dr. Sewanyana received the award during the 18th Biennial International Consortium for Social Development Symposium hosted in Kampala from 15th – 19th July 2013, where he delivered the key note address.

Even much earlier in the year, on 13th May 2013, FHRI and the East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP) hosted the Italian Ambassador to Uganda H.E Stefano Dejak who paid a courtesy call to express solidarity with human rights defenders.

In 2013, FHRI hosted four delegations: Simmons College, School of Social Work, USA at the Human Rights House on 15th July 2013 and 19th July 2013; Drake University on 27th May 2013 and the International Law Institute (ILI) on 9th November 2013. The visiting delegations were addressed by the Executive Director, Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana and Training Officer, Ms. Rose Nanyondo.

c) The Documentation Unit

In 2013, FHRI published seven hundred fifty (750) copies of the Annual Report (2012). Copies of the report were widely distributed to development partners, government agencies, civil society groups, media, academia, FHRI membership and the general public.

2. IT Section

The IT Section ensures that an efficient IMS is in place. It also promotes the use of ICTs and social media for human rights advocacy.

In 2013, the Section updated the FHRI website at www.fhri.or.ug and FHRI face book page. During the year FHRI

added new features on the website that included the **Twitter** @FHRI2, **Blog** at fhri91.blogspot.com and **You tube** at www.youtube.com/user/fhriuganda. The section also maintains a Local Area Network (LAN) to support information sharing internally.

3. Membership Development

FHRI prioritizes membership development in order to promote membership involvement and strengthen collective advocacy.

As part of membership development, on 10th August 2013, the FHRI Patron, Prof. Dr. George Kanyeihamba delivered his inaugural lecture titled; **‘Democratic Governance and the Role of Civil Society in Uganda’**, at the 17th Annual General Meeting of FHRI held at the Human Rights House, Nsambya.

Membership participation in FHRI campaigns was also registered in form of members’ involvement in the national and international election observer missions: in Butaleja district on 11th March 2013, Kenya (26th February – 6th March 2013) and Zimbabwe (24th July – 3rd August 2013). The FHRI members resident in Kiboga, Kayunga, Masaka, Kalangala and Luwero districts actively participated in activities promoting social accountability.

Outcome

FHRI’s visibility and public ratings improved significantly in 2013.

FHRI’s leadership and participation in the peaceful demonstration when the Monitor Newspaper and Red Pepper were closed by Government on 20th May 2013 contributed to improved ratings. The photos taken during the protest subsequently became the signature face of the campaign to re-open the media houses.

The pictures appeared in The Weekly Observer, the Independent, the East African, the Times (UK) and on the Amnesty International web page. The media acknowledged FHRI’s support as well.



FHRI staff and other human rights activists demonstrating the closure of the Daily Monitor and Red Pepper, 20th May 2013, Namuwongo.



The letter of appreciation to FHRI from Daily Monitor received on 12th June 2013.

The nomination of the FHRI human rights song, the human rights awards scooped by the Executive Director and the number of Ugandans who know and appreciate the work of FHRI as revealed by the IPSOS survey findings in 2013, is evidence that FHRI's work is visible and having an impact.

No wonder, in 2013, the Executive Director and FHRI staff were invited to take part in key global events, attesting to the growing impact and visibility of FHRI's advocacy work.



FHRI exhibition at UMA Show Grounds during the launch of the CSPPSF, 11th July 2013.

Left – Right: Mr. Isaac Sekuma (seated), Communications Intern, FHRI, Ms Betty Nantamu, Ag. Coordinator External Services, FHRI and Ms. Brenda Nabatanzi, intern display literature at the exhibition.

There has also been a gradual increase in requests for information from the information Centre. These requests and inquiries come from government institutions, civil society organisations, international NGOs, the media and academic institutions.

The use of the social media tools has also increased. The FHRI website and face book page recorded over 132,858 hits. 894 friends have been registered on the face book page in 2013.

In 2013, FHRI also received a total of one hundred sixty two (162) requests for internship and volunteer placement within FHRI. The organization was able to extend internship opportunities to thirty eight (38) interns (30 female, 8 male) students.

Lastly, FHRI registered substantial growth in its membership. In 2013, FHRI membership grew from eight hundred ninety (890) in 2012 to one thousand and sixty five members (1,065) in 2013. The membership is now spread across eighty nine (89) districts in 2013 up from fifty four (54) in 2012.

Challenges

Costs associated with the use of modern ICTs are high and have adverse effects on access.



*FHRI staff at the FHRI exhibition stall during the 3rd National Civil Society Organisations Fair, 4th July 2013, Hotel Africana.
Ms. Winnie Munyegera, Administrative Intern (in striped shirt). Next to her on the right is Ms Teddy Namayanja, Public Relations Officer.*



Dr. Sewanyana (left) receives the Shanti Khinduka Award for Social Development from Prof. Barbara W. Shank, (right), ICSD President, as Prof Edward Kirumira, (middle) Principal, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Makerere University looks on, Speke Resort Munyonyo, 15th July 2013.



Receiving the Pan African Human Rights Defenders Award (left – right): H.E Alphons Hennekens, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands in Uganda, Mrs Sarah Sewanyana and Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Human Rights House, Nsambya on 31st October 2013,

Activists to govt: You can't defend order Bill

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Anti-Pornography Bill questioned

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CSOs Condemn Al Shabaab

Meanwhile, Civil Society Organizations have come out to condemn the Westgate attack. In a solidarity statement sent out to the bereaved Kenyan families last night, Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) boss Livingstone Sewanyama said: "We wish to express our solidarity with all those families that have lost their loved ones and all Kenyans at this time of attack on the security and pride of the Kenyan nation."

Rights boss bags defenders' award

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'Temulemesa bantu kweyogerera mu tteeka ly'enkung'aana'



Sewanyama (kubiddu) na alika byannyonyo Stefano Dejak.

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More children committing crime, says judge

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Electoral reforms for June - Ruhindi





ACTION 5: SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. Paralegal Advisory Services Program (PAS)

PAS seeks to improve the 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. By the end of 2013, PAS had expanded to thirteen (13) sites in 12 districts. These include: Gulu, Jinja, Arua, Kitgum, Mbarara, Bushenyi, Lira, Fort Portal, Luzira (2 sites), Mbale and the newest, Soroti and Busia. The sites are hosted by Uganda Prisons Service and Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity (UCLF).

At the end of 2013, the programme was directly implemented by forty three (43) paralegals and forty nine (49) 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.



Prisoners in Luzira, Murchison Bay during a paralegal clinic, 2013.

Following the 2010 evaluation of the program, a new Paralegal Advisory Services Strategy: 2011/12 – 2015/16 was developed which is currently being implemented.

In 2013, 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.

Output

In 2013, PAS team extended legal assistance to suspects and inmates in police and prisons. This contributed to the process of physical and case file decongestion within the targeted magisterial areas as shown in table 7 below:

Table 7: Tabulation of PAS releases: January-December 2013

Project site/magisterial areas	Bail	Police Bond	Community Service	ADR	Fines	Other Releases	Total Releases
Kampala (2 sites)	1,497	1,740	528	100	108	1,820	5,793
Mbale	457	1,228	56	206	29	1,405	3,381
Bushenyi	128	509	56	48	14	328	1,083
Jinja	852	1,107	148	78	66	665	2,916
Fort portal	403	946	52	80	32	176	1,689
Gulu	1,275	2,305	203	155	75	1,836	5,849
Kitgum	369	601	23	317	35	358	1,703
Mbarara	894	729	171	302	15	1,486	3,597
Arua	940	1,153	40	10	4	620	2,767
Lira	579	557	104	195	18	391	1,844
Busia	143	151	21	12	9	54	390
Soroti	86	16	-	1	-	187	290
Total	7,623	11,042	1,402	1,504	405	9,326	31,302

In 2013, the total number of suspects and inmates released through PAS interventions was thirty one thousand, three hundred and two (31,302). 35% were released through the grant of police bond while 29% benefited from other measures including: caution sentences, discontinued cases and acquittals. 24% were granted bail, 5% awarded Community Service Orders, 4% through ADR and 3% through fine payments.

