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### **1. Introduction:**

The Uganda Network on Law, Ethics and HIV/AIDS [UGANET] is a Non-Governmental organization which was established in 1995 to contribute to the development and strengthening of human rights, legal, policy and ethical response to HIV/AIDS in Uganda.

UGANET is implementing the Advocacy and Capacity Building Project which is funded by the Irish Aid. This Project is being implemented through various activities, which include Media Advocacy, Community HIV/AIDS human rights Training, Technical Capacity Building Workshops, Networking and Strategic Partnership Building and support to UGANET's Secretariat. The Project is contributing to the strengthening of timely and appropriate action to the human rights violations and the protection human rights of persons living with and those affected by HIV/AIDS.

### **2. Planned Activities for the Second Quarter 2007**

The activities which were undertaken for the first quarter include the following:

- (a) Media Advocacy;
- (b) Community HIV/AIDS Human rights Training Workshop.
- (c) Technical Capacity Building Workshop for Programme Officers of NGOs/CBOs working Ntungamo and Kampala Districts;
- (d) Development of Human rights and HIV/AIDS manual for police officers;
- (e) Networking and Partnership Building;
- (f) Secretariat Operations;
- (g) Provision of legal aid services to PLHAs and other victims of HIV/AIDS related Human Rights Violations;
- (h) Orphan Support Fund Activities;
- (i) Resource Mobilization; and
- (j) Membership Mobilization; and
- (k) Distribution of UGANET's Annual Report.

### **3. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE SECOND QUARTER**

#### **(a) Media Advocacy**

During the Second Quarter, UGANET held two (2) TV Live Talk shows on UBC in Partnership with Members of Parliament. We thank the following Members of Parliament for their time, ideas and information that were aired for our listeners;

1. Hon Dr Elioda Tumwesigye.
2. Hon. Asuman Mugenyi.
3. Hon. Niwagaba Robert.

In addition, UGANET held 30 Radio Programmes as follows:

6 Programmes on Voice of Africa Radio focusing on defilement and protection of children's rights and Moslem Community views on defilement.

3 programmes on Radio West focusing on the Western and South Western region of Uganda on Children and women's rights with special focus on will make and the protection of properties of vulnerable groups in relation to HIV/AIDS.

5 Programmes on Radio Kitara Masindi focusing on the rights of PLHAA and their protection. These programmes were broadcasted in Runyarakitara in order to reach Runyoro speakers and listeners in mid western Uganda.

5 Programmes on Unity FM Lira focusing on Northern Uganda. These programmes were broadcasted in Langi and Acholi languages in order to reach Lira Unity FM Listeners and other northern Uganda Langi and Acholi speaker

5 Programmes on Open Gate Radio, Mbale focusing on the rights of PLHAs and their protection. These programmes were broadcasted in Luganda in order to reach Luganda speakers and listeners within and outside Buganda Kingdom.

#### **(b) Development of human rights and HIV/AIDS manual for police officer**

UGANET organized a one day Consultative Workshop with the Uganda Police Force Manual on HIV/AIDS, Human Rights and the Law. The Consultative Workshop was organized in two parts. The first part was the Consultative Workshop was held on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 beginning from 8:30 am to 1:00pm, while the second part was the follow up of resolutions and implementation of recommendations made at the previous training of the Uganda Police Force Officers in 2006. These two phases were all held at Tal Cottages Hotel, Rubaga-Kampala.

These Consultative Workshops were carried out in two phase due difference in aims and objectives of the consultations.

The two meetings implemented as follows

### **A. PHASE 1: Consultative Workshop for the Police Officers on the HIV/AIDS, Human Rights and the Law Police Manual**

On 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2007, UGANET organized a half day Consultative Workshop on HIV/AIDS, Human Rights and the Law Police Manual. The Workshop was officially opened by the Officer in Charge Training and Planning Unit on behalf of the Inspector General of Uganda Force. Present at the opening ceremony was also the Chairperson Uganda Network on Law, Ethics and HIV/AIDS.

