



# LEGAL AID PROJECT SUCCESS STORIES

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# Welcome Note:



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The Uganda Law Society's LAP project is one of the oldest legal aid service providers in the country. The project currently operates 23 legal aid clinics in various regions serving the indigent, marginalized and vulnerable people in Uganda.

Through various programs within communities and courts of law, the legal aid project provided quality, timely and exceptional legal services. However in the last two years, the project underwent numerous challenges which greatly impacted on its service delivery. The most prominent being the COVID 19 pandemic which obligated the team to redistribute resources. Additionally, we grappled with the reality of shrinking sources of funding which reduced our community outreach.

Despite these challenges, the Society innovated and provided solutions to clients.

Our dedicated and tenacious staff worked tirelessly through this season to promote justice in various regions. As a result of these efforts and the support of our development partners, the Legal Aid and Pro bono department registered tremendous results. Our interventions created success stories that range from effective litigation to mediation settlements.

They demonstrate the vulnerability of women and children in Uganda. Similarly, they show a lack of knowledge of the legal regime whose resultant effect will naturally be crime.

These strides could not have been achieved without the support of our partners. On behalf of the Executive Council, staff members and the legal fraternity in Uganda, we extend our gratitude to our partners.

We commend the leadership team at the Secretariat and the regional offices for their tireless efforts in working through these challenging times and achieving success in the program activities. We extend our gratitude to the Legal Aid and Pro bono Committee, cluster and the Executive Council for their leadership in ensuring we achieve the desired goal.

The Society will continue to represent and provide realistic, novel solutions to the indigent, marginalized and vulnerable to transform communities in Uganda.

*I present to you a record of our success stories.*

The Legal Aid Project is a Non-Government Organization established by the Uganda Law Society in 1992 under the Trustee Incorporation Act and Non-Government Organization Act. The Project aspires to see a Ugandan society where all human rights are respected, promoted and defended to ensure that access to justice for all is a reality irrespective of gender, age, ethnicity, religion or social-economic status.

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## WHO WE ARE

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## WHAT WE DO

The Legal Aid Project is directly implemented under ULS Strategic Objectives 2 and 3 of the 2017- 2021 ULS Strategic Plan which is to Promote Access to Justice for the Indigent, Vulnerable and Marginalized Persons in Uganda and Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Uganda. The Legal Aid Project is the leading provider of comprehensive legal aid services in the country and has 23 offices located in Kampala, Jinja, Gulu, Masindi, Arua, Kabale, Kabarole, Mbarara, Moyo, Moroto, Kotido, Luwero, Luzira, Soroti, Nakapiripirit, Nabilatuk, Kaberamaidho, Pader, Kitgum, Abim, Amuria, Mbarara, and Amudat.



# Our numbers


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**23**   
LEGAL AID CLINICS

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**25**   
DISTRICTS REACHED

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**45**   
LEGAL AID OFFICERS

