



# **NATIONAL CITIZEN INTEGRITY AWARD 2020**

**THEME: PROMOTING SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY  
THROUGH ACTIVE CITIZENARY.**

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## **Introduction:**

This report covers the process of conducting and hosting the National Citizen Integrity Award 2020 that was held on December 16, 2020 at Royal suits in Bugolobi. The event was organised by Action Aid International Uganda (AAIU), in partnership with Democratic Governance Facility (DGF), Transparency International Uganda (TIU), Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU), among other key partners. The event was also made possible by the trusted efforts of the citizens from the different regions of Uganda, who identified, and nominated the awardees that were further vetted by an independent committee. The nominations of the awardees were conducted in collaboration with regional partners including but not limited to Anticorruption Coalition Busoga, Kick Corruption out of Kigezi (KICK), Recreation for Development Program, Vision International Actors (VIA), NGO Forum Gulu, NGO Forum Lira, Mid-Western Uganda Region Anti-Corruption Coalition (MIRAC), Kabarole Research Centre, Mbarara Women Development Association, Community Transformation Foundation Network (COTFONE) Masaka.

## **Background:**

The National Citizen Integrity Award is an annual event that was conceived and started in 2018. The background to the National Citizen Integrity Award initiative was delivered by Mr. Richard Okuku representing Mr. Marlon Agaba of Anti-Corruption Coalition of Uganda (ACCU). The philosophy behind starting the initiative was to recognise people who were serving, especially in the public sector, with honesty and integrity. The process of identifying the awardees for the 2020 National Citizen Integrity Award event was community driven. Citizens from the different regions of Uganda identified, and nominated the awardees that were further vetted by an independent committee.



*Mr. Richard Okuku, ACCU*

“Over the years, we have received requests to recognise people for the good work done. We decided that we make an annual event to honour people serve their country with honesty and integrity”. *Richard Okuku, ACCU.*

The event recognised and honoured a total of 45 individuals from across the 10 sub regions of Uganda and awarded 10 in the positions of winner, first runners up and second runners up per category. These individuals were nominated by the communities they live and work in and were

clustered into three categories name:

1. **The Frontline Workers** – Doing day to day work among people
2. **Manager and Administrators** - Enablers who make things happens.
3. **Citizens of Integrity** – Those who stand up for the right things and defend acts of integrity.

## Objectives, and Expected Outputs:

The objectives and expected outputs of the 2020 National Citizen Integrity Award 2020 were delivered by Mr. Peter Wandera, the Executive Director of Transparency International Uganda (TIU).

The integrity awards were established to recognise the courage and determination of individuals and institutions fighting corruption in Uganda. These individual and institutions have developed and implemented strategies that uphold principles of integrity and expose corrupt tendencies and corruption scandals.



*Mr. Peter Wandera, ED, TIU*

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of these awards is to recognise, honour and reward men and women in the public sector for their integrity and delivery of quality public services.

### **The Specific Objectives include:**

1. To steer a public discussion on integrity and transparency in the governance of Uganda.
2. To recognise and reward reputable civil servants with “Good Practice” for their exemplary role in service and fight against corruption.
3. To provide space for citizens, Government and Development Partners to renew and strengthen their commitment towards the fight against corruption in Uganda.
4. To identify and document best practices for practices for replication in tackling corruption and improving quality of public services in Uganda.

The top 10 individuals were singled out and awarded, however all the 45 nominees were recognised as well. “We need to encourage the winners to continue as role models in the communities where they live so as to inspire others in promoting integrity and commitment to fight against corruption.” *Mr. Peter Wandera, Executive Director TIU.*

## Welcome Remarks by Country Director, ActionAid International Uganda:

The Country Director ActionAid International Uganda (AAIU), Mr Xavier Ejoyi, welcomed guests, partners, and awardees to the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Citizen Integrity Award



*Mr. Xavier Ejoyi, ED, AAIU*

2020. He noted that the event was a climax of a process that had been going on for several weeks. He thanked those who made time to come for the event and those who were participating virtually in Uganda and other parts of the world.

