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Dear President,

RE: SUBMISSION OF FINAL REPORTS

Cordial greetings from Kabale Uganda and the entire NAFODU team. On behalf of National Foundation for Democracy and Human Rights in Uganda (NAFODU), I am happy to submit the final reports for the project activities done from February 2007 January 2008.

During this period, with Support from Partnership for Transparency Fund, NAFODU has produced 48 episodes of Rwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi Radio Program (Fight corruption Radio Program). NAFODU has submitted reports on the 36 episodes of Rwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi radio program. This final report includes reports on the remaining 12 episodes. The last episode was aired on January 10, 2007 and the listeners were surprised to hear that Rwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi Radio Program was coming to an end and in fact some of the callers requested that we approach PTF to renew funding such that the radio program may continue. We can therefore say that the discontinuation of the radio program has left a wide vacuum in south western in terms of fighting corruption.

We thank all the stakeholders who helped to make the project a success. Special thanks go to Partnership for Transparency Fund for funding the project. The support has strengthened the capacity of NAFODU without which, it could have been impossible.

We promise to continue the partnership and once again thanks for your initiative of supporting civil society organizations all over the world involved in the fights against corruption

Yours sincerely,

ORISHABA BAGAMUHUNDA JUSTUS
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**NAFODU'S CORRUPTION AWARENESS AND
PREVENTION PROGRAM**

**FINAL REPORT ON GWANISA OBURI
BWENGUZI (FIGHT CORRUPTION) RADIO
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Background

The National Foundation for Democracy and Human Rights in Uganda is a civic non partisan, not profit making, non governmental organization, registered under the Non Governmental Organization Registration statute of Uganda (1989). The Foundation was formed in 2000 by a group of youth with the major aim of promoting Democracy, human rights and good governance in Uganda. The Foundation also aimed at monitoring the 2001 presidential, parliamentary, local and village council elections

NAFODU's Vision is to have a democratic Uganda where government is accountable to its citizens and in which all the citizens freely and willingly participate in the social, political and economic affairs of the Country

The Foundation's mission is to promote and strengthen democracy, human rights, good governance and development in Uganda through election monitoring, lobbying and advocacy, civic education, training, information Dissemination and conflict resolution"

NAFODU Core values are Professionalism, Integrity, Commitment, Respect, Love and concern for others, stewardship Impartiality, empathy and transparency:

The Corruption Awareness and Prevention Program, is the program of National Foundation for Democracy and Human Rights in Uganda. The Program Strategy is to play amore pro-active role in the fight against corruption at all levels including electoral corruption. The Overall Program Objective is to undertake activities aimed at raising awareness and prevention of corruption in order to reduce corrupt practices in government and the electoral process

The program Strategies include:

- I. Advocate for effective policies and legislative provisions for effective fight of corruption
- II. Develop and disseminate public information campaigns on corruption
- III. Carry out community Corruption awareness campaigns
- IV. Incorporate ant-corruption activities in voter education campaigns during elections
- V. Develop a corruption- Monitoring system

VI. Lobby for a clear legal framework to deal with electoral related corruption

To implement this program, in October 2006, the National Foundation for Democracy and Human Rights in Uganda (NAFODU) requested financial support of the Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF) to implement a program for corruption awareness and prevention in Uganda through 48 weekly interactive radio broadcasts. The program has been called **"Gwanisa oburi bwenguzi" – "Fight Corruption"** and commenced on 15th February, 2007.

NAFODU submitted the Project Proposal dated 9 October 2006, which included background information on NAFODU, an operational plan for the radio broadcasts, and a detailed breakdown of costs. The programs have been broadcast on Voice of Kigezi, a local FM Radio Station in Kabale. On the basis of the information contained in the proposal, PTF approved a grant of US\$25,000 and the agreement was signed on 29th January 2007. As per the signed agreement, it was proposed that the grant be disbursed in three tranches each for the purposes spelled out in the proposal. The first two tranches were disbursed as follows:

- First tranche of \$11,250 was disbursed immediately after the grant agreement was signed
- Second tranche of \$11,250 was disbursed after NAFODU utilized the first tranche, submitted the narrative reports to PTF and showed how the first tranche was spent..
- Third tranche of \$ 2,500 will be disbursed on receipt of this project completion report that describes and assesses the project achievements including some assessment of impact.

