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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF DIRECTORS



HON. HON. NINSIIMA RONAH RITA
CHAIRPERSON- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to my fellow Board Members and the KICK-U secretariat headed by the Executive Director Mr. Kakuru Robert Byamugisha for their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts throughout 2024. Your collective hard work has been instrumental in keeping KICK-U operational, and we are grateful for the numerous achievements that have been made possible because of your commitment. Please know that your efforts and time are truly valued and appreciated.

KICK-U extends its sincerest gratitude to our esteemed partners and collaborators, both state and non-state, for their invaluable contributions throughout 2024. We are particularly thankful for the support and expertise provided by: Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA), Inspectorate of Government (IG), Office of the Auditor General (OAG), Directorate of Ethics and Integrity (DEI) , Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC), Independent Electoral Commission Uganda (EC) and Local Governments, GIZ-Uganda, National Democratic Institute (NDI), International Republican Institute (IRI), East West Management institute (EWMI), Africa Philanthropy Network (APN), Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), Development Network for Indigenous Voluntary Associations (DENIVA), Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU), Transparency International Uganda (TIU) Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG), National Coalition on Human Rights (NCHU), Defend Defenders (DD), Defenders protection Initiative (DPI), Kampala Analytica, ACFIM, Chapter Four Uganda (CFU),Africa Freedom of Information Centre (AFIC), SEATINI-U, Action Aid International-Uganda (AAI-U) Uganda, Kabale University (KAB) and Kigezi Civil Society Forum (KICSOF)

Your support has been instrumental in helping KICK-U to achieve her Vision, Mission and objectives. We appreciate your tireless support and look forward to continued collaboration in the future.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As we reflect on the year 2024, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the progress we have achieved together in the fight against Corruption and the promotion of good Governance, Accountability and Human Rights. At KICK-U, we remain steadfast in our mission of facilitating Communities to demand for good Governance and Accountability for improved Service delivery in South Western-Uganda. This year, we have deepened our impact across the Kigezi region and beyond, and thanks to the unwavering dedication of members of Staff, Partners, and other boundary stakeholders.

Our commitment to civic empowerment and advocacy in the fight against Corruption has strengthened partnerships, collaboration and building synergies with State and Non-State Actors. Together, we have implemented innovative programs that amplify citizen voices, demand for good Governance, Accountability, and safeguard Human Rights.

I am particularly proud of the strides we have made in empowering grassroots communities to take an active role in Democratic Governance.

None of this would have been possible without the exceptional work of our Staff, the guidance of our Board of Directors, and the invaluable support of our Partners.

I sincerely extend my heartfelt thanks for your dedication that inspires the organization to reach greater heights.

We are reminded that the fight against corruption is a continuous strategic journey that calls for vigilance, innovativeness, and unity in order to have “A corruption free Society.”

KAKURU BYAMUGISHA ROBERT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LIST OF ACRONYMS

KICK-U: Kick corruption out of Uganda	URSB: Uganda Registration Services Bureau
ED: Executive Director	FIA: Financial Intelligence Authority
AGM: Annual General Meeting	NIRA: National Identification Registration Authority
B.O.D: Board of Directors	MoIA: Ministry of Internal Affairs
KAB: Kabale University	UHRC: Uganda Human Rights Commission
ACCU: Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda	EC: Independent Electoral Commission Uganda
NGO: Non-Governmental Organization	NDI: National Democratic Institute
TI: Transparency International	IRI: International Republican Institute
IG: Inspectorate of Government	EWMI: East West Management institute
LG: Local Governments	APN: Africa Philanthropy Network
OAG: Office of the Auditor General	UNNGOF: Uganda National NGO Forum
PPDA: Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority	DENIVA: Development Network for Indigenous Voluntary Associations
DPP: Director of Public Prosecution	CSBAG: Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group
UNDP: United Nations Development Program	NCHU: National Coalition on Human Rights
UDN : Uganda Debt Network	DD: Defend Defenders
DEI: Directorate of Ethics and Integrity	DPI: Defenders protection Initiative
CAO: Chief Administrative Officer	KA: Kampala Analytica
LCV: Chairman-Local Council Five	CFU: Chapter Four Uganda
RDC: Resident District commissioner	AFIC: Africa Freedom of Information Centre,
CSOs: Civil Society Organizations	AAI-U: Action Aid International-Uganda
TIU: Transparency International Uganda	KICSOF: Kigezi Civil Society Forum
AAIU: Action Aid International Uganda	
SHACU: Statehouse Anti-Corruption Unit	
IGG: Inspector General of Government	
IAF: Inter Agency Forum	
DIPFs: District Integrity Promotion Forums	
RPC: Regional Police Commander	