In carrying out these consultative Workshops, UGANET used the expertise of the short term hired consultant and other Resource Persons who were drawn from its Membership and Partnership Organizations. These were; Ms Alison Byamukama – Volunteer UNDP placed at Uganda Human Rights Commissioner, Ms. Beatrice Were – Action Aid International Uganda/Member UGANET Board.

The objectives of this Workshop were:

- To have Uganda Police Force and other key stake holders in put in the Police Manual on HIV/AIDS.
- To validate information put together by the short term hired consultant.

Participants were drawn from Uganda Police Force Headquarters, and from UGANET's 5 Districts of Partnership namely Masindi, Ntungamo, Pallisa, Lira and Kampala.

29 participants attended this workshop. Participants at this Workshop actively participated and shared experiences on the human rights violations and protection of PLHAs and other vulnerable groups which were later included in the manual.

#### **Some of the key human rights issues arising from this consultation were:**

- Inadequate laws mandating the Police to fight the scourge.
- Lack of focal point to medically examine suspects at the stage of arrest and discharge from Prison.
- Limited access to ARVS by PLHAs.
- Child abuse through defilement and early marriages.

The outputs of this Workshop were;

- 29 Participants views, experiences and ideas were received discussed and are to be included in the Manual.
- Participants were able to share experiences on human rights violations in their areas of locality.
- UGANET had a chance to hear from Participants the HIV/AIDS related human rights violations that existed in Masindi, Ntungamo, Pallisa, Lira, Kampala and Uganda in general.

### **B. PHASE 11: Follow up of resolutions and implementation of recommendations made at the previous training of the Uganda Police Force Officers in 2006**

On the same day (30<sup>th</sup> May, 2007) beginning with 2:00pm – 4:30pm, UGANET continued to hold half day follow up consultative Workshop of resolutions and implementation of recommendations made at the previous training of the Uganda Police Force Officers in 2006 for Uganda Police Force Officers from Uganda Police Force Headquarters and other Police Officers from the 5 Districts of UGANET Partnership namely Masindi, Lira, Pallisa, Ntungamo and Kampala. These Police officers had attended the Consultative Workshop for the Police Officers on the HIV/AIDS, Human Rights and the Law Police Manual in the morning hours of the same day. The purpose of holding this Workshop for the Police Officers was specifically aimed at Monitoring Human Rights violations and following up recommendations and implementation of resolutions made at the 2006 Police Officers Training Workshop.

The objectives of this Workshop were:

- To follow up implementation of resolutions and recommendations made by Police Officers at their Training Workshop organized by UGANET in 2006.
- To share experiences and monitoring human rights violations and protection of rights of persons vulnerable to HIV/AIDS.
- To hear from participants the HIV/AIDS related human rights violations that existed in Masindi, Lira, Pallisa, Ntungamo, Kampala and Uganda in general.

Participants were drawn from Uganda Police Force Headquarters, from UGANET 5 Districts of Partnership namely Masindi, Lira, Pallisa, Ntungamo and Kampala.

29 participants attended this follow up Workshop. They actively participated and reported cases of human rights violations and shared experiences on how UGANET Trainings has help them in dealing with violations of human rights especially those related to HIV/AIDS.

**Some of the key human rights issues arising from this training were:**

- Delays in Courts of Laws in taking action on cases referred by Police and other human rights protection agencies.
- Stigma and Discrimination of Persons living with HIV/AIDS at recruitment in Police Forces and during employment.
- Inadequate Capacity Building Training Programmes to enable them capacity of handling challenging situations that face them as they handle HIV/AIDS related human rights violations.
- Lack of legal protection framework to protect the human rights of Persons Living with and those affected by HIV/AIDS.