ActionAid International Uganda, together with its partners Transparency International Uganda (TIU), Anti-Corruption Coalition of Uganda (ACCU), partners from the regional Civil Society Organisations and the Nation Media Group have worked together to bring forth this process and event of the National Integrity Award 2020. This process is very important because it provides a platform for citizens to advance the fight against corruption in Uganda.

“Corruption has become endemic in this country and requires each one of us at this event and all ordinary citizens to take a key role in pursuing and advancing the fight against corruption, so that life is made uncomfortable for the corrupt.” *Mr. Xavier Ejoyi.*

Corruption denies all of us the rightful service that we could enjoy at the cost of a few corruption individual. Mothers dyeing during labour due to lack of services in hospital, children studying under trees instead of classrooms and roads being eaten away by potholes, causing unnecessary accidents and deaths. There is dire need therefore to strengthen and efforts in the fight against corruption by all citizens. Mr. Enjoyi noted that the award is called a National Citizen Integrity Award because the process is citizen led. As we run after the corrupt, name and shame them, this platform provides an opportunity to learn and get inspiration from those in public offices who are doing their work diligently, with integrity, sometimes going beyond their call for duty in advancing integrity and fight against corruption.

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Mr. Enjoyi further acknowledged and thanked public servants who are working diligently and holding back on their personal interests for the common good in public service. He further thanked the regional partners who conducted the nominations, the vetting committee that vetted the nominees and the partners who made the National Citizen Integrity Award 2020 event possible. “Going forward, we expect you the awardees to advance and champion the value of integrity to your peers and to the young people in particular within your institutions and communities”. *Mr Enjoyi*

In conclusion, Mr. Enjoyi reiterated that integrity should be upheld in the fourth coming general elections and individuals of integrity should be the ones to be elected and given the opportunity to serve others.

## Opening Statement by Mr. Paul Banoba – Africa Regional Advisor Transparency International:

The Regional Advisor, Transparency International, Mr. Paul Banoba, started by



*Mr. Paul Banoba, Africa Regional Advisor, TI*

welcoming the Chief Guest, heads CSOs, Heads of Delegations, special guests and Awardees that had come to grace the occasion. He noted that he normally introduces himself as a person that fights corruption, something that always attracts a funny response from audiences. He also noted that Transparency International (TI) has a brand but it is also perceived by society, as the organisation that puts out research indices that measures corruption,

ranking and gauging which country is better than the other, although TI does so many other things. Mr Banoba largely shared about three (3) aspects in his opening statement, namely:

1. The challenges of people fighting corruption and the response they usually receive,
2. What the “Integrity Awards” mean to Transparency International, and
3. Lessons & comments from previous Integrity Awards

In light of the challenges, many individuals fighting corruption encounter tough questions like “how far have you gone? how much have you achieved so far?”. Even when you have success to talk about, society looks at other indicators. When you are successful in prosecuting one, and the one that replaces them does them same, it makes it look like its impossible, making individuals fighting corruption to seem to be trapped in a cycle that has no end to it. The biggest challenge in the fight against corruption is that there are individuals

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What Integrity Awards Mean to Transparency International is that through awards like this, there is a reaffirmation that its possible. “These awards should continuously prove and remind us that it’s possible to leave a life of public service with integrity”.

In terms of lessons from previous “Integrity Awards”, it has been observed that it is okay for a vetting committee to find no one fitting to be awarded. The vetting committee can potentially announce that there was no one found fitting to be awarded. Mr. Banoba noted and gave an example that, for 3 years in a row, there has not been a president in Africa that has been found fitting to receive the *Mo Ibrahim Award of Excellence in Leadership in Africa*, since 2017. It has also been observed that some awards can be withdrawn if compelling evidence, discovered later after the award was given, implicates the decision that was made to give the award or if the awardee becomes irregular in a manner that tantamount to a shameful betrayal of the values they once upheld.

Mr. Banoba concluded by emphasizing the need to underscore the meaning of the award as the awardees become ambassadors of (a) principle(s) that should live on and on, to inspire others to become a critical mass of people with integrity that can cause the much need cultural-shift.

