



Weekly

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Dear Reader, the rains are here. While a few people in this audience will complain at how bad the weather is, causing terrible traffic in and around Kampala, let us think about the small scale holder farmers in the Country. They rely on these rains to produce 80% of our food needs. As they smile to the garden, let us support them by demanding for increased agriculture financing in the next budget.

Tracking Corruption-trending reports



After its launch by the Deputy Chief Justice of Uganda; Justice Kavuma last December, the Ipaidabrike Platform has recorded a good number of corruption cases. Unique about the platform is that you get to see how much money is being lost in corruption tendencies, and more interesting are the details of the most corrupt sectors and regions. Log on today and read the cases below and so much more. This month of April, ensure that you report and track corruption on www.ipaidabrike.or.ug



I paid UGX 20000/= to a Police Officer at central Police Station to secure my release after I was arrested for drunk driving.

Click [Here](#) for the full report.

Corruption has also invaded the sports sector.

Here is an account of a corruption transaction in football clubs involving UGX500000/=.

Read the report [Here](#)

This Taxi Driver paid UGX5000 to get back his driving permit after it was confiscated by a Police Officer for committing a traffic offence.

Read the report and get the full story [Here](#)

After suffering with excruciating toothache, this resident of Soroti narrates how he was denied dental services from the Soroti National referral Hospital. He had to pay a bribe that was negotiated during the tooth extraction. Read this very unfortunate incident [Here](#).

This gentleman paid a bribe of UGX1000000 and found his way on the Public service payroll without sitting for any interviews or being appointed to any office. Fortunately for Ugandans and unfortunately for him, he was deleted four years later. Read this report [Here](#)

In the bid to make the ipaidabrike platform more user friendly, AAU has come up with a mobile phone application. This will enable you to track and report the corruption tendencies in real time with as much evidence as you can record using your phone. Let us make corrupt officials "Not to breath". Down load the App at <http://ipaidabrike.or.ug/mobile-app> or by simply clicking [here](#).

AAU starts Country Strategic Paper v development



Miriam Cherukut, the Katakwi Cluster Coordinator illustrates how AAU looks now (left) and how she would love to see it after the CSPV development and rollout in the next five years.

Last week, ActionAid Uganda leadership team embarked on process to develop the Fifth Country Strategy Paper(CSP) since it started its operations in the country 34 years ago.

The current strategy (CSPIV) "Embracing lives! Improving Lives!" also aligned to the ActionAid International strategy "Peoples Actions to End Poverty" will be ending in 2017 hence the need for CSPV. While CSPIV has registered significant successes in restoring dignity to the marginalised and vulnerable communities in the country, the drive to enhance effectiveness and scale of our programming is imperative, as revealed by the CSPIV midterm review that was conducted last year.

The inception meeting that took place at Royal suits in Bugolobi was attended by all AAU cluster Coordinators, thematic coordinators, all managers and Directors. The meeting was informed that AAU was not only going to develop its CSPV but is going to play a very vital role in the development of the ActionAid International Strategy.

According to the Impact Assessment and Shared Learning Manager; Stanely Wobusobozzi, the process of developing both strategic Papers requires the good will and participation of all ActionAid staff, partners and Ugandans at large.

"We shall start with a review process to establish the extent to which the aspirations of CSPIV have been fulfilled", he said.

During the meeting, the leadership team discussed the visioning and concretization of the drafting of the next strategy. The team agreed on a road map that will ensure that the drafting of the strategic paper is completed by December 2016. This will then be shared with the AAU Governing board in the first quarter of 2017 and submitted along with the Local Rights Program strategies to the General Assembly for approval by June 2017.

A CSPV development team comprising of ten members was constituted in an open and transparent manner. This will be headed by the AAU Country Director, Arthur Larok.

This week, a team of International consultants will be traveling to Kapchorwa to see the work of AAU as part of the taking stock process of AAU's contribution to the International strategy.

Story of change for the week



"I must say I was disadvantaged as a child. My father kept cattle. He allowed boys to go to school, but not girls; we had to remain behind to graze cattle. At the age of 18, I was married off. My family used to survive on Irish potatoes and pumpkins. My husband became a drunkard leaving me to take care of the household. I had no savings or business skills."

Click [Here](#) to read 47 year old Justine Njoo's story of change, thanks to funding by Australian Aid, through ActionAid's WORIA project.

WEEK AHEAD:

- ActionAid Uganda is currently hosting consultants commissioned by the ActionAid international secretariat to take stock of AAU's contribution to the International strategy(People's Action to end Poverty) that is coming to their findings will shape the International strategy development. The team with visit the Kapchorwa cluster local Rights Program.
- AAU Management will meet all cluster Coordinators in Kapchorwa this Wednesday. The purpose of the meeting is to clearly stipulate management expectations of the Coordinators in terms of programming, fundraising, Human Resource management among others.
- The AAU Country Director will be in Nairobi this week for the ActionAid Country Directors meeting. We look forward to the usual effective representation from AAU's Arthur Larok.