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Foreword.

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2010, another year in the fight against corruption in the Rwenzori region. Once again RAC brings you TRACK- a Newsletter of the Rwenzori Anti-Corruption Coalition. We appreciate all your positive input and comments made to the previous issues and we hope that you will do even more this year.

In this issue, RAC with support from MS Uganda brings you her activities/interventions made in the health and education sectors from September to December 2009. Read and find out the key findings and challenges in these sectors, the voices of women involved in the fight against corruption and some case studies of RAC's advocacy work and please let us know what you think and feel about them. We hope this newsletter is to your liking, enjoy your reading.

RAC Secretariat.



SOME CASE STUDIES OF RAC'S ADVOCACY WORK.

RAC Information & Advocacy Officer

Since its inception in 2001, RAC's secretariat working with the relevant offices in its area of operation, have received and worked on a number of corruption cases. The coalition is so far the best and first whistle blower in as far as the fight against corruption is concerned.

Its first and best impact has been awareness creation which has helped to create fear among public officers who handle public finances.

The secretariat's tribute goes to individuals and the coalition's monitors at all levels who despite the death threats from the corrupt-minded people have continued to volunteer giving corruption-related information.

And as a result, so many civil servants have either been interdicted or made to refund the embezzled money. RAC's nine year's intervention in the campaign against corruption has brought about discipline in public offices and places of work, a case in point being in the health and education sectors.

Given the fact that corruption is a cancer that has eaten deep into people's bone marrows the secretariat is saying 'aluta continua' and is calling on any rightful thinking Ugandan to join the struggle.

Its (RAC's) tribute also goes to offices of the Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs), Resident District Commissioners (RDC's), Inspector General of Government (IGG) the Auditor General (AG), police, Local Governments and legal Aid.

Other helpful offices which deserve special tribute include Local Councils, Courts and Civil Society Organizations. These offices have always ensured that cases are followed up to logical conclusions.

The public need to note the RAC never begrudges or witch hunts anybody but it's mindful of the standards of living of the poorest of the poor who are most times voiceless.

The coalition's methods of work are transparent because whenever reports are received they are critically analyzed to pick corruption or suspected corruption issues.

RAC's advocacy officer then reaches out to the respective/concerned offices in writing in order to be certain about the raised issues. To remove any room for doubt, RAC even after writing to the concerned offices, makes face-face follow ups.

In cases of community projects the coalition reaches out to the CAO and the Sub County authorities through dialogues.

Here are some of the case studies RAC has since followed up and acted upon to logical conclusions;

Musandama Primary School funds misappropriated.

Reports from Musandama Primary School in Karugutu Sub County, Bundibugyo District have indicated that money worth shs 2,425,925 million was misappropriated.

The information was revealed by one of the teachers of Musandama Primary School who doubles as a member of the school finance committee.

The teacher disclosed that the money was compensation funds paid to the school by UGASURV, the road surveyors working on the Fort Portal-Bundibugyo road.

According to the teacher the money was received by three members of the School Management Committee led by the chairperson Mr Mono Richard.

The reports further indicate that the members had impersonated as owners of the school land in question.

RAC officials learnt that upon receiving the money, the three shared it amongst themselves and only handed over a small fraction to the head teacher.



RAC visited the school and discovered that indeed the money was misappropriated by the alleged officials.

After RAC's visit the head teacher promised to convene a meeting to address the matter.

A meeting comprising of the School Management Committee Members, founder body, PTA and other relevant stakeholders was called and the accused persons were tasked to explain and ordered to refund the money.

The accused admitted having taken the money and asked for apology promising to refund the money.

In the end shs 951,450 was recovered and banked on the school account for the intended school use. More follow up is being made and there is hope that all the money will be recovered.

Below is an appreciation letter to RAC from the School head teacher.

As a school, we really appreciate for all the endeavors you carried out as RAC and more thanks go to Maduka Aaron who really dug out the information from relevant sources and gave it to you.

We therefore, request your office to come in whenever called upon for you really supported our school to recover that money!

With that let us hope that the information given will enable us to continue with the project we had opted for.

I pledge to carry out the accountability of all the issues discussed with the relevant stakeholders.

Yours faithfully,
HEADTEACHER
MUSANDAMA P. SCHOOL
MUSANDAMA MARGARET
 CURRENT HEADTEACHER.

cc	C.A.O	BUNDIRUCHO.
cc	D.E.O	BUNDIRUCHO.
cc	SMC	MUSANDAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL
cc	P.T.A	CHAIRPERSON



Mismanagement of Funds at Mbuga Primary School

Acting on the complaints raised by Mbuga primary school PTA executive, School Management Committee, teachers and some parents to RAC monitors in Kasenda Sub County, RAC followed up a case of mismanagement of funds by the head teacher of the school Mrs. Harriet Kabagambe.

RAC monitors followed up the issue and compiled a report which they shared with RAC secretariat. The secretariat wrote and followed up the matter with the Chief Administrative Officer and District Education Officer who agreed that they were aware of the situation and accordingly promised to take action.

The CAO requested RAC to take a more active role to unearth more details about the allegations of mismanagement of funds and abuse of office by the head teacher.