## Remarks by DGF Head of Facility

The Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) is multi-donor funding facility supported by seven European development partners including Austria, Denmark, European Union, Ireland, Netherland, Norway and Sweden. The DGF contributes to the priorities of the government Uganda, vision 2040 and in line with the global agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals of 2030. “DGF is cognisant of government’s effort to build a Uganda that every citizen can be proud of by putting in place the necessary legal and policy frameworks to advance accountability and address corruption. However, more can and must be done, and the government cannot do it alone”. *Ms. Nicole Bjerler.*



*Ms. Nicole Bjerler, DGF Head of Facility*

Ms. Nicole Bjerler, the Head of the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF), welcomed the representatives of heads of government institutions, heads of CSOs, the media, distinguished guests, the nominees, and the awardees. On behalf of DGF, Ms Bjerler thanked AAIU, TIU, ACCU, the Inspectorate of Government, and all the partners for organising the event. She noted that the theme of the event emphasises the role of everyone at the event, the public, CSOs, civil servants among others to show courage and determination to promote integrity in public services, tackle corruption and promote accountable governance in Uganda. She further noted that there are a number of challenges in achieving high integrity and accountability but by working together, state and non-state actors can address the

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challenges for the benefit of the people of Uganda. Ms Nicole thanked the government of Uganda for swearing in the new leadership for the tribunal. She noted that this demonstrates political will by government to enforce the fight against corruption and adjudicate over breaches of the law. There is also need for timely justice for both high profile and low-profile corruption cases to ensure that culprits are convicted and resources recovered.

“As the DGF, we commend the organisers of today’s event. This is one those ways of creating awareness of the need for people to pursue lives of integrity. The awards can and will inspire others to follow suite and promote integrity as a virtue in society” *Ms. Nicole Bjerler.*

In conclusion, Ms Bjerler reiterated DGF’s commitment to continue partnering with the government of Uganda, CSOs and partners to support initiatives to fight corruption and to ensure that resources get to those who need them the most especially the poor, vulnerable and marginalised Ugandans.

### **Keynote Speech by Guest of Honour – Ambassador Tom Buruku**

Ambassador Buruku recognised and thanked the organisers of the National Citizen Integrity Award 2020 for honouring him with the invitation to give a keynote speech. He shared his life story that depicted the importance of having integrity and values in



*Ambassador Tom Buruku*

life. Ambassador Buruku started off life in a humble village in Arua but was blessed with a scholarship from British America Tobacco (BAT) early in life. Using this scholarship, Ambassador Buruku attended Kings College Buddo, and later joined the University of Dar es

Salaam to study law. Thereafter, he returned to start his career with BAT, where he worked for 12 years in different capacities.

“I came from a humble village in Arua but luckily got a scholarship from BAT and went to Kings College Buddo, and encountered Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. Thereafter I went to University of Dar es Salaam to study law. I was the first non-Tanzanian student to be elected as the Guild President. Justice Benjamin Odoki, Justice John Ogola, President Y. K. Museveni joined me in Dar es Salaam”. *Ambassador Buruku.*

While at BAT as the West Nile Manager, Ambassador Buruku was sent to Ghana, South Korea and Britain at different intervals to study different disciplines. In 1980, while BAT was sponsoring humanitarian work in the country, there came a crisis in west Nile when Idi Amin was overthrown and consequently a civil war sprung up in Luwero. It's at this time that ambassador Buruku was asked by BAT to join the Uganda Red Cross Society as Secretary General as they continued paying his benefits. “For the 4 years I was at Red Cross as Secretary General, we used to send volunteers on a daily basis to Luwero with supplies. However, the supplies were often times looted by soldiers. As Secretary General, I wrote a letter to the Vice President, Paul Muwanga, about the incidents. He instead summoned me to his office and blamed me that I was writing reports to discredit the government. I asked Paul Muwanga to send his people to verify. To his amazement, his people confirmed even more atrocities and that's when he asked me to share all reports whenever I had them”. *Ambassador Buruku.*

During that period, the rebels kidnapped 9 Red Cross volunteers and 4 Swiss volunteers. The headlines of this incident were not taken lightly. President Obote and the cabinet summoned Mr. Buruku and accused him and the Red Cross for sending supplies to Museveni who was in the bush. However, the Vice President Paul Muwanga defended Mr. Buruku because he knew that their work as Red Cross was purely humanitarian.