Original Objectives of the Program

The major goal of the program was to create and promote effective mass awareness about corruption and governance issues by education, information and empowerment through media program. The general objectives of the program were;

- To raise public awareness on corruption issues
- To empower the civil society to fight corruption
- To assist and co-operate with the Government agencies to curb corruption in Uganda

The specific objectives of the program were

- To collect literature concerning corruption and good governance in order to broadcast them widely
- To promote transparency and accountability in government departments
- To bring attention of the civil society and private sector to promote good governance and curb corruption
- To develop and establish a moral society by promoting ethical and social norms and values
- To make an effort to establish a corrupt free society by promoting the *Ugandan access to information act*

In line the original objectives of the project; NAFODU has successfully completed **“Gwanisa oburi bwenguzi” – “Fight Corruption”** radio program. NAFODU broadcasted the radio program on anticorruption and good governance. The programs have been broadcast on Voice of Kigezi 89.5FM, a local FM Radio Station in Kabale from 9:00pm-10:00pm East African time every Thursday.

We are proud to have initiated this media campaign against corruption. The radio program has been the first of its kind in south western Uganda and has impressed a sizable number of the population across the region. Before the radio program started people knew that corruption exists, but lacked knowledge on all forms of corruption and how it manifests itself. People especially from the grassroots knew that corruption is in form of bribes only. It also important to note that responding to the development challenges posed by corruption requires an understanding of its causes. **“Gwanisa oburi bwenguzi” – “Fight Corruption”** radio program aimed at achieving this. In addition, people did not know that general attitudes towards formal political processes influence corruption levels. Through **“Gwanisa oburi bwenguzi” – “Fight Corruption”** radio program, NAFODU worked hard and addressed attitudes towards corruption. Most generally, through the news segment of the program, NAFODU raised awareness about the costs of corruption for the country's political and economic development. The radio program has convinced the people that corruption is an extremely damaging pattern of interaction for society as a whole, and that the collective damages over time outweigh any possible short-term personal benefits.

NAFODU is current receiving feedback from the public and the results of **“Gwanisa oburi bwenguzi” – “Fight Corruption”** radio program are encouraging. The sudden discontinuation of the radio program on 10th January 2008 has therefore disappointed very many people.

Program operation

NAFODU Executive Director, Programs Manager, Voice of Kigezi-Station Manager, NAFODU accountant and Administrative Assistant and journalists from Voice of Kigezi run the radio program. The radio program was informative and made exclusive coverage of anti-corruption, good governance issues and efforts of the government and Non Governmental institutions to curb corruption in Uganda. The program also highlighted and exposed the corrupt activities taking place in the administration, politics and social sector.

To effectively prepare and broadcast the program, a number of steps were followed.

- I. NAFODU produced a signature tune focusing on corruption and good governance
- II. NAFODU produced intros and Outros for **“Gwanisa oburi bwenguzi” – “Fight Corruption”** radio program
- III. Orikiriza Donatus, the programs Manager collected the materials and news related to issues of anti-corruption and good governance from various sources such as the newspapers, bulletins, internet, seminars and workshops and office of the inspector general of government.
- IV. The program staff contacted the general public and the concerned government authorities to give information regarding corruption and good governance in Uganda. In addition, a suggestion box was put at NAFODU offices to enable the public to disclose information regarding corruption and good governance. The information from the public was also broadcast during the program and the use of the suggestion box was publicized during the program where by the public was encouraged to bring forward any information regarding corruption tendencies in Uganda. The collected information was critically observed, analyzed and finalized for the broadcast by the program team.

- V. The production team asked the audience during the call in segment to select a burning topic for an interview in the next radio broadcast
- VI. In order to maximize participation, in each episode NAFODU asked a question related to corruption and good governance and provided prizes at the end of the broadcast to one lucky winner selected from the lucky draw among the correct entries.

The one-hour radio broadcast was divided into four segments.