The findings revealed that the head teacher had misused UPE and other school funds worth shs 8 million without accountability and where some accountability was done the procedure for spending the funds was grossly flawed.

It was also discovered less collaboration between the head teacher and other stakeholders including teachers resulting in the teachers' low morale, increased absenteeism and the poor academic performance.

The findings also revealed that the management of the school was for long been up hazard. Like there was never formal hand over by outgoing head teachers to the incoming ones.

This loophole had created a situation where

new head teachers kept heaping blame on their predecessors for lost funds.

After the follow up, RAC compiled a report of her findings and recommendations for the auditing the of Mbuga Primary School books of account, meeting of parents and school management committee bodies and shared the recommendations with the CAO, DEO and the school head teacher.

This report caused a meeting of stakeholders at the school in which the head teacher was tasked to explain why public funds were being mismanaged.

The District also made a special audit of the school and found out that indeed shs 8 million had been mismanaged.

Finally District authorities interdicted the head teacher and promised to ensure that handover ceremonies are seriously taken into account when a new head teacher is assuming office.

During the 2009 RAC-Ruteete/Kasenda Sub County conference, the Chairperson LCIII Kasenda and members of Mbuga Primary School management committee told participants that classrooms would be reconstructed and that funds worth shs 36 million re-allocated from ADB project would be used for plastering, flooring and shutting.

This kind of revelation showed how communities, foundation bodies and other stakeholders can own monitoring of their developmental projects and put Government to task.



RESEARCH IN HEALTH AND EDUCATION REVEALS SHOCKING RESULTS

Research carried out in September 2009 in health and education by Rwenzori Anti corruption Coalition (RAC) in Rwenzori Sub Region has revealed that service providers are partly to blame for the poor health services and education standards in the region.

Government and the communities in general are also to blame for the poor education and health services in the region.

This was revealed by a mini- research/ monitoring in the Ruwenzori region conducted by RAC monitors in the region with support from Ms Uganda.

The Monitor's results can't be disputed because they did the research after a thorough training on what to look out for when monitoring the sectors.

The monitoring was conducted in 60 schools (both primary and secondary) and in 30 Health Centers in the Region.

It was conducted in the five Districts of her operation with particular focus on the education and health sectors.

The purpose of the monitoring was to find out key challenges in these sectors and then identify strategies of how they can be addressed to ensure that services are taken down right to the beneficiaries.

It was also aimed at fighting corruption and causing improved/better service delivery to the community.

RAC in its vision and mission emphasizes the saying "Health is wealth and education is knowledge"

Its objectives are therefore not fulfilled if or when people's right to health and education and, to wealth and knowledge are denied by some service providers.

It was however discovered in the research that some people can't afford to access these services due to lack of information or money.

The monitoring helped in unearthing a number of issues/challenges where some stood out to be common challenges all over the region.

Sources of the revelation range from Head Teachers, in Charges of health centers, nurses, teachers, pupils, parents, patients, casual laborers in the monitored institutions to observation.

RAC in this issue brings you some of the key issues that were discovered in the health and education

sectors during the monitoring;

Health.

RAC Monitors discovered a lot of absenteeism among the health workers, and it is one of the major contributing factors to poor health services in the region.

It was also discovered that health workers contribute to poor health services by stealing drugs, being rude to patients, by reporting late to their health centers and by making patients wait for too long before they are attended to.

It was also discovered that most health workers do not work during weekends and hide information like budgets, patient's attendance lists and some are reluctant to report the short comings to the relevant authorities.

The monitor's findings show that Government is another contributor of poor health service delivery.

This happens when Government fails to put place all the necessary facilities like staff houses, placenta pits, kitchens and the logistics like fuel and vehicles for easy movement of the workers.

The discoveries also reveal lack of deep freezers, lack of water at some health centers like is the case at Mucwa Health Centre II, delayed delivery of drugs to the health centers from the National Medical stores and delivering expired drugs or unwanted ones.

Low salaries and allowances, failure to send health workers for further studies, few wards, and poor pit latrine coverage at health centers, lack of electric power, inadequate staff and lack of hand washing facilities are some of the Government's weakness in the improvement of health services.

The research did not exonerate the communities as the contributors of health service delivery in the region.

It was discovered that HUMCs do not supervise health workers, monitor the distribution of drugs, ask for books of accounts from the doctors/in charges and some patients prove to be stubborn to health workers leading to unnecessary collusions attacks.

Education.

Failure to adhere to the professional code of conducts or teachers' ethical standards is one of the reasons why there is poor service delivery in education, as teachers keep on complaining instead of working first.

Other problems that were discovered in education by RAC monitors that lead to poor education include absenteeism, lack of control of pupils by the teachers, lack of proper schemes of work, forgeries, misappropriation of UPE funds, inadequate learning aids and the teacher's failure to complete the syllabus.

The monitors discovered further that by failure to construct enough classrooms and staff houses, raise teachers' salaries, put in place enough furniture, political influence, poor pit latrine coverage and non functional water tanks, Government directly or indirectly contribute to poor service delivery in schools.

