



The map above shows the ActionAid GBV shelters spread across the Country. AAU GBV shelters are supplemented by the MIFUMI run shelters in Masaka, Mbarara and Kotido and the UWONET shelters in Namutumba and Kamuli. Let us share this information widely so that women and girls are supported to get justice in the incidence of abuse. Welcome to this Weekly edition.

What you did not know about our GBV Shelters



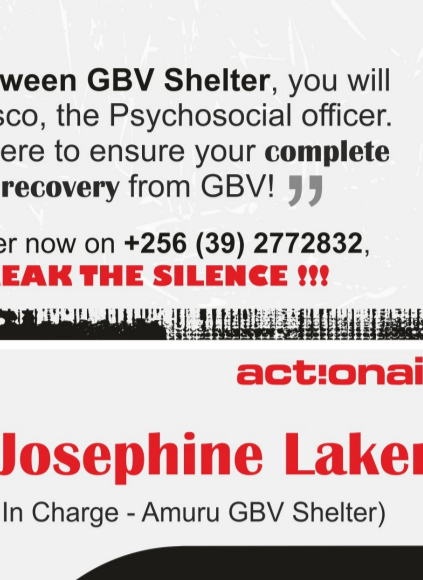
Meet Deborah Lwanga (Legal and Project Officer-Kween Shelter) **Meet Zaituna Sisco Cherukui** (Counsellor - PsychoSocial Support Officer)



STOP GBV

“ Since 2012, we have received **2990** GBV Cases and successfully settled **1200** ”

Call us on **+256 (39) 2772832** for Support or Simply **Walk into the Kween Shelter**



STOP GBV

“ At the **Kween GBV Shelter**, you will meet Sisco, the Psychosocial officer. She is here to ensure your **complete recovery** from GBV! ”

Call her now on **+256 (39) 2772832**. **BREAK THE SILENCE !!!**




STOP GBV

“ Out of the **552** cases reported at the shelter since 2014, majority(**170**) are defilement cases. ”

We need to **Rise Up** and **Protect Girls** from this dehumanizing abuse.

Talk to us on **+256 (39) 2613122**



STOP GBV

“ In **Amuru** and all other shelters, We have integrated economic empowerment. We believe that economic power is **power against GBV**. ”

Talk to me on **+256 (39) 772 830**

ActionAid Uganda started by designing and implementing the Women Won't Wait (WWW) campaign aimed at addressing the Intersection of HIV AIDS Infection and Violence against Women and Girls. This resulted in the piloting of Women Protection Centre (WPC) model in three districts of Mubende, Pallisa and Nebbi.

The results and experiences from the pilot deeply informed DFID's support in the establishment of seven additional Centres in Kumi, Katakwi, Mubende, Kween, Amuru, and Kampala (Bwaise). Two additional shelters of Lira and Gulu were later established with support from UNFPA under the Joint UN Programme on Gender Equality,(2012-2014).

The Gender Based Violence Shelters project contributes to SURGE (Strengthening Uganda's Response to Gender Equality), a four year programme (June 2016 to May 2020), supported by DFID.

[Read more about this project here.](#)
Join us on social media as we count the gains of our GBV shelter work.

#GBVshelters #4womendignity.

Power in People Project Under Review



ActionAid staff last week committed to a team work tactic that is participatory and involving to attain bigger and better results. This was done in Hoima during the Ford Foundation funded project of 'Power in People Influencing People in Power' review meeting.

The Project is working towards ensuring that young people have a stake in the governance of the oil and gas sector.

The Project implementing team met with the Rwamutonga community members who were evicted by McAleer company to construct an oil waste management plant without being compensated.

The Project Coordinator, Didas Muhumuza confirmed the deliberate effort being taken to have everyone at the grassroots-particularly partners and cluster staff in the implementing districts involved in activity implementation, as a way of strengthening the project implementing team.

“We are all going to be involved in driving the oil sector development discourse. The oil sector is a complicated one that needs commitment and interest. We shall ensure we meet quarterly to plan together, learn together and assess each other,” he promised.

