IMPACT OF AUSTRIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (ADC) SUPPORT TO UGANDA’S JUSTICE, LAW AND ORDER SECTOR (JLOS)

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About JLOS

• JLOS is a sector wide approach adopted by Government bringing together 17 institutions with closely linked mandates of administering justice, maintaining law and order and human rights, to developing a common vision, policy framework, unified objectives and plan over the medium term (e.g. Ministry of Justice, Judiciary, Police, Prisons, Human Rights Commission, etc.).

• JLOS focuses on a holistic approach to improving access to justice through the sector wide approach to planning, budgeting, programme implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

• The vision of JLOS is to ensure that people in Uganda live in a safe and just society
ADC Support Overview

ADC support to JLOS is grounded in the ADC Uganda Country Strategy (2010 – 2015) under the following 3 strategic areas of intervention in Uganda:

• Access to justice
• Mainstreaming of gender and human rights standards in the administration and delivery of justice
• Promotion of alternative conflict resolution and reconciliation mechanisms
ADC Support Overview

• ADC support has been instrumental in the implementation of the **JLOS Third Strategic Investment Plan** (SIP III/2012 - 2017) in the key outcome areas of:
  • Creation of an enabling policy and legislative environment,
  • Enhancing access to justice,
  • Promoting human rights observance
ADC Support Overview

- Austria’s current support to JLOS is channeled to the sector through
  - Sector budget support (EUR 6 Mio. for 3 years / 2012/13-2014/15),
  - Programme support,
  - Technical assistance/trainings

- Austria has supported JLOS since 1997 and is a highly appreciated partner of the sector.
ADC Support Overview

- Austria plays an active role in the JLOS Development Partners Group (DPG)
- Austria together with other Development Partners established a very well functioning dialogue with JLOS (e.g. Joint M&E Visits by Government and Development Partners; regular thematic meetings on M&E, Human Rights/Accountability, Access to Justice, Budget)
Policy and legal impact

Achievements:

• Improved legal regime for doing business with 40 out of 44 laws reformed, reducing the regulatory burden on businesses in Uganda and enhancing competitiveness of Uganda as an investment destination

• improvement in efficiency of legal framework for settling disputes (Uganda ranked 49th in the world)

• 29% public confidence in enforcement of existing laws

• 26% of cases in courts referred to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) resolved
Policy and legal impact (2)

Achievements:
• Transitional Justice Policy approved by JLOS Leadership Committee (yet to be tabled before cabinet)

• 52.6% of targeted population accessing updated laws

• Administrative service Delivery standards harmonized (Increase in JLOS institutions with service delivery standards from 5% to 41.2%; Training in Management for Development Results (MfDR); Strengthening the Monitoring & Evaluation function - M&E Plan published, regular joint M&E visits conducted)
Access to Justice

Achievements:

• Reduced crime rate by 43% over the 12 years cooperation with JLOS. Crime rate reduced from 532 for every 100,000 to 305 for every 100,000 in 2012/13. This is one of the lowest crime rates in the world. It is therefore now safer for investors to operate without fear of loosing their investment.

• Increase in districts with completed chain of frontline JLOS services from 30% to 34.8%.

• 89.2% disposal rate of registered cases despite the 56% increase in rate of registration.
Access to Justice (2)

Achievements:

• Rationalized physical de-concentration of JLOS services (12 new service points now in 71.4% of the districts, 14.5% increase in new courts constructed, 44.6% of ongoing construction projects completed between 2012 and 2013)

• Case backlog reduced from 35% to 32.3% in 2013

• Implementation of existing legal provisions under state brief and probono (legal aid policy)
Human Rights Observance

Achievements:

• Human rights complaints disposed of in 24 months on average
• Increase in disposal rate of registered human rights complaints from 22% to 29.6%
• 5 human rights desks established in Uganda Police regions
• 95% prison units have human rights committees
Achievements:

• 42.6% of prison units have access to good sanitary facilities
• 3.3% growth in prison holding capacity
• 235 human rights complaints disposed
• In 2013, 59.1% Human rights complaints disposed through mediation under the Human Rights Commission
Areas for improvement

• Access to JLOS services especially for the vulnerable - strengthen legal aid, adopt the legal aid policy, develop and pass a legal aid law and continue to de-concentrate JLOS service points to the rural areas

• Reduce the still high Case Backlog: implement the Case Backlog Strategy, promote ADR & performance management in JLOS institutions

• Internal and External Accountability => increase human rights observance by Police, Prisons and other JLOS Institutions and improve service delivery
Areas for improvement (2)

• Administrative red tape - Create one stop service points for service delivery, work on staff attitudes and develop client charters

• Integrity in JLOS - implement the JLOS anti corruption strategy

• Land administration - there is need to fully implement the land policy

• Transitional Justice Policy – needs to be approved by cabinet and further developed into law
Information Sources

• Annual JLOS Performance Report (2012/13)
• Semi-annual JLOS performance Report (2013/14)
• Third JLOS Strategic Investment Plan (SIP III)
• ADC Uganda Country Strategy (2010 – 15)
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