



**Mobile legal aid clinic (MLAC) at  
Palorinya Refugee Settlement- Moyo  
District**



**Refugee Law Project**

*School of Law, Makerere University  
A Centre for Justice and Freed Movants*



# **ACCESS TO JUSTICE PROGRAMME**



**END OF YEAR  
PRESENTATION 2018**



**Monitoring Police for Impact- Moyo  
District**



**Police Officers' training - Adjumani  
District**



**EFA learners practicing how to write  
the alphabet- Yumbe District**

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# PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

- 1.To provide comprehensive legal aid and psychosocial support to forced migrants
2. To enhance the capacity of state and non-state institutions in delivering justice to forced migrants
- 3.To advocate for reform in law, policy, and practice
- 4.To empower forced migrants on their rights and duties
- 5.To ensure program sustainability to deliver on its mission



# **OBJECTIVE 1: PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL AID**



# ACTIVITY 1: PROVIDING LEGAL REPRESENTATION BEFORE COURT

Target: 1,200 Clients

## Status of activity

Cases received	Cases concluded	Cases on-going
1, 221	534	687
<b>33 CLIENTS WERE RELEASED ON BAIL</b>		



# DESCRIPTION OF COMPLETED CASES

Description	Number
Convicted and sentenced	236
Dismissed for want of prosecution	150
Dismissed pending arrest of the accused	70
Reconciled at Court	47
Acquittals	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>534</b>



# DESCRIPTION OF ON-GOING CASES

Case by description	No.
Theft	114
Defilement	112
Aggravated defilement	97
Assault	86
Murder	84
Malicious damage	63
Rape	45
Robbery	34
Affray	27
Domestic violence	25

# BREAKDOWN OF THE BENEFICIARIES

## Beneficiaries by COR

Country	No.
South Sudan	502
DRC	441
Rwanda	95
Burundi	86
Somalia	48
Ethiopia	10
Uganda	36
Kenya	03