In 2013, one (1) PAS National Steering Committee meeting was held on 28th August 2013 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.

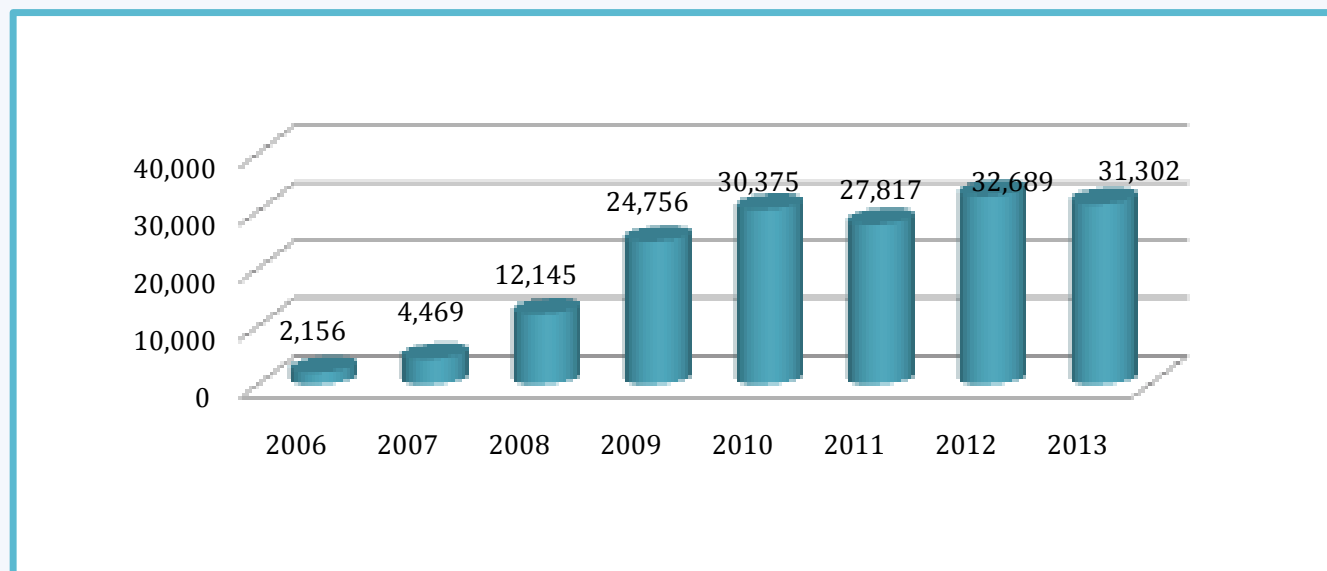
Two (2) monitoring visits were conducted by the secretariat to all the project sites in an effort to provide back up support to the paralegals and social workers. The visits were conducted from 9th – 28th February 2013 and 4th – 27th September 2013. In order to acquaint stakeholders with the PAS program, two induction meetings were convened in the new PAS sites of Busia and Soroti on 10th and 12th December 2013 respectively.

As a member of the Uganda National Working Group, PAS strengthened its role and partnership within the *Strengthening Access to Justice for Children in East Africa (SAJEA)* framework in 2013.

Outcome

Within the framework of PAS, the total number of inmates released through PAS interventions in 2013 remained high as shown in figure 6 below:

Figure 6: Number of releases attributed to PAS: 2006 - 2013



The number of prisoners released from places of detention attributed to PAS interventions in 2013 was 31,302. With a prison population of thirty eight thousand one hundred seventy seven (38,177) inmates and a remand population of 54% of this, 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 the poor and marginalised persons within the criminal justice system in Uganda.

Positive attitudinal change by some police officers towards the grant of police bond and that of judicial officers towards the use of non-custodial sentences has been registered in some of the PAS sites. In 2013, 11,042 suspects were released on police bond compared to 9,684 in 2011. 1,402 convicts were awarded community service orders and 405 secured fine payments.

PAS' legal rights awareness campaign was boosted in 2013. Six (6) media houses have partnered with the program providing free radio and TV airtime for legal and human rights education. These are: Masaba FM in Mbale, Kingdom FM in Kampala, Radio West in Mbarara, Voice of Toro in Kabarole, Crane Radio in Bushenyi, and Radio Wa in Northern Uganda.

Challenges

There is an increase in the number of habitual offenders due to a weak rehabilitation program. This is an issue the Uganda Prisons Services has to prioritise.



Members of the PAS Steering Committee pose for a group photo outside the Human Rights House after a PAS Steering Committee meeting on 28th August 2013.

On the front row, right to left: Hon. Lady Justice Damalie Lwanga, Mr Okulu D. Alfred, Uganda Prisons Service, Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director, FHRI, Hon Justice Lawrence Gidudu, Chairperson of the PAS Steering Committee and Judge of the High Court, Hon Judge Henry Peter Adonyo, Judge of the High Court, Mrs Theodora Webale of the Legal Aid Clinic at the Law Development Centre and Ms. Faith Mutumba, Legal Officer, PAS.

Back row, left to right: Ms. Elinor W. Chemonges, National Coordinator, PAS, Mr. Hasiyo Adam, Assistant Commissioner, Welfare & Rehabilitation, Uganda Prisons Service, Mr. Muleterwa Anatoli, Community Liaison Officer, Kampala Metropolitan in the Uganda Police Force, Ms. Barbara Kitui, Legal Officer, PAS and Ms. Martha Nanjobe, Program Officer, Rights Justice and Peace, DGF.

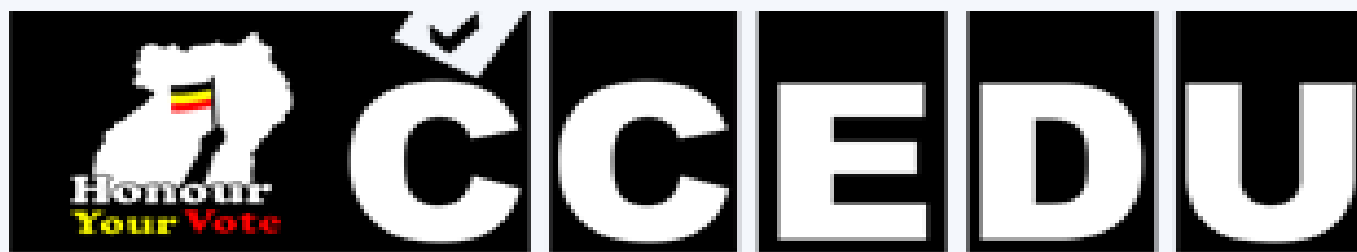
2. Citizens Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU)

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 a membership of 780 civil society organizations and over 10,000 individual members.



The new CCEDU logo unveiled in 2013.

CCEDU has three governing bodies: the 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 (PWDs), private sector, women, human rights and Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda.

The CCEDU Executive Committee whose duty is to oversee policy implementation has a membership of 90 civil society groups.



A cross section of the CCEDU Advisory Board during the CSO- Parliamentarians consultative forum at Golf course hotel on 3rd December 2013.
Left-Right: Mr Peter Barongo (youth and students), Prince Apolo Nyabwongo (manufacturers), Ms Irene Kaboole (Trade Unions and Board Secretary), Mr David Pulkol (development workers and Board Chair), Mr. Simon Bazekuketa (PWDs), Mr. James Waiswa (farmers) and Rev Phillip Fred Kato (faith based networks).

Planned activities

In 2013, the following were CCEDU's planned activities:

- Electoral reform Advocacy;
- Observe by –elections and international elections;
- Support a media campaign on electoral reform;
- Convene a members' consultative forum and;
- Support institutional building with the aim of strengthening CCEDU.