CHAPTER ONE: KICK-U PROFILE

1.1 Organizational Background

Kick Corruption out of Uganda (KICK-U) is a legally established indigenous NGO that aims at fighting Corruption and the abuse of fundamental Human Rights in Uganda with a specific focus on the south-western, Kigezi Sub-Region.

KICK-U envisions as Corruption free society whose mission is Facilitating Communities to demand for good governance and accountability for improved service delivery.

Result Areas

1. Anticorruption, Accountability & Transparency
2. Human Rights
3. Building Capacity of KICK-U as Organization

KICK-U was founded in 2003 as a Coalition of local CSOs and first registered as CBO in 2006. In 2014 KICK-U was registered as NGO with the Uganda National NGO Board, it renewed its NGO registration in 2016 under the National Bureau for NGOs where it was offered registration and operational certificates. In 2021 KICK-U was offered another operational permit for five (5) years until 2026.

In 2019, KICK-U acquired an advanced Quality Assurance Mechanism (QuAM) certificate.

KICK-U also has Financial Intelligence Authority (FIA), Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), NITA-U, URA and NSSF certificates.

At the sub-national level, KICK-U operates in seven Districts of; Kabale, Kisoro, Kanungu, Rukungiri, Rukiga, Rubanda, and Ntungamo.

KICK-U ten (10) member organizations and 8 Individual members that constitute its membership. At National level, KICK-U is a member of Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF), Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU), Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG), and National Coalition on Human Rights (NCHU), Africa Freedom of Information Centre (AFIC), and Development Network for Indigenous Voluntary Associations (DENIVA), SEATINI-U, Transparency International, Action Aid International (AAI) Uganda and Kigezi Civil Society Forum (KICSOF).

KICK-U collaborates with state-institutions such as Inspectorate of Government (IG), Office of the Auditor General (OAG), Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA), Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC), Directorate of Ethics and Integrity (DEI), State House Anti-Corruption Unit (SHACU) and Local Governments.

KICK-U is one of the strongest CSOs in Kigezi Sub Region and has a good working relationship with state and Non state Actors in promoting good Governance, Accountability and Human Rights for improved service delivery.

KICK-U has been engaged in local government Decision making processes such as planning, budgeting, Execution,

Elections, taxation, Justice, Service delivery and contract monitoring in Kigezi Sub Region.

KICK-U has a strong internal governance structure that constitutes of Annual General Assembly (AGM), Board of Directors and secretariat.

KICK-U has Eleven (11) full-time members of staff (Executive Director, Head of Programs, Head of Finance and Administration, Monitoring& Evaluation Officer, 3 Program Officers, and Communication officer, Administrative Officer, Accounts Assistant and Driver.



KICK-U OBJECTIVES



GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



KICK-U BOARD



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Mr. Kakuru Robert Byamugisha
Secretary

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MR. KAKURU ROBERT BYAMUGISHA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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ASS. PROGRAMS OFFICER



AINEMBABAZI GILBERT
ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT

CHAPTER TWO: IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS

2.0 Introduction

In line with our national mandate, KICK-U implemented a range of activities across Uganda, with a focus on the Kigezi sub-region. Key activities undertaken during the year included:

2.1 Strengthening Citizens in Elections (SCENE) Project



Kick Corruption out of Uganda in partnership with Uganda National NGO Forum with support from USAID implemented a project titled “Strengthening Citizens in Elections (SCENE) during 2024 in Kigezi Region in the Districts of Kabale, Rubanda and Rukiga. Through SCENE activities KICK-U reached to a total of 7,649 participants (2,742 Males represented by 35.8% and 4,907 Females represented by 64.2%). Among the participants 1797 were youth represented by 23.5%.

