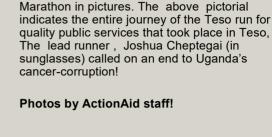
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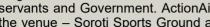
Weekly June 25— July 1 Teso-Sub Region Commemorates Public Service Delivery

Day in Pomp and Colour!









By Ger Odock and Benjamin Tukei

long awaited Marathon, to run for Teso in a bid to lobby for quality public service delivery from public servants and Government. ActionAid led by the Actg. Country Director Bruno Ssemaganda were at the venue – Soroti Sports Ground as early as 7am. Men, women and children from the larger Teso District and its environs converged much earlier evidencing the value that they attached to this day and certainly what it means for them individually and communally as they were geared up both in spirit and running gear to showcase their prowess in running, join the world in celebrating this day or simply; run alongside Uganda's own Double Commonwealth Champion – Joshua Cheptegei. Not to be forgotten were persons with disability who were equally enthusiastic to be part of this occasion. The race kicked off at about 10am and was clustered in three categories; two, five and ten kilometres along a designated route. Some of the other dignitaries who graced the event were Isaac

Kawoya - Soroti Resident District Commissioner (RDC), Hon. George Francis Egungu - Soroti District Chairperson, Hon. Angeline Osegge - Woman MP Soroti and Chairperson Public Accounts

On the 23rd of June 2018; the ambience in Soroti was that of a people awake for a purpose- The

Committee (PAC) and Hon. David Karubanga - The Minister of State for Public Service who was the guest of honour. The Minister asserted that, "This day is not celebrated not as a ritual but for a reason. It is thus imperative that we collaborate to ensure that the pronouncements we make, we follow them through in practice as government, NGOs, communities and individually. In a rejoinder, Hon. Osegge cited one of the many situations that make it hard to tackle corruption, "We almost impeached the Minister for Finance because the appointing authority did nothing on the corruption issues raised. However, we failed because members of the oversight committee held a caucus and compromised the impeachment. It is better to sacrifice one person and save 35million people"

World medallist Joshua Cheptegei who was the lead runner said, "Corruption is a cancer that has made our Country's development be on standstill and the result of this can be seen in the quality of life that Ugandans across the country live". A position paper of service delivery deliberations was presented to the Minister by ActionAid Actg. Country Director Bruno Ssemaganda, which was developed at during a public dialogueo n public

service delivery on 22nd June. It looked at the success, opportunities for improvement and systemic

challenges. The position paper will form the basis of engagements, collaborations, networking and monitoring of timeliness, responsiveness and cost effectiveness of public service delivery in Uganda. Service delivery is a right to each and every Ugandan but due to rampant and cross-cutting corruption, this right is not being accessed, practiced and enjoyed by all Ugandans due to lack of political will to tackle it concertedly.

Masindi in a Cleaning Campaign for Public Services Delivery! By Nyambe Mwiyambango

running in Soroti, in Masindi, communities were cleaning public areas, as a pointer to

Government

sive way"



sustainable solutions in the fight against corruption.

cleaning campaign on the 22nd June, 2018 in commemoration of public service delivery day. The cleaning took place at the Maternity wing in Masindi Hospital together with Masindi Activista members, public servants and other Civil Society Organization. ActionAid as well organized a Public Dialogue in Masindi under the theme: "Winning the

While the country was

public servants that delivery of quality public services is possible! The Nebbi cluster organized a

In Sorotia public dialogue was held prior to the Marathon. The day-long dialogue held in Soroti at Akello Hotel o focused on three components; what are the areas where citizens are proud of as pertains to service delivery? What are the triggers of poor service delivery? And what are the probable opportunities for improvement of service delivery to all Ugandans?

AAU also recognized and awarded best 12 performing public servants within the Bunyoro mid-western region. The awards were handed over by the Hon. Mukitale – MP, Bulisa and Mrs. Munira Ali from the Inspectorate of

The composition of the stakeholders was that of; trade unions, the academia, politicians, technocrats, CSOs and Community Activists. Cluster Coordinator Emmanuel Wafula assured participants of Action Aid's pride in them for owning this process and enriching the discussions. "We will work collaboratively to formulate a position paper to guide, inform and influence practice and action towards actualising and achieving Gender Responsive Service (GRPS) Delivery in a quality, timely and respon-

The Nebbi and Packwach leadership have confirmed that there are alarming trends of GBV in the districts as indicated in a report compiled by NGO Forum. In 2006, 400 cases were reported in Nebbi referral hospital alone! This is partly attributed to the high levels of defilement, sex trade

among young girls seen selling 'Nang Nang' (small fish) and simsim along the Packwach Highway,

The meeting which was held with key duty bearers in the referral pathway, a GBV Review Coalition,

chaired by the Nebbi District Chief Magistrate, also reported increased violence from men towards their partners exhibited through refusal to access family planning, education and support. The coalition who are mainly district and religious leaders thus resolved to create a Rapid Response

leading to the increased spread of STIs and HIV/AIDS in the communities.