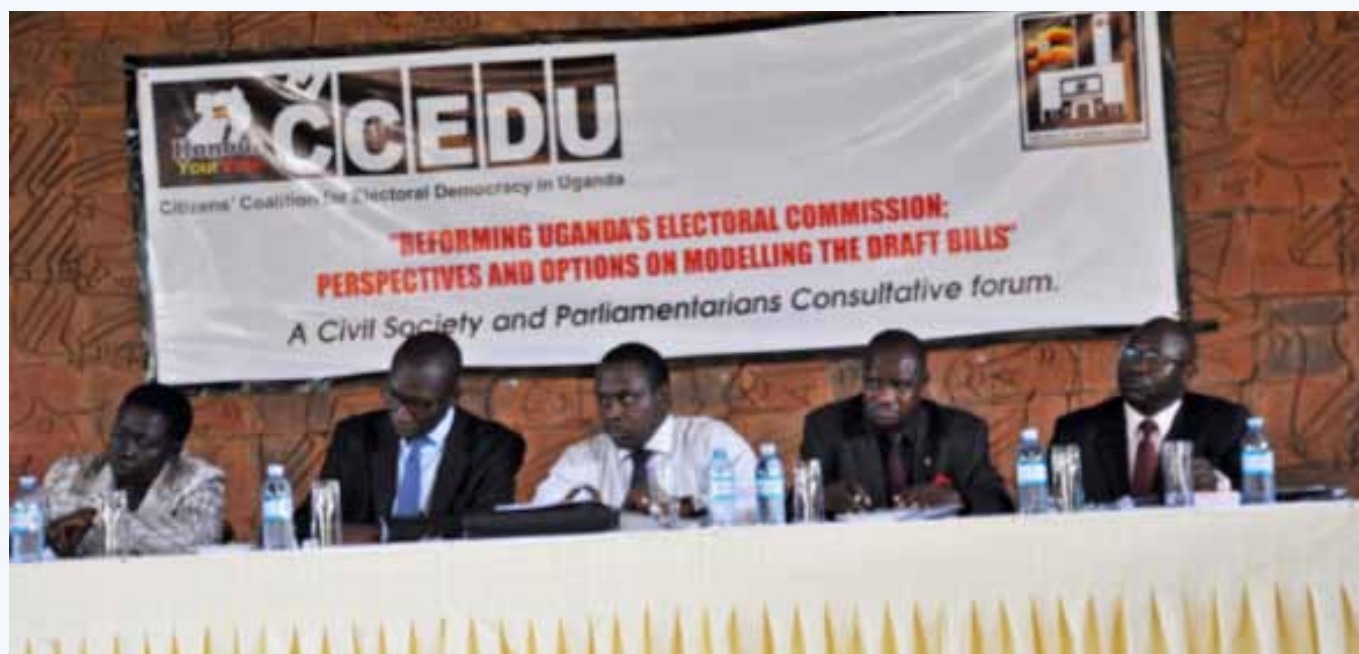
In 2013, a new CCEDU secretariat was set up at the Democracy House, Plot 1111 Lulume Road, Nsambya to support program implementation.

Within the context of the campaign on electoral reforms in Uganda which was launched on 1st November 2011, CCEDU launched the model draft Bill on the establishment of an independent electoral commission at a civil society and parliamentarians consultative forum on 3rd December 2013, at Golf Course Hotel.

The launch was preceded by a series of meetings and stakeholder consultations by the CCEDU Electoral Reform Task Force (ERTF) held at: Protea hotel on 14th June 2013, 22nd July 2013, 8th August 2013 and 18th November 2013; and Humura hotel on 30th September 2013 and 1st October 2013 and at the Human Rights House on 13th November 2013, 29th November 2013 and 11th December 2013.



A cross section of the CCEDU membership during the launch of the draft model Bills establishing an independent electoral commission on 3rd December 2013 at Golf Course Hotel, Kampala.



Panelists at the launch of the model Bill on reforming Uganda's Electoral Commission at the CSO and Parliamentarians consultative forum, 3rd December 2013, Golf Course hotel, Kampala

Left -right: Hon. Alice Alaso, (sponsor of the model bill) Mr. Paul Okiring from the Attorney General's chambers, Hon Sam Otada, (sponsor), Mr. David Pulkol (Chair, CCEDU Advisory Board) and Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Chair, CCEDU Executive Committee.

On 10th April 2013, Friends of the Citizens Electoral Reform Agenda in Parliament (CERA) presented a motion in Parliament on their intention to table a Private Members' bill reinstating presidential term limits. On the same occasion, the parliamentarians sought leave of the House to draft the said bill. This was granted by the Hon. Speaker of Parliament.

In 2013, CCEDU rolled out a media campaign to popularise the proposed electoral reforms and encourage citizen participation in electoral processes. A radio based national campaign was supported by CCEDU on 10 radio stations as summarised in table 7 below:

Table 7: Break down of Radio talk shows: 2013

No.	Media House	Date of Talk show	District
1.	Radio One (90.0 FM)	6 th December 2013	Kampala
2.	Voice of Teso (88.4 FM)	6 th December 2013	Soroti
3.	Kyoga Veritas (91.5 FM)	6 th December 2013	Soroti
4.	Mega FM (102 FM)	6 th December 2013	Gulu
5.	Dembe FM (90.4FM)	10 th December 2013	Kampala
6.	Voice of Toro (101FM)	11 th December 2013	Fort portal
7.	Voice of Africa (92.3FM)	11 th December 2013	Kampala
8.	Radio Simba (97.3FM)	11 th December 2013	Kampala
9.	Radio Sapientia (94.4FM)	12 th December 2013	Kampala

10.	Alpha Radio (102.1 FM)	12 th December 2013	Kampala
11.	Impact Radio (98.5FM)	12 th December 2013	Kampala
12.	Top Radio (89.6FM)	13 th December 2013	Kampala
13.	NBS Radio (89.4 FM)	13 th December 2013	Jinja
14.	Radio Simba (97.3 FM)	13 th December 2013	Kampala
15.	Radio Hoima (88.6 FM)	13 th December 2013	Hoima
16.	Radio Kitara (96.9FM)	13 th December 2013	Masindi
17.	Ssesse Radio (101.9 FM)	14 th December 2013	Kalangala
18.	Endigyito Radio (88.3 FM)	14 th December 2013	Mbarara
19.	Kiira Radio (88.6FM)	14 th December 2013	Jinja
20.	Bushenyi Radio (92.2FM)	14 th December 2013	Bushenyi
21.	Liberty Broadcasting Services (89.0 FM)	14 th December 2013	Hoima
22.	Kiira FM (88.6 FM)	16 th December 2013	Jinja
23.	Open Gate FM (103.2 FM)	17 th December 2013	Mbale
24.	NBS TV	17 th December 2013	Kampala
25.	Radio City (97.0 FM)	19 th December 2013	Kampala
26.	Bunyoro Broadcasting Service (98.2 FM)	20 th December 2013	Masindi
27.	Radio Sapienta (95.3FM)	20 th December 2013	Kampala
28.	Voice of Muhabura (88.9 FM)	21 st December 2013	Kisoro
29.	Radio Paidha (87.8 FM)	21 st December 2013	Zombo
30.	Voice of Kamwenge (89.5 FM)	21 st December 2013	Kamwenge
31.	Family Radio	22 nd December 2013	Kampala
32.	Rock Mambo (106.2 FM)	23 rd December 2013	Tororo
33.	Voice of Lango (88.0 FM)	23 rd December 2013	Lira
34.	Voice of Kamwenge (89.5 FM)	23 rd December 2013	Kamwenge
35.	KFM (93.3 FM)	24 th December 2013	Kampala
36.	Radio Kitara (96.9 FM)	24 th December 2013	Masindi
37.	Voice of Kigezi (89.5 FM)	28 th December 2013	Runyoro
38.	Buddu Broadcasting Services (98.8 FM)	28 th December 2013	Masaka
39.	Radio Kitara (96.9 FM)	30 th December 2013	Masindi
40.	Radio Kitara (96.9 FM)	1 st December 2013	Masindi

In 2013, CCEDU monitored two (2) international elections: in Kenya (26th February – March 6th 2013) and Zimbabwe (24th July – 3rd August 2013). A debriefing session was held with the Electoral Commission in Uganda on 5th April 2013 to share the election observation reports and comparative practices.