Government is to blame for the poor services because of its failure to replace the transferred teachers, recruit enough teachers and providing facilities like libraries, laboratories and employing enough health workers to regularly attend to the sick pupils or students.

Parents or the communities contribute to poor services in schools by failing to follow up their children to find out if they real go school, stay there and study.

The community's other contributing factors include failure to provide their children with packed lunch, doing or helping their children to do home work and failure to give enough scholastic materials.

CAN WOMEN TOO FIGHT CORRUPTION?

Many people have faced intimidation and death threats from the wealthy and corrupt individuals thus shying away from the fight. Women are the biggest contributors to development, yet the biggest victims of corruption.

RAC in all her activities has endeavored to engender her fight against corruption by bringing on board all categories of people in the society regardless of gender. RAC has built their capacities to monitor, report, lobby, advocate and cause positive change in the society.

Below TRACK brings you experiences of some of the female anti-corruption activists in the region.



**By Olivia Mutamba
RAC Gender Representative**

I joined RAC in 2005 after realizing that corruption was too much in Karugutu Sub County. As an anti - corruption woman activist, I have come to realize that

the anti corruption crusade needs to begin with the individual at family or house hold level.

Joining the anti-corruption crusade group as a gender representative on the RAC Executive Committee in 2006 has given me chance to voice out my anti-corruption message in the Rwenzori region.

My husband and I have started educating our children about the dangers of corruption and how it affects the community.

Am fighting corruption at family level by being transparent and honest in all what we do at home and discouraging the children from participating in corrupt tendencies at school, like bribing pupils for votes or teachers and class monitors to give them favors, let alone dodging school or classes.

Using drama groups like Karugutu Women Association and Karugutu Tukwatanize Group, I have sensitized my fellow women about the ills of corruption and have brought a good number of Karugutu women on board in the fight against corruption.

As RAC secretariat we have developed a Gender concept that caters for mainstreaming gender issues in the fight against corruption.

More women and special groups have been trained, enriched with anti-corruption messages and also have been involved in several anti-corruption activities/ crusade.

However the fight is not a bed of roses, as it comes with many challenges like loss of time, community ignorance, reluctance or fear of some key witnesses to come up and testify against some corruption cases.



Joan Byabazaire
RAC Monitor

As a teacher and anti-corruption activist in Kasese town council I have a lot of experiences in the fight against corruption in my community.

We people in the anti corruption crusade are the development engines of this nation and in order to live up to this expectation we need to be serious as the fight against corruption is a tough venture.

In most cases public servants, business people, parents and children have consciously or unconsciously found themselves misusing power/resources entrusted to them for personal gains.

At family level husbands refuse to be open to their wives about their financial status thinking it's not an obligation.

Women too secretly ensure that they squeeze and save from the little monies given to them by their husbands for family needs.

At family level there is favoritism among the parents which creates divisions and hatred amongst the children. And this is the worst form of corruption at family level, but unfortunately most people do know it.

In schools, corruption is practiced by failing to manage time, favoritism of pupils, dodging classes, and non accountability of school funds, bribing fellow pupils with money and sweets during elections.

During my class room lessons and interactions with children I take time to explain to the pupils in simple terms the forms of corruption and how it can be fought or avoided.

From my constant 'preaching' I have realized that most teachers have learnt to manage time and ensure that all lessons are taught as planned.

However the biggest challenge I still find is with police officers who kill the defilement cases that are reported to them by conniving with the defilers.

Never the less, the struggle still continues, and appealing to the mothers out there to join this fight because as mothers they interact with many people.

Women potential fighters of corruption given their God-given soft nature and convincing tongue which am sure can cause positive change in our region.

"Let's join hands for a free corrupt society"

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT; A Solution to Corruption

As her core programming area, RAC has been undertaking a number of capacity building activities for her members, stakeholders and the general community.

In doing this, the coalition has been able to enhance skills and capacity of these people and to also promote civic competence.

Capacity building has helped RAC in building a strong task force for fighting corruption in the region. This is evidenced by the actions being taken against corrupt officials by Government and the concerned citizens.

Under its capacity building programmes, RAC has conducted several trainings to enhance/equip her monitors, the community and the local leaders with different skills and knowledge on how to effectively fight corruption.

The coalition in November 2009 conducted 30 branch trainings across the region which were attended by 400 monitors.

The trainings were intended to educate the Community Process Facilitator and the monitors on what to look out for when monitoring education and health sectors, for instance the enrollment and retention of pupils in

schools, performance and sanitation.

RAC's other major concerns have been the relationship between stakeholders and the institution, the performance of Health Unit Management Committees (HUMCs), Parent Teachers Associations (PTAs), Finance committees and School Management Committees (SMCs), attendance of health workers and accountability of funds among others.

A number of short falls were discovered through monitoring as a follow up tool used in ensuring effective delivery of services in schools and health centres.

It (monitoring) was done in sixty schools and 30 Health Centers across the region where a number of issues like absenteeism, non accountability of funds, non functionality of HUMCs, PTAs, and SMCs were discovered.

Others issues are poor relationship between schools and the community or founder bodies, understaffing, inadequate funding, delayed delivery of drugs, frequent stock outs, lack of support from parents to their children and the school.

