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On Friday last week, we joined the rest of the world to celebrate the Africa Liberation Day, with focus on an end to human trafficking- a trade we deem so indecent and inhumane! Find the details about this day in this edition. Also read about the outcomes from the Finance Training on GFS and what is entailed in for us as a country, and AAIU's commitment towards the fight for justice for the Uganda media! This and more in this weekly edition, Enjoy! | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **AAIU Commits to Fighting Child Trafficking in Commemoration of the Africa Liberation Day!** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/720f243f-5619-4483-b8f7-2eebba610b2d.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/afe52f54-66d3-4a11-925b-4d97ca05ef59.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/987f832f-d4cf-4514-a17d-b9f05904ed2c.jpg | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **By Flavia Nalubega** Last week on Friday 24th, ActionAid International Uganda joined with other CSO partners to host a dialogue to commemorate the African Liberation Day and the Africans Rising Movement. This is an event commemorated every year on 25th May, 2019. Under the theme: “Africans, not for sale: Stop Slavery and Human Trafficking!”. The event attracted dignitaries including Hon Bernard Atiku, Chairperson Parliamentary Forum on Children Affairs, the CD AAIU Xavier Ejoyi, NBS investigative journalist Canary Mugume among others. Mr Ejoyi called upon Ugandans to fight this modern day slavery that takes away human dignity and lowers humanity to commodities. ‘We need to undress people who are involved in the trade of child and human trafficking! Ask yourself what your contribution is towards ending this injustice!’ he asked. ActionAid International, through out the entire month of May, in commemoration of the International Labour Day, chose to campaign for descent labour, safe working space and good service delivery for all, and this was part of the many activities organised to advocate for descent labour for children, women and men. Hon Atiku emphasised the need to bring to book individuals taking part in this trade which he referred to as an illegal trade that leaves victims with  no option but to be sold off as commodities for survival. This type of trade, according to Mugume’s investigative stories, is common in Soroti market where individuals give in willingly and mothers sell off their daughters for a living. The dialogue was crowned with candle lighting in memory of children, women and men who have lost their lives to child and human trafficking while sounding a strong warning to perpetrators to prepare for unmasking by Government which will result into heavy punishments, in the struggle to end the vice. [FOLLOW THE LINK TO SIGN THE PETITION ON DECENT LABOUR](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/ojfgCDRXLFBEOE9Ik0_yd?domain=actionaid.us18.list-manage.com) | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **AAIU Goes Live on 1st July!** | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/9dea36b8-eae6-45bc-bf8d-e19e149ebb23.jpg | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/f9ec79ac-de19-4b91-9def-dad35a48bdd9.jpg | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Finance Team Re- invigorated after the GFS Training By Paul Kateregga and Yuda Rwakogo**  A 12 member team of AAIU Finance and Internal audit staff underwent a full week’s User Acceptance Training on new AAI Global Finance System (GFS) at Royal Suites Hotel Bugolobi from 20th-24th May. This is an upgraded, cloud-based AAI federation adopted finance reporting system that comes to address the limitations of the current SUN 4.0 system which the institution is currently using. The training was organized by ActionAid Uganda management spearheaded by the Interim Finance Director Ernest Kaddu. The training was graced and opened by AAIU’s Country Director Xavier Ejoyi whho thanked the GFS technical team at the Global secretariat for making this training possible. He called upon the finance team to embrace GFS because of the new developments it shall come with which is part of the federation and to the personal career enhancement of the individual staff who benefited from this unique training. It was conducted by Mr. Martin Maina-,  the GFS Finance Programs Manager who also doubles as the Trainer of traineers for GFS.  Martin clarified that GFS is a Finance System approved by the International board that is supposed to be rolled out across the Federation.  It integrates both Finance and Procurement functions in an automated way. ‘It gives real time data for decision making since it will sit in the cloud. Special about the training in Uganda is that it has enabled all Finance staff to jointly access this knowledge including full representation from the audit department,’ Martin said. The system started with blueprints where user -needs were customized. Also embedded are data models, where everyone across the federation will be using similar analysis and this is one of the reasons that informed the recent change in the Chart of Accounts. It embraces standard operating procedures involving doing things in a similar way across the federation and allows for automated payments and other transactions which improves efficiency and effectiveness. AAU’s Interim Finance Director Ernest Kaddu implored the team to continuously practice what has been taught and in line with   the top ten (10) basics as this is one of the ways to succeed with this new system.” Our dream is to see our current data migrate to the cloud by July 2019 which is the new global trend of doing things. We shall be able to execute online transactions, purchase requisitioning, effect automated payments, direct invoicing amongst many more benefits when the system models are all implemented. We are going to be more efficient in our work,,” he assured! The system requires us working on our internal operational control environment to ensure that we are not locked out. The training was made a success with support from the AAIU- IT manager and the GFS technical team (Naushad Ahmed, Aishatu Aliyu and others from Conosco-the back office IT support experts based at the Global Secretariat ). | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **AAIU in Solidarity with the Media!** | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/634f11b5-c65d-482f-8896-c1897e5a9b13.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9138c16a42af2a369409cc900/images/b1ddfb82-8651-4198-a104-4760b098008a.jpg | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **By Norah Nakyegera** Following a directive by the Uganda Communications Commission’s Executive Director Godfrey Mutabaazi to 13 media houses ordering them to suspend some of their staff who he accused of airing undesirable broadcast content, AAIIU in partnership with Centre for Constitutional Governance and Strategic Response International have filed a case against the person of the ED for infringing on the rights of journalists. During a press conference held last week in Kampala, the trio confirmed that the directive was illegal, arbitrary and a breach of the fundamental right to be heard and that the same is an abuse of law. It’s the reason civil society organizations came together to stand in solidarity with the media. The case was filed on the grounds of abuse of office and powers by Mr Mutabaazi. A press conference was held in Kampala on 24th May 2019 by ActionAid Uganda, Centre for Constitutional Governance, Strategic Response International and Aboneka Micheal who is the applicant to the case that was filed on 23rd May 2019. CSOs stood in solidarity with the media. The case was filed on grounds of abuse of office and powers by Mr Mutabazi. “We are here as citizens of this country, petitioners can’t keep quiet because it is our country. Press and media are the eyes of the public so it is our duty to protect them! Enough is enough and we are up for a good fight,” said Fredrick Kawooya, the Programme Manager Democratic Governance at AAIU. | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Week Ahead** 1. AAIU's Extractives Governance Unit shall be holding inter-secondary schools debating competitions among schools in the gold mining area of Busia. 2. Look out for AAIU's Annual  Report this week , alot embedded in here-including success stories ammersed over 2018. 3. The Programme Manager Democratic Governance Fredrick Kawooya and IPAB Officer Philip Kabuye are in Nairobi for a closeout meeting on the Civic Charter. | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Copyright © \*2019\* \*ActionAid Uganda\*, All rights reserved.** | | | | | | |