

SSA NEWSLETTER

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Paralegal Review Meetings.

Paralegals in Kamuli, Entebbe, Mityana and Kayunga participated in review meetings to assess progress, share experiences and discuss challenges encountered while supporting communities to understand and access their land, housing and other related rights.

The meetings provided an opportunity for paralegals to share updates on their work, including community dialogues conducted, cases handled and experiences gained while supporting individuals facing land-related challenges. The discussions also covered the impact of paralegal activities on Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and the wider community, alongside plans for sustaining the work as the project approaches its conclusion.

The engagements further provided space to identify areas requiring improvement and discuss ways of strengthening community awareness, access to justice and support for people experiencing land and housing rights challenges.

Through these reviews, the paralegals continued to share lessons from their respective communities while identifying practical ways to improve their work and sustain the gains made through the project.



Community paralegals from Kamuli (Left) and Entebbe (Right) during the review meetings.

RADIO TALK SHOWS

Radio talk shows provided a platform to raise awareness about women's land rights and the challenges they face in accessing, owning and controlling land. The discussions centred on the legal protections available to women, barriers to land ownership and the importance of ensuring that women are recognized as landowners rather than merely witnesses in land transactions.

The programmes also highlighted issues affecting widows and women in relationships, including inheritance, succession and land disputes. Through these discussions, communities were encouraged to understand women's rights to land and the importance of addressing practices that limit their ownership and control of land.

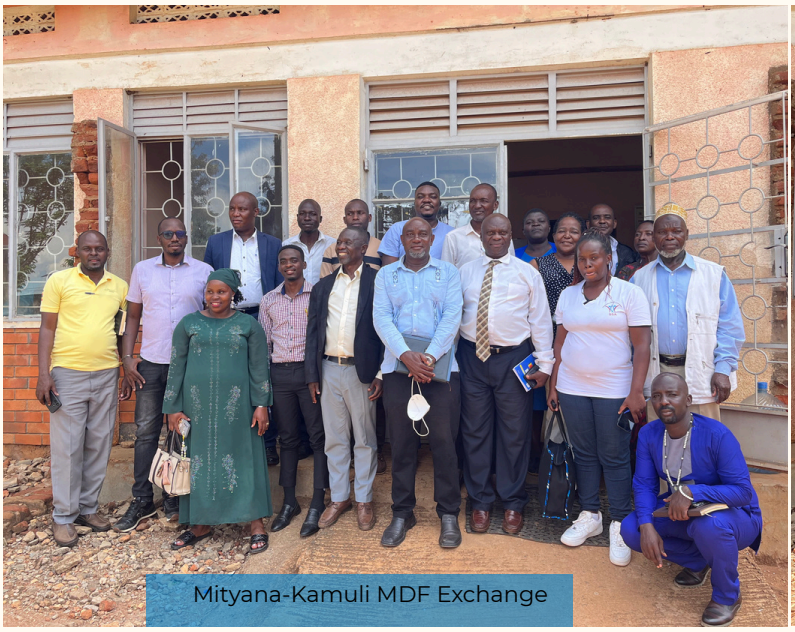
The radio engagements form part of ongoing efforts to promote awareness of women's land and housing rights and encourage more equitable access to land within communities.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM EXCHANGES.

Municipal Development Forums (MDFs) from Entebbe, Kamuli and Mityana participated in two learning exchanges facilitated by SSA Uganda on 11th and 25th September, 2026. The first exchange brought together Entebbe and Kamuli, while the second involved Mityana and Kamuli.

The exchanges provided a platform for the forums to share experiences and learn from one another on issues including waste management, urban greening, land registration, road reserve protection, community engagement and infrastructure development. Discussions also covered feedback mechanisms, the management of Project Affected Persons (PAPs) and challenges affecting local development initiatives.

The engagements strengthened peer learning and provided opportunities for the forums to identify practical approaches to addressing shared urban development challenges in their respective municipalities.



Mityana-Kamuli MDF Exchange



Entebbe-Kamuli MDF Exchange

MITYANA LEGAL AID CLINIC ON LAND AND SUCCESSION MATTERS.

Community members in Mityana accessed legal information and guidance during a legal aid clinic held at Busuubizi Parish church in Ttamu Division. The clinic brought together a lawyer and community paralegals to respond to questions and concerns raised by residents, particularly those relating to land rights and access to justice.

Community members sought guidance on land conflicts, succession matters and other legal concerns affecting their families and property. The engagement provided an opportunity for residents to raise their questions, receive legal guidance and better understand the options available to them when dealing with such issues.

The involvement of community paralegals also highlighted their role in connecting residents to legal support and helping them navigate land-related challenges. By bringing legal assistance closer to the community, the clinic contributed to raising awareness of legal rights and available avenues for addressing disputes.



Participants during the legal aid clinic

ENTEBBE BUSINESS AND TRADE EXPO OPENS DIALOGUE ON LAND

Land rights and land-related challenges were among the issues discussed during a panel session at the Entebbe Business and Trade Expo in September 2026. The session brought together legal counsels, community paralegals, representatives from Entebbe Municipal Council and the Institute of Survey and Land Management to discuss issues affecting land ownership and use.

The panel explored different land tenure systems, boundary disputes and approaches to resolving land conflicts. Discussions also examined youth and land use, providing an opportunity for participants to share perspectives on the challenges communities face in accessing, managing and securing land rights.

The dialogue provided a platform for sharing knowledge and raising awareness of land issues affecting communities, while highlighting the value of collaboration among institutions and community actors in addressing land-related challenges.



Participants during the panel discussiions on land

URBAN INFORMALITY WORKING GROUP ENGAGEMENTS IN GGABA AND BANDA.

Engagements by the Urban Informality Working Group in Ggaba and Banda continued to bring together community actors and other stakeholders to discuss issues affecting people living and working in informal urban settings.

In Banda, the working group engaged with community representatives, including Village Health Teams (VHTs) and informal waste collectors. Their involvement is important in understanding everyday urban challenges and the experiences of people whose work and contributions are closely connected to the functioning of informal settlements.

The engagements provided an opportunity for different actors to contribute their perspectives and strengthen collaboration around issues affecting urban communities. They also reinforced the importance of including community-level voices in discussions and initiatives addressing urban informality.

SSA participates as one of the actors within the Urban Informality Working Group, contributing to collective engagement rather than implementing the working group's activities independently

KAMULI CERTIFICATE OF CUSTOMARY OWNERSHIP UPDATE MEETING.

The physical planning department and contractor in Kamuli Municipality continued to engage on progress under the customary land certification process, with a focus on Certificates of Customary Ownership (CCOs) and the experiences of applicants.
The CCOs update meeting provided an opportunity to review the progress of the certification process, including the status of mapped applicants and applications that had been approved or were still pending. Discussions also highlighted challenges affecting implementation, including difficulties accessing some plots and cases involving land located in wetlands.
The meeting further discussed the need to raise awareness about subsequent transactions involving CCOs, in order to help applicants and other stakeholders understand customary land certification in managing and transferring land interests.
The ongoing work builds on the progress made in Kamuli Municipality, where 309 CCOs have been handed over in collaboration with the Ministry of Lands and Kamuli Municipality. Of these, 45% are women-owned, 35% are men-owned and 20% are co-owned. The initiative aims to scale up the number of CCOs to 700.





Participants during the meeting in Kamuli

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Project Exit meetings.
- legal Aid Clinics.
- World Town planning day dialogue
- Technical Advisor visits
- MDF Exchanges
- KCCA PPC retreat

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