Poor sanitation and hygiene, poor supervision by the



head teachers, In-Charges and Sub County leadership were the other issues that were unearthed.

The monitoring discovered that it was pertinent that RAC conducts Sub County conferences to address these issues.

Thirty Sub County conferences were conducted and over 500 people who included RAC members, health workers, teachers, community leaders and Sub accountants participated.

The purpose of the conferences was to create a platform where the community can interface with their leaders/ service providers to share corruption challenges in their areas.

During the conference issues like absenteeism, poor or non accountability of funds, non functionality of HUMCs, PTAs, and SMCs and poor relationship between schools and the community were discovered.

Others problems shared included lack of support from founder bodies, and poor supervision by the head teachers, In-Charges and Sub County leadership.

The conferences helped in bringing to light the existing service delivery challenges in the community and identifying solutions to the challenges like stopping absenteeism and late coming.

Trainings for head teachers, SMCs, PTAs, and Finance Committee chairpersons in the Districts of Kabarole, Bundibugyo, Kyenjojo and Kamwenge were also conducted with the purpose of orienting and reminding the participants of their roles and responsibilities.

During the trainings participants were taken through Principles of Management, elementary issues in finance management, roles and responsibilities of

PTAs, SMCs and finance committees, and the minimum requirements/guidelines.

Over time RAC has grown into a big and trusted anti graft fighting body in the country and can now be consulted and used to conduct trainings across the country

One such training was conducted in September 2009; it was for Mid Western Region Anticorruption Coalition (MIRAC) in Hoima at Kijungu Hill hotel.

The purpose of the training was to share with MIRAC, RAC's best practices registered in the fight against corruption.

MIRAC members from the Districts of Kibale, Masindi, Hoima, and Buliisa attended the training.

The participants appreciated RAC's concern in enhancing MIRAC's capacity in the fight against corruption and also identified modalities of how to take on monitors.

RAC also conducted five radio talk shows facilitated by Ms Uganda, one in each District to address corruption issues in the health and education sectors.

Common forms of corruption in the education sector and helping the different committees in schools in curbing corruption were some of the issues shared during the talk shows. Issues of absenteeism, non accountability and mis use of UPE funds, poor supervision of schools authorities, forgery of academic documents, and political influence came up.

Others issues included non-payment of teacher's salaries, ghost teachers and pupils, shoddy works and construction of school buildings.

KICHWAMBA INTEGRITY AMBASSADORS CLUB AND CORRUPTION!

As a sign of seriousness against corruption, RAC has gone ahead to involve students in the fight.

Uganda Technical College Kichwamba (UTC-K) is one among the many institutions that have declared its readiness to fight corruption.

With support and guidance from the office of the IGG, Kichwamba technical college formed an anti corruption club called Kichwamba Integrity Ambassadors club.

UTC-K integrity ambassadors club was recently launched at the college. It has caused vigilance amongst the college administrators and the students towards the fight against corruption.

The club passes it information through skits and poems carrying anti- corruption messages.

Kichwamba Integrity ambassadors club mainly advocates for justice and equality for all mankind. It also teaches people how to handle corrupt situations and persons.

In some of her recent interventions, the club has registered positive impact on the moral conduct and attitude change within the communities.

However in all her works the club faces a lot of resistance, insults and challenges like rigidity and reluctance of some members to change their positive perception about corruption to negative.

In conclusion therefore there is need to collectively fight corruption.



Club members at the launch of the integrity ambassadors club.

Corruption, Corruption, Corruption!!

Corruption, Corruption, Corruption!
Misuse of entrusted power for private gain,

You have lagged behind our desired infrastructural development
Inefficient labor forces you have put into production, inequality products have resulted.

Oh! Corruption enmity among our beloved sisters and brothers you have accelerated.
Lack of jobs by the qualified ones, you have caused. The rich have become richer and the poor are becoming poorer because of you.
Our beautiful motto- you have changed from For God and my country to for my family and my stomach, what a sin you have done!
Leaders have lost their integrity because of the virus you have planted in them.

Depletion of National wealth is the only good thing you are doing.

Deterring investment has occurred due to your hindrance to fair market structures and disturbing competition.
Obstacle of democracy and the rule of law is your main target.
Faith we had in our leaders ignored because of you, what a damage you have done to both the old and young
Aids, tuberculosis, malaria to mention but a few have continued too kill our beloved parents, sisters and brothers because you have defended those calamities.
What a shame you have caused to us, in front of our donors.
Eeh-corruption making us gets fade-up with our lovely part of Africa is the excellent thing you are doing for us.
The pride we could be feeling for our mother country is no longer in us.
Fellow Ugandans, by the help of God, Together we can stand and eradicate, the terrorist corruption out of our beautiful Pearl of Africa!

Byamukama James
Member Kichwamba Integrity ambassadors club



RAC News At A Glance

Kamwenge District officials nabbed in NAADS scam

Ntara Sub County chief, the sub accountant and the District NAADS Coordinator are alleged to have embezzled around shs11 million.

Whereas the internal audit report indicates shs 11 million, the external audit report reveals shs19 million.

