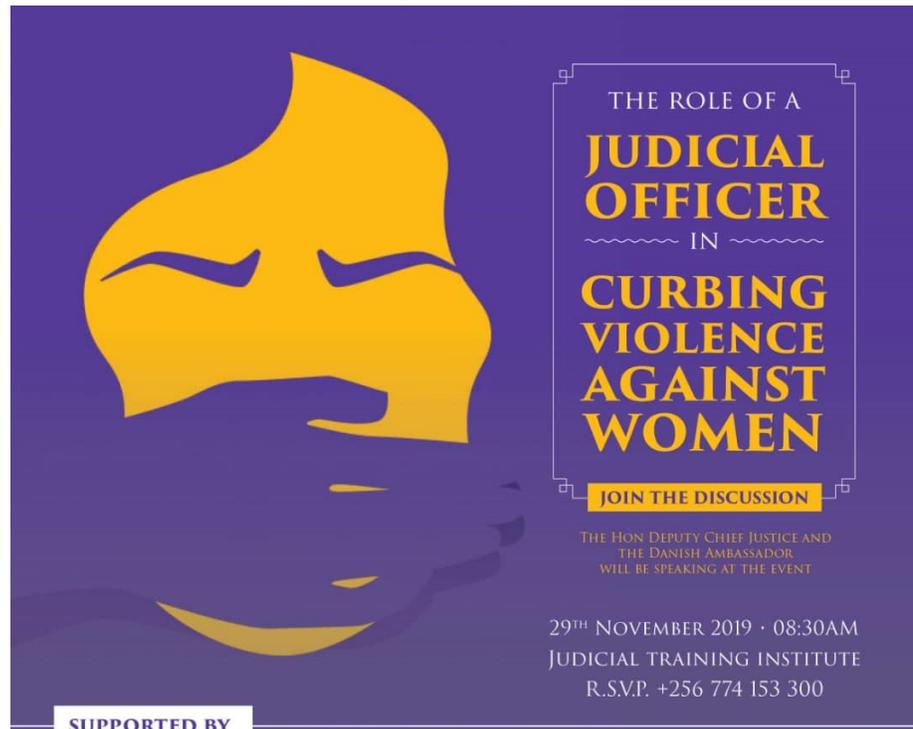


**Final Report for a one day Training Workshop on The Role of a Judicial Officer in
Curbing Violence against women and girls.**



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Name of the training: The Role of a Judicial Officer in Curbing Violence against Women and Girls.

Program Sponsor: DANIDA Fellowship Centre

Implementing Agency: DANIDA Alumni Network

Venue: Judicial Training Institute

Date: 29, November, 2019.

Total No. Participants: 23

Duration total: One day

Reported by: The Winners of the grant.



The Winners of the DANIDA alumni Network grant (L-R H/W Sikhoya Naume, H/W Winnie N. Jatiko, H/W Kabugho Caroline Byakutaga and H/W Naigaga Winfred Kyobiika-team leader) share a photo moment with H.E Nicolaj A. Hejberg Petersen, the Danish Ambassador to Uganda and Mr. Charles Magala the Embassy the Senior programme Advisor.

Introduction

The document on hand is a narration of the detail the events and proceedings of the training workshop on the role of a judicial officer in curbing violence against Women and Girls that was conducted by the DANIDA Alumni team from the Ugandan Judiciary. The training was conducted at the Judicial Training Institute, which is part of the Judiciary Uganda and the whole session lasted a full day.

The training made possible after the winners of the DANIDA Alumni grant thought it relevant to begin a conversation on how judicial officer can take part in the fight against violence of women and girls.

About Participants

The delegates who participated in the program were DANIDA alumni in the Ugandan judiciary picked by the organizers. These had taken part in the DANIDA law and justice fellowship program that spanned for about 20 years. There were 2 DANIDA alumni outside the Ugandan Judiciary that were invited for the workshop.

Time Schedule:

The training workshop was conducted for one action full day; based on the organizers' consideration that judicial officers should not be away from court stations for more than one day as the same would disrupt the organisation's overall operation. With this the training was conducted on Friday, the 29th, November 2019.