After 4 years, Mr. Buruku was posted to Gevena as Director for Red Cross, Africa. After 6 years he was posted to South Africa, to specifically support the drafting of the new constitution to address the high tension in the South African Red Cross by then.

After this assignment, Mr. Buruku was posted to New York to support the UN General Assembly. He was later moved to Sierra Leone as Head of Delegation of the International Red Cross, and after this assignment Mr. Buruku returned to Uganda as Chairman of the Uganda Red Cross.

“When I returned, the Uganda government appointed me as a Commissioner in the Electoral Commission. The challenges there were tremendous. There was a time the government did not want Rtd. Col. Kiiza Besigye to contest for presidency. We had to decide as Commissioners, whether to allow him to contest or not. The Attorney General then came to us to advise on the same but we asserted to him that if they (government) did not want to allow Rtd. Col. Kiiza Besigye to contest, then they first accept our resignations. He declined and Rtd. Col. Kiiza Besigye was free to contest”. *Ambassador Buruku*

“The experience that you go through while exercising honesty and integrity is sometimes painful and agonising but fulfilling and rewarding in the end”. *Ambassador Buruku.*

Mr. Buruku worked hard to uphold honesty and integrity throughout his career amidst extreme fear, intense pressure as well as temping circumstances. For all his assignments, there was need to uphold integrity and act with braveness all the time for the good of the institutions that he was representing as well as his personal reputation, and nothing came easy.

“The experience that you go through while exercising honesty and integrity is sometimes painful and agonising but fulfilling and rewarding in the end. By the time I retired, I had acquired the following honours”. *Ambassador Buruku.*

1. Merit of Award of Kings College Buddo
2. Award from the Finish Red Cross
3. Award from the Rotary Club of Kiwatule
4. Award from the Venezuelan Red Cross
5. Award Uganda RC
6. International Red Cross Award 2013 – the highest humanitarian award of the Red Cross. Mr. Buruku was the second to receive this award internationally.

Mr. Buruku concluded by thanking the organisations that came up with the idea of recognising people working with integrity. It is motivating and inspiring to recognise those individuals who are working hard to lead lives of integrity.

## Panel Discussion

The panel discussion was moderated by the Master of Ceremonies with four (4) panellists including:

1. Mr. Lomayanga Joseph – The District Chairperson of Napak District and President of Uganda Local Government Association.
2. Kunihira Akiki – CAO of Wakiso Sec gen of CAOs of Uganda.
3. Robinson Oduka – Directorate of Ethics and Integrity.
4. Mr Marion Tukahurira – CAO Kyankwanzi.

### Mr. Lomayanga Joseph – Chairman of Napak District and President of Uganda Local Government Association.



*Panellists: L-R: Ms. Marion Tukahurira, Mr. Robinson Oduka, Mr. Kunihira Godfrey, and Mr. Lomayanga Joseph*

**Q:** What is the importance Integrity?

**A:** According to Mr. Lomayanga integrity all about being honesty. Integrity leaves legacy. Your legacy will be built more by those you have left behind.

**Q:** How has integrity been promoted in Napak?

**A:** We have promoted integrity by being transparent in public funds management. For

example, When the budget is released, we publish it. Whenever Napak receives funding it's also publicised. The funds received from central government and expenses from the same are all made public on our notice boards, every quarter.

**Q:** Has community been involved?

**A:** The community in Napak is involved in the aspects of service delivery as important stakeholders. There is however a gap especially in the area of access to information. We need to empower people to have access to information, and also know how to ask for information where it is lacking.

**Q:** Where did we fail?

**A:** Parents are not playing their role as expected. Children these days have not been well groomed, something that makes promotion of integrity at a later stage very difficult. But as government, we have also failed! Many people that have been arrested due to corruption related cases are released because the law is not tough enough. There are also instances where the circumstances of the release of a culprit are not known or justifiable.