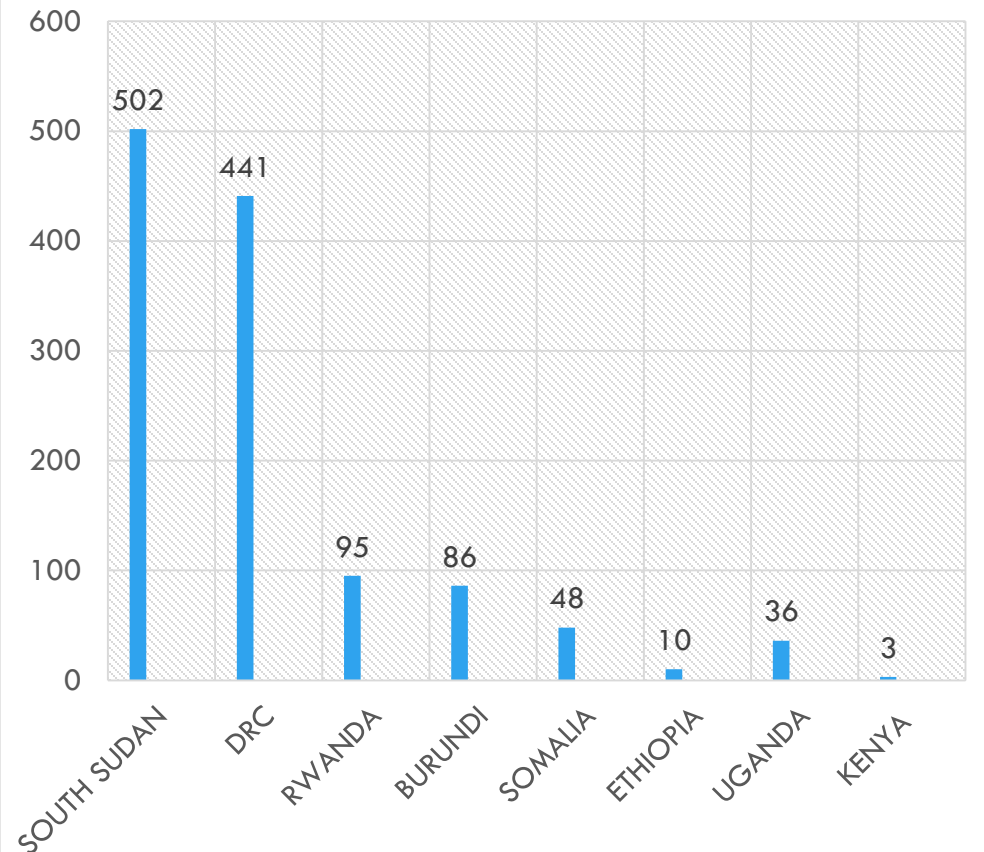
### Beneficiaries by special group

Youth - 274

SGBV-19

SoT-04

### ANALYSIS OF THE BENEFICIARIES BY COR



# ACTIVITY 2: FACILITATING MEDIATIONS AND OTHER FORMS OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISMS

**Target: 800 beneficiaries**

**NB:**  
Mediation  
here is done  
by RLP at  
office  
premises and  
in the  
settlements



Mediation session facilitated by RLP staff at Palorinya Refugee Settlement, Moyo District

Cases received	Number	Snapshot of nature of cases mediated upon
Received	<b>501</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family Disputes (53)</li> <li>- Land disputes (47)</li> <li>- Assault (45)</li> <li>- Domestic violence (23)</li> <li>- Child neglect (19)</li> <li>- Theft (16)</li> <li>- Debt recovery (5)</li> </ul>
Concluded	399	
On-going	76	
Unsuccessful	26	
<u>Individual beneficiaries:</u> A total of <b>1,368</b> individuals (827M, 541 F) benefitted.		

# BREAKDOWN OF THE BENEFICIARIES

## Beneficiaries by COR

Country	No.
South Sudan	569
DRC	520
Rwanda	75
Somalia	72
Burundi	48
Ethiopia	41
Uganda	23
Kenya	20

### Special groups breakdown

- Youth- 368
- SGBV-35
- Survivors of Torture-140
- PWDs- 40

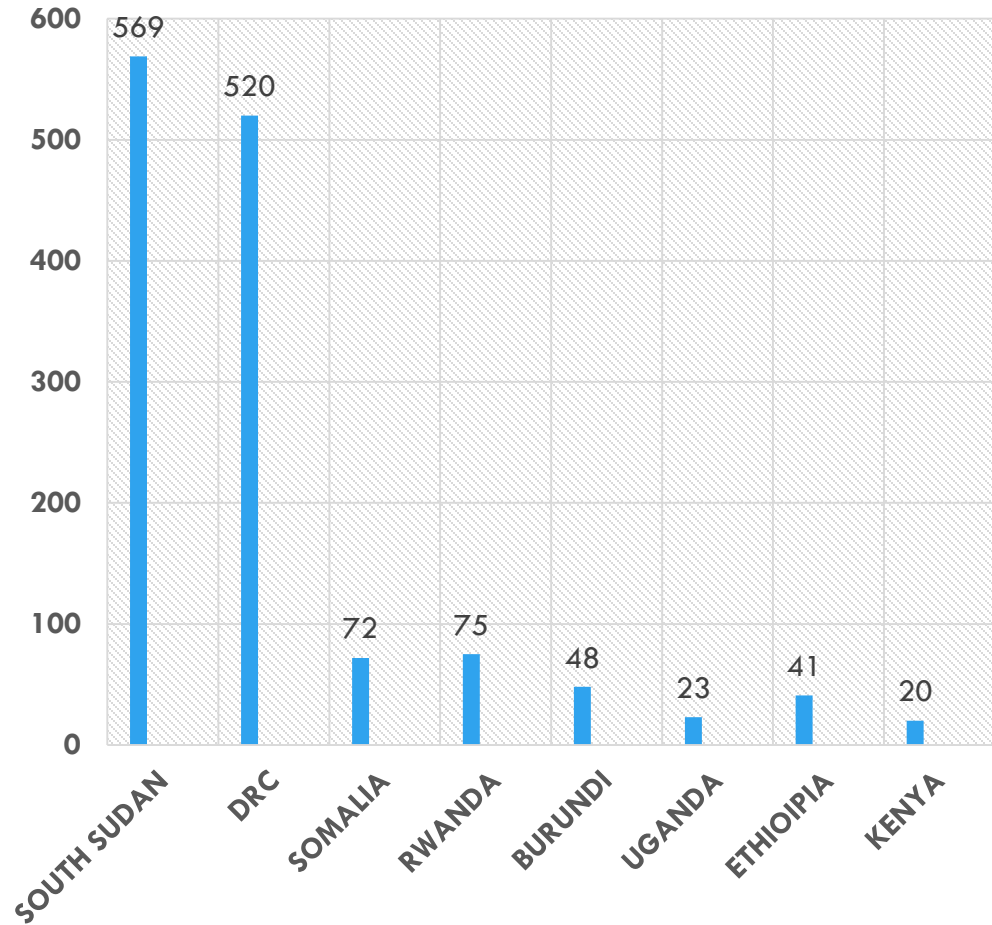
### Outcomes

Peaceful co-existence and strengthened relations between refugees amongst themselves and between refugees & host communities