Teenage Pregnancies in Nebbi Alarming!

Team that will be made up of key duty bearers from the 3 committees within the coalition on land justice, violence against women and girls and harmful traditional practices. These will ensure the

Action during the Strategy development in Lira.

.By Matilda Natukunda

voice of the coalition against GBV is heard and notable actions taken in bringing perpetrators to book. They also committed information sharing GBV through coalition Watsapp, SMS and Email The reflection groups.

bring an end to gender based violence district.

Board Chair Makes Case For Shrinking Political Space!

By Christine Aboke The Board Chair Nicholas Opio and the Country Director Christine Aboke were in Athens, Greece last week for the 2018 AAI General Assembly which attracted all Board Chairs and Country Directors. Nicholas addressed the Assembly about the increasing shrinking political space and how to remain afloat amidst the decreasing space for us to do advocacy work. Uganda's experience was his speaking script! At the same meeting, Africa CDs supported their Board chairs to vote against the resource allocation framework, which would take away resources from countries

Making Justice Work For Women!

And to close up the meeting, a new member of the Assembly Alianza Por la Solidaridad was overwhelmingly voted and three members were successfully elected to the International Board- Ingrid Roestenberg-Morgan,

and put countries into a vulnerable position.

Poguri Chennaiah and David Kios.



shrinking political space. Infront of him is Adri-

By Nivatiti Nandujja

The Women leading Peace and Justice in the Great Lakes Region Conference was hosted by ActionAid Kenya and ActionAid Australia last week. This was held under

ano Campolina ,\ASecretary General, Action Aid International

meeting was organized by The ActionAid GBV shelter in Nebbi, in a bid to track progress as we struggle to

the theme "Women leading peace, security and justice, African Great Lakes Region" and was supported through the ANCP Project. The conference brought over forty frontline women and human rights defenders from the

sustained action! Uganda's Oil for 2020! Gov't Defends Delay on Need to Potect Communities!

By Flavia Nalubega Dr Josephine Wapakabulo, the CEO Uganda National Oil Company, confirmed while at a meeting in Nairobi-Kenya that Uganda shall have its first oil in 2020, to give Ugandans a chance to benefit from the long awaited for

She defended the delay on the need to have Ugandans well placed and well trained to serve the sector. "We as Uganda want to add value to the sector so Uganda companies will stand better chances to work with us, but also companies that have a good will for the country, though non Uganda will also access these opportunities" Ugandans were thus encouraged to form companies that can pertake in exploitation(downstream) and as well sell and distribution(upstream) of oil, engineers for the oil refinery and oil pipelines construction among others. AU to Lead The Federation on Building Resilience to Shrinking Political Space

resource with minimal or no exploitation from sector operators. This however not withstanding the fact that the President has been promising this oil for the last close to a dec-

Uganda National Oil Company CEO Dr Josephine Wapakabulo makes a case for Uganda's oil sector at the East Africa Oil and Gas Confere in Nairobi-Kenya. Photo by Flavia N.

Aid Uganda, Denmark and Sweden came together to support the Federation in building resilience to shrinking political space, through developing a participatory resili-

By Harriet Gimbo

ence strategy, early warning-early response mechanism, mapping of high risk countries and how to enhance capacity of AA countries to withstand shock!

three research countries Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya and Uganda as well as women from Burundi, Rwanda and Somaliland . The Program Director Harriet Gimbo emphasised the need for a collective voice across Africa on transitional justice, supported by strong, rooted and connected women's movements for

AA staff energised after a meeting in Copenhagen that attracted AADK, AA Sweden and AAU. On 2nd July, The New Country Director Will Be announced! By Christine Aboke According to the Interim CD, Christine Aboke, the process of interviewing was finalized on 5th Jun. The Panel identified one candidate for the position, and a second one on reserve.

space and how to deal with it in the Federation. We need to be pro-active than reactive when faced with attacks," The Program Director Harriet Gimbo said!

In a meeting held in Copenhagen, Action-

The board will review the recruitment report and award the offer! Let's await in anticipation.

- An international meeting to have mining communities appreciate the People's Mining Charter is ongoing at Ridar Hotel. Miners from SA, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Kenya and Uganda are in attendance. I paid a bribe Campaign is ongoing, to encourage Ugandans to report cases using a mobile app. Follow the
- discussion on facebook and twitter There is an Orientation meeting for the AAU Kampala based partners at Royal Suites Hotel.
- We reflected about shrinking political
 - **WEEK AHEAD:**