



Weekly

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ActionAid Donates to 200 families

Towards the end of December, ActionAid delivered relief worth Shs 50m to the 200 displaced families who were evicted in Rwamutonga in Hoima District. The relief included soy maize for children, maize flour, beans, blankets, tarpaulins, and ropes for constructing decent housing, as well as pangas and slashers.

The 200 families were evicted by the police and court bailiffs from their land in Rwamutonga village, Bugambe Sub County, Hoima district, in August 2014 on the orders of the alleged land owner Joshua Tibagwa. His plan was to sell the land to McAlester Energy Resources Ltd, an American company from Texas that wanted to set up an oil waste treatment plant. These evicted families have now been sentenced to an indecent, unhygienic and inhumane lifestyle in a camp on land that was offered by two good samaritan residents in Rwamutonga.



Led by the Policy and Campaigns Manager at ActionAid, Fredrick Kawooya, the team of 12 was joined by Annet Mbabazi, an officer from the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF), Hoima RDC, Woman Member of Parliament for the district and journalists.

The displaced families clapped and ululated as the truck drove towards their camp. They were rejuvenated to live once more.

Fredrick Kawooya informed them that they are the reason that ActionAid exists.

"We shall not stop at feeding you today. What will happen when the food is over? We want to work with you and your leaders to ensure that you attain full justice and dignity in the long run. Let us all have one big voice and demand that Government takes responsibility to ensure that the residents go back to their homes or relocated to an alternative piece of land," he appealed.

Read more about the relief delivery in the New Vision [here](#) and in The Observer [here](#).

GBV Survivor loses case



GBV survivor, Zainab Mbabazi at her release from the civil society last year after attaining complete recovery. Though she lost the case, she is empowered to defend her body against any abuse. (File photo)

On the 22nd of December, the Buganda Road Court Chief Magistrate, Lilliane Buchana acquitted the three Pakistani Nationals of charges of gang raping Zainab Mbabazi. Ms Buchana told the fully packed court room that the prosecution had been very inconsistent in their account and failed to delivery sufficient evidence to prosecute the suspects.

Upon delivering the Judgment, Zainab Mbabazi, the GVB survivor went into wailing at what she termed injustice by the courts of law.

According to Florence Akol, the Women Protection Center lawyer who was working alongside FIDA, the case was lost due to inconsistency from the side of the GBV survivor:

"Most importantly, medical workers who had treated Mbabazi before she came in the custody of the civil society were not willing to testify and yet the evidence was not preserved. The other most important issue that worked against us is that the key suspect, whom the GBV survivor successfully placed at the scene of crime is still at large."

Florence is still meeting with her colleagues at FIDA to decide on whether they will appeal or not.

The GBV survivor was later transported back home by Nulu Nabunya, the Chairperson of Makerere Women Development Association.

"As much as she lost the case, the most important thing is that Zainab is fully recovered and operating her business in Sheema. She is economically empowered and will be able to defend her life and body against any other abuse," she said.

Partner Files successfully reviewed



LRP Coordinators take off time to scrutinize the partner proposals and their alignment to the CSPIV last week.

Last week, all LRP Coordinators and National programme coordinators led by the Program Development Manager convened in Kampala to review the partners' files for 2015. A total of 37 files from 37 partners were submitted and reviewed in the four days. The review focused on assessing the congruence between partners' proposals and the commitments of CSP IV and the respective LRP strategies. All the partners' proposals were found to be in line with priorities of CSP IV and the LRP strategies. The review also focused on how partners are living the spirit of HRBA programming. The team noted that this particular area still needs a lot of improvement..

According to the Program Development Manager, Richard Olong, Thirty one files are ready and will be submitted to the Country Director for further review and approval. Only six partners received back their files because they were found to have missing vital documents. These will be redressed by the LRP and resubmitted.

The process was very successful and we hope that centrally to previous years, partners will be able to receive funds by end of January to enable them carry out their planned activities for the 1st quarter.

WEEK AHEAD

- AAU will hold an inception meeting for the Value For Money Audit this week.
- A team from the Democratic Governance Facility will be at AAU this week for a review of the Oil In Uganda Project.
- The livelihood team is in Soroti for the week long inception and planning meeting for the 2nd phase of the Public Financing for Agriculture Project.