The trios were in December arrested and prosecuted. He also appeared before court and bailed after paying a fine of shs 2 million. The NAADS Coordinator paid back shs 5 million.

The Sub County chief was remanded to katojo Government prison while the sub accountant is still on the run.

The Mayor Fort Portal Municipal council decries corruption in land board

The Mayor Fort Portal Municipal council Mr Edison Abasa Ruyonga has decried corruption in the District land board and called on central Government investigates it.

He cited an example of two plots one in Boma and another near the bus and lorry pack which were fraudulently sold by the Kabarole District land board. He says that one of the plots is a green belt

The plots were reportedly sold to Baguma crescent, one of the local invenstors through corrupt tendencies.

An impromptu council meeting was on January 5. In the meeting RAC was selected on the sub committee to investigate the matter. More details about this matter are yet to come out.

RAC and media join hands to fight corruption.

RAC and the journalists from the Rwenzori region have joined hands in the fight against corruption. The commitment of the two bodies was made in December 2009 during meetings with the media across the region.

Journalists had for long been partnering with RAC to expose corruption in the region. It was observed in the meetings that the media need to be more organized for self regulation.

Key challenges like limited professionalism, unhealthy competition, and limited involvement/cooperation

of District Information Officers with the media were high lighted.

Others challenges included conflict of interest; serving the interests of the proprietor and the public, greed and selfishness by some journalists and poor facilitation.

The meeting was aimed at mapping strategies on how the two can best work together to kick corruption out of the Rwenzori region.

In these meetings it was resolved that different media houses need to organize themselves into associations if they must succeed in their fight against corruption.

RAC holds its Annual General Meeting (AGM)

On 24/July 24, 2009, RAC held her AGM at Gardens restaurant which was attended by 106 members. The participants included RAC monitors, staff and BoD, RDC Kabarole and the RAC patron.

The meeting re-elected Alex Ruhunda as patron and also recommended that RAC's next AGM be held in March 2010.

Kasese public expenditure audit conducted

RAC staff and monitors in conjunction with the District water officer, Kasese carried out a verification exercise in Kasese District in September 2009.

The purpose of the exercise was to find out value for money especially in Government funded water projects intended to benefit the community.

RAC visited Kiyebe, Mahango and Kikorongo Gravity Flow Schemes, the rehabilitated boreholes under UNICIEF in Muhokya, Rukoki and Kasese town council.

RAC also visited protected water springs under UNICIEF in Kitswamba, Kyabarungira, and Bugoye sub counties.

Problems like shoddy construction works, and non functional projects were discovered.

Members of RAC also visited and appreciated well done projects.



RAC organizes dissemination meeting.

Understaffing, staff absenteeism and Abscondment, stock outs, non functional Health Unit Management Committees (HUMCs) have been identified as some of the problems hindering service delivery in the health sector in the Rwenzori Region.

This was on August 2009 disclosed by the executive chairperson RAC, Mr. James Mwirima, during a dissemination meeting held at Kenneth Inn in Fort Portal town.

The meeting was organized to disseminate and share RAC's health research report with her key stakeholders.

The stakeholders included District Health Officers, District CAOs, and the media drawn from the Rwenzori Region.

The meeting was proceeded by a press briefing, which was attended by V.O.T FM, Life FM, Better FM, Guide RADIO, Messiah radio, Grace Radio, New vision and Monitor Correspondents.

RAC procures bicycles, digital cameras. RAC procured Hero bicycles, digital and still cameras. The items were distributed to RAC branches across the region.

The RAC regional Coordinator Ms Angela Byangwa says that the items are meant to beef up and facilitate the branches' monitoring work.

RAC has also procured 15 Notice boards for installing in the Sub Counties of her operation.

Anti Corruption Week 2009

The 2009 anti-corruption coalition's week which attracted all regional anti corruption coalition from the country was this year celebrated in Soroti District, Eastern Uganda.

The theme of the week was 'Improving Governance and Accountability in the water sector in Uganda'

The week's celebrations started with the launch of the book of Shame and Fame at Sheraton hotel on 09.12.09.

It was followed by a public debate at Serena hotel on 10.12.09, a procession and public dialogue in soroti at Soroti independence square on 11.12.09.

Shoddily constructed water points in Kumi District, Mukorongo Sub County were visited as one of the activities of the week.

The week brought out challenges/corruption tendencies in the water sector like incomplete construction of water points, non functional water points, lack of community ownership of water points and sensitization about development programs.

The RDC Bundibugyo presided over the national celebrations. He represented the Minister of state for Water, Hon. Jessica Aliyo.

RAC activity Photos.



RAC members, the community and the Kasese district health inspector visit one of the water points in mahango Sub County during the public expenditure audit.



RAC team interacts with Kataraka HCIV staff during the monitoring visit to the Centre.



Kabarole District Education Officer chairing a review meeting at RAC secretariat.



Kasese town council monitors pose for a photo with the head teacher Kamaiba primary school during their monitoring visit to the school.



Anti-Corruption week 2009 Celebrants visiting one of the water points in Kumi District.



Karambi Sub County monitors monitoring the construction of Kaitabatimbo bridge in Karambi Sub County



STATUS OF CASES HANDLED BY RAC DURING THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2009.