- I. The first segment included the NAFODU signature Tune, **“Gwanisa oburi bwenguzi” – “Fight Corruption” radio program intro**, news headlines concerning corruption cases, governance issues, efforts from the governmental and non governmental sector to curb corruption, cases of public concern, existing administrative political and social problems
- II. The second segment included the presentation by NAFODU. The presentation entitled “our role in the fight against corruption” focused on social issues, efforts to curb corruption, editorials on current social issues and other distinct analytical matters from different walks of life. These were broadcast during the program. The segment also pointed out corruption cases, news reports, articles, suggestion, comments, information and notices, public announcements focusing on corruption and good governance.
- III. The third segment of the program was allocated for an interview on the topic of anti-corruption and good governance. The prominent personalities from different walks of life were invited for interview. Bureaucrats, social activists, politicians, leaders of different social movements, top level retired professional and other high ranking people of policy making level were the participants.
- IV. Finally the call- in segment was the last segment of the program. The listeners were asked a question and collected the correct entries from the listeners. On every broadcast, NAFODU provided some attractive prizes to the lucky winner selected from the lucky draw among the correct entries. During this segment, feedbacks and comments of our listeners regarding the weaknesses and impact of the program were collected and then appropriate suggestions and comments broadcast during the next radio broadcast. Citizens were allowed to express their ideas and options on how to curb corruption and promote good governance in Uganda.

In a bid to go beyond awareness raising and point up individual cases of corrupt officials, interview aggrieved citizens and advise how corruption can be reported, NAFODU worked with the Inspectorate of Government to put in place a suggestion box at NAFODU offices and the postal address was revealed to the public and then encouraged the public to report corrupt officials.

Summery of the episodes and topics discussed

No	Episode Date	Topic	Program staff and personalities invited for interview
1	Feb 15, 2007	Background information on NAFODU and launching of Rwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi Radio Program	Orishaba Justus NAFODU Executive Director, Orikiriza Donantus NAFODU Programs Manager, Asimwe Kadri-Kabale District Police Commander (DPC) and Mr. Obadiah Musiimenta (+256 772 601874) as the District Internal Security Officer (DISO) Kabale.
2	Feb 22, 2007	The Role of NAFODU in the fight against Corruption	Mr. Orishaba Justus, NAFODU Executive Director. Mr. Byamugisha Sentaro the Chairman Local Council 111, Central Division Kabale Municipality
3	March 1, 2007	Corruption in Local Council Courts	Orikiriza Donantus NAFODU Programs Manager and Mr. Butaare Simon, an aggrieved citizen
4	March 8, 2007	Corruption in The Private Sector	Mr. Orishaba Justus, NAFODU Executive Director, Mr. Orikiriza Donantus, NAFODU Programs Manager and the Capt. Mwesigye James, the Kabale district Residence District Commissioner (RDC).
5	March 15, 2007	The Impact of bribes during Elections on Democracy building in Uganda in comparison with USA Democratization"	Mr. Orishaba Justus, NAFODU Executive Director, Mr. Orikiriza Donantus, NAFODU Programs Manager and the guest speaker Caroline Fitchett, Health Policy Specialist, Oregon Nurses Association USA
6	March 22, 2007	The Role of Women in the Fight against Corruption	Mr. Orishaba Justus, the Executive Director of NAFODU and Ms. Arinaitwe Anna, NAFODU administrative Assistant
7	March 29, 2007	Misuse of Office	Mr. Orishaba Justus, NAFODU Executive Director, Mr. Orikiriza Donantus, NAFODU Programs Manager and Mr. Kanyamahane, former Kabale municipality parliamentary candidate and secretary for publicity Forum for Democratic Change [FDC] -Kabale.

