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NEWSLETTER



Learning Exchange: SSA, SERI and ICF Women's Desk

From 17th–22nd August, SSA participated in a learning exchange with the Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI) and the Inner City Federation – Women's Desk (ICF-WD).

The exchange provided an opportunity for participants to learn from each organization's approaches to advancing women's rights and supporting communities. During the exchange, participants engaged in discussions and practical learning around legal marriages, marital property systems, women's property rights, divorce and cohabitation, wills, consultations, mediation and referrals.

The programme also included visits and engagements with community-based structures and organizations involved in providing support to women and vulnerable communities. These sessions offered valuable insights into different approaches to community legal support, referrals and mediation.

The exchange created space for participants to share experiences, reflect on challenges and identify approaches that can be adapted to their respective contexts. It also strengthened collaboration and learning among SSA, SERI and ICF-WD, reinforcing the value of cross-country knowledge sharing in advancing women's rights.



SSA team with volunteers and ICF-WD



SSA Programmes officer presenting during a workshop in johannesburg

RADIO TALK SHOWS

As part of its community outreach and awareness-raising efforts, SSA continued to use radio talk shows to reach wider audiences with information on women's rights, land, succession and other issues affecting communities.

Radio engagements were held in Mityana on 21 August, Entebbe on 26 August, Kayunga and Kamuli on 26 August. The programme provide an opportunity for listeners to learn about their rights, ask questions and seek clarification on issues affecting them.

The radio talk shows complemented SSA's community-level engagements by extending key messages beyond physical meetings and creating a platform for broader public discussion on women's rights, land rights and succession.

REFRESHER TRAININGS IN KAYUNGA AND ENTEBBE

During July, SSA conducted refresher trainings for community paralegals in Kayunga and Entebbe. The trainings provided an opportunity to strengthen paralegals' knowledge and skills in supporting communities to address land, housing, succession and women's rights issues.
The sessions also provided space for paralegals to share experiences from their work, discuss challenges encountered during community engagements, and identify practical approaches for improving their support to community members. The refresher trainings continue to strengthen the capacity of paralegals to provide information, mediation and referrals within their communities.



Kayunga paralegals and stakeholders (left) and Entebbe stakeholders and paralegals (right) during the refresher trainings.

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS THINK TANK REVIEW OF SDG 11

On 3 July, SSA facilitated a Human Settlements Think Tank focused on the review of Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.
The think tank brought together stakeholders to reflect on Uganda's progress towards achieving SDG 11 and discuss key challenges and opportunities for advancing inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable human settlements.
The meeting aimed to contribute to the development of a position paper for the High-Level Political Forum, providing recommendations to inform the review of SDG 11 and promote more inclusive, resilient and sustainable cities and communities.
The engagement provided an important platform for stakeholders to share experiences, identify gaps and collectively contribute recommendations towards strengthening Uganda's implementation of SDG 11.



Participants during the review of SDG11

COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

SSA continued to engage communities through a series of community dialogues held across the project areas of Mityana, Entebbe, Kamuli and Kayunga during July and August.

In July, dialogues were held in Entebbe on 22 July, Mityana on 24 July, Kamuli on 21 July and Kayunga on 29 July. The engagements brought together community members, local leaders, paralegals and other relevant stakeholders to discuss issues affecting communities, including women's rights, land rights and succession.

The dialogues continued in August, with engagements held in Mityana on 27 August, Entebbe on 28 August and Kayunga on 26 August. Community members had an opportunity to raise concerns affecting them, while paralegals and stakeholders provided information, guidance and referrals on issues raised.

These dialogues remain an important avenue for strengthening community awareness, encouraging local problem-solving and connecting community members to available legal and social support services.



community members during community dialogues in Kayunga (L) and Mityana (R)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Monthly paralegal visits.
- Kamuli community dialogue.
- MDF Exchanges

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