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The Uganda Police force has for the 10th year running topped the list of Human rights abusers in the country. They Police deserves a mock hand clap by the lady, for abusing instead of Protecting her and her children!

[Click for evidence on the several Police abuse of Human Rights!](#)

DGF Impressed with AAU work!



(Left) Mellisa Brill being received by Charles Mulozi, the Coordinator of the DGF funded projects in Northern Uganda. Right-Above is the AAU staff meeting the guests. Right-below are the guests together with the AAU staff meeting the Gulu District LCV Chairperson in his office. Mellisa and Lucy stated that the meetings had surpassed their expectations.

Last Wednesday, ActionAid Gulu Cluster hosted Mellisa Brill and Anena Latim, the Component Manager and Program Manager of the Voice and Accountability Program at the DGF respectively. Mellisa was particularly in Gulu for a familiarization visit since she is new in her office.

The AAU team, led by the Manager; Program Development, Simon Peter Wolumeli explained the ActionAid theory and way of work to the guests. He emphasized that ActionAid works with existing structures to engage the public officials and institutions to respect civil liberties and be accountable for provision of quality and timely social and judicial services.

The AAU team also spoke about the Information, Voice and Accountability project funded by DGF and how it had prepared ground for the new project; Harnessing Citizens Imagination, Power and Agency for Greater Institutional Accountability also funded by the DGF.

During an interaction with the District local government officials of Amuru and Gulu, the DGF team was informed that as a result of the work of AAU with funds from DGF, Amuru district has registered an improvement in the quality and quantity of service delivery.

“The Local Government staff used to reside in Gulu. They would travel every day to go to work in Amuru. They were usually late and left office before the official closing hours to travel back. The local youth rose up in protest. Today, all our staff reside in Amuru”, noted the LCV Chairperson of Amuru.

The DGF team also met with community and Activista members from Nyowa and Gulu. The Activista team informed the meeting that as a result of the inspiration and empowerment of the DGF funded project, they were able contest for Political offices in the past General Elections.

“Today, we make up 75% of the political leaders in Amuru”, stated the youth.

Mellisa and Lucy were impressed with the feedback they attained.

“Our expectations have been surpassed. Thank you for the great work”; stated Mellisa, cautioning AAU to come up with risk mitigation measures to check on the threat and intimidation that they encounter as they go about their work.

Cake; a true reward of hard work



The AAU Country Director awarded a cake to Simon, Yuda, James, Nickson and the entire fundraising team for their commitment in submitting the proposal on short notice. He added that all hard work and commitment will always be recognised

You may wonder why you have been involved in writing a proposal that was either successful or not, and probably not been rewarded. Wonder no more because such efforts have started yielding fruits, and won recognition from the country director. For this, they shall all be rewarded

First among such to be rewarded was an emergency proposal to respond to the refugee influx from South Sudan resulting from the ongoing unrests in the neighbouring country, a proposal that was meant to win a START-FUND, funded by an amalgamation of nations. It

was a request whose shelf life was only 48 hours, which ActionAid team pulled off in only about the last 10 hours. It was however highly competitive with about five other equally big organisations, many of which already have a footing in Kiryandogo-the area that houses the refugees.

Although the proposal was not a success, the efforts to work at a rush hour, last minute, and still pull off a presentable proposal in time was commendable.

The Country Director, Arthur Larok said this effort was not worth underestimating, because it not only created a great reputation for the organisation among the donor community, but also showed the willingness of the new fundraising team to deliver on its work.

“I am rewarding the positive attitude and sacrifice shown by the fundraising team to put up something within the shortest time. They put aside everything else and treated this as an emergency and a must deliver. Other people were called upon and they refused to show up, but these few spent extra hours in the boardroom putting this together,” Arthur said and for this, a cake was cut in celebration.

The total funding available for all eligible NGO’s was 200,000GBP. AAU applied for 47,000 GBP.

AAU SACCO LTD Pays Dividends -Remarkable Progress!



The visionary Saida Nansubuga Bogere was elected back into office unopposed as the SACCO’s Chairperson. Under her leadership, we can only look forward to more dividends.

Last Friday, the ActionAid staff SACCO LTD convened its 2nd annual general meeting at the ActionAid head offices in Kasanga. The meeting attracted over 60 members of the SACCO.

In her opening remarks, Saida Nansubuga Bogere, the Chairperson of the SACCO stated that the saving scheme is currently supporting AAU staff to further their saving culture.

“Our members are currently borrowing money for their investments at reasonable interest rates, far better than what commercial banks and financial institutions in Uganda can offer”, she added.

Saida added that while the SACCO only recruits and serves members within the ActionAid Uganda Organization, there is increased demand to open up to outsiders especially members’ relatives and friends.

“This means that we urgently need to develop our financial products and services. We are going to increase our resource basket by selling our shares and increasing on our invested savings to be able open up to outsiders.” she promised.

The meeting was also informed that the SACCO is thriving with Members showing a positive will and appreciation in saving. Currently, the staff savings stand at UGX424 millions.

Trillion.

“Due to its excellent performance, the SACCO has registered profits and every member will get dividends worth 3%”, stated the outgoing treasurer, Nicholus Atwine.