8	April 5, 2007	Empowering Communities to effectively Monitor Funds Meant for Poverty Alleviation [PAF FUNDS].	Orikiriza Donantus NAFODU programs manager and Mr. Rwakatungu Caleb, Head of Secretariat "kick corruption out of Kigezi" and the chairman Kabale Civil Society Forum.
9	April 12, 2007	Corruption In Urban Sector Employment	Mr. Orikiriza Donantus NAFODU Programs manager, Mr. Orishaba Justus Executive director and Mr. Tusiime Mugarura Adam (+256 772 553 724), Senior personnel officer Kabale municipal council
10	April 19, 2007	The giving away of Mabira Forest to Scoul Company	Mr. Orishaba Justus, NAFODU executive director, Mr. Orikiriza Donantus, programs manager and Hajji Bashir Abdullah, Imam Rushaki Mosque Kabale municipality and Local council One Rushaki
11	April 26, 2007	Role Of Parents In The Implementation Of Universal Secondary Education	Orishaba Justus, Orikiriza Donantus, the executive director and programs manager NAFODU respectively and Mr. Bashungwa Geoffrey, the headmaster Kabale secondary school.
12	May 3, 2007	The Impact Of Corruption On Health Services Delivery	Mr. Orishaba Justus NAFODU executive director, Mr. Donantus programs manager and Mr. Ankwaso Warren Rutanga [0782446048], the coordinator kick-kick corruption out of Kigezi
13	May 10, 2007	Briberly Of Public Officials And Witnesses	Orishaba Justus, executive director, Orikiriza Donantus, programs manager, Mr. Musimenta Obadiah [+256 772 601874] the District Internal Security Officer [DISO] Kabale and Mr. Fred Eliku OC/CID Kabale District.
14	May 17, 2007	Leadership And Corruption	Orishaba Justus executive director NAFODU, Orikiriza Donantus programs manager NAFODU and Mr. Wilfred M. Murumba, former parliamentary candidate Rubanda West and Secretary for legal affairs, Forum for Democratic Change Kabale.

15	May 24, 2007	Reading Letters concerning Corruption from the Public	Mr. Orishaba Justus and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus.
16	May 31, 2007	Listeners comments on Rwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi	Mr. Orishaba Justus and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus.
17	June 7, 2007	Police Bond and Protection of Whistleblowers	Mr. Orishaba Justus, NAFODU executive director,, Mr. Orikiriza Donantus, NAFODU programs manager and Mr. Wabwaire Jaob, officer in charge of Kabale police station
18	June 14, 2007	Challenges in the Implementation Of UPE	Mr. Orishaba Justus and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus and Mr. Baribumpe Godfrey, Headmaster Kabale Adventist Primary School.
19	June 21, 2007	How Leaders can be accountable to their People	Mr. Orishaba Justus, executive director NAFODU, Orkiriza Donantus Programs manager NAFODU and Hon Wilfred Niwagaba Member of Parliament Ndorwa East-Kabale district.
20	June 28, 2007	Massive Fraud in University intake	Mr. Donantus programs manager NAFODU, Mr. Orishaba Justus executive director NAFODU.
21	July 7, 2007	Declaration of income, Assets and Liabilities to IGG	Mr. Orishaba Justus the executive director NAFODU and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus
22	July 12, 2007	Workers Rights and Corruption	Orishaba Justus-executive director NAFODU, Orikiriza Donantus –programs manager and Friday Martin-accountant NAFODU.
23	July 19, 2007	Corruption and grabbing Property for Widows and Orphans	Orikiriza Donantus-programs manager NAFODU and Friday Martin –accountant
24	July 26, 2007	False Accounting	Mr. Orishaba Justus, Executive director, Mr. Donantus-programs manager and Mr. Martin Friday- NAFODU accountant
25	August 2, 2007	People’s Comments On	Orikiriza Donantus- programs manager, Friday Martin-

		Rwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi Radio Program.	accountant NAFODU and Asiimwe Musa-program modulator.
26	August 9, 2007	Area Based Agricultural Modernization Program (AAMP)	Orikiriza Donantus, Friday Martin and Mr. Nzeirwe Denis Chairman LCIII, Kamuganguzi Sub County.
27	August 16, 2007	Tenders and Contracts	Mr. Orishaba Justus, executive director and Mr. Friday Martin-accountant NAFODU
28	August 23, 2007	Neglect of Duty	Orishaba Justus and Orikiriza Donantus
29	August 30, 2007	Seeking for justice in the Courts of Law	Orikiriza Donantus, programs manager, Orishaba Justus, executive director NAFODU and MS. Morgan Phillips, anti-discrimination lawyer from USA
30	September 6, 2007	Corruption In Local Governments	Orikiriza Donantus programs manager, Orishaba Justus executive director and Friday Martin accountant
31	September 13, 2007	Suspension of NAADS Program	Orikiriza Donantus programs manager, Orishaba Justus executive director and Friday Martin accountant
32	September 20, 2007	Respect Of Human Rights, Labour Standards and Transparency during the Construction of Kabale-Kisoro-Bunagana-Kyanika Road	Orikiriza Donantus programs manager, Orishaba Justus executive director and Friday Martin accountant
33	September 20, 2007	Irregular Recruitment Of Staff In Public Service Jobs	Mr. Orishaba Justus executive director and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus the programs manager NAFODU
34	October 4, 2007	Payment of Artemisia Farmers by East African Botanicals.	Mr. Orishaba Justus executive director and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus the programs manager NAFODU
35	October 11,	Poverty and Good	Mr. Orishaba Justus executive director, Mr. Orikiriza