District	Institution	Type of Corruption identified	Sector	Action taken	Recommendation.	Status
1	Bundibugyo Nyahuka HC IV.	Abuse of office by one Muhindo Wilson a health worker at Nyahuka HC IV. It is alleged that Wilson stole 27 sachets of Coartem from the HC and that he has a chain of other people with whom he transacts this business with.	Health	He was arrested by Police in Nyahuka after tip by RAC monitors.		Case is being handled by Court.
2	Bundibugyo Bundibugyo hospital	Illegal occupation of Hospital Staff house by the Chairperson LCV Bundibugyo District. The LCV Bundibugyo District has for more than two years illegally been occupying the hospital staff house. This stood out as a challenge to the hospital who had nowhere to house their staff.	Health	RAC made follow up, discussed the matter with the District leaders on several occasions. RAC also reported the matter to IGG Fort portal for action. IGG made several follow up and gave the chairman December 25 th 2009 as a deadline to vacate the house. The chairman has finally vacated the house.		complete
3	Bundibugyo Kanara Sub County	Theft of the engine boat at Kanara Sub County Head Quarters.		RAC discussed the matter during Sub County conference and District dialogue with the District local leaders. During one of the meetings between RAC and police the regional OC CID promised to follow up the matter.		The matter is being handled by OC CID
4	Bundibugyo Kanara Sub County Local Government	Extortion of monies from fishermen and failure to remit collected funds to LG by BMU Kanara.	Fisheries	Following several reports from the community and discussions during RAC Sub County conferences, the Bundibugyo District Local		Complete



					Government was forced to intervene. The CAO and the RDC Bundibugyo convened a meeting at Ntoroko landing site and suspended the activities of the then Beach Management Unit. The Kanara Sub County local administration was given substantive powers to manage the beach.				
5	Bundibugyo	Kanara county Local Government	Construction of Kanara Sub County administration block. Flaws were noted in the procurement process of the construction of this block. Procurement was done at the Sub County level yet it was a District project given the amount of funds involved. It was alleged that the project was being undertaken by the vice chairperson LCIII Kanara.	Works	The matter was discussed during RAC branch conferences and raised to different District officials. Following this the construction of the block was halted pending proper procurement procedures. During the meeting with Sub County stakeholders at Kanara Sub County HQs, the District councilor promised to follow up the matter more seriously.			Matter is being followed up by the District councilor Kanara	
6	Bundibugyo	Local Government	Shoddy construction of Karugutu- Ntoroko road by Nail and wood company. During the construction shoddy work was done in murraming and Culvert installation.	Works	RAC monitors approached the RDC Mr. Kazinga Samuel and the two caused a public meeting. The Engineer was called to the meeting and tasked to avail BOQs and also re-do what was shoddily done. The BOQs were availed and work was redone.			Complete	
7	Bundibugyo	Local	Non payment of salary for 14	Education	The affected teachers raised		A meeting between the	Matter is being	



	<p>Government</p>	<p>primary teachers in Bundibugyo District. The teachers are; Bwambale Ali, Thamwanzire Stephen, Kiseambo Moses, Thembo Misaki, Bwambale Heziron, Masika Patricia, Mulyata Ezron, Kule Edinan, Masamba Oniz, Night Scovia, Mugisa James, Mugisa Richard, Musubaho Asanasio and Nkabyanga John. These teachers were appointed as grade III education assistants and posted to different schools as classroom teachers. From Feb- Sept 2008 they worked voluntarily, but after working for a period of 14 months without any pay and without being included on the pay roll yet their other colleagues that they joined with were taken on. The teachers felt disappointed and thus raised their complaint to RAC. According to the personnel Agaba Hamington ministry of education closed enrolling teachers on pay roll because they had reached staff ceiling for Bundibugyo District. Therefore the teacher's recruited after this period have no access to the pay roll. While the RDC noted that the issue of ghost teachers on the pay roll has also made it difficult to add more teachers on the pay roll before the latter is addressed.</p>		<p>the issue to RAC monitors who reported the case to secretariat and also followed up with the DEO. RAC also made a research about this issue.</p>	<p>affected teachers and the concerned District officials should be convened to discuss the way forward for these grieved teachers. Immediate investigations about ghost teachers on pay roll should be done. Bundibugyo District should also lay strategies of increasing their pupil enrollment and retention in schools. The District should devise means of settling these teachers' arrears and then terminate their services since they can not sustain them.</p>	<p>handled by the DEO</p>
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8	Kasese	Rwesande HC IV	Alleged absenteeism and poor time management by Rwesande HC IV staff.	Health	<p>RAC raised the issue to the HC administration and the Sub County stakeholders.</p> <p>The issues were also forwarded to the RDC.</p> <p>The RDC made an impromptu visit to the HC and rounded up the staff especially the habitual late comers and absentees.</p> <p>He also held a meeting with them and cautioned them against such corrupt tendencies.</p> <p>Following the interventions some staff were transferred</p>	There's now improved service delivery at the HC
9	Kasese	Rwesande HC IV	Non operational HC IV Theatre. A well constructed and fully fledged theatre remained unutilized for ten years due to lack of a doctor and other theatre staff.	Health	<p>RAC raised the matter to the HC stakeholders and relevant District and Sub County officials.</p> <p>RAC also discussed the matter during her Sub County conferences and through her community meetings.</p> <p>Following the above concerns a commissioner in the ministry of health intervened in the matter and saw to the recruitment of the theater staff and its operationalisation.</p>	The theatre is now fully operational.
10	Kasese		Illegal occupation of staff	Health	RAC wrote to the Sub County	Follow up is