**Mr. Kunihira Godfrey Akiki – Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of Wakiso and Secretary General of CAOs in Uganda**

**Q:** How important is integrity and how are you enforcing it?

**A:** First, I want to appreciate this effort of this event. This event is a mirror of public service. Integrity is not what you put in pockets of people; it is the service they get from the public funds. For every civil servant who joins the service with the aim of earning is wrong. The deliverable for civil service is ensuring the citizens get services. Civil servants are duty bearers ensuring that citizens enjoy their rights and privileges.

**Q:** Do we have performance indicators that we can use to measure accountability?

**A:** The first step is to understand how workers join the institutions or public service. The institution itself must have a vision, mission and goal and so any officer joining such an institution must have clear deliverables, through induction, and the performance agreement must have integrity inbuilt. The challenge we have today is the paradigm shift where most people have paid a lot of money for education and so when they join civil service, they act like they have come to harvest. In our system in Wakiso, we have a reward and sanction system, for example, that rewards those that have served with honesty and integrity and sanction bad performance, which helps us to caution and weed out bad elements.

**Q:** Where did we lose it?

**A:** It starts to go wrong when you or your child is talking about me, I and myself... my toothbrush, my basin, my room, etc. those small individualistic tendencies are the root causes of what can turn out to be undesirable in society. There are civil servants that ask for promotions, not because of performance but as an entitlement. Do not get what you want just to deprive others of what they need, people need to be made to understand that promotion comes on merit. We should grow the people and institutions into integrity. Citizen engagement is very important; especially in public projects and services. They can cause and influence change. We have got projects in Lwengo streamlined because of community involvement. We have also worked with Action Aid to give hope to the hopeless drunkards in Buwekula, who had hitherto lost hope in public service and in life. Initiatives that bring hope, transparency and justice to people need to be strengthened in order to return sanity in public service and return public trust.

## **Mr. Robinson Oduka – Directorate of Ethics and Integrity**

**Q:** What is the Directorate of Ethics and Integrity all about?

**A:** The Directorate of Ethics and Integrity is one of the Directorates of the Office of the Presidency. We coordinate, developing, review the legal framework and policies, with the key role being coordination. We set standards for ethics and integrity and we believe that corruption is actually a symptom of a bigger problem, eroded values.

**Q:** How is integrity important?

**A:** Integrity is understood differently by different age groups. Senior citizens seem to present values and the young seem to understand it in relations to the “get rich quick” schemes. Integrity is important because it helps us build trust. Without trust we can’t lead people. Integrity tends to make the actions of the led to be in alignment with the behaviour of their leaders.

**Q:** Wouldn't it be late to address issues of integrity at the start of one's career in public service?

**A:** It's not late if you are saving something. Better late than never. There are many strategies including adjusting the curriculum for primary schools, to include the element of human capital development, which is being implemented now. Integrating moral values into the curriculum is also key in facilitating the raising of a generation with values; and this goes beyond the government system, it includes efforts at individual level.

**Q:** Where did we go wrong?

**A:** When we began omitting informal education in favour of formal education. There are things taught at school and home. Before you join formal education, you must have graduated from informal education, which has largely been forgotten. Today, the value of sharing is gone, children are being raised by TVs and maids and parents must get back to play their part, and most importantly speak up about the evil. We must also understand that the reason evil continues exist is because of the good people who see it happen and decide to keep quiet.

## **Ms. Marion Tukahurira – CAO Kyankwanzi**

**Q:** Why would integrity be important in enhancing active citizenry and social accountability?

**A:** Integrity is important because people need to believe you and have confidence in your services. With integrity people can trust and count on you to serve them above yourself. With integrity you are able to win the confidence of those you serve and even when challenges occur those served will be part of the process in getting the solution.

**Q:** Where did we go wrong or lose it from?

**A:** We lost it when we privatised parastatals. We lost it when we became individualistic, caging ourselves in fences and gates. In the old days, when a child did something wrong, someone would not ask for permission to discipline that child. Today, doing the same can cause serious trouble, it can escalate into a legal issue and cost you. We also lost it in the curriculum. The curriculum had become too academic, and now we see some improvements being suggested like the human capital development. We also lost it at grooming, especially because of career growth, prioritising our careers and forgetting to raise children properly. In some cases, the morals of the young generation are completely eroded, young women today are drinking and in drugs.