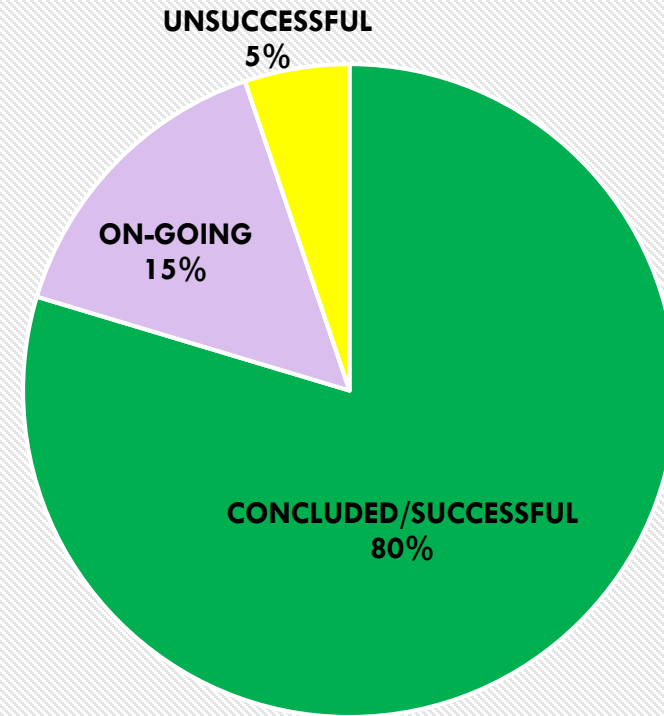


# MEDIATION (CONTINUED)

## BENEFICIARIES BY COR



## BENEFICIARIES BY CASES RECEIVED



# ACTIVITY 3: PROVIDING LEGAL ADVICE

**Target for the year:  
933 beneficiaries**

Legal advice session facilitated by RLP staff  
at Palorinya Settlement, Moyo District



# ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

## **Outcomes:**

2,578 individuals (1,021F, 2 GNC and 1,555 M) benefitted from direct legal advice

## **Categories of persons that benefitted:**

-SURVIVORS OF TORTURE: 30; YOUTH: 685; PWDS: 15; SGBV: 58

## **Rationale for the high number:**

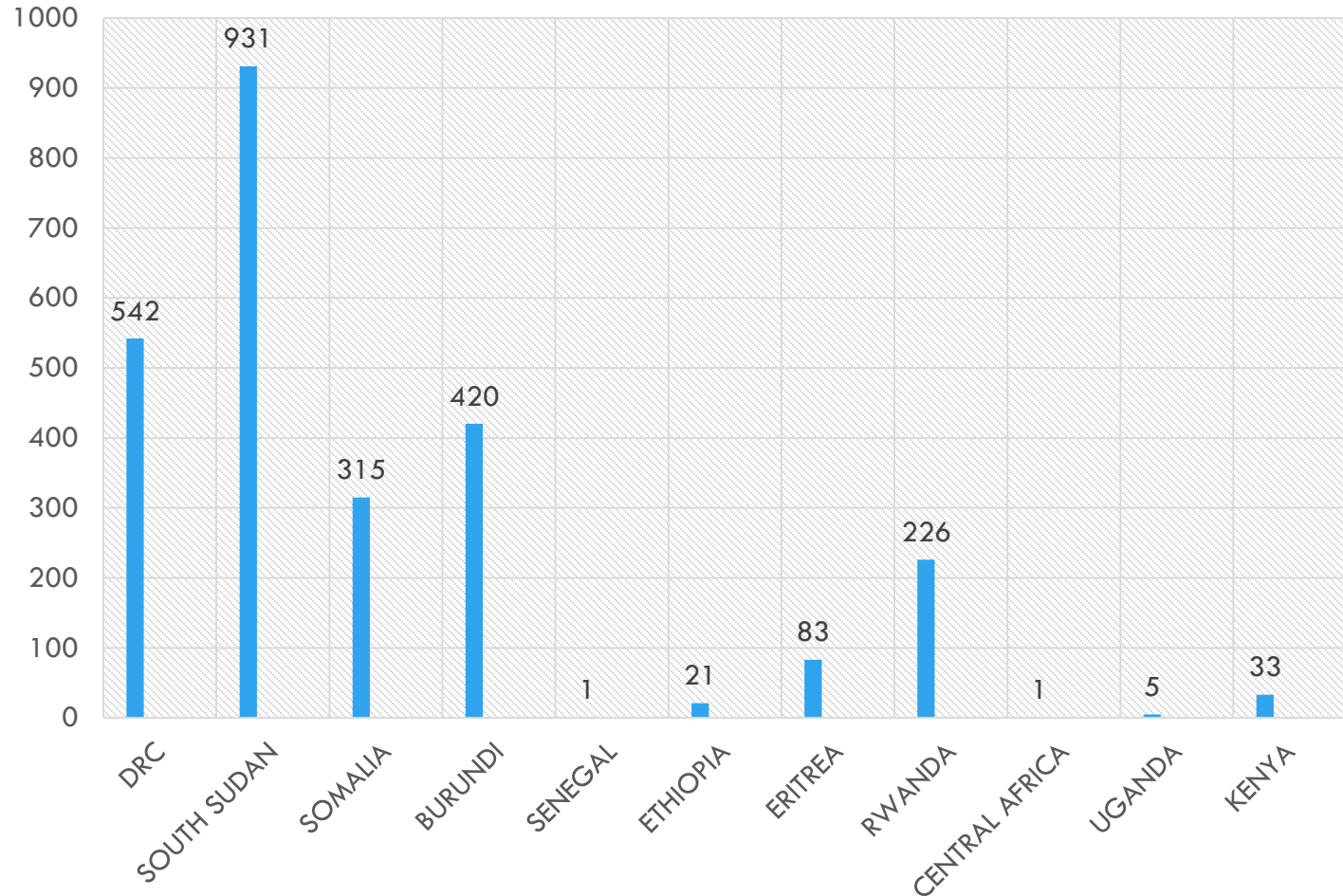
-The increased number of staff(paralegals) in the settlements has enabled more refugees to access legal services.