Part of the CCEDU election observer team to Zimbabwe with Commissioners of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) after a briefing meeting on 25th July 2013 at the ZEC offices in Harare, Zimbabwe
 Seated Left – right: Ms. S Ndlovu, Vice Chair of ZEC, Ms. Leitisia Kazembe Commissioner and Dr. P Makoni, Commissioner
 Standing Left - right: CCEDU Observer(s), Mr. Davidson Sserunjoji, Mr. Charles Mwanguhya and Mr. Gwada Ogot.

CCEDU monitored four (4) in-country By –elections in Butaleja district (11th February 2013), Butebo county in Pallisa district (6th June 2013), Buhweju district (31st October 2013) and Bukanga county in Isingiro district (26th November 2013). Each of these were preceded by training of CCEDU observers on election observation. The reports from the observer missions were shared with the Electoral Commission, media, political parties, the CCEDU membership and other civil society activists.



CCEDU observers during the By –election in Buhweju district, 31st October 2013

On 19th September 2013, CCEDU held the 4th Annual membership meeting at the Democracy House in Nsambya. The meeting which was attended by three hundred seventy eight (378) members was addressed by Commissioner Tom Buruku of the Electoral Commission who represented the Chairperson, Eng. Badru Kiggundu.

During the meeting, CCEDU members received a progress report from the CCEDU secretariat, considered and approved the proposed CCEDU constitutional amendments and considered the proposed electoral reform proposals on establishing an independent electoral commission.

In 2013, CCEDU installed a membership database and established an interactive short messaging service (sms) platform in order to keep CCEDU membership involved and continuously updated on the campaign. Through this facility, CCEDU is able to send and receive messages from its members on specific issues. The CCEDU website at, www.ccedu.org.ug is also functional.

Outcome

The campaign for electoral reform by CCEDU has gained momentum. The coalition has emerged as a civil society voice on electoral reform issues as evidenced by the number of requests to participate, provide opinion and take lead on electoral reform matters. The role of CCEDU in setting standards and providing alternative views has been acknowledged by the public and key government institutions such as the Electoral Commission, Parliament and the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs.

In 2013, the sensitisation of Ugandans on the need for electoral reforms bore some positive results. Among these is the increasing level of participation of Ugandans in the CCEDU supported media programs, the CCEDU membership platforms and the launch of the model bill on an independent electoral commission attests to this.

Public support for the electoral reforms mooted by CCEDU has been recorded. For example, in 2013, the following 5 newspaper articles in support of the reforms were recorded:

- **Reforming the Electoral Commission is very easy.** *That is why any right-thinking Ugandan should support the bid by Citizens Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU) to amend articles of the Constitution that talk about the composition of the Electoral Commission as well as some sections of the Electoral Commission Act. [The Observer, 5th December 2013].*
- **Uganda: 2016 Elections without Electoral Reforms Is a Joke – Besigye.** *Without reforms, any election in 2016 will be a joke and all political parties to that extent would be best advised to focus their attention, first and foremost on ensuring adequate reforms are undertaken well ahead because even if you have reforms in 2015, it's too late. [The Independent and All Africa. Com, 29th March 2013]*
- **Uganda: Opposition Parties Draft Electoral Reforms:** *Opposition parties have completed compiling the necessary constitutional and electoral reforms which they want to be passed early enough ahead of the 2016 elections. [New Vision, 17th September 2013]*

Lastly, CCEDU's partnership portfolio continues to grow both at the national and international level. Among these new partners is Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) and Electoral Reform International Services (ERIS) who are enriching CCEDU with their valuable experiences.

Challenges

Although the Government of Uganda has expressed interest in carrying out electoral reforms ahead of the 2016 general elections, the process needs to be fast-tracked in accordance with the Electoral Commission roadmap.



ACTION 6: PARTNERSHIPS

1. EASTERN 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, the 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 (DRC).

Planned Activities

- i) A joint partners' planning meeting.
- ii) Critique of the draft National Transitional Justice Policy (2013).
- iii) Follow up roundtable meeting on the future of Amnesty Law in Uganda.

Output

i. Joint partners' planning meeting: 23rd – 27th June 2013.

The EAICJI partners held a planning meeting from 23rd - 27th June 2013 at the S & G hotel in Arusha, Tanzania. The meeting reviewed the activities of regional partners; analyzed emerging issues around the ICC in the partner countries and developed a regional program of action for 2013/2014. FHRI was represented by Ms. Penny Mbabazi Atuhaire, FHRI's EAICJI Coordinator.





Front row: 2nd from right, Ms. Penny Mbabazi Atuhaire, FHRI's EAICJI Coordinator, with the partners at the EAICJI planning meeting at the S & G hotel, Arusha, Tanzania, 27th June 2013.

ii. Critique of the draft National Transitional Justice Policy (2013).

In 2013, FHRI commissioned a study to critique the draft National Transitional Justice policy (2013) as proposed by JLOS. The findings will be submitted to the JLOS Transitional Justice Working Group in 2014 after consultations with relevant stakeholders.

iii. Annual regional media forum on International Justice and the International Criminal Court (ICC): 28th – 31st August 2013, Kinshasa, DRC

Within the EAICJI framework, FHRI participated in the annual regional media forum in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), held from 28th – 31st August 2013. The forum was organised by ICJ-Kenya together with the program partners. Mr. Chris Ochamringa of NTV-Uganda, Mr. Anthony Wesaka of the Daily Monitor and Ms. Penny Mbabazi Atuhaire of FHRI represented Uganda at this forum. The theme of the forum was: *'Shifting the narrative towards a victim centred approach.'*

2. ALTERNATIVES PROJECT

Objective

The project which is implemented in partnership with Penal Reform International (UK) seeks to reduce the unnecessary use of imprisonment, promote child-friendly justice systems and promote a more sensitive approach to dealing with women offenders using the UN 'Bangkok Rules'.

Planned Activities

- i) Map and identify relevant partners;
- ii) Print and disseminate the PRI-FHRI report titled, *'A review of law and policy to prevent and remedy violence against children in police and pre-trial detention in Uganda'*;
- iii) Hold a round table meeting on juvenile justice in Uganda;
- iv) Convene a regional conference on juvenile justice in East Africa and;
- v) Promote the UN Bangkok Rules *e-learning* course.

Output

a. Mapping.

In 2013, the project team identified key organizations in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania working on alternatives to imprisonment, juvenile justice and women in prison.

b. PRI-FHRI report; *'A review of law and policy to prevent and remedy violence against children in police and pre-trial detention in Uganda'*.

500 copies of the report titled; *'A review of law and policy to prevent and remedy violence against children in police and pre-trial detention in Uganda'* were printed and disseminated to stakeholders.

Another 150 copies of the PRI report titled, *"Alternatives to Imprisonment in East Africa, Trends and Challenges"*, and 200 copies of the PRI briefing on, *'Alternatives to Imprisonment and Juvenile Justice'*, were printed and disseminated to child-based groups and relevant government departments.

c. Roundtable on juvenile justice in Uganda: 22nd May 2013, Kampala, Uganda.

On May 22nd 2013, FHRI in partnership with PRI and Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN) held a roundtable meeting on juvenile justice in Uganda, at Silver Springs Hotel, Kampala. Thirty five (35) participants (18 female, 17 male) child rights activists and experts on juvenile justice participated. They were drawn from: civil society, the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) and, the JLOS.