SCENE activities were implemented in the districts of **Kabale in**; Kyanamira, Sub-

County, Kitumba, Sub- County, Rubaya Sub- County, Kaharo Sub- County, Kamuganguzi and Kabale Municipality (Southern, Northern and Central Division), **Rukiga in**; Kamwezi, Sub- County, Rwamucucu Sub- County, Mparo T/C, Sub- County, Muhanga T/C & Bukinda and in **Rubanda** district in; Muko, Sub- County, Hamurwa, Sub- County, Rubanda T/C, Sub- County, Ahabuhutu T/C -Mugyera, Sub- County, Bubaare T/C, Sub- County Nyamweru & Ahamuhambo T/C.

Among implemented activities under SCENE project/activities included;

Result Area 1: Increased citizens’ participation in legal, constitutional and political processes.

During the year various activities were implemented under result Area 1 that included;

- Civic and Voter Education at Parish Levels (2 Barazas per parish, 5 parishes in 3 districts)

<https://x.com/kickuorg/status/1805222297600499912?lang=en>

- Identification of new Topowa Groups & Villages (36 topowa forums and fireplace conversations)
- Training of Civic Mentors including those from new villages
- Conducting Quarterly Topowa & Ekyooto Fireplace Discussions on key issues

<https://x.com/nabasabarnabas/status/1826984680509370491>



<https://x.com/kickuorg/status/1831272508428894319>



<https://x.com/kickuorg/status/1782382894750556514>



- Organizing Radio Talk shows on Political and Constitutional Reforms
- Regional Dialogues on 2026 General Elections & Peaceful Transitions.

<https://kigezitiv.com/news/story/uganda-electoral-commission-decries-low-voter-turnout-ahead-of-2026-elections/>



Result Area 11: Improved accountability and responsiveness of governance institutions.

Under Result area 11 the following activities were implemented and different achievements/results were achieved;

- Interface meetings between duty bearers and citizens on transparency in Elections at district level

<https://apearlnews.com/2021/2024/04/05/rwanda-uganda-border-electoral-woes-unveiled-cross-mopiration-sparks-concern-in-rukiga-district/>

- Regional CSO Strategy Session on Elections
- Direct Partner Institutional Strengthening Support including Board meetings

2.1 Media Engagements



Radio talk shows on Voice of Kigezi(V.O.K)

KICK-U organized and conducted 8 monthly radio talk shows during 2024 during project implementation period. The radio talk shows aimed at amplifying the citizens key electoral process issues raised during SCENE activities such as fireplace conversations

and topowa forums, Community Barazas at parish level and also to raise awareness among the public on issues regarding electoral processes and as the feedback mechanism where different stakeholders were identified as panelists to handle key topics.



Radio talk shows on Voice of Kigezi(V.O.K)

Through radio talk shows different topics were discussed by panelists and listeners call in for direct feedback and also raised their concerns. Among key stakeholders and panelists engaged during radio talk show included; NIRA officials, UHRC, Security representatives such RDC and DPC and regional police spokes personnel, EC administrators to addle topics related to electoral processes including the popularizing the road map and conduct civic and voter education, UBOS officials who talked about the population census, CSOs representatives among others.



Regional Dialogue on 2026 General elections and Peaceful transition

Through SCENE activities implemented during 2024 various results were achieved that included;

- Improved civic competencies among citizenry
- Increased citizens' participation in activities and commitment to participate in electoral processes and hence civic competencies among citizenry in communities where SCENE project has been implemented.
- Through SECNE Project it was noted that there is increased Civic awareness and competence among citizenry about their voters' rights.
- Improved the responsiveness of duty bearers to citizenry demands. Citizenry have been empowered through SCENE engagements and they are in position to hold their leaders accountable on issues regarding political and service delivery which has improved duty bearers' responsiveness to citizenry demand
- Through Deepening and widening the scope of topowa forums and fireplace conversation in new

villages and groups increased coverage hence more masses getting civic education and increased their participation in electoral processes witnessed during the yellow book registration and participation in the covered and recently completed EC road map activities.