			house by one Mbakira Willy former in-charge Ibuga HCIII. Willy was transferred to Kitswamba HCIII but till date he has refused to leave the staff house at Ibuga.		chief Kitswamba about this issue who also informed the CAO about the same. The CAO then wrote to Mr. Willy to vacate the house but he never did so. Following these interventions secretariat wrote to the permanent secretary ministry of health.	still going on.
11	Kasese	Mbunga and Kibandama primary schools	Under supply of desks at Mbunga and Kibandama primary schools. RAC monitors followed reports of under supply of desks to the above schools from the community and the chairperson LC III Kilembe. .Only 71desks out of 81 were supplied. Each desk was valued 85000=	Education	RAC engaged the various stakeholders during her Sub County meetings and also raised the matter to the Sub County and District leadership. The Sub County chief wrote to the contractor directing him to supply the remaining desks by December 2009. She urged RAC and other stakeholders to follow up her directive. The contractor responded positively to the directive by supplying the ten desks	Complete
12	Kasese	Eternal church of God	Embezzlement of funds by one Pr.Bishop Atugonza Silas of Rwengoma Eternal church of God and Orphans and widows care association.	Microfinance	Follow up was made at Kasese policy and it was discovered that the agent of the pastor appeared in court to answer the allegations. The bishop in question was reportedly on the run.	Matter is pending in court awaiting arrest of the bishop.
13	Kasese	Muzahura primary school	Abandoned construction of a 3 sided verandah on a 4 class room block at Muzahura	works	RAC wrote a report about this issue to the Sub County Chief and District CAO and also	Complete.



14	Kyenjojo	Kyegegwa HC IV	primary school by Rwenzori agro company. 997000sh cost of the project.	Health	made follow up with the two offices. Contractor was called back to complete his work as planned.	Case is still for hearing and follow up.
			Abuse of office by some health workers of Kyegegwa HCIV. Musigunzi Benon, (lab Microscopist), Isingoma Patrick (night watchman), Masiko Kenneth (dentist) were caught in involved in a quarrel over sharing of stolen drugs worth 3.2million as they were selling them out to a drug dealer in Kyegegwa Trading Center. Some of the stolen drugs include; tethromycillin,-ceptrin, amoxycillin, chloroquin, quinine, cipro,-diclofenac, Panadol, Mabendazole, Nystantin, Jik, Multi-vitamin, Methoholin, Septrin, ferrous, Grip water, -PPF injections to mention but a few.		Follow up with the office of the Sub County chief and the In-Charge Kyegegwa HCIV. RAC also discussed the issue on radio during one of her talk shows. The HC In-charge was hosted to talk about the same. The culprits were interdicted and handed over. Government sued the culprits and the case is being heard at the Chief Magistrate's Court. However drugs close to 1.3 were recovered.	
15	Kyenjojo		Encroachment of Kyenjojo HC IV land by some residents neighboring the HC.	Land	Issue was shared during one of RAC's Sub County conferences. The issue was reported to different District officials like the CAO, LCV,RDC, Land office to mention but a few. A number of follow up on the issue have been made at Kyenjojo town council and some former members of the District land board. RAC was	Kyenjojo District Local Government should put in place a District land board to handle land issues
						RAC is still following up the issue with the District



16	Kyenjojo	Mbale primary school	Alleged embezzlement of funds at Mbale primary school, Bufunjo Sub County	Education	told that the District land board term of office had expired. The issue was awaiting the new District land board for address. RAC made follow up on non accountability of shs.477.764 reportedly lost in Dec 2008 and Shs 440.342 reportedly lost in Jan 2009.	Matter is being handled by the CAO and DEO Kyenjojo District.
17	Kyenjojo	Butiiti HC III	Non Installation of power at Butiiti health centre III. It was observed that the H/C which is 10ms away from the national grid wasn't having power supply yet it badly needed it for admissions and in the maternity.	Health	RAC presented the matter to the leaders during her Sub County conference which referred the issue to the District. During a meeting with the District technical planning committee it was resolved that power should be installed using the funds allocated to Butiiti Sub County Local Government LGDP II. Later power was installed at the HC.	Complete
18	Kabarole	Kasenda Sub County SACCO	Embezzlement of funds worth 5million. The SACCO has a membership of 350 members. It is alleged that the SACCO Executive embezzled the members' funds worth 5 million and have since failed to account for it. Since then the SACCO treasurer has been on the run.	Microfinance	RAC reported the matter to the RDC and Kasenda Sub County chief. RAC also met some of the SACCO members.	Follow up is still going on with the office of RDC
19	Kabarole	Fort Portal Municipality	Failure to pay wages by one Ngonzi Joy a contractor of		The Assistant Town clerk south division promised to pay	Follow up is still going on