The forum was officially opened by Hon. Justice Lameck Nsubuga Mukasa, Head of the High Court Criminal Division. The meeting discussed the findings from the FHRI-PRI report on Violence against Children in Uganda. A set of recommendations and plan of action were adopted by the participants for follow up. The main areas identified for follow up included the birth registration campaign; coordination among child justice actors; legal reform and documentation of best practice.

d. Regional conference on Alternatives to Imprisonment: 6th – 8th November 2013, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

FHRI together with PRI convened a regional conference on Alternatives to Imprisonment from 6th -8th November 2013, at the Holiday inn, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

The conference attracted the participation of thirty one (31) child rights activists (7 female, 24 male) participants from: the Probation and Community Service Departments in Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe; civil society from Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda and the UN Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) in East Africa.

A set of recommendations and action plan were adopted for follow up at the regional and national level.

e. UN Bangkok Rules e-learning course.

The UN Bangkok Rules *e-learning* course was launched on 16th October 2013. It is a self-paced online course with a certificate awarded at completion. Uganda registered a total number of 32 people for the course second to Canada.

Outcome

An East Africa Criminal Justice Civil Society e-network of organizations working in the area of criminal justice reforms in East Africa was formed. The network comprises of seventy seven (77) civil society organisations that have voluntarily signed up. The e-network promotes sharing of best practices, updates and dialogue on criminal justice reforms in the region.

A follow up workshop was held by Children Justice Initiative (CJI) in partnership with FHRI, Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN), and Pepperdine University School of Law on 25th July 2013 to introduce the trainees to the Judiciary Facilitating Access to Speedy Trial and Earlier Resolution (J-FASTER) and plea bargaining model. It was attended by forty (40) participants (25 female, 15 male) child rights activists and JLOS officials.

Challenges

Despite efforts to promote the better treatment of child offenders, abuses continue. More needs to be done to promote child-friendly justice mechanism. Child rights groups need to scale up efforts to ensure that the problem of street children and child neglect is addressed decisively.





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 2013, networking took diverse forms: joint campaigns; country visits; internships, volunteer placements, and participation in national, regional and international events.

Output

• Membership to Networks

FHRI is a member of thirteen (13) 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), Uganda Governance Monitoring Platform (UGMP), Coalition Against Torture (CAT), 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 2013, FHRI held leadership positions within some of these networks as shown in table 8 below:

Table 8: FHRI roles in Networks/Coalitions: 2013

Network/Umbrella	Position
East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Network (EHAHRDP)	Chairperson, Board of Directors.
The East African Coalition Against the Death penalty. (EACADP)	Coordinator.
NGO Coalition for an Effective African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (CEAC)	Focal Point, Eastern Africa.
Citizen's Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU)	Chairperson, Executive Committee.
Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN)	Chairperson, Executive Committee.
Federation of International Human Rights Defenders (FIDH)- Paris	Vice President

- Meetings attended 2013.

The Executive Director Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana and staff participated in several global events during the year.

- Delivered a key note address during the opening of the 18th Biennial International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) Symposium under the theme '*Opening New Frontiers in Development: Facing Opportunities and Challenges*', hosted by Simmons College School of Social Work, USA in partnership with Makerere University; 15th - 19th July 2013, Kampala.
- Participated in a panel discussion during the International expert conference entitled; *Vienna+20: Advancing the Protection of Human Rights*, organised by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs in cooperation with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights (BIM) and the European Training and Research Centre for Democracy and Human Rights of the University of Graz (UNI-ETC): 27th - 28th June 2013, Vienna Hofburg, Austria.
- Addressed the Extra-Ordinary meeting of the Police Council on human rights and public order management; 21st November 2013, Imperial Royale, Kampala.
- Participated in a panel discussion during the *United Against Malaria Campaign in Uganda*; 12th September 2013, Sheraton Hotel, Kampala.
- Attended the partners conference convened by the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF); 14th – 15th November 2013, Golf Course Hotel, Kampala.

FHRI staff also participated in a number of events organized by partners, civil society actors and government institutions on human rights, governance and democracy. They include:

- Release of the 2012 press freedom index, organised by Human Rights Network for Journalists (HRNJ), 5th February, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Follow up meeting on the Universal Project Review (UPR) process, organised by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR), 6th March, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Launch of the Judicial Service Commission Handbook, organised by Judicial Service Commission, 12th March, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Human Rights Defenders Forum, organised by Human Rights Centre Uganda (HRC-U), 20th – 21st March, 2013, Entebbe, Uganda.
- Meeting on Governance and Livelihoods in Uganda's oil-rich Albertine Graben, organised by International Alert, 26th March, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Human Rights training of junior police officers Kampala North, organised by John Paul II Justice and Peace centre, 12th April, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Symposium on the closure of Madararas, organised by Muslim Centre for Justice and Law, 8th May, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Dissemination of a dossier on corruption in Uganda: 2000-2012, organised by Uganda Debt Network, 9th May, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Meeting on the problems facing the justice system in Uganda, organised by Makindye Chief Magistrate's court, 17th May, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Launch of the study report on torture in Uganda, organised by African Center for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (ACTV), 18th June, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.

- 5th World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Madrid, Spain; 12th -15th June 2013.
- Coalition Against Torture (CAT) preparatory meeting for the commemoration of the World Day against Torture, organised by African Center for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (ACTV), 19th June, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Quarterly meeting for the civil and political rights cluster, organised by African Center for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Victims (ACTV), 21st May, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Consensus meeting on Alternative reporting on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child , organised by Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN), 11th July, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Meeting to discuss the 5th country state party report by the Government of Uganda to the ACHPR, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 12th July, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- National civil society consultation on the National Civic Education Policy, organised by Uganda National NGO Forum, 14th August, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Human Rights training for senior police officers, Kampala North, organised by John Paul II Justice and Peace centre, 24th August, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Police - Civil Society Organisations dialogue, organised by John Paul II Justice and Peace centre, 29th August, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Public dialogue in commemoration of the International Peace Day, organised by Joint Clinical Research Center (JCRC), 17th September, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Launch of the Judiciary Anti-Corruption Strategy, organised by the Judicial Integrity Committee, 4th October, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Celebration of the International day of the girl child, organised by Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development, 11th October, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Transparency International Uganda's award ceremony organised by Transparency International Uganda, 11th October, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Victors Express Photo and Art Exhibition organised by Basic Needs, 14th October, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Human Rights Defenders Coalition meeting/ Board meeting organized by Human Rights Network-Uganda (HURINET-U), 17th October, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- UGMP strategic members' meeting organized by UGMP, 24-25th October 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Public launch on a citizen's mid-term audit of the NRM government in its fourth term, organized by UGMP, 29th October, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Public dialogue on anti- corruption, organized by Anti- Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU), 4th November, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Debate on the role of government and civil society organized by Anti- Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU), 11th November, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- LASPNET Annual General Meeting organised by LASPNET, 14th November, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.
- Launch of the media freedom project, organized by Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL), 5th December, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.

Outcome

FHRI's networking strategy is highly selective, emphasizing value for money. This approach ensures focused and issue-oriented collaboration that maximizes FHRI limited resources. Through this collaborative approach, FHRI has been able to contribute substantially to national and global processes around issues of human rights, poverty eradication, democracy, peace building, the campaign against the death penalty, the International Criminal Court, the East African Community, African Court on Human Rights among others.

This proactive engagement on emerging global issues galvanizes local, regional and international action to promote reform, ensure accountability for human rights abuse and generate a global movement for social change.

Challenge

The requests for partnerships and involvement in meetings with FHRI are still overwhelming. The balancing act is therefore necessary.