### **Presentation of Awards – By Eva Matsiko, Chair Vetting Committee**

The process of identifying awardees was citizen led and nominations were done by the communities across the country. The nominations forms were made available at different strategic locations across the countries and some other nominations came through radio talk shows across the country. “We would like to recommend to the organisers that we hold regional recognition events before the national event because we tend to lose the momentum at the regional level”. *Eva Matsiko*. The nominations were in three (3) categories as listed below:

#### **The Categories of the Awardees**

1. Frontline workers – Doing day to day work among people
2. Managers and Administrators - Enablers who make things happens
3. Citizens of Integrity – They stand up for the right things and defend acts of integrity.

The nominees from the regions were vetted at national level. The vetting process focused at a number of things including but not limited to:

1. Demonstrate acts of integrity
2. Consistence in one’s actions
3. Influence society – people feel your presence as valuable and thus they miss that value when you are absent.

#### **Frontline Workers Category:**

1. Namutebi Esther – Lwengo District
2. Sarah Atuheirwe – Midwife from Mbarara
3. Lydia Nubulobi – Headteacher from Mbale
4. Florence Adoki – Midwife, Masindi District Hospital
5. Geoffrey Jaffer Muduba – Hoima District
6. Fred Kato - Head teacher from Kakumiro District
7. Samuel Batuuka – Iganga District Local Government
8. James Mukambwe – Senior Clinical Officer, Namutumba District
9. Dr. John Baruku – Kasese District
10. Dr. Catherine Kemigabo – Kabarole DLG
11. Elizabeth Nakyaze – Headteacher, Bukomansimbi District

12. Dr. Paul Onzibo -Maracha District.
13. Innocent Oneju – Nebbi District.
14. Christine Akol Akumu – Gulu District.

**Managers and Administrators Category:**

1. Mathias Kigoye – District Education Office Kyotera District
2. Herman Ssentongo – RDC Masaka
3. Loyce Nambozo – CAO Mbale
4. Mrs Aida Annet Balinanseko – Head teacher, Iganga
5. Lydia Komuhangi – Town Clerk, Rukiga District
6. Rose Sophia Acheg – Lira District
7. Thomas Otema – Lira District
8. Badru Ssentongo – Nakaseke District.
9. Samuel Ruhweza – Kyenjonjo District.
10. Maurice Manano – Nebbi District
11. Joyce Lanyer – Amuru District.
12. Macelino Akulo – Gulu District.

**Citizens of Integrity Category:**

1. Jolly Kemigisha – Retired Gender Officer - Mbarara
2. Polly Mugarura – Retired Civil Servant - Mbarara
3. Nandutu Annet – Sironko District
4. Mr Muhindi Byekwaso – Rubanda District
5. Rt. Rev. Eng. George Bagamuhunda – Kabale District
6. Lino Atum Obwor – Lira District
7. Rev. Fr. George B. – Nakaseke District
8. Samuel Nsubuga – Nakaseke District
9. Dr. Nathaniel Walembe – Rwenzori International University, Kasese District
10. Dr. Pascal Kabura – University of Fort portal
11. Dr. Christopher Oyat – Gulu District

**Winners - Managers and Administrators Category**

The winners of this category were presented by Mr. Milton Kato, a retired civil servant, who served for 37 years and retired honourably. The winner in this category was unable to make it to the award ceremony however, the first runner-up and second runners-up were present.



*First runner-up, Mrs. Aida Balinanseko (frontline extreme left) and second runners-up: Mr. Mathias Kigoye (frontline, second left in brown suit with necktie) and Lydia Komuhangi (frontline, third left, in black dress) with other dignitaries at the ceremony.*

**Winner:**

Mr. Kaija Ruhweza – CAO Kyenjojo. He has mobilised communities to fight against encroachment on wetlands. Through his effort, over 300 wetlands have been restored and perpetrators prosecuted.

**First Runner-up:**

Mrs. Aida Annet Balinanseko – Headmistress Iganga Secondary School. She is the headteacher of highest integrity in that region. She has upheld the standards of that school and its reflected in Uganda National Examination Board results. She promotes the education of the girl child.

