



FFOU Legal Aid Project

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Advocates Act (Legal Aid to Indigent Persons) Regulations, 2007
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FFOU Legal Aid Project team in mediation meeting with UPDF Marine and Fish Protection Unit (FPU) on behalf of fishing community at FFOU Headquarters chaired by Kanyana Ezra FFOU President 2022

FFOU Legal Aid Project under the Federation of Fisheries Organizations Uganda is registered with Law Council of Uganda *under section 2 of the Advocates Act (Legal Aid to Indigent Persons) Regulations, 2007* number **CLA/039/2023** committed to provide legal aid services to grassroots poor and marginalized Ugandan fisherfolk. The project looks at enabling fisherfolk know their rights and entitlements as citizens by establishing a peaceful, free, just and developed fishing society with the underpinnings of genuine principles of the rule of law, mainly from legal aspect. Further the project raises fisherfolk awareness for the emergence of just laws and a better legal framework, in which individual fishers' freedom and collective rights of fishing communities is well protected and represented. FFOU provides legal aid and assistance to fisherfolk victims of torture, facilitation of justice defender lawyers and taking actions.

FFOU Legal Aid Project is managed and implemented by the Federation of Fisheries Organizations Uganda (FFOU) a non-profit making organization registered under Non-governmental Organizations Act, 2016 registration number 6521 (**INDR160045220NB**). FFOU is a national umbrella body of all non-state actors in the fisheries sub-sector with National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organizations, currently regulating 131 member Associations/Organizations which brings together all the fishing communities across the five great Lakes of: Victoria, Kyoga, Albert, George, Edward and the Surrounding districts in Uganda. FFOU Strategic areas of Implementation contribute significantly to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the National Development Plan – (NDP III).

FFOU Legal Aid project Strategic objective

Is to create informed fisheries communities on human rights, legal aid, fisheries related policies, regulations and protect the marginalized sexualities and gender identities in fishing communities.

FFOU Legal Aid Project Interventions:

Sensitize fishing communities on the existing policies and regulations in the sector, interpretation, understanding and the benefits of being law compliant.

Promote human rights in the fishing community through awareness campaigns.

Promote human rights mainstreaming in fisheries related activities

Collaborate with CSOs and fisheries co-management bodies in provision of information relevant to fisher communities.

Train trainers, paralegals and community counsellors in respect of human rights.

Conduct legal clinic services in partnership with other law and human rights CSOs.

Partner with other institutions for awareness on non-compliance implications. Carry out stake holder's dialogue on current issues in the subsector.



During the FFOU Legal Aid Project human rights awareness creation at Malembo landing site in Kyesiga Sub county Masaka District

FFOU Legal Aid Objectives

- To provide legal aid services, awareness and court representation for the poor and marginalized groups of fishermen, women and children in fishing community.
- To promote the respect for human rights in the fishing sector in Uganda
- To lobby and advocate for legislation and policies which act in favor of the marginalized groups in fishing communities.
- To build mechanisms and aggressively mobilize resources for the financial sustainability of FFOU Legal Aid Project activities.

Target Beneficiaries

Indigent fishermen, women and children with special consideration to women, children, disabled, marginalized sexualities and gender identities in fishing communities.



FFOU Legal Aid Project during the legal rights awareness and legal Aid meeting at Lwera landing site in Kalungu District



FFOU Legal Aid Project team delivering legal aid services to the fishers of lake Wamala in Mityana District

Geographical Coverage

Masaka, Kyotera, Kalangala, Kampala, Wakiso, Kalungu, Jinja, Mukono, Buikwe, Mityana, Namayingo, Buyende, Amorata, Serere, Dokolo, Nakasongola, Hoima, Ntoroko and Busia

Area(s) of Work/Focus

Legal advice, mediation, human rights and legal aid awareness creation, negotiation and public interest litigation.

Summary of Activities offered by FFOU Legal Aid

- ❖ Provision of legal information, advise and human rights/legal aid awareness creation.
- ❖ Mediation, negotiation and other alternative dispute resolution services
- ❖ Court representation
- ❖ Training Para Legals in fishing community to conduct legal aid and human rights awareness programs around fishing communities
- ❖ Production of human and legal rights publication materials
- ❖ Lobbying and Advocacy for Pro poor laws, research documentation and dissemination.



During FFOU Legal Aid Project human rights report 2022 in fishing community dissemination workshop at ABBA Hotel in Kira Municipality Wakiso District

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