FHRI website, 2013

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 (M & E).
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 2013:

- Review and update the M & E policy.
- Update the annual work plan, year planner and budget (2013).
- Manage the External Events Diary.
- Organise 3 quarterly program review meetings.
- Organise 4 Board of Directors meetings.
- Organise 1 FHRI Working Group meeting.
- Organise 2 strategic partnership meetings.
- Organise 1 end of year Board- Staff retreat.

Output

The M & E Policy is in place and will be reviewed in 2014. The annual work plan, year planner and budget for 2013 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 on: *7th January 2013, 10th May 2013, and 26th July 2013.*

Likewise, three (3) quarterly Board of Directors meetings were held as planned: *on 11th May 2013, 2nd August 2013 and 18th December 2013* to monitor progress, ensure quality control and approve work-plans and budgets.

As part of the review mechanism, FHRI held two strategic partnership meetings within the cooperation framework with the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF). The purpose of these meetings was: to review progress, achievements and highlight challenges with respect to the implementation of FHRI's program (2012-2016). The Embassy of Sweden, European Union (EU), the British High Commission in Kampala, USAID – Supporting Access to Justice, Fostering Equity and Peace (SAFE), DIAKONIA (Sweden), the US Embassy, CEW-IT and Global Rights were represented. The meetings that were also attended by the FHRI Board of Directors and staff were held on 24th January 2013 and 13th August 2013 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya.

As an established practice, the Board-Staff retreat to review progress and reflect on impact was held from 16th -18th December 2013 at Landmark Hotel, Muyenga.

2. Human Resource Development

Objective

Under this component staff skills are improved for effective implementation of the FHRI 5 year strategic program (2012 -2016).

Output

In 2013, on–job training for staff was encouraged. The following staff attended specific training opportunities during the year:

- Isaac Ssekuuma, Communications Intern (Communication and Information Division) and Isabella Bwiire, Executive Officer (Executive Office) attended the Integrity Leadership for Africa course organized by Integrity Action (ILAC), *29th April - 5th May, 2013, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Rashid Bunya, Research Assistant (Research Division): Training on the initiation of the Human Rights Defenders Coalition organised by East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP), *11th – 14th June, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Alice Nasaka, Ag. Director, Civic Education (Capacity Development Division): Two weeks training on Monitoring, Documenting and Reporting (MDR) of human rights violations, organised by Amnesty International Special Programme on Africa (SPA), *8th - 20th July, 2013, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Talent Musingyiza, Project Intern (Civic Education): Gender training organised by Citizen Elections Watch -IT (CEW-IT), *15th -18th October, 2013, Kampala, Uganda.*
- Rashid Bunya, Research Assistant (Research Division): Human Rights Defenders Steering Committee training organised by Human Rights Network-Uganda (HURINET-U), *21st – 25th October, 2013, Mukono, Uganda.*
- Diva Mukisa, Project Coordinator (Alternatives project): Uganda Child Rights NGO Network (UCRNN) advocacy retreat and training, *30th -31st October, 2013, Arch Apartments, Ntinda.*
- Numbi Connie, Project Assistant: Fredskorpset Exchange Program *2012- 2013 (10 months), hosted by Peace Tree Network, Nairobi, Kenya.*
- Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, Executive Director successfully pursued his PhD program in Public Law at the University of Cape Town, Republic of South Africa.

- On 17th December 2013, FHRI hosted two motivational speakers Mr. Ethan Musolini who addressed staff on 'Measuring performance' and Francis Egbuson on 'Leadership development' from CEMM Group.

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, Patron, 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 Patron on the other hand promotes awareness of the values and mission of FHRI while the Working Group which is elected by the General Assembly is a think-tank of the organisation with a mandate of providing strategic direction on emerging issues.

The Board of Directors provides 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 three times a year to appraise staff, discuss and approve activity reports, budgets and program work plans.

FHRI held its 17th Annual General meeting on 10th August 2013 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya. The assembly was attended by five hundred sixteen (516) members, (302 male, 214 female) members. On this occasion, the FHRI Patron, Dr. Prof. George Kanyeihamba delivered his inaugural lecture titled; '*Democratic Governance and the Role of Civil Society in Uganda*', which was extensively debated.

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 (2012).

By the end of 2013, FHRI membership had grown to one thousand sixty five (1,065) members (600 male, 465 female).

In 2013, the FHRI Working Group was elected as a Think Tank and it held its in-augural meeting on 25th July 2013 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya.

The thinking
process





Members of the FHRI Working Group after their inaugural meeting on 25th July 2013, Human Rights House, Nsamya.

Left to right: Rev. John Kateeba, (Chair), Mr. Ndebesa Mwambutsya, (member), Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, (ex-officio), Her Worship Stella Amabilis, (member) and Mr. Wycliffe Birungi, (member).

Table 9: FHRI Trustees: 2013

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

Table 10: FHRI Patron

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

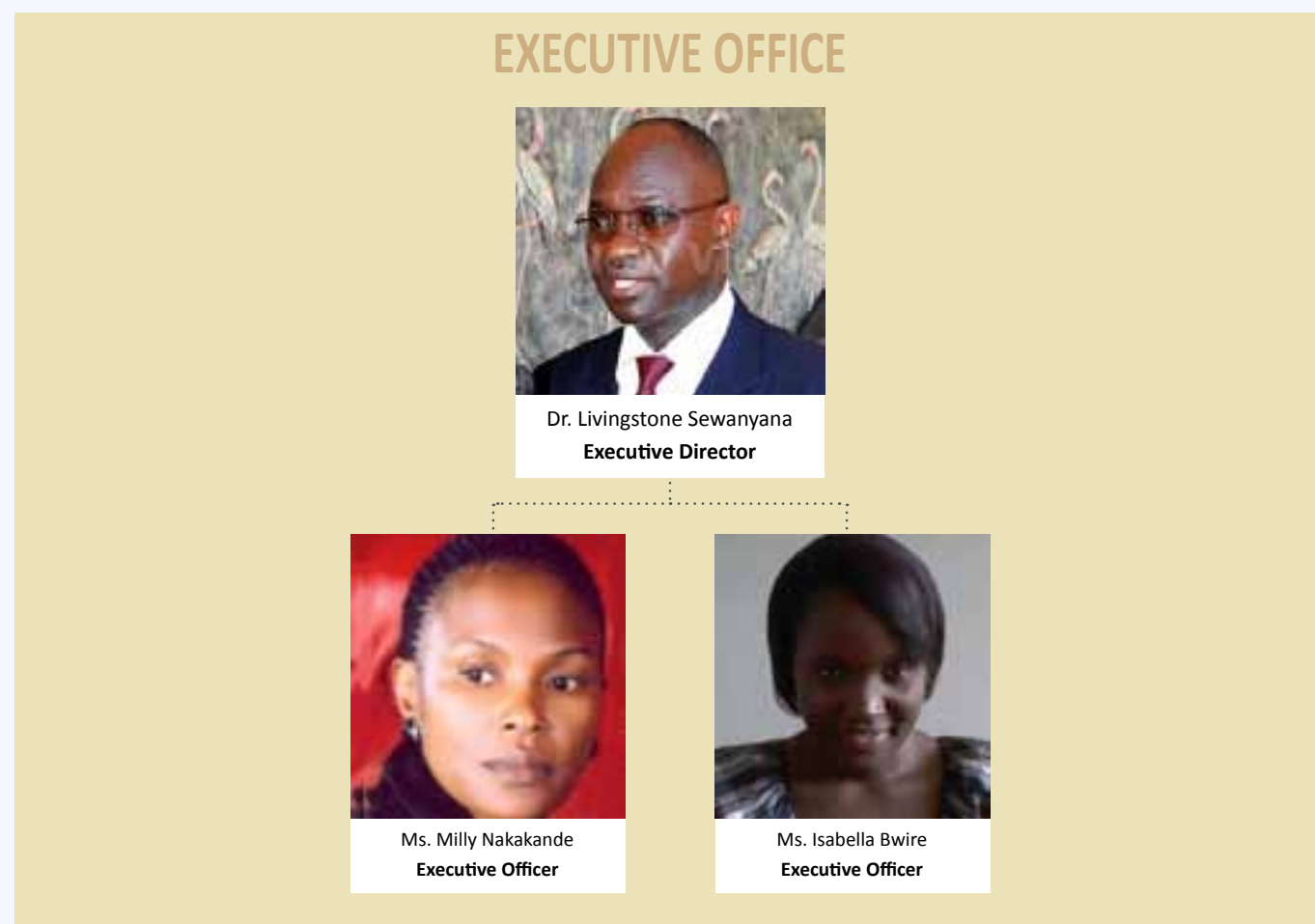
Table 10: FHRI Board of Directors (2012- 2015)

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
Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana	Ex- Officio

4. Staffing

The FHRI team is comprised of professional and support staff. In 2013, FHRI had a staff team of fifty five (55) (19 male, 36 female).