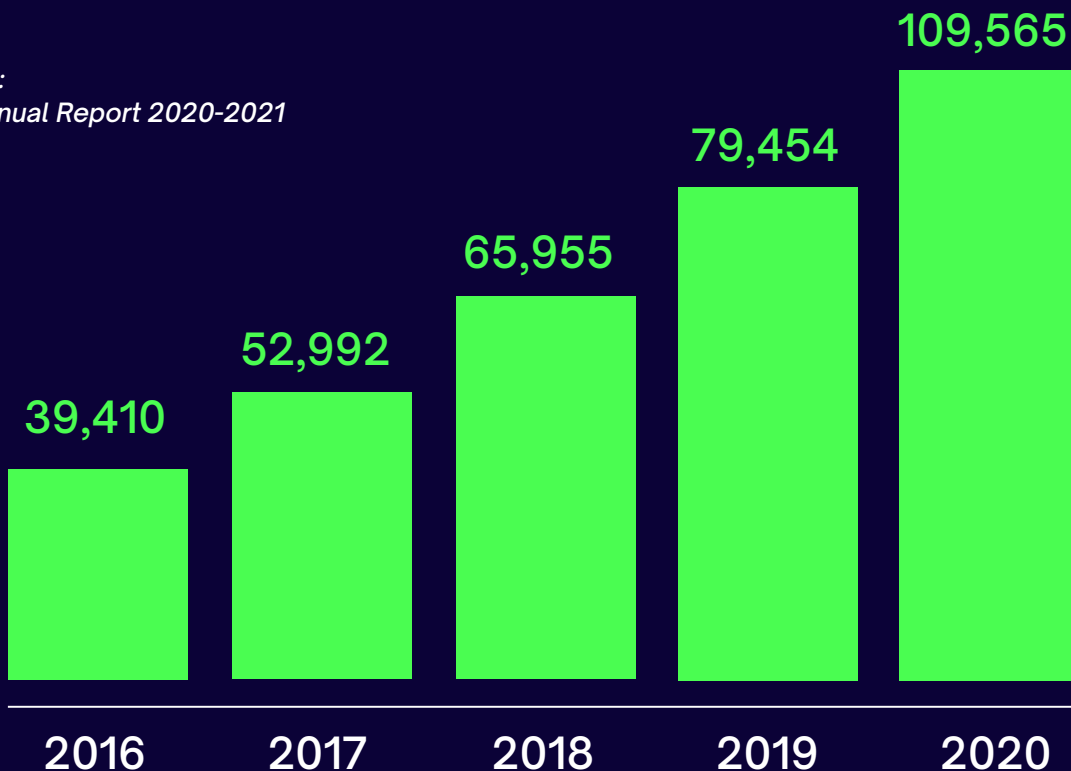
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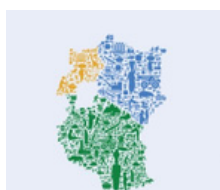
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## Number of Beneficiaries of the Legal Aid Project in the past years

Source:  
LAP Annual Report 2020-2021



# Our Donors



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# LAP Managers at the ULS Secretariat

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Adv. Christine Adeti- **Head Legal Aid Project & Probono Services.**

Adv. Sheila Turyasingura- **Manager Legal Aid Project**

Adv. Anthony Asiimwe- **Manager Probono**

## Legal Aid Clinic heads around the nation

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Adv. Kabigumira Innocent-Masindi

Adv. Albine Atugabire- Mbarara

Adv. Nicholas Kibulani- Kabale

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Adv. Acan Ritah -Lamwo





The Legal Aid Project is built upon one simple but powerful belief: **that no Ugandan should be denied the right to equal justice.**

**OUR  
SUCCESSFUL  
INTERVENTIONS**

*At a Glance*

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**LEGAL AID**

*Client stories*



The Uganda Law Society Legal Aid Clinic in Kabale district obtained a discharge order for Mr. Peter from prison who was charged with murder. He had spent 7 years on remand and although he was mentally ill at the time of committing the offence, he was not committed to a mental hospital as required by law.

Due to the intervention by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) through Uganda Law Society, the charges were dismissed and Mr. Peter is now set for proper mental treatment.

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*Client stories*



Ms. Stella bought land from her fellow clan member. When she started cultivating the land together with her son, other clan members intervened and interfered with her enjoyment of the land.

They on several occasions engaged Police to arrest and imprison her together with her son. Her land was then occupied by clan members. However, the ULS Legal Aid Project in Amuria district intervened and secured bail for her and continued to successfully represent her each time the clan members brought a case against her.

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Client stories



Ms. Rachael was wrongly charged and convicted for the offence of theft. She was sentenced to serve a term of 4 years and to pay a compensatory sum of 13 million Shillings to the complainant.

The ULS Luzira Legal Aid Clinic intervened and filed an appeal to the High Court to set aside the conviction. The conviction was successfully quashed by the High Court and Ms. Rachael was set free. Her family was filled with joy and thanked the ULS Legal Aid Project for the support rendered throughout the entire process.

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Ms. Sylvia a resident of Jinja District lost her parents at a tender age. Her uncles took over her inheritance leaving her destitute. She sought legal assistance from the ULS Legal Aid Clinic in Jinja which intervened by successfully filling a suit at the Chief Magistrate's Court of Jinja. Ms. Sylvia was restored to her land because of the intervention of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) through Uganda Law Society.

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## LEGAL AID Client stories

Jane separated from her husband together with their children. The husband demanded a refund of dowry paid.

