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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year 2021 is one that was taken by so many events both positive and challenging, ranging from the January 2021 elections to the surge in COVID 19 pandemic situation leading to a total lockdown. This situation came with many serious challenges to execution of many crucial activities especially the ones that required urgent attention even by their inclination to the demand of the law couldn't take place in time due to restrictions of the lockdown. There was need to come up with new means to accomplish our work. Those challenges aside, CEFROHT had distinguished achievements in line with the organization's objectives for the year 2021. These included: The inaugural ceremony of CEFROHT's new head office and integrated program of social justice and strategic litigation, Advocacy and Community empowerment under the theme 'Law, Food and Livelihoods', launch of the rights to food manual to help and guide legal practitioners in food justice, use of legal tools to prevent NCDs and promoting healthy diets and nutrition in our country. Correspondingly CEFROHT and UNFSS held an independent dialogue, focusing on using the law in building a resilient and sustainable food system. Equally we reinforced communities' access to justice for livelihoods, and youths in rural district of Kiboga, Kyakwanzi, Mukono and Buyende. The East African Crude Oil Pipeline case is an additional intervention we had with the East African court of Justice that has been used to advocate for the livelihoods and environmental rights especially in the communities where the oil pipeline will pass.

A special thank you to our partners; IDLO, AVAAZ foundation, FIAN, Both Ends, Validity foundation and other individuals who have contributed to organization's goals and made it possible for us to have our programs successively operating.

In conclusion I thank the dedicated Board of Trustees, Directors and all staff members who have work for the organization whole heartedly on a daily towards achieving a world where the right to adequate living for everyone.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our work was made possible by the generous support and contribution from our donors. We are committed to ensuring that this support and contribution is spent on efforts towards promoting sustainable access to justice for the vulnerable in communities, use of legal tools to promote healthy diets and physical activity to cut back on the Non Communicable Diseases and working towards achieving food systems that are sustainable, equitable and regenerative.



DONORS AND PARTNERS

- International Development Law Organisation (IDLO)
- AVAAZ Foundation
- Validity Foundation
- Both Ends
- FIAN International
- FIAN Uganda



NETWORKS AND COLLABORATIONS

CEFROHT indebted to its partners and collaborators both at individual and institutional levels. These have enabled us achieve most of our set targets for 2021 and to build a strong foundation for the years to come. These include:

- Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)
- Uganda Law Society (ULS)
- Sexual Reproductive Health Rights Alliance (SRHRA)
- Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM)
- Slow Foods Uganda (SFU)
- Busoga Health Forum (BHF)
- Agency for Integrated Rural Development (AFIRD)
- African Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture (ACSA)
- Makerere School of Public Health
- Makerere School of Food Science and Technology
- Makerere School of Law



GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND DEPARTMENTS

- Ministry of Health (MoH)
- Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development (MGLSD)
- Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES)
- Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives (MoTC)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries (MAAIF)

LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACSA	African Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture
AWG	Advocacy Working Group
CAGs	Community Advocacy Groups
CEFROHT	Center for Food and Adequate Living Rights
CERD	Center for Ecological Research and Development
CJP	Community Justice Project
CONSENT	Consumer Education Trust
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
EACOP	East African Crude Oil Pipeline
EPRC	Economic Policy Research Center
ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
FOPL	Front of the Pack Labelling
IDLO	International Law Development Organisation
IDRC	International Development Research Center
JTI	Judicial Training Institute
KCCA	Kampala Capital City Authority
MAAIF	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industries and Fisheries
MGLSD	Ministry of Gender Labor and Social Development
MoES	Ministry of Education and Sports
MoH	Ministry of Health
MoTC	Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives
MRGI	Minority Rights Group International
MP	Member of Parliament
NCD	Non Communicable Diseases
OPM	Office of the Prime Minister
PA	Physical Activity
PAPs	Project Affected Persons
UCC	Uganda Communications Commission
ULS	Uganda Law Society
ULS-FNC	Uganda Law Society Food and Nutrition Cluster
UNBS	Uganda National Bureau of Standards
UNICEF	United Nations Children Emergency Fund
UWA	Uganda Wildlife Authority
WHO	World Health Organisation

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR FOOD AND ADEQUATE LIVING RIGHTS (CEFROHT)

CEFROHT is an indigenous not-for-profit legal advocacy and action-research organization using a Human Rights-Based Approach to promote food, climate and economic justice. CEFROHT's mission is to use legal tools for food justice, climate justice and economic justice through integrated programs, that is-Social justice and Strategic Litigation, Advocacy and Community Empowerment.