Table 11: FHRI Staff line up :(2013)





Ms. Sheila Muwanga
Ag Deputy Executive Director
(Programs)



Ms. Connie Numbi
Project Assistant

RESEARCH DIVISION



Ms. Josephine Kankunda
Senior Researcher



Ms. Lizet Vlamming
Research Fellow



Ms. Penny Mbabazi
Research Associate



Mr. Rashid Bunya
Research Assistant



Ms. Claire Nampala
Research Assistant

LEGAL SERVICES DIVISION



Ms. Lucy Peace Nantume
Senior Associate



Mr. George Musisi
Associate



Ms. Solome Nagadya
Associate



Ms. Caroline Abbo
Legal Intern



Ms. Josephine Namukasa
Legal Intern



Mr. Kisuze Richard
Legal Intern



Ms. Editor Asimwe
Legal Intern

RIGHT TO LIFE



Ms. Doreen Namyalo
Senior Associate



Ms. Catherine Komuhangi
Project Associate

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



Ms. Alice Nassaka
Ag Director Civic Education



Mr. Edmond Nkalubo
National Outreach Coordinator



Ms. Nanyondo Rose
Training Coordinator



Mr. Elly Kasirye
Project Intern



Ms. Talent Musingiza
Project Intern

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION DIVISION



Ms. Nantamu Elizabeth
Ag Coordinator External Services



Ms. Namayanja Teddy
Public Relations Officer



Mr. Daniel Ntambi
Marketing Officer



Mr. Ssekuuma Isaac
Communications Intern



Ms. Hannah Taremwa
Project Intern



Ms. Nsimire Sandra
Communications Intern



Ms. Doreen Kyobutungi
Communications Intern



Ms. Winnie Munyegera
Administrative Intern

ALTERNATIVES PROJECT



Ms. Diva Mukisa
Coordinator



Mr. Denis Angeri
Project Assistant

SPECIAL PROJECTS

PARALEGAL ADVISORY SERVICES (PAS)



Ms. Elinor W. Chemonges
National Coordinator



Ms. Barbra Kitui
Legal Officer



Ms. Faith Mutumba
Administrative Assistant



Mr. Hannington Musisi
Driver

CITIZENS COALITION FOR ELECTORAL DEMOCRACY IN UGANDA (CCEDU)



Mr. Crispy Kaheru
Project Coordinator



Mr. Gwada Ogot
Communications Manager



Ms. Faridah Lule
Project Associate



Ms. Rona Adong
Project Associate



Ms. Christine Nakirya
Volunteer (Finance and Admin)

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION



Rose Kamuli Mwesigwa
Ag Director Finance & Admin



Mr. Patrick Lugunga
Accountant



Ms. Gladys Mirembe
Administration Intern

ADMINISTRATION



Mr. Ssebaana Steven
Office Manager



Ms. Elizabeth Nakato
Front Desk Officer



Mr. Allan Semalulu
Senior Driver



Mr. Moses Kyazze
Senior Driver



Ms. Olivia Kigozi
Welfare Assistant



Mr. Matthew Sekitto
Logistics Assistant



Mr. Richard Okeya
Security Guard



Mr. Godi Hassan
Cleaner



Mr. Sendawula Frank
Cleaner



INTERNS

To support program implementation, FHRI hosted a total of thirty eight (38) interns (30 female, 8 male) from thirteen (13) universities in Uganda and abroad.

Table 10: Interns hosted in 2013.

Name	Institution	Division
Ms. Line Wallenius	University of Oslo	Research
Mr. Wolfgang Stuppert	Humboldt University Berlin	Research
Ms. Shevon K. Male	University of Leeds	Capacity Development
Ms. Anna Hoffman	University of Edinburgh	Research
Mr. Coleman Segal	International Law Institute	Research
Ms. Tiffany Smith	Osgood Law School, Canada	Research
Ms. Kathy Guo	Osgood Law School, Canada	Research
Ms. Susan Nalukwago	Makerere University	Legal Services
Ms. Agasha Natalie Tabaro	Pretoria University	Legal Services
Ms. Cynthia Ibale	Pretoria University	Legal Services /Research
Ms. Patricia Kirumira Nattabi	Makerere University	Death Penalty
Mr. Isaac Kawooya	Uganda Christian University	Research
Ms. Laura Bolton	Paris – Science Po University	Research
Ms. Nakanwagi Catherine Ritah	Makerere University	Legal Services
Ms. Namambwe Sharon Christine	Makerere University	Legal Services

Ms. Agwang Susan Juliet	Uganda Christian University	Legal Services
Ms. Nassolo Racheal	Makerere University	CCEDU
Ms. Nassuna Cissy	Makerere University	CCEDU
Ms. Immaculate Taremwa	Makerere University	Legal Services
Ms. Racheal Nabulya	Makerere University	CCEDU
Ms. Doreen Asiimwe	Kyambogo University	Programs
Mr. Elijah Semalulu	Makerere University	Capacity Development
Ms. Helen Nanteza	Makerere University	PAS
Ms. Ritah Katekeine	Makerere University	Finance and Administration
Ms. Joy kwang	Makerere University	Alternatives
Mr. Silus Mandela	Makerere University	Capacity Development
Ms. Phionah Mirembe	Makerere University	Finance and Administration
Mr. Muyombya Mukasa Mutyaba	Law Development Centre	Legal Services
Mr. Richard Kisuze	Law Development Centre	Legal Services
Ms. Jackline Kizito	Law Development Centre	Legal Services
Ms. Amour Hashimah	Law Development Centre	Legal Services
Ms. Josephine Namukasa	Law Development Centre	Legal Services
Ms. Esther Ntono	Young Mens' Christian Association	CCEDU
Ms. Suzan Malirire	Young Mens' Christian Association	Capacity Development
Ms. Katia A. Mugenzi	Makerere University	CCEDU
Mr. Ivan Segawa	Young Mens' Christian Association	CCEDU
Ms. Joan Nabisenke	Makerere University	Research
Ms. Lucky Ninsiima	Kyambogo University	Legal Services



Some of the interns hosted by FHRI in 2013 with the Executive Director, FHRI Dr. Sewanyana (second row 3rd from left) at the Human Rights House, 26th July 2013.

5. Office administration

In 2013, 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 2012 accounts. The 2012 Audit and Annual reports were approved and adopted by the membership during the General Assembly held on 10th August 2013 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya.

6. Investments

In 2013, office acquisitions included: a network rack, 1 sofa set, office tape recorders, a digital camera, safe deposit box, four desktop computers and accessories, four laptop computers and two HP laser jet printers. The organisation duly insured, serviced and repaired its equipment including vehicles, photocopiers, generator, furniture, computers and accessories.



Development partners, FHRI Board of Directors, FHRI Working Group members and staff at the Bi-annual review meeting held on 13th August 2013 at the Human Rights House, Nsambya.

AUDITOR'S REPORT



Carr Stanyer Sims & Co.

