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NEWSLETTER



SSA's Project Officer during the Mityana paralegals' visit

RADIO TALK SHOWS

Paralegals used radio talk shows as a platform for community outreach and public legal education. Through these engagements, they shared information on land rights, dispute resolution mechanisms, and the importance of securing legal documentation such as Certificates of Customary Ownership. The talk shows also provide an opportunity for listeners to raise concerns, ask questions, and receive guidance on issues affecting their communities. By bringing legal awareness to a wider audience, these radio engagements strengthen community understanding of rights and responsibilities, while encouraging informed participation in land governance processes.

PARALEGAL VISITS

SSA conducted field visits to paralegals across project areas to strengthen collaboration, monitor ongoing activities, and provide technical support. These visits created an opportunity to assess progress, address emerging challenges, and reinforce the critical role paralegals play in promoting access to justice and safeguarding community rights. Through direct engagement, the team gathered valuable insights from the field while encouraging continued commitment to community sensitization, legal awareness, and support for vulnerable groups.

Commemoration of International Women's Day



Community paralegals during the National Women's Day celebrations at Kololo.

On 8th March, SSA joined the national celebrations of International Women's Day at Kololo Independence Grounds, which brought together government leaders, civil society organizations, and members of the public. The celebrations were held under the theme: "Scaling up investment to accelerate access to justice for all women and girls in Uganda." This theme emphasized the importance of strengthening women's rights, legal protection, and access to justice systems. SSA facilitated paralegals from the Women Spaces project areas to participate in the celebrations in recognition of the critical role they played in advancing women's rights and improving access to justice in their communities. Speeches were delivered by various delegations, including UN Women and the National Women's Council, among others. The speakers highlighted the persistent challenges faced by women while also celebrating their achievements and contributions to their communities and the country at large. The celebrations also featured exhibitions showcasing women-led businesses, which provided a platform for women entrepreneurs to display their products and services.

Surveying of land for Phase II of CCOs

On 15th April 2026, SSA engaged with community members and local leaders in Kamuli Municipality. The surveying of land for Phase II of the Certificates of Customary Ownership (CCO) was officially launched, with the local chairperson leading by example by having her land surveyed first. Community members expressed their gratitude to SSA and its partners for the initiative, which is set to help secure their land rights.

Africa Urban Forum

From 8th –10th April 2026, at the Second Africa Urban Forum in Nairobi, SSA presented at the side event, “Towards Just Housing Policies in Africa: Adequate Housing for All.” Held at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, the forum brought together leaders advancing inclusive and resilient housing across the continent.



SSA’s Executive Director at the Africa Urban Forum

Meeting with Kamuli district land board

On 17th March, The SSA team held a meeting with the Kamuli District Land Board to discuss the second phase of issuance of Certificates of Customary Ownership (CCOs), with the aim of harmonizing processes and ensuring smooth implementation. The discussion focused on aligning expectations from both sides. The team also met with the Chairpersons of Northern Division to seek support in mobilizing and sensitizing community members on the importance of registering for CCOs and securing their land rights.


Surveying land for Phase II of Certificates of Customary Ownership (CCOs) in Kamuli

Africa Regional Forum for Sustainable Development

SSA took part in the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, where it joined regional stakeholders in discussions on accelerating progress towards the SDGs. As part of the engagement, SSA also contributed as a panelist in a side event on “From Land Rights to Housing Futures: Advancing Gender-Responsive and Youth-Led Pathways for Inclusive, Climate-Resilient African Cities.” The session provided an opportunity to highlight SSA’s work in strengthening land governance and promoting inclusive, community-driven solutions.

Buganda kingdom visit to Bujuuko

On 19th March, SSA hosted a team from the Buganda Kingdom at the SSA flagship housing project in Bujuuko. The Bujuuko housing units were developed under the Decent Living Project and were constructed using interlocking soil-stabilized blocks as an alternative, affordable building material for the Kwefako Housing Cooperative. The visit aimed to provide a learning opportunity for the team as they explored ways to develop standard, affordable housing for the Kabaka's people. Discussions focused on key aspects such as the cost of house valuation, access to utilities, challenges encountered, and strategies for scaling up the model. Members of the Kwefako Housing Cooperative also showcased some of their income-generating activities, including the production of liquid soap and handmade crafts, among other initiatives that support their livelihoods.



Team from the Buganda Kingdom during their visit to the Bujuuko Housing Project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monitoring of community paralegals in the women's spaces project areas.
- Radio talk shows
- Community outreach activities.
- Refresher Trainings

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