**Second Runners-up:**

1. Mathias Kigoye - District Education Officer, Kyotera. He has a clean record and is very transparent. He has exposed teachers who are corrupt to the CAO to take action.
2. Lydia Komuhangi – Town clerk, Rukiga Town council.

**Acceptance:**

“On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank you for organising this event. I did not even know that such a recognition exists before. This recognition has energised and inspired us to even do much better”. *Mrs. Aida Annet Balinanseko.*

**Winners - Ordinary Citizen with Integrity**

The winners were presented by Rev. B. Matovu. The winner and first runner up were unable to attend the award ceremony however, the two second runners up were present. The picture below shows Mr. Marcelino Okulo (frontline, second left) from Gulu District Local Government and Dr. Nathaniel Walembe (frontline, in grey suit and necktie), who were both in the position of second runners up.



*Second runners-up: Mr. Marcelino Okulo (frontline, second left and Dr. Nathaniel Walembe (frontline in grey suit and necktie) with other dignitaries at the ceremony.*

**Winner:**

Rev. Fr. George Bret.

**First Runner-up:**

Rt. Rev. Eng. George Bagamuhunda – Bishop of Kigezi Kabale. He takes lead and very accountable for the funds he receives.

### Second Runners-up:

1. Macelino Okulo – Gulu Distric Local Government (DLG) has been instrumental in instilling knowledge to promote integrity and in prevent corruption.
2. Dr. Nathaniel Walemba from Rwenzori International University is a man of integrity, and has initiated many development initiatives that promote integrity.

### Acceptance Speech:

“On behalf of own behalf and on behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank ActionAid International Uganda, Transparency International Uganda, Anticorruption Coalition Uganda, and all the other partners for selecting us. We never knew that there were people watching us. And now we are privileged to have been identified and recognised. Thank you very much”. *Macelino Okulo*

### Winners - Frontline Service Category

The winners in this category were presented by Robinson Oduka, from the directorate of Ethics and Integrity in the office of the Presidency. All the three winners in this category were able to make it.



*Winner, Florence Adoki (frontline, second right), first runner-up, Dr. Catherine Kemigabo (frontline, extreme left) and second runner-up, Lydia Nabulobi (frontline, second left) with other dignitaries at the ceremony.*

### Winner:

Florence Adoki - Masindi Main Hospital.

She is a frontline Midwife at Masindi main hospital. She has been at the frontline in the prevention of mother to child since 2000 and has fought Ebola with integrity.

**First Runner-up:**

Dr. Catherine Kemigabo.

**Second Runner-up:**

Lydia Nabulobi – Head teacher Makaaye Primary in Mbale. She is known for her dedication to education services and making the environment safe for learners.

**The Overall Winner – National Citizen Integrity Award 2020.**

The overall winner for the National Citizen Integrity Award 2020 was presented by Mr. Xavier Ejoyi, the Executive Director of ActionAid International Uganda.

The overall winner was **Ms. Florence Adoki**, a frontline Midwife at Masindi main hospital. Her act of serving with integrity and consistent to her work and an outstanding work and to her call as a midwife in that hospital.

**Acceptance Speech**

In her emotional speech, Florence was very visibly happy and grateful for the award of the National Citizen Integrity Award 2020. “Thank you very much everyone. I am

feeling so happy for this occasion. I would like to thank the community of Masindi district and Bunyoro region. I thank them in absence, but I know they are the ones that nominated me and I know my voice will reach them. I started in Bulisa and now have worked for over 10 years in Masindi. In



*Ms. Florence Adoki*

Masindi, they were pulling me in so many directions and eventually was transferred to a health centre. While there, the District Medical Officer pronounced that I am being

wasted and recommended that I should go back to Masindi hospital. In Masindi hospital they wanted in the paediatrician and in labour & maternity ward and in the general ward. I finally settled in the maternity ward, Thank you very much for this recognition". *Florence Adoki.*

### **Closing Remarks by Mr. Israel Ochwo Representing Lt. Col. Edith Nakalema.**

Mr. Ochwo started by recognising the presence of the Chief Guest, Ambassador Buruku, the Head of Facility DGF, Executive Director Transparency International, Uganda, the Country Director ActionAid International Uganda, Representatives of Anticorruption agencies, Ministries Departments and Government Agencies, and all Partners fighting corruption. He delivered the apology of Lt. Col. Edith Nakalema, The



*Mr. Israel Ochwo*

Head of the State House Anticorruption Unit, who had confirmed but at the last moment could not make it. Mr. Israel Ochwo was subsequently asked to represent Lt. Col. Edith Nakalema and make remarks on her behalf.