The training started at 08:00 am and ended at 04:30 pm. We had 4 sessions each carrying 40 minutes and 3 breaks (a 30 minutes Breakfast at 10.35am; a one hour lunch at 1.05pm and a 30 minutes evening tea break at 4.00pm).

Training goal

The main objective behind the training workshop on the role of judicial officers in curbing violence against women and girls was to improve the capacities of judicial officers in handling cases involving acts of violence against women and girls and help the victims therein end the vicious cycle of violence.

Workshop content

The following subjects were covered during the 4 sessions of the training:

- Lessons learnt from Denmark
- "Consent" as a social, institutional and legal barrier to access to justice in sexual related offenses.
- Considerations in hearings and sentencing of women and girls as victims or defendants.
- Simulation Exercise:- Action points of a Judicial Officer.

Facilitation Techniques Used (Methodologies)

There were several facilitation techniques used by the trainer which included question and answer, brainstorming, group discussions, case study discussions and practical implementation of some of the topics by trainees. A multitude of training methodologies was utilized in order to make sure all the participants get the whole concept and they practice what they learn, because only listening to the trainers can be forgotten, but what the trainees do by themselves they will never forget.

The Training program– In brief

The training session was officiated by the Hon the Deputy Chief Justice, Justice Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny Dollo, H.E His Nicolaj A. Hejberg Petersen, the Danish Ambassador to Uganda and the Judicial Training Institute Executive Director, Lady Justice Damalie Lwanga.

Notably also present was Charles Magala, the Danish embassy Senior programme Advisor and Peter Okwoko, the Northern Region Representative, DANIDA alumni Network. Mr. Okwoko represented the president of the DANIDA alumni Network, Ms Marris Nakayaga. Ms Nakayaga was unable to attend because she was on maternity leave.



The JTI Executive Director, Lady Justice Damalie Lwanga leading the Hon the Deputy Chief Justice, Justice Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny Dollo, H.E His Nicolaj A. Hejberg Petersen and Charles Magala to the training hall.

The program started with welcome remarks and speeches from the dignitaries.

In her welcoming remarks, Lady Justice Damalie Lwanga, said the workshop was organized to promote networking amongst the DANIDA Alumni in the Judiciary and share knowledge on emerging issues in gender and the law, particularly on SGBV. She emphasized that gender issues and human rights form part of the syllabus of the JTI and it was a pleasure that Denmark as a developing partner had similar interests in the same subjects. She called upon for more collaboration with Denmark in areas of similar interest but most especially on building strong institutions to promote peace and justice.

In his representative capacity, Mr. Okwoko encouraged the alumni to join the network in order to learn of the many opportunities DANIDA offers and how we can creatively work towards solving the problems facing our communities.

H.E Nicolaj A. Hejberg Petersen, stated that violence against women is not only devastating women's lives and dividing communities but also undermines development efforts. He also congratulated the four Judicial officers who won this year's grant and added that the Alumni activity grant is intended to support them in staying in touch to ensure committed collaboration with alumni network members.

The Hon the Deputy Chief Justice, Justice Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny Dollo said the training was timely and was being carried out at a time when the world is vigorously engaged in preventive and protection activities against violence against under the global season dubbed 16 Days of Activism against Violence. He stated that through this training, the Judiciary is equally engaged in activism to eliminate violence against women. The DCJ also commended the Ambassador of Denmark in Uganda, and the Danish people for their generous support to various government programmes in Uganda, and in particular, the support granted to the Judiciary to conduct such important trainings for judicial officers. With these remarks the DCJ opened the training.



The Executive Director, JTI- Lady Justice Damalie Lwanga making Welcome Remarks.



Mr. Peter Peter Okwoko, the DANIDA Alumni Representative Northern Region giving a speech.



H.E Nicolaj A. Hejberg Petersen giving his speech

The Hon the Deputy Chief Justice, Justice Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny Dollo making opening remarks.