Certified Public Accountants

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Independent Auditor's Report

to the members of Foundation for Human Rights Initiative

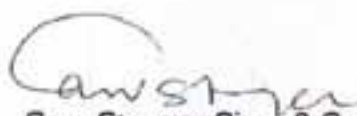
Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company at 31 December 2013 and of the financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with the Companies Act 2012.

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 2014

Kampala, Uganda

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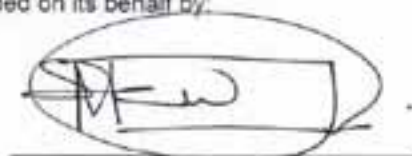
FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE (FHRI)

(A Company Limited by Guarantee, and not having a Share Capital)

Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2013

	Note	2013 Ushs.	Restated 2012 Ushs.
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	3	305,389,410	391,735,041
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank	4.1	610,439,089	1,068,054,168
TOTAL ASSETS		915,828,479	1,457,789,209
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
CAPITAL FUND	5	305,389,410	391,735,041
RESTRICTED FUNDS	6	551,825,769	1,004,425,788
		857,215,179	1,396,160,829
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables and accruals	7	52,760,358	61,250,940
Overdraft	4.2	5,852,942	377,440
		58,613,300	61,628,380
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		915,828,479	1,457,789,209

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 28-04-2014 and were signed on its behalf by:



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



HONORARY TREASURER

FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE (FHRI)

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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2013

	Note	2013 Actual Ushs.	2013 Budget Ushs.	Restated 2012 Actual Ushs.
INCOME				
General Grants	8	2,211,832,674	2,779,100,892	2,267,520,013
Other grants	9	83,744,959	97,950,000	426,434,775
TOTAL INCOME		2,295,577,633	2,877,050,892	2,723,954,788
Less: Capital Expenditure		(11,680,000)	(12,000,000)	(230,919,599)
Balance available for recurrent expenditure		2,283,897,633	2,865,050,892	2,493,035,089
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE				
PROGRAMMES				
RESEARCH, ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING				
Routine Monitoring		49,370,566	51,020,000	22,274,295
Thematic report production		27,774,958	29,700,000	29,309,606
Treaty Reporting		1,705,400	3,700,000	-
Lower level Platform		5,889,500	6,120,000	25,749,217
Salary costs		104,999,278	105,792,000	-
Sub-total Thematic Human Rights Report		189,719,743	197,232,000	77,333,118
LEGAL SERVICES				
Legal Aid Services		40,093,205	40,500,000	15,039,362
Mobile legal Camps		45,925,019	46,250,000	-
Representation of Death Row inmates		455,511,972	380,989,536	105,529,850
Public Interest Litigation/Legislative Advocacy		21,935,772	22,284,971	46,214,658
Salary costs		156,301,625	157,085,000	-
Sub-total Legal Services		719,857,583	647,109,507	166,783,870
CIVIC EDUCATION				
Human Rights Monitoring and Reporting		222,535,765	293,119,312	490,497,130
Social Accountability		223,371,664	245,605,965	92,175,505
University Human Rights Network		14,295,000	15,932,428	5,891,788
Private Sector Outreach		29,714,982	30,040,000	16,006,067
Civic awareness camps		26,159,158	11,449,645	38,055,200
Human Rights Concerts and Anthem		14,627,980	15,000,000	23,000,000
Salary costs		108,319,388	108,488,000	50,032,363
Sub-total Civic Education		630,124,617	719,635,350	715,664,053

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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 December 2013

Note	2013 Actual Ushs.	2013 Budget Ushs.	Restated 2012 Actual Ushs.
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE (Continued)			
ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT			
Periodic Review and Staff Retreat	17,425,000	18,284,000	40,595,482
Human Resource Development	21,102,250	22,240,000	27,132,364
Governing bodies	35,152,808	35,412,000	24,734,500
Accounting software-Pastei	3,449,250	3,780,000	2,588,150
Alarm System (Human Rights House)	12,264,450	8,400,000	8,387,850
Salary costs	203,863,208	205,400,000	53,710,008
Sub-total Organisational Development	293,258,906	293,496,000	157,148,334
EXTERNAL SERVICES			
Communication and Information Management	24,895,388	27,076,400	25,631,398
Documentation	19,215,328	20,500,000	18,500,000
Public Affairs	18,239,600	14,112,000	18,473,800
Volunteer and Internship fund	45,030,323	45,690,000	37,414,700
Partnerships	103,350,636	183,065,600	27,585,877
Salary costs	82,944,382	84,008,000	59,299,350
Sub-total External Services	293,674,657	374,422,000	186,905,125
SPECIAL PROJECTS			
HURINET Exchange Programme	11,978,797	12,000,000	-
NGO Forum (Africa Democracy Forum General Assembly)	-	-	2,000,000
ICJ - Kenya	15,437,813	63,450,000	33,824,262
African Court NGO Coalition	-	-	1,107,400
PRi SIDE EVENT	-	-	23,788,814
PRi (Training Community Service)	-	-	88,255,790
WFD Consortium (Parliamentary Training)	-	-	29,187,700
Action Aid (Electoral Reform Democracy)	-	-	4,160,000
Sub-total -Special Projects	27,414,610	75,450,000	182,303,966
Total Programme Expenditure	2,163,058,186	2,307,344,857	1,486,136,496

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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 December 2013

	2013 Actual Ushs.	2013 Budget Ushs.	Restated 2012 Actual Ushs.
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE (Continued)			
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION			
Staff salaries, benefits and taxes	417,216,999	419,604,000	285,092,792
Office administration	29,034,800	33,800,000	31,521,250
Communication and postage	6,837,000	6,760,000	7,356,557
Space and Utilities	28,187,374	29,660,000	16,281,362
Office supplies and stationery	2,137,000	3,100,000	3,925,788
Generator and vehicle fuel	17,540,000	18,400,000	12,590,000
Audit	15,000,000	15,595,200	17,110,000
Furniture and equipment maintenance	8,732,662	8,800,000	17,077,768
Insurance	20,673,656	21,780,000	14,315,727
Bank charges	10,780,963	206,835	10,195,141
Total Administration	556,149,453	557,706,035	414,766,385
Total Recurrent Expenditure	2,719,207,639	3,465,050,892	1,900,902,881
(Deficit) / Surplus before exchange gain	(435,510,006)	-	592,132,208
Exchange gain / (loss)	(758,802)	-	65,960,739
Transfer to FHRI	(48,495)	-	-
(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(436,317,303)	-	658,092,947
Balance at 1 January	1,004,425,788	-	346,332,841
Refund to PRI	(16,282,716)	-	-
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER	551,825,769	-	1,004,425,788
Represented by:			
Bank balances	610,439,069		1,066,054,168
Bank overdraft	(5,852,942)		(377,440)
Payables	(52,760,358)		(61,250,940)
	551,825,769		1,004,425,788

'FHRI has now gained the confidence, trust and relevance they enjoy today because of the initiative they took more than 20 years ago. With the current level of respect for human rights, it's not surprising that FHRI is viewed as the avant garde of human rights advocacy'

[Mr Asuman Bisiika, Executive Editor of East Africa Flag post; 2014]

Uganda still faces daunting challenges in its quest for democracy, respect for human rights and sustainable development. The culture of human rights is yet to be nurtured and civil society has to position itself appropriately to influence the much needed change.

That said, we are proud of the contribution FHRI has made over the last two decades. We remain resolute and determined to continue with the human rights discourse and resist any attempts that undermine the cause.

To all those who supported us in 2013, we say 'Thank you!'

As we look to the future, we count on your unwavering individual and collective support! 22 years down the road, we continue to uphold our motto;

'TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!'

CONCLUSION



Members of Tweweyo drama group, Luwero district, performing at the annual inter-district Music Dance and Drama competition on social accountability, Luwero community centre, on 24th January 2013.



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