20	Kabarole	Kibiito County	<p>Fort Portal Municipality</p> <p>It is reported that Ngonzi joy sub contracted Kabahuma Beatrice and Kabonesa Eflaziya to execute the services of street cleaning on Ruhandika street and in the new taxi park in Fort portal Municipality. The two were to be paid 250000 each, however they were never paid.</p>		<p>RAC wrote to the Assistant Town Clerk South Division and to the Contractor Ms Ngonzi Joy and also followed up the matter with them.</p> <p>Following this, Kabahuma Beatrice was paid 100000 and promised to have the balance as soon as the Municipality settles Ngonzi's claims in the first quarter of 2010.</p> <p>Currently the remaining balance is 400.000. 150000 for Kabahuma and 250000 for Kabonesa.</p>		with the office of Senior Assistant Town Clerk South Division.
			<p>Non functional gravity flow scheme in Kibiito Sub County. The project covers the parishes of Kibiito, Kaborero and Bukara and costs 440millions</p> <p>It was reported the water pipes were not well fitted as most of them were on the surface, the water tanks were leaking and most taps were not functional. The water flow is on and off. The number of taps is uncertain</p> <p>There were no site meetings held by HEWASA.</p>		<p>The Sub County chief Kibiito requested RAC to follow up this issue.</p> <p>RAC in conjunction with the technical support unit of the ministry of water, lands and environment conducted a meeting with Sub County chief, the GISO, the Sub County Council speaker and other members of the water committee, an official from HEWASA and the Bunyangabu county water engineer to verify the claims.</p> <p>The meeting was followed by a field visit to monitor part of the GFS. It was discovered</p>		A feed back meeting is yet to be conducted.



21	Kabarole	Kigoyera teacher coordinator centre	Non installation of power at Kigoyera teacher coordinating centre which had been earlier planned.	Education	<p>that the allegations were to the contrary save for a few isolated cases of leaking pipe.</p> <p>It was resolved that a feedback meeting for all stakeholder be organized to inform the communities about the status of the GFS</p>		Complete.
22	Kamwenge	Kitagwenda	Alleged mismanagement of	Education	<p>RAC raised the issue to the Sub County administration and coordinating centre management.</p> <p>RAC also discussed the issue during her Sub County conferences.</p> <p>Follow up was also made with the office of CAO and DEO Kabarole.</p> <p>The District promised to follow up the matter and in September 2009, power was installed at the centre.</p>		Matter is still



23	Kamwenge	Ntara Sub County	<p>Kitagwenda High School by the Head teacher Mr. Kivumbi Frank.</p> <p>Some parents of Kitagwenda High school wrote to RAC indicating alleged mismanagement at Kitagwenda High School. The report indicates that there were inconsistencies in the reports presented to the PTA executive committee and the annual general meeting held on 08.09.07 and 01.12.07.</p> <p>Some of the irregularities highlighted in the report included; inflated expenditures contrary to what was planned, no auditing was done the whole of 2007, personal transport costs to his home in Kampala are met by the school, with holding of teacher's appointment letters to mention but a few.</p>	Agriculture	<p>School management committee for Kitagwenda High School who noted that he had received some anonymous complaints about the same.</p> <p>He later informed RAC that the names of the people who had petitioned RAC were not in the register of parents of kitagwenda High School. He however noted that the issues raised were crucial that they could not be ignored.</p> <p>He promised to follow up the matter and keep RAC posted.</p>		for follow up.
			<p>It is alleged that the contract was awarded to RUGAS, a company alleged to be owned by Rugumayo Nicholas</p>		<p>RAC wrote to the CAO Kamwenge demanding an explanation about the matter.</p> <p>RAC is yet to make more follow up with the CAO Kamwenge about the same.</p>		Matter is still for follow up.



24	Kamwenge	Niara Primary School	<p>husband to the Vice Chairperson Kamwenge District council.</p> <p>Additionally the farmers were not satisfied with the quality and type of seedlings supplied. They were supplied with Arabic instead of Robusta seedlings which they had requested for.</p> <p>Absenteeism and abscondment of work by the head teacher Niara primary school. The head teacher allegedly left work left duty in June 200 for the united states under the guise of sick leave. From that period he continued receiving his salary up to December 2008.</p>	Education	<p>RAC raised this issue to the District CAO and DEO who intervened.</p> <p>The head teacher was stopped from working and also advertised his position as head teacher and had it replaced with a new head teacher. CAO.</p>	Complete.
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Rwenzori Ant-corruption (RAC) is an integrity Civil Society Organization mandated to fight corruption in the region.

RAC Vision.

A harmonious prosperous society with in the Rwenzori region where people are instruments of their own destiny and have equitable access to information and resources.

RAC Mission.

RAC's mission is to bring all the anti corruption activities in the Rwenzori region to serve on the forum; that facilitates sharing and exchange; is a think tank for policy analysis; lobbies and advocates for good governance; and, to support locally based anti corruption groups to work with people within their communities to fight corruption.

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