The participants of the workshop have a photo moment with The JTI Executive Director, Lady Justice Damalie Lwanga, the Hon the Deputy Chief Justice, Justice Alfonse Chigamoy Owiny Dollo, H.E His Nicolaj A. Hejberg Petersen outside the training hall.

After the Welcoming remarks and the speeches, every individual participant introduced him/herself to the H.E the ambassador by mentioning their name, position and organisation.

After the training was started by having H/W Sikhoya Naume speak to the participants about lessons learnt from Denmark. She first gave a brief background to the DANIDA Law and Justice Fellowship and later moved on to speak about experiences and lessons learnt in Denmark.

Later on she gave time for about 10 participants to share their experiences and lessons in Denmark. Many participants confessed that the trip to Denmark is filled with many firsts. Examples included:- boarding the plane for the very first time, using the metro and google maps for the first time, visiting an open prison for the very first time among others.



H/W Sikhoya Naume speaking about lessons and experiences in Denmark during the DANIDA Law and Justice Fellowship.



H/W Moses Angualia, Registrar Training at JTI shares his lessons and experience in Denmark



H/W Sajjabi Noah. Magistrate Grade One, Wakiso shares his lessons and experience in Denmark



H/W Nabende Moses Mushebebe. Magistrate Grade One, Anti-Corruption Court shares his lessons and experience in Denmark



DANIDA Alumni network workshop Participants listening to various speakers.

The participants were treated to break tea and later had a session about social, institutional and legal barrier to access to justice in sexual related matters. The Session was facilitated by H/W Naigaga Winfred Kyobiika. Winfred called out on gender stereotypes in the social and institutional settings that blurs a judicial officer's ability to appreciate the campaign of violence against women. Ms. Naigaga also called out on the lacuna in the law that negatively influences the treatment of victims of violence.

After her presentation, participants continued to discuss the grey areas in practice as regards the topics of marital rape, consent in sexual matters of unconscious victims among others.



H/W Naigaga Winfred Kyobiika speaking about social, institutional and legal barriers to access to justice in sexual related offenses.

The next session came from Kabugho Caroline Byakutaga. She discussed considerations in hearings and sentencings in cases where women are involved as victims or defendants. Ms. Kabugho called upon participants to have an inquiring mentality as opposed a procedural mentality during such cases. She educated participants about the cycle of violence in domestic cases and the defense of the battered woman syndrome.



H/W Kabugho Caroline Byakutaga speaking about considerations in hearings and sentencings in cases where women are involved as victims or defendants.

The participants were treated to Ugandan Cuisine during the lunch break. Finally the participants had a simulation exercise which was chaired by H/W Winnie N. Jatiko. This session saw participants come up with action points as regards to cases involving violence against women and girls from the information they had received that day.

This session intended to obtain participants' views about different aspects of the training – from the effectiveness to the coverage of the topics, and from the trainer's knowledge and preparedness to their overall impression of the whole experience.



H/W Winnie N. Jatiko carrying out the simulation exercises on action points with cases dealing with violence against Women and Girls.

Closing of the Training

After the simulation exercise, H/W Nabende Moses Mushebebe gave the closing remarks. He thanked the organizers and reiterated the need to have a continuing conversations on such pertinent issues that affect not only our work but also our social life.

The workshop ended with participants having a networking session amongst themselves. Evening tea, coffee and bites were provided by the organizers.

The training program was conducted successfully and all the participants took active part in the training. The simulation exercise showed that there were concepts and topics which the delegates didn't know about before the training and after the training they could explain the topics.

Participants pledged to include the knowledge and skills that they had acquired from the training into their adjudication work.

There was an overall agreement amongst participants to call upon the Judiciary through its Judicial Training Institute arm and the development partners to continue carrying out and facilitating such workshops.

Participants who are not part of the DANIDA alumni network agreed to join the same. Mr. Okwoko took their contacts and promised to add them onto the network's social media platform.

The winners of the grant would like to thank DFC, The Danish Embassy, the DANIDA Alumni Network, the Judicial training Institute and the Ugandan Judiciary for making this workshop a reality.



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Naigaga Winfred Kyobiika (Team Leader)