



## Weekly

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Dear Reader, after Dr Miria Matembe, together with Hon Angelina Osege, the Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee received back the anti-corruption caravan, She proceeded to the popular NBS show, the frontline where she denounced corruption in all its forms. [Follow the debate here.](#)

## The caravan is back!



**Above-Left:** Dr Miria Matembe, Hon Angelina Osege (Chairperson PAC), Mr Jossy Jules from the IGG's Office and Ms. Abodo Jane from the anti-corruption Court receive the flag from the caravan crew on arrival.

**Right:** is AAU's Fred Kawooya inspiring the youths to rise up against corruption.

**Below-Left:** The guests in a group photo with the caravan crew. **Right: (L-R)** is Ms Jane, AAU's Fred, Dr Miria, Mr.Jossy Jules and Hon Angelina,

Former Ethics and Integrity Minister and Human Rights Activist, Hon Miria Matembe last Thursday advised government to build ethics and integrity among public servants in order to kick corruption out of the country.

While speaking at the homecoming ceremony for the 4<sup>th</sup> Anti- Corruption Caravan which was organized ActionAid with funding from the Democratic Governance Facility, Matembe emphasized that corruption tendencies continue to exist in the country because some civil servants have no integrity.

"The underlying factor for corruption in this country is breakdown of moral values and integrity. This breakdown has made many Ugandans modern thieves and very inhuman." Said Matembe.

Angelina Osege, Woman Member of Parliament for Soroti and Chairperson Public Accounts Committee advised that corruption cases should not only be registered by civil society organizations but also reported such that necessary actions can be taken. Osege added that the public has a big role to play in the fight against corruption. She urged all citizens to resist, avoid, and boycott the corrupt such that they become social mis-fits.

However, Jossy Jules Rwerezza, Director Education and Public Awareness in the IGG's office cautioned that such reports should be made in good faith without malicious intentions. He added that the office has measures to protect the identity and confidentiality of whistle blowers.

He also said that the country will not collapse because of the corrupt individuals but those who see it and simply keep quiet about it.

Matembe also advised that administrative and punitive measures should be adopted when punishing corrupt people.

"Corrupt officials should be removed from public offices and brought to shame. Corruption She a should be made extremely risky such that whoever takes part in it suffers untold consequences" she appealed.

She concluded by calling upon young people to serve their purpose in their generation and make a difference in their country.

In a period of 7 days, the Anti- Corruption Caravan registered a total 72 corruption cases in the North and North Eastern regions of the country alone. These will be forwarded to the IGG's Office for further investigation and eventual prosecution in the anti-corruption court.

Ms Jane Abodo from the DPP's office assured the audience that once the cases reach the Anti-Corruption Court, the Public should be assured of Justice.

## Women Rights team strategize to deliver!



**Stephene, the Fundraising Officer at AAU speaks at the meeting**



**Participants smile at the resolve to make the project a success**

The ActionAid Gender Based Violence shelter staff, Cluster coordinators and members of GBV Coalitions from the 10 districts where shelters are located converged at Soroti Hotel for an inception meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project last week

The meeting among others was used to reflect on the Support to Uganda's Response to Gender Equality Project (SURGE) inception phase and develop strategies to ensure that pending activities are successfully accomplished.

During the meeting, participants were introduced to the implementing terms and key national coalition members on the SURGE proposal process and project in addition to the change of project modalities and implementation expectations.

The meeting agreed that with the new project, work should not be done with the "Business as usual attitude"

"We agreed to adopt new ways of work that will help us maximise results from the project amidst the shrinking project resource envelope" stated Yuda Rwakogo, AAU's Grants Coordinator.

Yuda added that the project implementing team will hence forward hold weekly and monthly planning and monitoring meetings to address issues that arise in record time.

The SURGE project is working to contribute to reduced incidences of GBV by supporting the development of a continuum of care and an effective policy environment

for scaling up community, government and national processes for the prevention and response to GBV in 10 target districts by 2020. Women and girls in the districts of Nebbi, Gulu, Lira, Amuru, Mubende, Kampala, Pallisa, Kumi, Kween and Katakwi are expected to benefit from improved GBV response and prevention services during this period.

## Reflections from Washington

You need failure to succeed

This week, our preacher from Washington is teaching about success and failure. But before we go into his blog, did you know that our Country Director has not been successful all his life? Did you know that he abandoned a job before his first pay.....not sure whether this was lack of patience or his usual zero tolerance to bad things attitude..Whmm. Did you even know that

he was once a roadside vendor, dealing in Peanut butter and sweets? Welcome to Arthur's battle for success amidst failure [in this blog.](#)

## WEEK AHEAD:

- AAU's Fredrick Kawooya will be in Arusha this week for a Policy strategic meeting this week
- The ActionAid Governing Board Programs' Committee will hold its quarterly meeting this Friday.
- ActionAid is training all its new staff in the Human Rights Based approaches in Gulu this week.