CEFROHT's work is directed towards the interconnection of food justice, climate justice and economic justice promoting adequate living. These include utilizing legal tools to ensure realisation of land rights, food security and nutrition, livelihood rights, environmental health and rights. Therefore, CEFROHT's efforts are targeted towards a sustainable food system, environmental health, nutrition and economic rights which affect the vulnerable populations such as women, children, orphans, people living with HIV/AIDS, persons with disabilities, and the youth. CEFROHT is a center designed for rights on food and livelihoods.

VISION

A world where the right to adequate living for everyone is realized.

MISSIONS

To promote social justice in food, agriculture and investment systems through strategic litigation, research, advocacy and community empowerment.

CEFROHT STRATEGIC APPROACHES

Human Rights-Based Approach:

CEFROHT understands that unequal power relations and social exclusion deny people their human rights and keeps them in poverty. Therefore, uses Human Rights Based Approach to empower rights-holders to claim their rights, and support duty-bearers to meet their obligations. In this, CEFROHT identifies who has rights (rights holders) and what freedoms and entitlements they have under law, as well as the obligations of those responsible for making sure rights-holders are enjoying their rights (duty-bearers). Enforcing a "circle of accountability" throughout the policy cycle which helps to ensure that policies and programs are responsive to the needs of rights-holders.

Legal empowerment and social accountability:

CEFROHT strategically uses legal empowerment especially the vulnerable for their adequate living rights. CEFROHT pursues a process of systemic change through which the poor and excluded in communities become able to use the law, the legal system, and legal services to protect and advance their rights and interests as citizens. This approach is used towards building accountability that relies on individuals and community engagement i.e. in which the ordinary citizen or CSOs participate directly in exacting accountability. CEFROHT engages communities, individuals, duty bearers and civil society organizations [CSOs] in actions aimed at holding the State to account, as well as efforts by government and other actors [media, private sector, donors] to support and respond to these actions.



INTRODUCTION

The year 2021, created unprecedented challenges including a total country lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic and limitations to public gatherings. While this posed challenges for the timely execution of our 2021 annual plan which was based largely on physical methodologies, it presented us with unique opportunities that saw us learn to work remotely by adapting innovative virtual approaches such as the use of virtual conferencing and main stream media such as TV and radio to get to our target groups. Our major achievements include the following.

Our integrated program of Social justice and strategic litigation, Advocacy and Partnerships and Community empowerment program interventions reached more than 5,000 target groups including policy makers, local government officials, community leaders, justice actors and legal practitioners on legal and regulatory reforms that promote healthy diets and physical activities. We provided sustainable access to justice to 2000 vulnerable people in seven districts including Kiboga, Kyankwanzi, Buyende, Kween, Kalangala, Wakiso, Mukono using the Human Rights (Enforcement) Act, 2019. We did this through sensitization meetings and providing legal aid services.

We introduced a livelihood scheme to over 1000 households in selected sub counties of Kiboga and Kyankwanzi districts to support them to recover from the effects of COVID-19 by integrating soybean in their farming systems using environmentally friendly and sustainable practices. Our goal is to enhance household income as well as food and nutrition security. In the same year, CEFROHT joined the PELUM association with the goal of using the network to promote food systems that are resilient, equitable, regenerative and sustainable. Being part of this larger network shall enhance our muscle especially in the arena of promoting food security as a component of adequate living.

Our partnership list grew with addition of new strategic partners including Slow Food Uganda, Busoga Health Forum, African Coalition for Sustainable Agriculture, Agency for Integrated Rural Development and Sexual Reproductive Health Rights Alliance.

Our dedication to building a conducive working environment was enhanced by the completion and launch of new office structure, with a committed staff and supportive donors and partners we are confident that a world where the right to adequate living for everyone is realized.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND KEY INTERVENTIONS UNDER PROJECTS.

01

GLOBAL RECAP

The Global Regulatory and Fiscal Capacity Building Programme (Global RECAP), IDLO supports CEFROHT to implement the Sub-Project “Promote healthy diets through legal empowerment and social accountability mechanisms using a Human Rights based, participatory and multi-sectoral approach.