	2007	Governance	Donantus the programs manager NAFODU and Dr. Ruhemurana Pius, the mayor Kabale Municipality and chairman for Forum for Democratic Change Kabale district
36	October 18, 2007	2006 National Assessment Reports for Local Governments	Mr. Orishaba Justus executive director and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus the programs manager NAFODU
37	October 25, 2007	The New Anti-Corruption Legislation	Mr. Orishaba Justus executive director and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus the programs manager NAFODU
38	November 1, 2007	Forging Academic Documents	Mr. Orishaba Justus executive director and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus the programs manager NAFODU
39	November 8, 2007	Shoddy Work in Government Contracts	Mr. Orishaba Justus executive director and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus the programs manager NAFODU
40	November 15, 2007	Corruption in Private Business: The Effects Of Corruption On The Cost Of Goods And Services.	Mr. Orishaba Justus executive director and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus the programs manager NAFODU
41	November 22, 2007	The Role Of Citizens in Fighting Corruption In Uganda	Mr. Orishaba Justus executive director and Mr. Orikiriza Donantus the programs manager NAFODU
42	November 29, 2007	The Impact of Corruption On Human Rights	Mr. Justus the executive director NAFODU, Mr. Donantus the programs manager and Mr. Caleb Rwakatungu from KICK corruption out of Kigezi and chairperson, Anti- corruption Coalition of Uganda.
43	December 6, 2007	International Anti-Corruption Day.	Mr. Justus the executive director NAFODU, Mr. Donantus the programs manager and Mr. Jasper Mpirwe- National Coordinator, Anti- corruption Coalition of Uganda.
44	December 13, 2007	The Role of the youth In Fighting Corruption In Uganda	Mr. Justus Orishaba executive director NAFODU, Orikiriza Donantus programs manager and Mucunguzi- Youth Coordinator from Kitumba Sub County.

45	December 20, 2007	Comments Of People on Corruption News And Protection of Personal Liberty[Arbitrary Arrest And Detention	Mr. Justus Orishaba executive director NAFODU, Orikiriza Donantus programs manager and Mr. Eliku Fred the OC/CID Kabale
46	December 27, 2007	New Land Law	Mr. Justus Orishaba executive director NAFODU, Orikiriza Donantus programs manager
47	January 3, 2008	What Can Be Done In The New Year To Fight Corruption	Mr. Justus Orishaba executive director NAFODU, Orikiriza Donantus programs manager
48	January 10, 2008	Completion of the radio program	Mr. Justus Orishaba executive director NAFODU, Orikiriza Donantus programs manager

Achievements

An essentially corruption awareness and prevention program has many "soft" components with regard to project results and impact, i.e. enhanced awareness, new attitudes, good governance etc. These are psychological and political processes and thus very difficult to measure in the short term. Such processes are also subject to a variety of influences, so that it is almost impossible to come up with a reliable "with/without"-scenario. As NAFODU has put it in its Communication on the external dimension of its governance policy: ***"...governance projects are quite different from infrastructure construction programmes, and the evaluation and selection criteria should therefore be based on a different approach"***

Never the less, the radio program which has been the first of its kind in western Uganda has impressed a sizable audience in the region. Its signature tune, theme, contents and style of presentation have impressed majority of citizens in western Uganda over the period.

The comments and suggestions of the listeners of Gwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi radio program, the program has been found to be very useful in combating corruption. The Radio Program team made coverage of several anticorruption and governance issues and broadcasted them widely. The ideas and information sharing during interview and panel discussion were highly liked by our listeners. Gwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi radio program therefore has been successful and the first of its kind in the region.

