

The ActionAid Uganda Weekly 4th-10th Feb , 2019

Dear Reader,

In stock for you this week is the interesting work implemented by AAU's Mubende WPC in saving women and mothers-read about Nirere Irene's story, one of the many survivors who have got solace from this shelter. Also, a new system-Contract Management is set to be launched. What is it? How will it work? Find out these and more in this weekly.

Enjoy

Mother of Four Reconnected with her Family-Thanks to Mubende WPC!



By Catherine Tusiime

Nirere Irene, 35, mother of four and a resident of Kabulamuliro, Madudu Sub County in Mubende run to AAU's women protection shelter for help and safety after her neighbor Ssentongo and his children threatened her life. They used to attack her, beat her and threaten to chase her off her land in addition to sending their animals to destroy her crops. She arrived at the shelter pregnant and they provided for her security support through Police and as well shelter. Police was sent on ground to intervene in the matter and indeed she was able to return home safe. She however later returned and dumped her four children at the WPC offices.

When asked, she responded in a phone-call that she had gone to Kasese-her home area, to give birth and had nowhere to leave the children. These were enrolled at "**Glory Land children's home**" who accepted to take care of them for as long as their mother would return and one of the children was taken by the father. After one month, she returned with her new born at the shelter and before she could take the other children, she was offered psycho-social support to prevent such a scenario from re-happening. Today she is happy and raising her children with courage and vigor.

" Sometimes facing battles with fear and ignorance can conflict with our struggles for success" she said during our visit to her home recently.

AA Contract Management System To Go Live!



By Yuda Rwakogo

ActionAid conducted Global secretariat Training of Trainers of country super users. The training was attended by representatives from Uganda, Netherlands, Thailand, Nigeria, Ghana, Tanzania, Brazil, Seirraleon, among others.

The training was facilitated by Ashleena Deike (CMS Project Manager) and Terriere Kate. It aimed at equipping super users to train other people in their respective countries on how to use the contract management system, to enable super users to be in position to lead internal discussions about when your organisation (countries) will adopt CMS, to enable Super users, lead internal discussions about WHO should use CMS within your organization, to enable Super users to articulate the benefits of using CMS to different user groups and lead the process of setting and implementing a scope for data and document migration into the new system within country programme.

The System is expected to increase effectiveness and efficiency in terms of project ideas , concept notes, proposals , grants/contracts tracking, reporting and records /documents management and will enhance cross learning and sharing of on-going project ideas,

concepts notes, proposals, approved grants /contracts across the board within the federation.

The Super users are expected to arrange in country trainings of the specific teams and thereafter will roll out the system with support of the key support team at global secretariat. The roll out is expected by march 2019 , though the system will go live by end of march 2019

Fruits of youth Apprenticeship!

By Aldo Olwoch

Okello Samuel 20 from Lagile parish, Awere sub county was one of the beneficiaries who received training through apprenticeship scheme under EU funded project “Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Self Employment and National Development (YESSEN)”. Samuel says in 2016, when ActionAid were mapping youth for apprenticeship, he applied and received a phone call from AAU community Change Agents confirming that he has been selected among youth who will be trained on motorcycle maintenance and repairs, a call that was to change his life forever! “Our training was expected to take 6 months (July – December 2018) however with my background and commitment I learnt and mastered most of the skills within a period of three months. In November 2018, I talked with my Trainer (Skilled Artisan) to start practicing the skills within Lagile and he accepted my view”.

Currently Emanuel is the only sole and most reliable mechanic for motorcycle in Lagile trading centre. He gained a lot of reputation from his community with a lot of confidence in his work. When interviewed by ActionAid monitoring team about profitability of his services, challenges and future plan Samuel said for the two months of operation, he has received minimum of UGX 5,000 and maximum of 20,000/= from the services provided to people each day. He added that, he could have got much more than that if he had all the tools and spare parts within the trading centre. He added that, in their group of 5 youth, they have a plan to operate their business in Lagile trading centre and with AAU start-up kits they will move to a greater level. In 2-5 years they plan to have all the spare parts within their premises such that they earn from both sale of goods and services.

Localising The African Mining Vision-AAU takes Lead!



By Didas Muhumuza

Last week, the Extractives Governance unit brought together hundreds of small scale and artisanal gold miners across the country and government officials in the Mining Division, as well as the Mineral Police to educate them on the African Mining Vision that is being fronted across Africa. The Project Coordinator Didas Muhumuza took them through the policy.

AMV is a holistic policy framework for resource-based development in Africa and the struggle is to ensure that governments adopt the policy to attain transparent, equitable and optimal exploitation of mineral resources to underpin broad-based sustainable growth and socio-economic development.

He noted that both miners and government officials still have limited knowledge on the policy but pledged that AAU would work with them to ensure there is an understanding of

the policy to support government in adopting it eventually. Mining is one of the biggest income earning business for the country but limited support is granted to it by Government, neither is it well funded.

Corruption to Blame for Failed Land Justice!



By Nancy Akidi

Nancy Akidi, the Psychosocial support Officer Lira GBV Shelter participated in a talk show on Radio Wa 89.8 fm organized by TRAC FM. The topic discussed was **“barriers to accessing justice on land”**

Callers and participants at the talk show confirmed that the corrupt dispute resolution institutions and high legal fees are to blame for the failing justice system of land

acquisition and ownership by women.

Callers who participated in the talk show insisted that corruption is the main impediment to accessing justice from both the formal and informal sector and they recommended that the corrupt officials be punished. Other key hindrances included limited number of judges, judges and magistrates absconding from duty because they are always travelling on Monday and Fridays to and from their duty stations respectively which results in huge case backlogs as new ones come in; similarly cultural leaders were singled as barriers to accessing justice on land as many times they are accused of favoring those who have money than the vulnerable widows and orphans. And the callers recommended that the radio is the best avenue for creating more awareness on land rights and access to land justice and also encouraged continuity of the radio program.

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