POLICY DIALOGUE ON RESTRICTION OF MARKETING OF FOODS AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO CHILDREN



CEFROHT held a policy dialogue on the restriction of marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children that was organized jointly with the MOH and Uganda Communications Commission. During the engagements, CEFROHT together with the Ministry of Health drafted guidelines on marketing regulations and restrictions on food and non-alcoholic beverages to be addressed to the Uganda Communications Commission. The guidelines included the Presidential Guidelines on Healthy lifestyles as well as any other document on unhealthy foods identified by the Ministry of Health. It is from these engagements that the commission committed itself to work with the team to ensure the regulation of marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children and to work with the National Drug Authority, MOH and UNBS to ensure that the list detailing unhealthy foods and non-alcoholic beverages is produced for restriction.

CSOS ENGAGEMENT ON REGULATORY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORKS ON HEALTHY DIETS AND NUTRITION LABELLING



CEFROHT has trained CSOs from Child Rights Organisations, Health Organisations, Consumer organisations, Academia and Trade and investment organizations on the regulatory and fiscal measures that promote healthy diets. The purpose of the training was to provide CSOs with advocacy skills and knowledge on the application of human rights-based approaches in the utilization of regulatory and fiscal measures to promote healthy diets.

MEDIA PERSONNEL TRAINING ON EFFECTIVE AND EVIDENCE-BASED COMMUNICATIONS ON HEALTHY DIETS AND THE USE OF THEIR PLATFORMS FOR ADVOCACY ON HEALTHY DIETS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



CEFROHT trained media personnel on regulatory and fiscal measures that promote healthy diets. The purpose of the training was to provide media personnel with advocacy skills and knowledge on the application of human rights-based approaches on the utilization of regulatory and fiscal measures to promote healthy diets.

NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON NUTRITION LABELLING



CEFROHT organized a virtual National Dialogue on Nutrition Labelling via Zoom. The Dialogue brought together various stakeholders and partners including civil society organisations in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania, legal practitioners, academia and partners from IDLO, WHO regional office and country office representatives, MoH, MoTC, UNBS, media as well as researchers and public health practitioners for a total of 75 participants. This National Dialogue contributed to raising awareness on the NCDs burden in Uganda and the need for Front of the Pack nutrition labelling. Joint discussions between different stakeholders fostered collaboration as all participating ministerial and Government bodies committed to work together to ensure that laws and standards are put in place to ensure proper nutrition labelling to promote healthy diets.

SEMINAR AT MAKERERE SCHOOL OF LAW ON REGULATORY AND FISCAL MEASURES THAT PROMOTE HEALTHY DIETS AND THE RIGHT TO HEALTH



CEFROHT organized a seminar at Makerere School of law which was attended by 60 participants including students, legal practitioners from the academia and CSO members. The seminar was facilitated by lecturers of the School of Law, who equipped participants with legal and advocacy knowledge on regulatory and fiscal measures to promote healthy diets and physical activity. Advocacy strategies and initiatives were agreed upon to continue involving students and usher in a new breed of young lawyers who use the law to promote healthy diets and the right to health. Eventually, it was agreed that CEFROHT, in collaboration with the School of Law, would establish a Food and Health Rights club where students will be involved in advocacy activities for policy reformulation to promote healthy diets and physical activity.

LEGAL TOOLS TO PREVENT NCDS AND PROMOTION OF HEALTHY DIETS: LAUNCH OF POLICY BRIEFS.



With support from International Development Law Organization (IDLO), CEFROHT implemented the Global RECAP program aimed at preventing non-communicable diseases through legal and regulatory reform to promote healthy diets and physical activity. The project was based on four priority areas; restriction of marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children, nutrition labelling including front-of-the-pack labelling, fiscal policies for diet: effective sugar-sweetened beverage taxation and promotion of physical activity. Under the four priority areas, CEFROHT developed policy briefs to guide policy makers and government to enact and amend laws and policies to promote healthy diets. The policy briefs were launched with the attendance of representatives from government MDAs including; Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education & Sports, Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, National Children's Authority, Kampala Capital City Authority, UNBS, among others, and several Civil Society Organisations under the IDLO Global RECAP Advocacy Working Group.

NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON THE RESTRICTION OF MARKETING UNHEALTHY FOODS AND SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGES TO CHILDREN.