The AG-Director of Programs at the event, Samuel Ntale called upon the project implementation team to keep the momentum high so that the project's intended impact is attained.

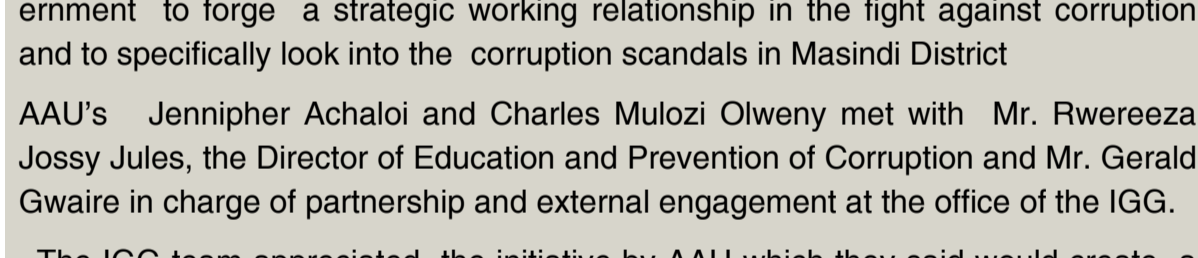
At the end of the week long project review exercise, the team successfully scrutinized project performance in the first year of implementation that ended March 2018, and drew learnings for Year Two that started April 2018.

The Project, funded by Ford Foundation is aimed at ensuring that the young women and men become the voice of the voiceless in the highly lucrative oil and gas industry, where communities are at the tail of benefiting.

Overall, the project aims at attaining an Equitably governed extractives sector where youth can access opportunities and are actively involved in decision making.

ActionAid aims to achieve this by working with the youth, their movements and struggles to raise their awareness on extractives governance and to hold state and non-state actors accountable in the equitable utilization of natural resources. ActionAid is also generating evidence based policy options that will enhance youth access to benefits and opportunities from natural resources exploitation and reduce potential for resource based conflict

ActionAid and IGG Build Ties to end Corruption



AAU's Charles and Jennifer (left and second right) in a photo moment after the meeting with the IGG officials.

In the week just ended, ActionAid held a meeting with the Inspectorate of Government to forge a strategic working relationship in the fight against corruption and to specifically look into the corruption scandals in Masindi District

AAU's Jennifer Achaloi and Charles Mulozi Olweny met with Mr. Rwerezza Jossy Jules, the Director of Education and Prevention of Corruption and Mr. Gerald Gwaire in charge of partnership and external engagement at the office of the IGG.

The IGG team appreciated the initiative by AAU which they said would create a win-win situation for the two institutions.

“We need to share the limited human, financial and technological resources for a greater fight against corruption”, stated Mr Rwerezza adding that the intended partnership would strengthen the fight against corruption for improvement of the public services in Uganda.

Mr Gwaire informed the AAU team that IGG has started the implementation of her five year strategy which focuses on preventing corruption hence building strong partnership with CSOs and citizens to detect, deter and prevent corruption will be their main focus.

About the corruption scandals;

The Office of the RDC Masindi received a petition from a Whistle Blower who contends that on 2nd October 2017, the Ministry of Internal Affairs made a payment of UGX 91 million to Karujubu Division, Masindi Municipality for a premium plot Mo. 54 Buruli Block 3 for the land situated in Kihuuba/Kiroya where Kabalye Police Training School seats. The money was however not banking to the Collections Account of intention as defraud Government of tax payers money. There is also another reported scandle of UGX 230 million pension funds which were diverted to pay teachers without any clear approval processes.