**(c) District based Community Training Workshops on HIV/AIDS, Human Rights and the Law.**

- **A Follow up on Pre-Visit to Ntungamo District.**

A follow up on the pre visit for Ntungamo District Partnership and preparation for a Community Awareness and Capacity Building Workshop was carried out on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2007. This was aimed at meeting the Chairperson LC5 Ntungamo District for further discussion and also reaching agreement on modalities of our partnership and the District

The Chairperson was grateful for UGANET for having included the District under her Partnership Policy especially at a time when the District is experiencing increased human rights violations among the vulnerable groups and other populations in the District in general. He said that, UGANET was free to implement her activities in the District so long as activity reports and other information related to the Network are always brought to his attention and filled on record. He pledged total support to UGANET activities in the District especially in the protection of human rights violations and in the era of HIV/AIDS.

#### **(d) Resource Mobilization**

UGANET continued with its efforts to increase its resource base. We continued to make follow ups on the, three proposals which were sent to HIVOs, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development (MGLSD)

On 14<sup>th</sup> June 2007, we held a meeting with HIVOs Official to discuss a Proposal that was sent to HIVOs. While in this meeting, our proposal was discussed together with HIVOs representative and the following were reached;

- UGANET was asked to send a revised proposal on activities that were agreed on in the meeting.
- HIVOs Official promised to give a feedback on the revised proposal by September, 2007.

In the same quota, we formulated and sent a proposal to UPHOLD and we are still awaiting response.

#### **(f) Networking and Partnership building**

During this quarter UGANET continued to build strategic partnerships with key stakeholders and organizations that are critical to the creation of a supportive Human Rights, Legal and Policy framework which is responsive to the challenges created by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. This was principally done through attendance/facilitation at meetings/workshops organized by partner organizations, sharing of information with members and partners.

Organizations and other partners with which UGANET closely worked with during the reporting the reporting period include the following;

- Uganda AIDS Commission;
- Justice, Law and Order Sector (JLOS);
- ACCORD;
- ANPPCAN;
- Uganda Human Rights Commission;
- Parliament of Uganda;
- Centre for domestic violence prevention (CEDOVIP);
- Lira District Forum of PLHAs;
- Philly Lutaya Initiative, Masindi;
- Action Aid Uganda, Masindi;

- Bulisa District Local Government;
- Uganda Police Force (Masindi and Lira Police Stations)
- Family Planning, Mbarara;
- FIDA, Mbarara;
- Mbale District Local Government; and
- Pallisa District Local Government.

A Total of 24 meetings were attended during this quarter (refer to annex 2)

**(g) Membership mobilization**

This is an ongoing activity which continued during this quarter. Two new members were registered during the reporting period.

**(h) Secretariat Operations.**

UGANET Secretariat continued to operate normally during this quarter this quarter. As the organizational values emphasize we continued to work strategically towards team building in order to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.

During the reporting period the organization continued to plan and implement activities normally.

**2. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**(I) Provision of legal Aid services to PLHAs and victims of HIV/AIDS Related human rights violations.**

During this quarter UGANET continued to provide Legal Aid Services to PLHAs and those affected in one way or the other by HIV/AIDS. Majority of clients received reported property grabbing, denial of Widows from their matrimonial home and discrimination at workplaces as their immediate problems.

**(j) Orphan Support Fund Activities**

In order to keep the Orphan Support Fund afloat the following were undertaken during this quarter;

- UGANET Orphans Support Fund boxes were placed at UGANET Offices, Kabojja Junior, and Quality Supermarket, Ntinda in efforts to mobilize more funds to support Orphans and other Vulnerable Children of HIV/AIDS.
- Making collections for pledges and other materials to support orphans that were made at our 2007 Orphans Support Fund, fundraising Dinner.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

A Financial Report has been prepared and is herewith attached.

**4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We thank the Irish Aid Embassy of Ireland Kampala and the People of Ireland for the continued support to UGANET's activities in its efforts to advocate for and to build capacity for the strengthening of the human rights, legal, ethical and timely action to the human rights violations and protection of People Living and those affected by HIV/AIDS in Uganda.

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