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NATIONAL DIALOGUE

ON THE RESTRICTION OF MARKETING UNHEALTHY FOODS AND SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGES TO CHILDREN

16th JULY 2021
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

VENUE: <https://bit.ly/3scwgg>
REGISTRATION LINK: <https://bit.ly/3scwgg>
MEETING ID: 873 2545 7585
PASSCODE: 159341

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NATIONAL DIALOGUE

On the restriction of marketing unhealthy foods and sugar-sweetened beverages to children

DATE: 16th JULY 2021
TIME: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (EAT)

VENUE: Zoom

REGISTER NOW
Meeting ID: 873 2545 7585
Passcode: 159341

CEFROHT held a virtual national dialogue on the restriction of marketing unhealthy foods and sugar sweetened beverages to children. The dialogue was streamed via Zoom and Facebook Live. The dialogue brought together 95 participants representing different stakeholders to jointly discuss strategies for the promotion of laws and policies on the restriction of marketing of unhealthy foods and sugar sweetened beverages to children. The participating stakeholders included: IDLO, WHO, UNDP, UNICEF, MoH, MoTC, MGLSD, OPM, National Children Authority, AWG, EPRC, CSOs, public health practitioners, legal practitioners, the academia, including law students from Makerere University, Nkumba University and Uganda Christian University. The dialogue involved presentations from technical bodies, namely IDLO, IDRC, WHO, EPRC, MoH and lawyers; panel discussions from MOH, MoTC and the UNCDA; plenary discussions that comprised of question-and answer sessions, as well as a session on resolutions and commitments from Government stakeholders. The stakeholders agreed to engage and collaborate towards regulating the marketing of unhealthy foods and SSBs to children. The national dialogue contributed to raising awareness on the NCDs burden in Uganda and the need for restriction of marketing unhealthy foods and sugar sweetened beverages to children. Joint discussions between different stakeholders fostered collaboration as all participating ministerial and Government bodies committed to work together to ensure that laws and standards are put in place to ensure the restriction of marketing unhealthy foods and SSBs to children so as to promote healthy diets.

NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON THE PROMOTION OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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NATIONAL DIALOGUE

ON THE PROMOTION OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

29th JULY 2021
9:00AM-1:00PM

REGISTER

MEETING ID: 856 1772 6910
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NATIONAL DIALOGUE

ON THE PROMOTION OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

29th JULY 2021
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REGISTER TODAY

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PhysicalActivity **ForCbdNCDs**

CEFROHT held a virtual national dialogue on the promotion of physical activity. The dialogue was streamed via Zoom and Facebook Live. The dialogue brought together different stakeholders to jointly discuss strategies for laws and policies on promotion of physical activity. These included: IDLO, WHO, MoH, MoTC, MGLSD, OPM, KCCA, MoES, National Children's Authority, AWG, EPRC, CSOs, public health practitioners, legal practitioners, academia, including law students from Makerere University, Nkumba University and Uganda Christian University. The dialogue involved presentations from technical bodies (IDLO, IDRC, WHO), Ministries (MoES and MoH) and lawyers; panel discussions from MoH, MoES and KCCA. The national dialogue contributed to raising awareness on the NCDs burden in Uganda and the need to promote physical activity. Joint discussions between different stakeholders fostered collaboration as all participating ministerial and Government bodies committed to work together to ensure that laws and standards are put in place to ensure the promotion of healthy diets and physical activity.

TRAINING OF PARLIAMENTARIANS ON NCDs



CEFROHT in collaboration with MoH, UNDP and WHO held a training for parliamentarians on the legal/regulatory frameworks to address NCDs. MPs from various nation-wide constituencies attended the meeting to discuss the need for legal and regulatory reform to promote healthy diets and prevent NCDs. The meeting was held to raise Parliamentarians' awareness on NCDs and the health and economic burden caused as a result. Parliament was called upon to draft and amend laws to promote healthy diets. CEFROHT further engaged the parliamentarians on the two policy briefs on nutrition labelling and restriction of marketing of food and non-alcoholic beverages to children. MPs committed to use the policy briefs to inform policy reform and to support the enactment and amendment of laws to prevent NCDs. The members of the parliamentary committee on health that attended the meeting, committed to table the issue before parliament and advocate for the enactment and amendment of laws which will promote healthy diets and prevent NCDs.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING WITH UNBS ON CODEX FOPL GUIDELINES



CEFROHT with UNBS convened a Technical Committee meeting to discuss and develop Uganda's position and comments on Front-of-Pack Labelling (FOPL) by the CODEX Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses. The CODEX Guidelines on FOPL are currently under development at global level and this meeting was held to review and adapt the developed CODEX Guidelines clauses as national Ugandan Standards on FOPL. The draft CODEX Guidelines on FOPL were read and participants made comments thereafter.

