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We have updates from the Land Awareness Week activities in Karamoja as well as the Finance team training in a new finance management system GFS that is ongoing at Royal Suites. Enjoy! | | | |      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Say No to SGBV @ The Work Place!** | | | |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/5573ff26-8fe8-41be-b17c-415a4403e95c.jpg | |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **By Flavia Nalubega**  In our continued global campaign of ILO where ActionAid has been and is advocating for women's decent labour, unpaid care work and engendered public service delivery inline with the International Labour Day commemoration, CSOs in Uganda have come out to speak against sexual abuse at the places of work through detesting the allegations of sexual harassment of Samantha Mwesigye that have spanned 14years at the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional affairs. Samantha suffered sexual abuse at the hands of her supervisor for all the 14 years of agony, she got no support on seeking justice through established structures. During a press conference yesterday that the AAIU Board Chairman Nicholas Opio was apart, CSO members commended Samantha for the brave move, to speak out in the media, but demanded that Government and the courts of law take action against the perpetrator. They also called upon women and girls to emulate Samantha and take such brave steps to speak against SGBV if it to come to an end in society. Join the campaign on social media under the harshtag **#JUSTICE4SAMANTHA** and sign up for the ActionAid campaign on safe work places[HERE](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/9mqTC66DqIo2Knwup4I57?domain=actionaid.us18.list-manage.com)**.** | | |      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **DGF Steering Committee Visits AAIU Gulu Cluster!** | | | |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/a86473ea-c401-42b8-a41b-ae5752c86d62.jpg | |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/ccac11dd-fbb3-4003-b6de-6397fbb6a45c.jpg | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **By Hope Masika Sylvia** ActionAid International Uganda Gulu Cluster on Tuesday May 14th.2019, hosted the DGF steering committee. The visit attracted four embassies, DGF staff, implementing team, activistas, partners and other civil society organizations engaging on governance and accountability issues. Led by the DGF Head of facility Wim Stoffers, the six-member team was in a mission understand the progress of the 7 billion project that DGF is funding dubbed; Citizen Actions for Greater accountability and Improved Public Service Delivery Project. The team was welcomed by The Director for Business development and fundraising, Mr. Nickson Ogwal, Director for program and policy Ms. Harriet Gimbo and Gulu cluster Coordinator Mrs. Hope Masika. In his welcome remarks, Nickson highlighted the AAIU programming, source of funding and put emphasis on the Shrinking political space in the country as well as deepening accountabilities of Civil Society Organizations as key players in a society that need change. He further called for a stronger institutional learning from each other in the phase of Uganda’s shrinking political space that is expected to worsen by 2021. The Project Advocacy officer, Ms. Joy Namunoga took the team through the progress of the project detailing the achievements of the project for the one-year period. Her voice was added by the activistas who presented success stories from areas of implementation of the project. The DGF Head of Facility Stoffers applauded ActionAid Uganda for the good work its’ doing. He called for collaboration of civil society organization’s work with government instead of opposing each other. He also stressed the need for collaboration in other ways given the increasing quest for resources from DGF with over 800 applicants applying for funding from the institution. The DGF Steering committee further interacted with Gulu District Chairperson, Hon Ojara Mapenduzi and Deputy Chief Administrative Officer accountability issues and Local Government collaboration with ActionAid Uganda. The District Chairperson was proud to mention that the district has been able to raise local revenue from 500m to 1.2 billion. He added that the district is dealing with many issues from the community especially land grabbing and the Apaa land matter that have not been resolved for quite some time. The district chairperson also noted that the district has also come up with the alcohol ordinance with support from partners and they are also looking at ways to sustain the GBV Shelter using the district’s local revenue because it has assisted in the reduction of GBV in the region | | |      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Finance Undergoing GFS Training!** | | | |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/e14b9f0e-52aa-40e2-b47f-d9e68ae140aa.jpg | |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **By Xavier Ejoyi** The AAIU Finance team will this entire week Monday 20th-Friday 24th May take part in a GFS user acceptance training to enable AAIU transit to full use of SUN-a cloud based financial management system which comes with easy accessibility of finance related data online. With this training, management’s expectations are high that Uganda will go live onto SUN in the next few months. According to the Country Director Xavier Ejoyi, ‘it is been long-over-due, we were supposed to fully transit to SUN in January 2019. We thus expect that with this training, we should go live soon! ’ The delay has partly been blamed on delayed training for the unit staff. It is upon this that Xavier was very grateful to the Global Secretariat that moved in to give support to all AAIU staff to enable us transit. The SUN system will enable easy accessibility to finance data across the globe, timely access to reports and it is a more secure system that is not affected by computer theft as information is stored on the cloud. These pros will enable access for management to ease decision making as well help in easing budgeting processes among others. | | |      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Karamoja Lauds the Land Awareness Week Program!** | | | |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/e0ea244f-5943-48b4-8e07-1b92453d0ae7.jpg | |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/5ec1d74f-098a-4174-afe2-9b6a944586ab.jpg |  |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/48fed352-eb14-460c-81b5-5ccedc0f63a2.jpg | |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **By Tukei Benjamin** AAIU joined Karamoja region during **The Land Awareness Week** that started from 13th to 17th May. Every year Uganda conducts land awareness week (L.A.W) aimed at increasing knowledge among the marginalized communities on their rights to land. This year’s theme: **Our land; our future; securing land rights for socio-economic development**.   