



MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL BUREAU FOR NGOs



PRESS RELEASE

STATEMENT ON HALTING OF OPERATIONS OF FIFTY FOUR (54) NGOs DUE TO NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE NGO ACT 2016

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The National Bureau for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO Bureau) under the Ministry of Internal Affairs is mandated to register, regulate, monitor, inspect, coordinate and oversee all NGO operations in the country. As a result of its monitoring and investigation functions the NGO Bureau has found that 54 NGOs are non-compliant with the NGO Act 2016.

The NGO Bureau has established that;

- i. 23 NGOs are operating with expired permits contrary to section 31(1) and 32(1) of the NGO Act 2016
- ii. 15 NGOs have failed to file annual returns and audited books of accounts to the NGO Bureau contrary to section 39(2) and (3) of the NGO Act 2016 and have other non-compliance issues.
- iii. 16 NGOs are operating without registering with the NGO Bureau contrary to section 29 (1), 31(1) and 31 (2).

In the exercise of its mandate the NGO Bureau has with **IMMEDIATE EFFECT**;

A. Halted the operations of the following NGOs operating with expired NGO permits;

1. Africa Institute for Energy Governance (AFIEGO)
2. Western Ankole Civil Society Forum (WACSOFF)
3. Citizens' Concerns Africa
4. Elohim Power Transforming Africa
5. Orone Foundation
6. Light Concepts
7. Public Policy Institute

8. Otubet Youth United Development Organization
9. Support Girl Child Uganda
10. Saints Preparation Ministries
11. Adoration Ministries
12. Islamic Da-awah and Orphanage Foundation
13. Jesus Shines Youth Ministries International
14. La Borne Missionary Centre Uganda
15. Wanyange Child Support Foundation
16. St. Francis Foundation for the Poor
17. Ray of Hope International Uganda
18. Mindset Change Development Organisation
19. Liberty International Foundation
20. Foundation for Women Empowerment for Sickler Aid
21. Karambi Action for Life Improvement
22. Tech Plus Love Foundation
23. Centre for Justice Studies and Innovations

B. Indefinitely suspended the following NGOs that have consistently failed to file annual returns and audited books of accounts and have other non-compliance issues.

1. Chapter Four Uganda 2016- 2020
2. Citizens' Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU) 2019- 2020
3. Femrite Uganda Women Writers' Association 2017- 2020
4. African Humanitarian Action 2017 - 2020
5. Safe Places Uganda Foundation (SPU) 2017- 2020
6. Citizens Platform for Democracy and Accountability 2017- 2020
7. Growth Networks Uganda 2017- 2020
8. Pallisa Civil Society Organisation Networks 2017- 2020
9. Citizens Election Watch-IT (CEW-IT) 2017, 2019, 2020

10. Youth Line Forum Uganda 2017- 2020
11. Arise Africa International 2018-2020
12. Dotwa Africa 2018-2020
13. Rwenzori Consortium for Civic Competence 2018-2020
14. Centre for Conflict Resolution 2019 - 2020
15. Youth Equality Centre 2019-2020

C. Halted the activities of NGOs operating without registering with the NGO Bureau.

1. Great Lakes Institute for Strategic Studies (GLISS)
2. Rural Action Community Based Organization
3. Uganda Help Florida
4. Centre for Sustainability Innovation and Research
5. Environmental Governance Institute Uganda
6. Graffen Organization, Butimba Uganda
7. Kwataniza Women's Organization
8. Twimukye Women's Organization
9. Witness Radio Uganda
10. Youth for Green Communities
11. Self-worth Initiative
12. VZW Eight
13. Adepr Pentecostal International Church Uganda Ltd
14. Innovations for Democratic Engagement and Action (IDEA)
15. Network for Active Citizens
16. Leadership Square Africa

The NGO Bureau would like to;

1. Inform the general public and all its stakeholders to take note of its decision against the affected organisations;

2. Call upon its stakeholders from the National, District and Sub-County levels to help in enforcing these decisions by ensuring that these affected organisations halt their operations with immediate effect;
3. Call upon District NGO Monitoring Committees (DNMCs) to submit to the NGO Bureau an inventory of all NGOs and an up to date register of all CBOs operating in their districts as per Wednesday 30th June, 2021;
4. Call upon the DNMCs and Sub-county NGO Monitoring Committees (SNMCs) to ensure that all NGOs and CBOs are compliant with the NGO Act 2016 and NGO Regulations 2017 by allowing only those registered and with valid permits to operate in their districts and are furnishing annual returns and any required information to the relative authorities; and
5. Inform all NGOs and CBOs that only those registered, with valid permits and those compliant with submission of annual returns and audited books of accounts will be allowed to operate.

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