The Technical Committee committed to follow the CODEX process until its completion so as to have a Ugandan Standard on FOPL. The Technical Committee committed to have more follow up review meetings to ensure the faster development of a national Standard on FOPL. CEFROHT as a member of the Technical Committee shall continuously follow up with UNBS to ensure that FOPL standards are developed as a Ugandan Standard.

UNITED NATIONS FOOD SYSTEMS AND CEFROHT INDEPENDENT DIALOGUE. LAW IN BUILDING A RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM.



CEFROHT alongside Global RECAP implementing partners from Kenya and Tanzania namely; Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network on HIV & AIDS (KELIN), Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA) and Tanzania Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance (TANCPA) held a UN Food System independent dialogue on "The Role of Law to Promote Healthy Diets; Lessons from civil society in supporting conducive legal environments". The

dialogue hosted experts in East African health law and research who explored challenges and gaps in current legal and policy frameworks for the promotion of healthy diets in East Africa. The implementing partners shared their experiences in using a human rights-based approach in strengthening a food systems-related framework, using strategic litigation and mobilizing communities to advocate for regulatory reform to promote healthy diets. Participants from government and academia institutions also shared their roles in the development and implementation of legal and policy frameworks across food systems promoting healthy diets for NCD prevention.

ESTABLISHING UGANDA LAW SOCIETY FOOD AND AGRICULTURE LAW CLUSTER



CEFROHT established and launched the Food and Agricultural law cluster under the Uganda law society to involve lawyers in agriculture, trade and food rights. CEFROHT has used this platform to engage lawyers and training have been held under the Global RECAP project and analysis of the right to food during the COVID 19 pandemic was been carried out.

02

FIAN

LAUNCH OF THE RIGHT TO FOOD MANUAL. JUSTICE ACTORS' ROLE IN FOOD JUSTICE.



CEFROHT with support from FIAN developed a right to food and nutrition manual to guide legal practitioners and activities in understanding the legal framework of the right to food at international, regional and national level; as well as the justiciability of the right to adequate food.

CEFROHT launched the manual and it was officiated by the President of the Uganda Law Society, Ms. Pheona Wall Nabaasa. Several sectors participated in the launch including representatives from Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), Food Rights Alliance, Consumer Education Trust, legal practitioners from the Uganda Law Society, among others. The participants acknowledged the malnutrition problem in Uganda alongside the double burden of overweight related diseases which has been highly caused by the unregulated food environment. Stakeholders pledged to work together to ensure the promotion and fulfillment of the right to food.

03

VALIDITY FOUNDATION

PROMOTING ADEQUATE LIVING RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH AUTISM.



CEFROHT's intervention led to the first evidence hearing. This case involves a child with autism who was always tied on a tree and with no special needs training and community intervention from the local government. In May 2021, CEFROHT's litigation team appeared before the Jinja High Court for the hearing of this case. The intention was to oblige government to provide mental health service at the district health centers for persons with autism, the child is receiving specialized training.

04

BOTH ENDS

Both Ends supports CEFROHT on a project “Promoting Human Rights in Commercial Investment Schemes through Legal Empowerment and Public Interest Litigation”.

DISTRICT WOMEN LEADERS ENGAGED ON THEIR ROLE IN PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN WORKING IN COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT SCHEMES



CEFROHT visited Kalangala district and had a meeting with district community women leaders on their role in protecting rights of women working in the palm oil plantations. Several of the district women leaders stated the challenges women in the communities working for the plantation scheme face. Several of the community leaders agreed to provide additional evidence for the case to add OPUL as a party to Miscellaneous cause No. 58 of 2022.

CEFROHT legal team visited Kalangala Island to do fact finding and gathered additional evidence for the application to add OPUL to the case. The CEFROHT team managed to gather evidence from seven additional persons (community members, women leaders among others) willing to testify in the application and main case.

STRATEGIC LITIGATION BY HOLDING OPUL ACCOUNTABLE FOR VIOLATING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN THE PALM OIL PLANTATIONS.