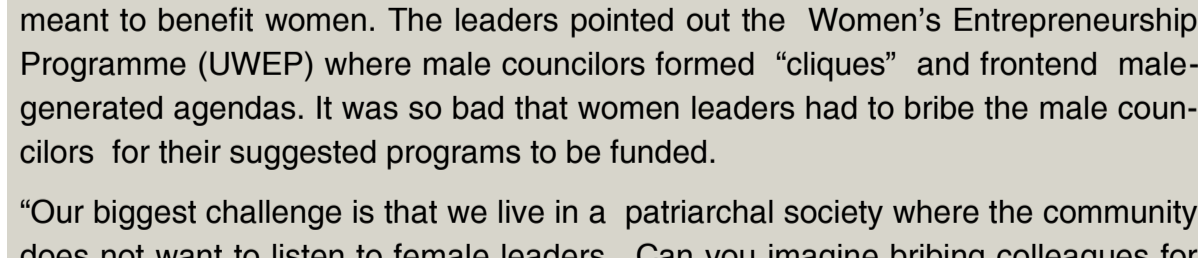
The IGG officials confirmed to have received the information and committed to follow up and give a compressive feedback to AAU within a week.

In conclusion, the IGG officials commended ActionAid's courtesy visit and the organization's unquestionable contribution in the fight against corruption and improvement in the quality of public services.

Mr Rwerezza added that the IGG is in the process of formalizing work with Civil society organizations and the ActionAid visit had given a big boost to the intended partnerships

The meeting also came at a crucial time when the African Union has dedicated 2018 as the African Anti-Corruption Year- Under the theme: “Winning the Fight Against Corruption: A Sustainable Path to Africa's Transformation”,

Busiki Female Councilors agree to mentorship



The female Councilors at the end of the mentorship meeting lat week. The agreed to mentor each other in council procedures to attain meaningful representation of women.

Last week, ActionAid Busiki held its quarterly mentorship meeting for female councilors under the theme, “Creating Safe Spaces for Female Leadership”.

During the meeting that was attended by 26 female councilors both from the District and sub counties, the leaders outlined challenges that are undermining the impact of their leadership.

Many pointed out that their voices are often silenced by the male colleagues while the men often dominate the operationalization of funded projects including those meant to benefit women. The leaders pointed out the Women's Entrepreneurship Programme (UWEP) where male councilors formed “cliques” and frontend male-generated agendas. It was so bad that women leaders had to bribe the male councilors for their suggested programs to be funded.

“Our biggest challenge is that we live in a patriarchal society where the community does not want to listen to female leaders. Can you imagine bribing colleagues for an issue affecting women to be past!” stated one of the councilors.

She added that as a Deputy Speaker, she is not allowed to chair council sessions and in the absence of the Speaker, the council cannot meet simply because she is a woman.

Another challenge that was pointed out was inadequate knowledge of the council proceedings which was critical in enabling councilors to effectively execute their duties.

“Women councilors are not familiar with council proceedings since they did not go through proper induction. This limits their ability to push for the women agenda and table a motion in council”, stated Ms Loy, the District Deputy Speaker.

The meeting resolved that older councilors continue supporting new female councilors to understand their roles but create a quarterly platform for the female councilors to interact and share experiences.

Speaking at the same occasion Ms. Susan Awidi, the Program Coordinator for National Community of Women Living With HIV in Uganda (NACWOLA), urged the female councilors to know the needs of their constituents and move out from their comfort zones and work for social justice of their voters as they had a big role to play in ensuring justice for women and girls in their areas.

In her concluding remark, the Vice Chairperson Namutumba District, Mrs. Batega Aminah thanked ActionAid for bringing the women councilors together and encouraged fellow councilors to make good use of such spaces to learn from each other.

According to Immaculate Awori, the AAU program Officer, the meeting forms part of ActionAid Busiki's focus of creating safe conducive spaces for women to have critical conversations on issues affecting them in their localities and come up with home grown sustainable solutions so as to enhance women's participation, representation and feminist leadership in rural Uganda.

Week Ahead

- On Tuesday this week, ActionAid will join the Women4Uganda movement to address the media about the increasing cases of maternal Mortality. Join us for the Press conference at Uganda NGO Forum Offices and a demonstration there after.

- Following the signing of the UGX7Billion project with the DGF, ActionAid is this week holding an inception meeting for all implementing staff and partners. The meeting is being held in Mbale.

- The Finance Director and Finance Manager are in Nairobi for a week long training on effective financial systems

- ActionAid will host 30 guests from the Community Solutions Program, a professional leadership development program implemented by the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)of the United States and the United States Department of State.