

The ActionAid Uganda Weekly 7th - 16th Jan, 2019

Dear

Reader,

The new year is here, 2019. Congratulations on making it to this year alive and kicking! As we kick off the year, find out what the CD has for us in his new year message. We also bring you highlights of the AAU End of Year Party as well as our digital performance over the last one year on all our digital platforms. Enjoy this edition and Happy New Year!

The CD Insists Teamwork must Guide us in 2019!



By

Xavier

Ejoyi

'A very happy new year and welcome 2019 as another opportunity to serve the people of

Uganda. It is my hope and prayer that over the last two weeks, you had a meaningful rest and connected with family and friends over the festive season. As we start this new year, allow me to communicate certain priorities for Action Aid Uganda and our partners.' Find the detailed message [here!](#)

AAU Ends 2018 in Style!



By **Flavia** **Nalubega**

For a hectic year, staff were treated to a massive end of year party at Royal Suites Hotel Bugolobi. It was visible the year had been a busy and hectic one and thus, the party presented time for people to wine down. The tough year surely ended on a good note for us!

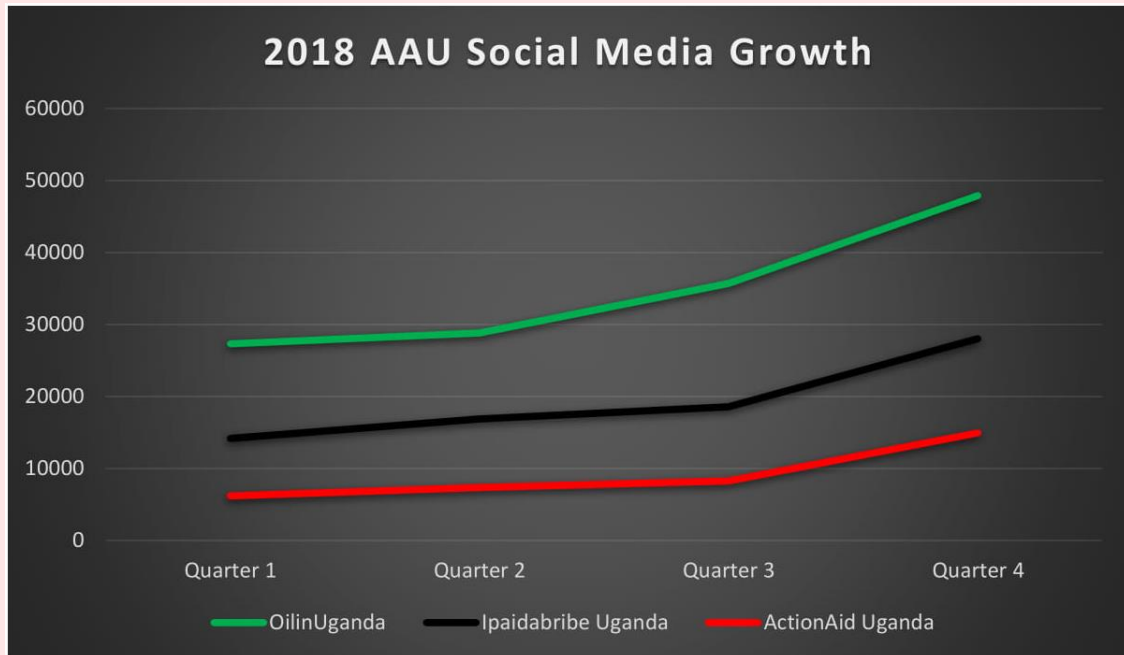
The party that took place on Wednesday 19th Dec, 2018, was graced by The Federation Development Manager Arthur Larok, The Country Director Xavier Ejoyi, members of CMT and staff and partners of AAU.

Xavier's main message for the year was how proud he is of staff's unity and teamwork amidst their different deliverables-this is a trait he encouraged us to carry into the new year.

'Although AAU comprises a diverse workforce – something that gives it strength, our unity across all divides is fundamental in achieving our goals. Whether you sit at the Headquarter; at the Clusters or LRP; or are crisscrossing this country as our dedicated drivers do; whether we are project funded or regular staff; whether we work in programmes or in finance/administration, we remain one big family and depend on each other. We need to preserve and promote this team spirit in everything we do.' He wended this up with two songs for staff- Court of Many Colours and Merry x-mas in an 'angelic voice'.

The Party also saw some outstanding staff awarded for a job well done in 2018; among them were; FAD Nebbi cluster Ismail Aloro, FAD Kapchorwa Chris Agaba and Fundraising Officer Stephen Bahizi. Other staff who were recognised included HROD Christine Aboke, Policy and Finance Director Bruno Ssemaganda, Audit Manager Albert Nyakahuma, Campaigns Manager Fredrick Kawooya, Manager Partnership Richard Olong, Finance Manager Ernest Kaddu, Finance Officer Esther Babirye Kayongo, Executive Secretary Connie Aryada, HR & Admin Officer Mathias Nyombi, and Program Officer Amuru Samuel Acellum . Congratulations!

Embrace AAU Digital platforms in 2019!



By Philip Kabuye and Flavia Nalubega

2018 was a great year as far as embracing usage of digital and social media platforms to promote our work is concerned. AAU's digital platforms(Facebook and Twitter pages for ActionAid Uganda, Oil in Uganda and Ipaidabrike) attracted over 43,000 new followers in the year 2018.

The growth registered on all the platforms is attributed to major campaigns throughout the year that were promoted on these pages, among them the Apaa Community occupancy at the UN Offices, the Anti-Corruption Caravan, 16 Days of Activism, The social media campaigns on corruption and oil among others. The websites equally had their visitors increase in the year 2018 to tremendous figures, thanks to constant updates, but most importantly for the redesign of the Oil in Uganda website and ongoing redesign for I Paid A Bribe Website. Be part of the digital community, visit the beautiful information platforms here daily to get updates as we strengthen our struggles for Social Justice.

AAU also invites everyone to participate in modification/redesign of the Ipaidabrike platform. Share with us your ideas to guide the development of the new site. Kindly visit the [current Ipaidabrike website](#) and the [new Ipaidabrike website](#) then give us your feedback at: feedback@ipaidabrike.or.ug. You can also report corruption by email on ireport@ipaidabrike.or.ug.

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OilinUganda @oilUg for more information about the organisation's work.

In the News

-We featured in [People's Parliament](#) in Dec 2018 to discuss SGBV among young girls in Uganda as we marked the 16days of activism in Kumi.

-Brenda Kugonza, Technical Coordinator SURGE presented AAU's position on SGBV in Uganda on [Morning@NTV](#)



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