CEFROHT appeared in the high court for miscellaneous cause No. 58 of 2020 on the 20th of April 2020 for a case to hold the government of Uganda liable for failing to protect human rights of women working in commercial investment schemes. During the hearing CEFROHT appealed to the judge to make an application to add OPUL as a party to the case to hold it accountable for the violation of women's rights in commercial investment schemes. The judge accepted CEFROHT to make this application.

CEFROHT convened its lawyers to proceed with

the drafting of the application and affidavits to the case to add OPUL as a party to the case. CEFROHT organized a legal experts meeting to discuss the addition of OPUL and the draft pleadings that were developed. The legal expert team identified the different evidence gaps that needed to be filled in the case.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND ADEQUATE LIVING RIGHTS IN INVESTMENT SCHEMES

CEFROHT instituted a suit on behalf of a woman against Oil Palm Uganda Limited for the human rights violations caused during her course of employment in the Kalangala palm oil plantations where fertilizers dropped in her eyes during application which led to her complete loss of sight. In addition she was denied any medical and food and financial assistance which is a violation of her right to adequate living. The application was filed in court seeking orders that she is compensated by OPUL for the injury sustained on her while in the course of employment and served on the respondents.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN INVESTMENT SCHEMES.

To promote transparency, human rights and public participation in public-private partnerships, CEFROHT filed a case in the constitutional court challenging the Public-Private partnership act for lack of participation and access to information in the entire PPPs. CEFROHT has continued to legally support women who have suffered adequate living rights violation in Kalangala Palm Oil plantations and through this we have created awareness of adequate living rights to the casual laborers in Kalangala district.

05

MINORITY RIGHTS GROUP INTERNATIONAL



CEFROHT conducted a community evidence gathering visit and dialogue with women from Benet Community in Kween District who suffered illegal evictions from their land, lost property and have suffered bodily assault including rape. We also engaged the relevant authorities including Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) on the human rights violations and their opinion on the case. CEFROHT has conducted research on the Benet case, drafted the notice of motion and affidavits, and is in the process of filing the case.

06

EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE (EACOP) CASE.



CEFROHT worked on and filed a public interest case in the East African court of Justice seeking environment justice and the rights of the people affected by the EACOP project. The case is intended to prevent several human rights violations to project affected persons, the future environmental degradation and climate change. According to Oxfam's human rights impact assessment of the EACOP, the project poses different environmental and human rights risks to the communities located along the proposed pipeline corridor in Uganda and Tanzania. These include among others; violating the right to livelihood with thousands of people to be evicted in the process therefore leading to food insecurity in communities.

CEFROHT working with the Natural Justice- Kenya, the Center for Strategic Litigation in Tanzania want the livelihoods and biodiversity protected by the EACOP project. The EACOP threatens the local livelihoods, food security, public health, biodiversity and global climate. From the assessments the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) were never effectively consulted, no transparency in regards to compensation for women as compared to men, water pollution, soil degradation and distraction of the social cohesion. The land acquisition process has been marked with confusion as a result of insufficient information availed to the PAPs about the timelines and valuation rates used in terms of compensation. There is no clear mitigation measures to the threat of oil spills, water shortage, deforestation and many other impacts that could affect the people living around the pipeline. A great part of the pipeline passes close to Lake Victoria as it crosses into Tanzania and this pauses a great risk to the East African region as Lake Victoria is a critical water source for millions of people in East Africa. Despite all these environmental challenges, the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) downplays the impact the pipeline could have on the environment and provides an inadequate assessment. Communities have not adequately participated in the development of the ESIA and have not been kept in the loop about the on-going activities as regards the pipeline construction. CEFROHT filed a case at the EACJ for an injunction as the environmental analysts assess the impact of the project.

07

COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT (CJP)

CEFROHT with support from the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), is promoting sustainable access to justice in rural communities of Buyende, Kyakwanzi and Kiboga on economic rights, right to food and nutrition as well as health. Through strategic and pro-bono litigation.

BASELINE SURVEY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ENTITLEMENTS.



CEFROHT with support from IDLO carried out a baseline survey in the districts of Kiboga, Buyende and Kyakwanzi to assess community awareness of adequate living rights, information on how to claim their rights and awareness on human rights and redress mechanisms in case of violation. The results from the survey indicated that both the judicial actors and justice seekers were not fully aware of the opportunities presented by the Human Rights (Enforcement) Act, 2019 in claiming adequate living rights.