ActionAid Katakwi participated with the financial support from the Voice project. The awareness activities included, dialogues, sensitization of communities on their land rights and the existing land frameworks, Land registration process and procedure and investigation of claims and complaints and allegations over land theft and illegal acquisition as well as land ownership. The activities were championed by Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development in partnership with CSO land actors network under the coordination of Pelum Uganda. The land awareness activities were conducted in all the districts of Karamoja region i.e Napak, Kaabong, Kotido, Nakapirit, Abim and Moroto. Natural resource extraction is the day-time activity in  Karamoja in addition to pastoralism. In the five days of awareness, over 2000 cases and complains were registered which ranged from land grabbing to illegal sale of land, exploitation of artisanal miners especially women, sexual exploitation and illegal land surveys. The communities owning land in the mining areas complained of the exploitation by  Multinational companies who come with mining licenses, location license or mining lease from the Directorate of Geological surveys and Mines and yet the principles of fairness, adequate and timely compensation is not applied, neither are the occupants consulted. The communities alleged that some of the companies connive with the district leaders where they are issued land titles without the consent of the community who are the rightful occupants of the land. Despite Uganda having passed the mining policy in 2016, which was meant to improve the regulation of minerals in Uganda, many ASMs especially in Karamoja have not benefited from such policies. The L.A.W exposed how Multi- national corporate companies exploring minerals from the Karamojong region have violated article 26 and 237 of the constitution which has left many homeless and hopeless as there land is forcefully taken some times surveys are done at night without their knowledge you will only wake up to find mark stones planted in your compound. The L.A.W activities were climaxed on 17th May 2019 at Moroto boma grounds, and event was graced by the State Minister of  lands  Hon Persis Namuganza who pledged to ensure that Karamojong issues are taken up for discussion by the Ministry. | | |      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Greater Nebbi  Women Political  Leaders Decry Male Dominance in Political Spaces!** | | | |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/9aefd4f2-d9d6-4b50-8d94-c0f31737d3a8.jpg | | Women leaders holding a group discussion. | |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **By Carol Abilat** Nebbi LRP convened a dialogue meeting with women political leaders from Zombo, Nebbi and Pakwach districts. The theme of the dialogue was on the challenges faced by women political leadership in the three districts. Being an all-women  space, they very vocal on the issue of male bias in political spaces, they decried the idea that leadership is still tagged to being male. With many pointing a finger to the male bias in these spaces which still constrains women’s efforts to carry out their mandate on women representatives.  In the councils for example they were still marginalized, with   women leaders holding the default positions of  deputy speaker. In addition,  all the 3 districts present, only Pakwach has a female district  speaker.  The male dominance in the councils has stymied women leaders’ efforts to push a women interest agenda .  Furthermore, the issue of using English as the language of debate makes smooth, informed debate impossible.  This goes on, despite the change of council procedures to allow for the use of the local language for debate. Due to this insistence on using  English, women from Zombo for example their role in council had been reduced  to seconding motions introduced by their male counterparts. Moreover, in certain instances, they are not even fully conversant with the motion being introduced, since the language of debate remains English. The women further pointed a finger to their double and some- times tripled shifts. The rigid gender division of labour in the community still hold that a woman must fulfil her ‘ wifely’ duties of care even though she occupies a high political office. Most women now found themselves faced with time poverty’ which  translated into going to council with little preparation. This has also translated into few issues regarding women being debated in council.  Some of the solutions raised included strengthening the existing caucuses, introducing district caucuses for those that do not have and building capacity of women leaders on identifying women interests, gender budgeting and gender analysis.   The issue of inter district solidarity was also championed as it supported exchange of ideas and political mentoring. The dialogue meeting was also used to strategise for the president’s visit on the 18th of May. Key among the issues identified to be presented to the president included the scourge of teenage pregnancies which has gripped the 3 districts affecting the number of girls completing their primary education cycle. As the sun set, the women leaders moved to write a memorandum  to be presented to  the president with key demands on education, Health, economic empowerment, climate change and political appointments. | | |      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Activista Nebbi kicks off  monthly Engagements!** | | | |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **By Carol Abilat** AAIU’s Nebbi LRP and Nebbi district Activista members  had their first monthly meeting to review progress and attain  capacity building to better deliver on their tasks. This comes as Nebbi LRP  works to build a strong foundation for its newly launched Activista chapter. The chapter covers the districts of Zombo, Nebbi and Pakwach. The monthly meetings will target Activistas in Nebbi town for now. It is also hoped that as Nebbi town Activistas grow in skills and knowledge they will cascade this to the other districts and sub counties with in Nebbi district. In the  maiden meeting, information on youth activities in the LRP  budget, opportunities at the district and youth engagement with the youth livelihood program was shared.  The meeting also reviewed the Global platform action plan, Nebbi LRP action plan and the youth camp action plan developed in Kasese early this year. It was noted that the activities in all the three plans mirrored each other and the LRP was well positioned to provide support in entrepreneurship training, transformative feminist training, development of tree nurseries to support tree planting initiatives and the quarterly review meetings which would allow for sharing of progress.  It is hoped that this practice can stand strong and support the foundation building  of Nebbi youth work in the present and  the future. | | |      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **African Youth Commission to Partner with AAIU to Steer Youth Affairs!** | | | |      |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/8deb6632-915d-41d5-8ec7-9979e73a6fe5.jpg | |      |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Copyright © \*2019\* \*ActionAid Uganda\*, All rights reserved.** | | | | | | |

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