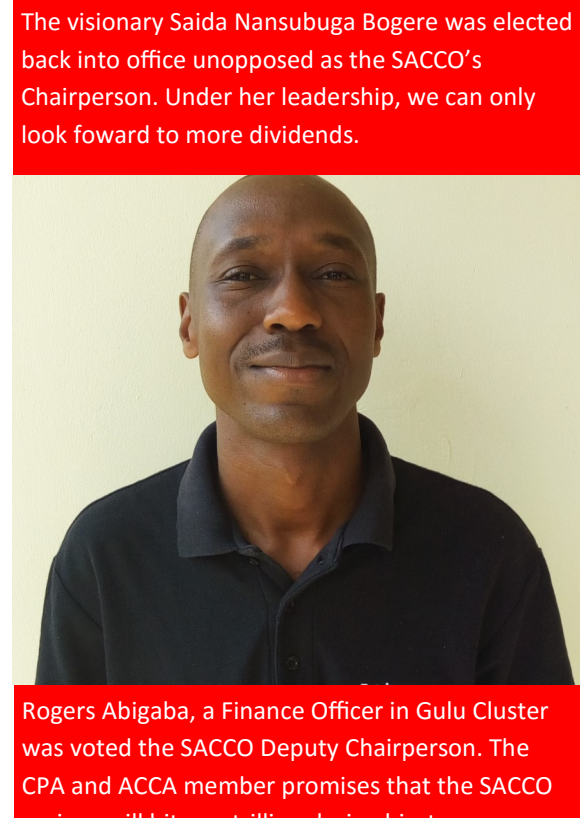
It’s against this excellent performance that Saida was elected back into office unopposed as the SACCO chairperson for the next two years. Other new office bearers include Juliet Mbatudde, the SACCO treasurer and Rogers ABIGABA, the deputy chairperson. The members of the SACCO committee include David Mugumya, Miriam Cherukut, Zaitun Fuambe and Nicholus Atwine.

It has been three years since the AAU Staff SACCO Ltd was registered in accordance with the Co-Operative Societies Regulation of 1993. The SACCO operations are managed by a Management Committee of seven members.

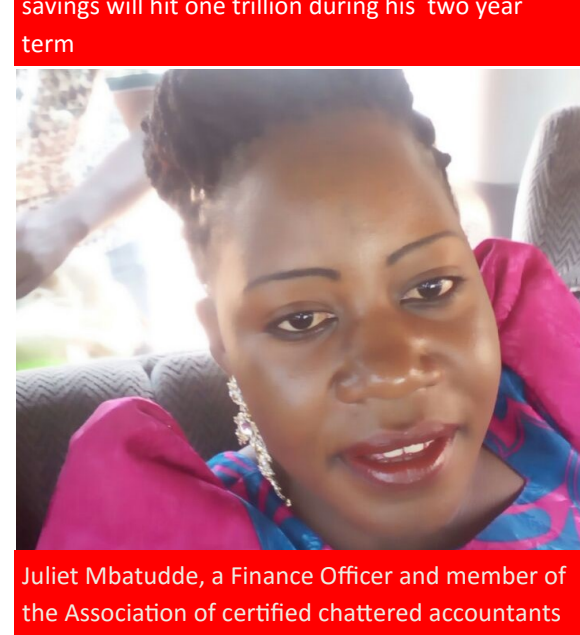
The SACCO currently has 120 members, both current and former members of the AAU staff.

At the end of the general assembly, the SACCO’s newly elected management thanked the members of the SACCO for trusting them with the new offices and their finances.

“Thank you for financing AAU staff SACCO Ltd, among the so many financial institutions and commercial banks in the country” concluded Saida before closing the meeting.



Rogers Abigaba, a Finance Officer in Gulu Cluster was voted the SACCO Deputy Chairperson. The CPA and ACCA member promises that the SACCO dividends will hit one trillion during his two year term



Juliet Mbatudde, a Finance Officer and member of the Association of certified chartered accountants was elected as the SACCO Treasurer

Human Rights Report pins Uganda Police!



The Uganda Human Rights commission report fingered the police on the abuses of Human Rights. Unfortunately, the Police Spokes person could not comment on the report. He instead asked for more time to scrutinize the report.

For the 10th year in a row, the police have been pin-pointed as the leading abuser of human rights in the country by the government agency charged with tracking rights’ violations.

The Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC) 18th annual report indicates that 385 of the 760 complaints registered in 2015 were against the police, representing over 50% of the complainants that checked into UHRC to file grievances.

Out of the 486 complaints registered against the police, 219 were on the violation of the right to personal liberty (detention beyond 48 hours) while 200 were on torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

The report indicates that complaints of torture or cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment were the highest at 345 in 2015.

James Ameda, the Fundraising Coordinator who represented AAU at the launch informed the Weekly that the

report indicated a notable reduction in the number of complaints registered against most security agencies in 2015 apart from the Uganda Police that remains unchallenged.

The chairperson of the commission, Meddi Kaggwa, said that the failure of police to address human rights concerns has returned to haunt the institution for another year.

As a Human Rights Based Organisation, ActionAid will make reference to the report to roll out a campaign against police brutality in the country.

[Please access the full report here](#)

WEEK AHEAD:

- AAU is currently hosting a training on Power tools Analysis. The training is being conducted at Kabalega Resort Hotel in Masindi. It has attracted participants from Uganda, Nigeria, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Uk, Senegal and Pakistan. Look out for details on this story next week.
- The AAU country Director will take off time this week to support the team that is drafting the AAU Country Strategic Paper v.
- Arthur will also moderate sessions on the ActionAid International Strategy Development on Thursday and Friday this week