COLLABORATION WITH THE JUDICIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE.



CEFROHT in collaboration with the Judicial Training Institute, have enhanced sustainable access to justice for adequate living rights in rural vulnerable communities through legal empowerment and social accountability using the Human Rights (Enforcement) Act, 2019.

The JTI mainly supports the training of judicial actors, where CEFROHT together with JTI have engaged magistrates on solving adequate living claims using the Human Right (Enforcement) Act 2019. CEFROHT and JTI also conducted a training needs assessment for justice actors with an intention of assessing the knowledge gaps on how to use the Human Right (Enforcement) Act 2019 to solve adequate living rights' violation and the results showed a wide knowledge gap on adequate living rights and the Human Right (Enforcement) Act 2019.

CAGS ENGAGEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ENTITLEMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND REDRESS UNDER THE LAW.



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THE HUMAN RIGHTS (ENFORCEMENT) ACT, 2019 – A SURE ENABLER TO SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO JUSTICE.



CEFROHT has worked on a number of different probono cases for rural vulnerable women on cases of livelihood and adequate living rights. This has helped vulnerable women to access justice easily and within a short time from courts of law. Among these is the case of Nabacwa Justine a 25-year-old rural vulnerable woman whose deceased spouse's land was mismanaged by her in laws leaving her and her children confused, hopeless and desperate. CEFROHT filed a suit under the Human Rights (Enforcement) Act, 2019 on her behalf in the chief magistrate's court of Kiboga to access justice towards her rights to own property, food, livelihood and adequate living and that of her children. During the mediation, the respondents agreed to hand over to Nabacwa Justine and her children the land that belonged to her deceased spouse. A consent judgement was entered on court record and it was to the effect that the estate of the deceased was to be distributed legally after obtaining letters of administration and Nabacwa Justine and her children will get a share of the estate of the deceased. Nabacwa Justine and the local authorities were grateful for CEFROHT's intervention as a matter that had disunited a family for a long time was settled within one month. CEFROHT has continued to manage and follow up on other probono cases in Kiboga, Kyankwanzi and Buyende under the Community Justice Project.



CEFROHT held sensitization workshops for local government duty bearers on the framing and claiming land, livelihood, business, labour and property entitlements as human rights and the use of the Human Rights (Enforcement) Act, 2019 in the districts of Kiboga, Buyende and Kyankwanzi. This built capacity of local governments to identify and frame human rights cases on land, livelihood, business, labour and property entitlements.

08

SOYBEAN LIVELIHOOD SCHEME



CEFROHT is currently empowering the youth and women in soybean production and marketing as a means of improving their livelihoods and adequate living rights for income, food and nutrition security. CEFROHT has engaged 1000 households in the rural communities of Kiboga and Kyankwanzi to innovate around the sustainable production of soybean. Soybean globally is being promoted as an industrial crop and this therefore directly translates intensive conventional production practices which involves the use of large chunks of land. However, CEFROHT has demonstrated that agro ecology is the most appropriate alternative to building a regenerative, equitable and resilient food system while improving people's livelihoods through engaging farmers in sustainable farming. Through agro ecology, we have promoted the growing of soybean without the use of synthetic agro-chemicals that interferes with the natural ecosystem. Small-scale farmers have been empowered to own the process, each of which produces through on-farm knowledge sharing, and production of what they can afford within the ecosystem. This facilitates production of enough quantities for home consumption given the high nutrition content in soybean as well as for sale for income security. This is therefore a strategy aimed at building back better for communities given lessons learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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AGRO ECOLOGY AS A HUMAN RIGHT



CEFROHT held staff capacity building on the interplay between agro ecology and the right to food. Agro ecology is highlighted as the only solution to the broken food system in Uganda. We have engaged duty bearers in Kiboga and Kyankwanzi on the framework for agro ecology and an enabling environment for agro ecological farmers. CEFROHT has continued to use legal tools to promote agro ecology and has worked with partners like CERD, PELUM, to provide a safe food environment for consumers through an organic market as an alternative to the conventional food markets.

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INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CEFROHT'S INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF HEAD OFFICE AND INTEGRATED PROGRAM.



CEFROHT launched its head office and integrated program of Social Justice and Strategic Litigation, Advocacy and Partnership, and Community Empowerment and Capacity Building to promote the use of legal tools for food and sustainable livelihoods.