Listeners and civil society organizations term Gwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi as the first ever radio program to broadcast news on corruption and good governance. Listeners have highlighted news on Gwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi and in fact placed and treated news as national issues, for example the arrest of three former Ministers for Misusing GAVI Fund intended for immunization programmes. All corruption cases were broadly covered and the news of agitation against corruption was emphasized to encourage whistle blowers. So far we have noticed that the listeners from both urban and rural are giving particular examples of corruption they usually face and this shows how corruption exists in their environment and affects their lives both directly and indirectly. Some educated and senior listeners described corruption as the dangerous disease for the development of the nation and agreed to the common point of failure of government to curb corruption

and stressed the role of the organization like NAFODU to actively involve in the program to increase awareness as well as increase the opportunities for exposure of corrupt behavior and its remedies.

The 48 episodes of "Gwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi radio program completed have proved to us that there are Key Measures and Indicators of Success for project and these include

I. There has been increased awareness on corruption. This has been witnessed through increased reporting of corruption cases to NAFODU offices. NAFODU has received both written complaints and phone calls. Also very many people have approached NAFODU to act as volunteers in the fight against corruption in their districts and communities. At first, people had developed fear of being hosted and participating in the program saying that Gwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi radio program is very sensitive for people working in government but as time went on they realized that practicing corruption is a crime and therefore it is each and every one's responsibility to fight the vice. People have been asking themselves, what kind of an organization that come on the forefront to fight corruption in Western Uganda where majority of the voters are bribed not even with a dollar during elections. However, the current development by USA Government of donating \$10.4 million to the government of Uganda through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) to fight corruption and cross the threshold has made many people realize that it is not only NAFODU that is fighting corruption but also the government has to strengthen its efforts in fighting the vice. As such, they are realizing that we are supporting the government in fighting corruption but not opposed to government as people had perceived us at the beginning of the program. The campaign against corruption in Uganda has just begun and more is yet to come.

II. At least 70 percent of listeners can now name NAFODU as an anti-corruption Organization. For example, the corruption news in the first segment has been found to be the most interesting part of the radio program. People are coming and visiting us at the office with an aim of thanking and encouraging us to keep up the struggle. Others have visited NAFODU offices with an intention of knowing

Donantus Orikiriza, who has the courage to expose all corrupt cases and scandals all over Uganda on air, something that has never happened before. The news segment was followed by the role played NAFODU in the fight against corruption. The way how we expressed our views and the way were ***"If we can get two or more organizations in Uganda that are like NAFODU, Corruption would be history"***. This was a comment by one of the community members in Kahondo, Maziba in Kabale District

III. Because of the news on corruption and good governance that was widely broadcasted, at least 60% of listeners can name at least three acts of corruption that has been punished by an administrative or legal sanction. Unlike in the past, where majority of the citizens new that corruption is in form of bribes only, because of **"Gwanisa oburi bwenguzi"** radio program, people have realized other forms of corruption like

- ✓ Mismanagement of public projects and public funds or property
- ✓ Neglect of duty
- ✓ Causing financial or property loss to the Government
- ✓ Making false claims
- ✓ Embezzlement
- ✓ Abuse of office or authority
- ✓ Influence peddling
- ✓ Theft or diversion of public funds or assets
- ✓ Fraud
- ✓ Forgery or uttering false documents
- ✓ False accounting
- ✓ Conflict of interest
- ✓ Victimization
- ✓ Delay in public service delivery
- ✓ Non-payment of entitlements e.g. salaries, benefits such as pension etc.
- ✓ Breach of the Leadership Code

IV. At least 70 percent of listeners are aware that NAFODU is involved in the fight against corruption and that channels exist for public complaints and recourse. People are aware that there are government offices handling corruption cases like

- ✓ Directorate of Ethics and Integrity (DEI)

- ✓ Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority (PPDA)
 - ✓ The Office of the Auditor General (OAG)
 - ✓ The Inspectorate General of Government (IGG)
 - ✓ The Criminal Investigations Department's Fraud Squad (CID)
 - ✓ The Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP)
 - ✓ The Public Accounts Committee of Parliament
- V. A hot-line was established and at least 50 public reports of corruption have been received. At least 30 of these came from the districts and rural areas
- VI. At least 150 members of the public, considered victims of corruption, have been assisted through giving practical advice and other practical avenues of recourse by NAFODU

Lessons from Rwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi Radio Program