ULS Legal Aid Clinic in Nabilatuk district provided legal assistance through mediation involving the family members. The mediation was successful and her husband agreed to pay cows as part of maintenance for the children.

She is now settled in her home with the children because of the intervention of UN Women through Uganda Law Society .



## LEGAL AID Client stories



In March 2020, our clients Ms. Apia Christine and three of her relatives were evicted from their land measuring up to 37 acres by their clan members.

They reported the matter to the ULS Legal Aid clinic in Amuria district and our Legal officers successfully took on this matter at the Chief Magistrate's Court Grade 1 of Amuria district. With this intervention, our clients were able to successfully recover their land.

Ms. Apia and her family were grateful to Uganda Law Society and UN Women for the support rendered to them throughout the entire process.



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## Legal Aid Success Stories



The ULS Legal Aid Clinic in Amuria district successfully conducted a mediation between Ms. Akurdu Vivian and Mr. Akol Dan together with 4 other clan members.

Ms. Akurdu had been disowned of a piece of land measuring approximately 24 acres which she had inherited from her deceased father.

Through mediation proceedings conducted by the ULS Legal Aid officers, the clan members agreed to let her have exclusive possession of the land.

She was very happy and thanked the ULS and UN Women for helping her throughout the entire process.

## Legal Aid Success Stories



The ULS Legal Aid team in Gulu district successfully conducted a mediation involving two widows who had a harsh dispute over a piece of land which was left by their deceased husband.

Their disputation had dragged for a long period of time until the ULS Legal Aid officers intervened to facilitate amicable understanding between them.

Through various engagements and mediation sessions conducted by the ULS Legal Aid officers, the widows accepted to "equally share" their deceased husband's land and to drop all the tantrums between them.

They thanked the ULS Legal Aid Project in Gulu district supported by UN Women for intervening in their matter and helping them reach amicable understanding.

## Legal Aid Success Stories



Mr. Fred, a client to the ULS Legal Aid clinic in Jinja district had been wrongfully deprived of his land measuring approximately 3 acres by the a group of people.

He filed a suit against them for recovery of his land. The trial court heard the case and found in his favour.

The defendant's being dissatisfied by the court's decision appealed to the High Court in Jinja.

Mr. Fred being an indigent could not finance the appeal. He approached the ULS Legal Aid Clinic in Jinja district supported by IDLO to help him handle the case for free. The ULS Legal Aid officers took on the appeal and represented Mr. Fred. The defendant's appeal was dismissed and the court restated the trial court's position that Mr. Fred was the rightful owner of the suit land. He was extremely happy and thanked ULS and IDLO for the support rendered.

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## Legal Aid Success Stories



Ms. Naram was wrongfully deprived her piece of land measuring approximately 2 acres by her rich neighbor who was using dubious and forceful means to get her off the land situated in Kiringa village, Moruita Sub county.

Being helpless and confused, she approached the ULS Legal Aid Clinic in Nakapiripirit district supported by UN women for free legal support.

Her matter was straight away took on by the ULS legal officers who successfully helped her recover her land back.

She was very pleased and grateful to the Uganda Law Society Legal Aid Project and UN Women Uganda.

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## Legal Aid Success Stories



Ms. Loy a client to the ULS Legal Aid Clinic in Amuria district had been denied her portion of land from the estate of her late father by her brother.

Being aggrieved, she sought for free legal services from the ULS Legal Aid Clinic in Amuria district.

The legal officers undertook to help her and held a mediation session between her and the brother together with all the beneficiaries of the estate.

The mediation session was a success and it was resolved that the piece of land measuring approximately 38 acres be divided amongst all beneficiaries of the estate and Ms. Loy getting her portion measuring approximately 9 acres.

This meant a lot to her and she thanked the ULS Legal Aid Project and UN Women for supporting her.

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Providing equal access to justice may be a good way to show fairness and respect towards the poor.

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# Enhancing access to justice through the **PULIDA WO APP**

## How it works:

- 1** Download the Pulida Wo App from Google Play store.
- 2** Login with Gmail or Facebook
- 3** Request for an advocate for free legal assistance



# Reach out to us:



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