The Chief Guest, Inspector of Court Her Worship Flavia Nassuna Matovu officiated the opening and launch of CEFROHT's head office and integrated program. The ceremony was attended by dignitaries from government, academia, Civil Society Organisations, development partners IDLO, FAO. Dr. Busingye Kabumba from Makerere University School of Law presented a paper on "The Law, Food and Livelihoods" and the paper was discussed by Dr. Peter Rukundo from Kyambogo University, Nutrition Department and Ms. Jane Nalunga from SEATINI Uganda.

STAFF WELFARE



CEFROHT held two staff retreats during the year to build the capacity of her staff on project implementation process, advocacy and management, held monthly reflection meetings to track the progress of activities, recognized the outstanding staff performance in the four quarters and the annual performance, and also held weekly physical activity sessions for the staff as a measure to prevent non communicable diseases.



MAIN CHALLENGES FACED

- The major challenge for the year was the COVID-19 pandemic and the related restrictive measures meant to prevent the spread of the disease. These included the national lockdowns, movement and gathering restrictions among others. This greatly affected the implementation of planned activities.
- Heavy workload for staff since there was a lot to do in the limited time since some time had been lost during the total lock down
- There was delay in case rulings because of the election petitions which were given priority

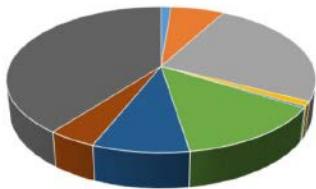


SUMMARY OF KEY LESSONS LEARNT

- There is need to make good use of existing good working relations and MoUs with key ministries such as MoES, MoH, MGLSD, MAAIF and MoTC.
- There was greater appreciation of the importance of media and having a comprehensive media engagement plan
- The risk management plan should be all inclusive and anticipate pandemics.

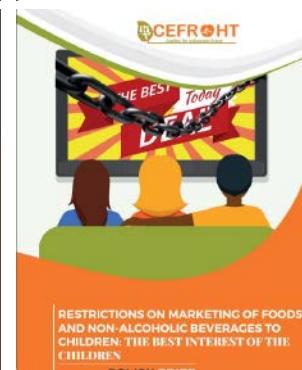
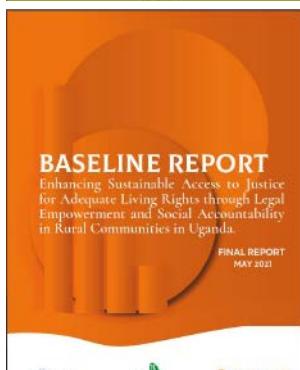
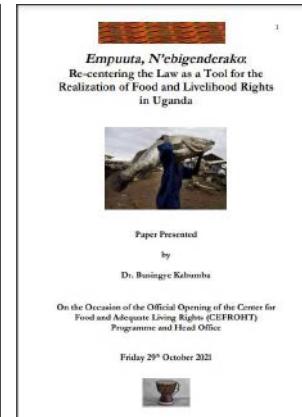
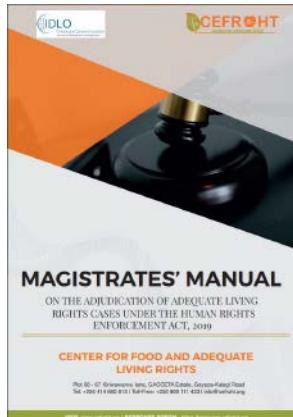
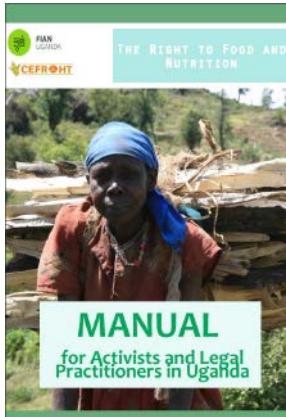
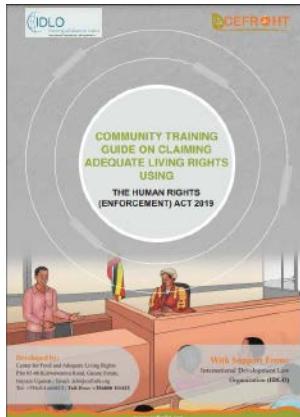
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- FIAN
- AVAAZ(EACOP) case
- IDLO Uganda
- Both ENDS
- Center For Strategic Litigation
- IDLO Global Recap
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