- I. Such a radio program can create awareness about corruption and its prevention. However, one hour is not enough to broadcast such a program. As per the feed back from our listeners, in future, NAFODU should extend on the number of hours of the program.
- II.** The third segment involved interviewing prominent personalities. This segment was also very interesting for our listeners. We were able to host some prominent personalities from all walks of life who discussed issues related to corruption and good governance. We have learnt a series of lessons from this segment. Where as this segment is very interesting, the time for the interview proved not to be enough. The person being interviewed could not get enough time to discuss issues as it could have been. The fact that NAFODU is operating in western Uganda, it proved difficult to host people who are for example staying in Kampala but who could be willing to discuss issues live on air in their region. For example, whenever we invited Hon. Members of Parliament to come and be hosted on the show, the first question imposed is how long is the program? Then when told that it is one hour, the response was that am currently in Kampala and since the time for the show is short, what I will do is to contact you when I am in Kabale and see whether I can attend one of the talk shows. The implication was that the one hour of the show is not enough for some one to come from Kampala and attend unless he/she is doing some other business in his/her home area here in

Kabale. Never the less, the people we have hosted on the show are very proud for being invited to the program and have requested us to approach our partner (PTF) to see whether there could be some opportunities of consolidating the radio program and possibly extend on the number of hours of the show.

III. The last segment was that where listeners called in and discussed issues raised in the news of the week, reacted to the issues raised by the person interviewed and generally comment on the radio program. This was the part where leaders were tasked to account what they have done for the people who elected them. However, feedback from our listeners also shows that the time allocated for the call in segment which was usually 15minutes was not enough for the people to ask and comment on the issues raised. The time was also limited to the extent that the program team could not respond to all the questions raised. Therefore people have requested that we extend the number of hours of the show. This is what one had to say ***"I try to call in your program, but I cannot go through because of very many people who are online and at the end of the day, I cannot express my view. You should extend time of the program"*** This segment is important because it gives voice to the people to express themselves on issues pertaining good governance as well as asking their leaders to be accountable.

IV. To implement such a radio program, needs a lot of resources in terms of money and time. Such an anti-corruption media program cannot be operated only through voluntary workers. There should be a full time team to run the program. Such a radio program needs full time staff that would follow up complaints and compile reports on the findings. In each radio program, at least we got an invitation to visit a community and see how government programmes are being implemented and how procurement is done. These complaints usually focused on tenders and contracts regarding construction projects where shoddy work is being done. Such program team could be involved in the following

- ✓ Researching public information
- ✓ Identifying corruption and understanding avenues for legal or administrative action

- ✓ Prioritization and follow up of public complaints and other reported incidents
 - ✓ Coordinating with the media
 - ✓ Exposing villains and rewarding champions
 - ✓ Promoting private and public behavior change and institutional reform.
- V. In future, NAFODU should create incentives for anti-corruption champions through public appreciation awards and disincentives for would-be perpetrators by significantly increasing the risk of public exposure and punishment. Individuals known to have engaged in corruption practices in the public, private, and corporate sectors should be black listed in a National Book of Shame, which will be prepared as part of a new initiative by NAFODU and which will be updated and published annually.
- VI. NAFODU should train monitors and establish a network of monitors/volunteers. Training workshops on corruption and creation of a team of monitors/volunteers who will stage war against corruption in their communities. The seminars will aim at improving ability of volunteers to act as analysts, advocates, and monitors of government programs to promote transparency and Accountability. Training modules will include;
- VII. People are willing to expose corrupt officials and their acts but they fear to do so as there is no law in Uganda to protect whistleblowers. This was noticed in most of the complaints brought to NAFODU. People were requesting us not to read their names on air for fear of harassment and victimization. The Parliament of Uganda should pass the Whistle Blowers Bill and the Prevention of Corruption Bill. The law would be instrumental in protecting whistleblowers and all those involved in assisting to detect corruption cases.

Conclusion

Rwanisa Oburi Bwenguzi Radio Program has been successful. The radio program has been the first of its kind in Western Uganda. The program is being appreciated for handling the efforts to reform governance and curb corruption. This project tried to create a wide awareness among those

people who are far from the access of information and not too much concerned about the exact rules and regulations of the government. People have started to realize that unless they join the campaign of fighting corruption, they are the ones to loose.

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