“We normally gather like this to ask ourselves challenging questions of how to deal with corruption in our country. Today, I am particularly happy to be here to celebrate bright spots, good and positive stories in service delivery in our country.” *Israel Ochwo.*

Mr. Ochwo noted that he was happy to represent Lt. Col. Edith Nakalema on an occasion that was talking about the success ordinary people are making in service delivery. He delivered the written speech prepared by Lt. Col. Edith Nakalema, which highlighted the following key points.

Lt. Col. Edith Nakalema thanked the organisers for honouring her with an invitation to officially close this event. She added that the invitation was a testament to the warm reception, corporation and acceptance of the Anticorruption Unit in State House. This joining of hands is also an acknowledgement that every effort is needed and we can only make greater impact if we work together. She further quoted the Lord's prayer where it's says *...lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil*. Comparing this part of the Lord's prayer to the annual integrity awards, Lt. Col. Edith Nakalema referred to the event as a reminder that we should not to get into temptation, and that these integrity awards should be upheld to deliver us from the evil of corruption. She reiterated that corruption has almost become accepted by our society when we refer to the corrupt in our communities as enterprising. We need a holistic strategy with a legal framework to influence the minds of citizens to fight corruption. "Awarding anti-corruption champions is one strategy we can employ in the battle to win hearts and minds of citizens in the fight against corruption." *Lt. Col. Edith Nakalema*.

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Col. Nakalema further noted that the integrity awards are an incentive that can motivate people to show their anticorruption credentials and encourage others in behaving in similar ways. We should interest people by incentivising good morals.

In conclusion, the message from Col. Nakalema asserted that we should motivate our people not by sanctioning but by helping them recognise from their hearts that they can chose to do the right thing and not to be corrupt. She underscored that the Anticorruption Unit of State House is firm and ready to support all those in the fight against corruption. She thanked the organisers of the integrity awards and implored that they continue. She also congratulated the nominees and awardees for their exemplary service above self to their country and fellow citizens. Mr. Ochwo concluded delivering the remarks by reminding all partners in the fight against corruption to maintain the momentum and be consistence. He declared the National Citizen Integrity Award 2020 ceremony officially closed at 7.04pm.

## Appendences

### Program



Program for the National Citizens Integrity Dinner and Awards, 16<sup>th</sup> December  
2020 at Royal Suites Bugolobi

*“Promoting Social accountability through Active Citizenry”*

Time/date	Session	Lead Person
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Arrival and registration at the venue	AAIU/ACCU/TIU
2:00 - 2:15 pm	National and East African anthems	Moderator
2: 15 - 2: 30 pm	Opening Prayers	Religious Leader
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Climate setting and Background for the event	Ms. Cissy N. Kagaba Executive Director-ACCU
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Objectives, expected outputs, and remarks	Mr. Peter Wandera Executive Director-TIU
3:00 - 3:20 pm	Welcome remarks by Country Director ActionAid Uganda	Mr. Ejoyi Xavier Country Director AAIU
3:20 - 3:40 pm	Remarks by DGF Head of Facility	DGF Head of Facility
3:40 - 4:00 pm	Official Opening Statement by IGG	Inspector General of Government
4:00 - 4:20 pm	Delivering of keynote speech	Archbishop John Baptist Kaggwa
4:20 - 5:00 pm	Panel Discussion on the importance of Integrity in enhancing active citizenry and social accountability	Representatives from DGF, UNDP, Former awardee, Local Government and DEI
5:00 - 5:30 pm	Presentation of Awards to the award winners	Chief Guest, and other dignitaries
5:30 - 6:00 pm	Remarks from the award winners and institutions	Award winners
6:00 - 6:30 pm	Official Closing Remarks	Opinion Leader
6:30Pm	Dinner, entertainment and departure	Hotel

## Photo Gallery