- Mindset change among citizenry on issues regarding political participation where most citizenry committed never to sell their votes again and to be holding their leaders accountable.
- It has been only through SCENE engagements such as quarterly fireplaces and topowa forum conversations, interface meetings, Barazas, Regional dialogue that citizenry could share their political and nonpolitical views and concerns.



Baraza in Bukoora parish - Kitumba subcounty - Kabale District

Therefore, SECNE activities created platforms for citizenry to raise their views regarding political and democratic issues and other keys issues affecting political and service delivery in communities.

It was reported during fireplace conversation in one of the marginalized groups that, it was only through SENCE platform that Batwa people could share their views and challenges that have always affected their participation in political process as social welfare.



One of the participants in Ecuya Ikamiro - Rubanda district which is occupied by Batwa said that it was their first time to get such a gathering and their concerns be listened to. This was a great achievement being the first project to reach the Batwa to discuss political and democratic issues which strengthened their civic competencies and raised awareness about their civic rights. KICK-U deepened and scaled up the projects from 18 communities to 36 communities in 2024, to other villages that were considered to have uniqueness that included the Batwa communities in Ecuya Ikamiro parish in Muko subcounty Rubanda with the intention of getting their views as marginalized group, Kamwezi sub county, Kibuga sub-county, Maziba subcounty as the areas bordering Rwanda which also have their uniqueness due to boarder related issues that influence political environment.

Expanding the project to 36 communities with contextual differences was to widen the coverage and popularizing the message to a wider populace which has created civic awareness and empowerment.

The new villages and groups included the boarder communities such as Kamwezi in Rukiga, the Batwa marginalized communities and the women groups and communities in showers of lake Bunyonyi that are considered hard to reach.

2.2 Philanthropy For Development (P4d)



Kick Corruption Out of Uganda (KICK-U), in partnership with the Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF) and in collaboration with the Uganda Local Governments Association (ULGA), implemented various activities under P4D project that included fireplace conversations and roundtable discussion (Community Dialogue) focused on the Local Economic Development (LED) Policy and Philanthropy for Development (P4D). These engagements brought together key stakeholders from different district majorly Kigezi Subregion in the districts of kabale, Rubanda, Kanung, Kisoro, rukiga and Rukungiri.

During this meetings various actions and recommendation were made with the focus on;

- To create awareness on the LED policy and it's potential to attract community buy in towards contributing to its implementation.
- To reignite the regional and national level conversation on the possibility of integrating local philanthropy as an initiative to drive the implementation of the LED policy.
- Consolidate innovative ideas at the sub national level on how to accelerate the LED policy implementation.

2.3 Monitoring of Public Contracts and Service Delivery

Kick Corruption out of Uganda in partnership with PPDA with support from GIZ initiated public contract and service delivery monitoring in 2022 which was to Strengthening and Establishment of District Integrity promotion Forum in kigezi sub region through Contract Mornitoring System, and KICK-U continued to conduct monitoring using CMS during the 2024 in South western Uganda in the Districts of Kabale, Kisoro and Kanungu and Ntungamo. The monitoring of public contracts and service



delivery aimed at enhance accountability systems, reduce incidents of corruption, and improve service delivery and proper utilization of public resources.

KICK -U used PPDA Contract monitoring systems to conduct contract monitoring which was conducted by both staff and Community monitors in different districts.

Various site visits were conducted and data collected where findings/ issues observed were reported to duty bearers/actors in the districts where monitoring was conducted and also data was submitted using the PPDA CMS for actions by duty bearers on how some of those issues can be addressed or electrified. Through monitoring KICK-U was able to establish the status of project implementation in terms of quality and time to find if there was value for money and implementation according to contract agreements. The monitoring was conducted in districts of kabale, Rubanda, Rukiga, Ntungamo, Kisoro and Kanungu where observation were made and data submitted using PPDA CMS. The monitoring process was successful; however, some observations were made including some issues and defects in some of the projects which were reported and got rectified hence achievement of the project.

Due to the successfully and effective monitoring using CMS KICK-U was awarded a certificate of participation in recognition of performance in implementation of PPDA contract monitoring system which was received on 4th December 2024 by PPDA during Grand National CMS Review workshop at PPDA headquarters-Kampala.



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