# BREAKDOWN OF THE BENEFICIARIES

## Beneficiaries by COR

Country	No.
South Sudan	931
DRC	542
Rwanda	226
Burundi	420
Somalia	315
Ethiopia	21
Uganda	05
Kenya	33
Eritrea	83
Central Africa	01
Senegal	01

ANALYSIS OF LEGAL ADVICE BY COR



## SNAP-SHOT OF LEGAL ISSUES ADVISED

TYPE OF ISSUE	No.
Bail application procedure	59
Merits of ADR	47
Refugee status determination process	50
Criminal trial procedure	30
Procedure of obtaining police bond	24
Resettlement	07



# ACTIVITY 4: POLICE FOLLOW-UPS

**Target for the year: 343  
police follow-ups**



**RLP staff and police officers in Adjumani  
pose for a group photo after a police  
monitoring activity**

## **Outcomes:**

383 follow-ups, benefiting 783 individuals (556 M, 227 F) in 383 cases.

## **Categories of beneficiaries:**

Torture survivors: 6; youth: 285;  
PWD: 5

## **MODES OF FOLLOW-UPS:**

- Physical 243
- Phone 93
- Letters 47

# BREAKDOWN OF THE BENEFICIARIES

COUNTRY	NO.
South Sudan	129
DRC	129
Burundi	79
Rwanda	29
Somalia	28
Ethiopia	17

## Special category

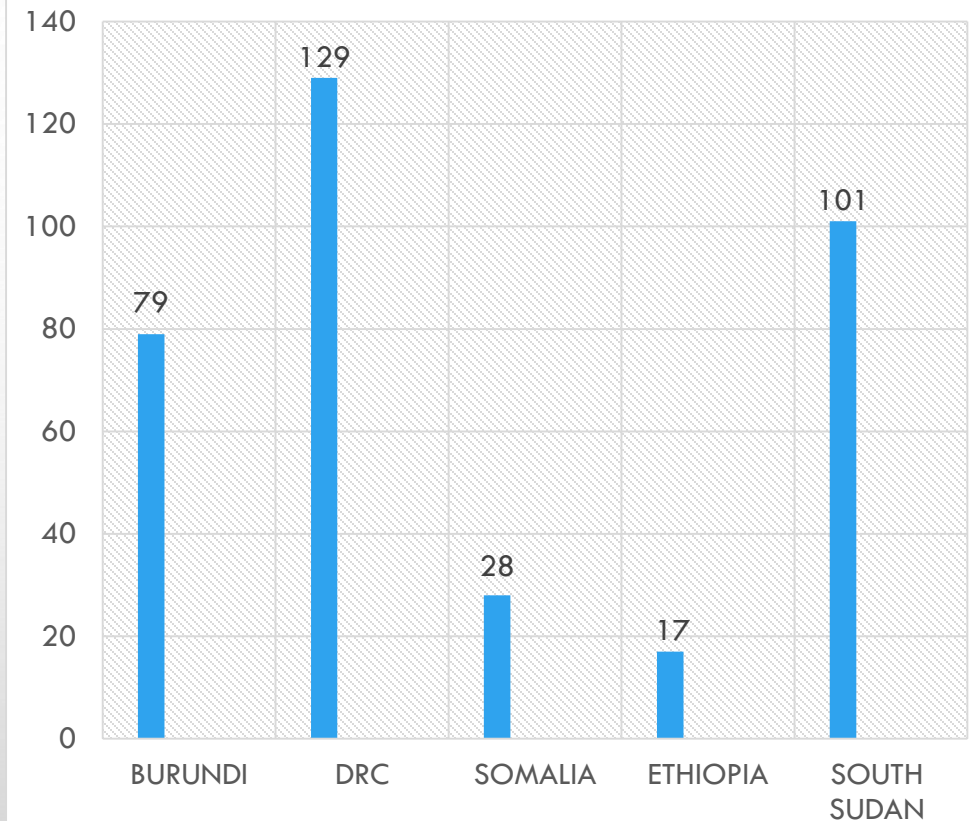
Youth- 70

SGBV-8

SoT- 4

PWDs- 20

## ANALYSIS BY COR



# SNAPSHOT OF THE CASES FOLLOWED UP

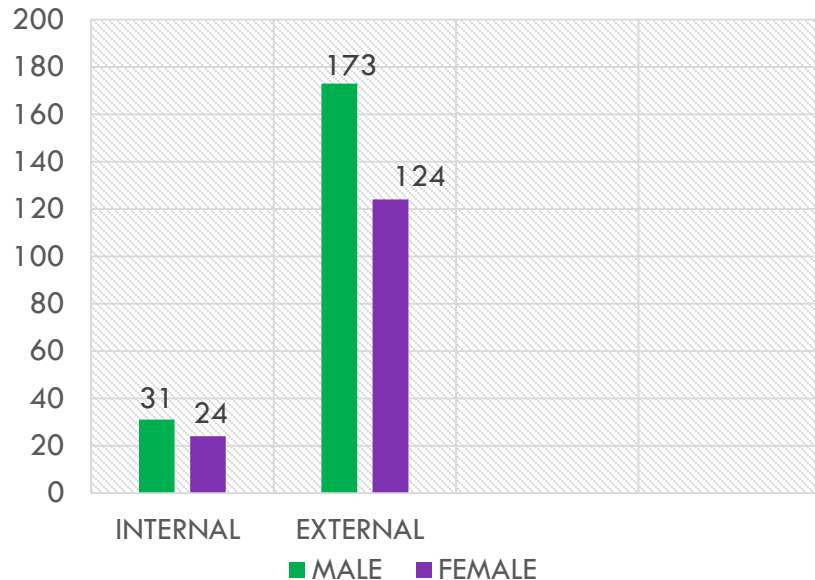
Category	No.
Theft	104
Assault	49
Defilement	29
Doing grievous harm	18
Robbery	15
Possession of stolen items	12
Malicious damage to property	04
Obtaining goods by false pretense	03
Indecent assaul	03

# ACTIVITY 5: REFERRALS

## INTERNAL REFERRALS

**55 Internal referrals made,  
benefitting 55 individuals (31M, 24F)**

Summary of Referrals



**External Referrals; 265 benefitting 297 individuals  
(173M, 124F)**

Description	Place of referral
Medication	MSF (23), MTI (29), INTERAID (11)
Relocation, RSD, Documentation	OPM (57)
Civil matters	ULS (15), Justice Centres (12), FHRI (08)
Family conflicts	RWCs (17)
Family tracing/Missing relatives	Red Cross (10)
Livelihood	HIJIRA (32), JRS (14)
Resettlement, house rent, protection	INTERAID (37)



# ACTIVITY 6: REFUGEE STATUS DETERMINATION

Target for the year: 92 individuals

RSDs	Resettlement
143 cases identified and prepared for RSD, benefiting 326 people (87M,239F)	29 (15M,6F)resettlement cases identified

## Outcomes

- 122 individuals have applications for review before REC
- 97 individuals before the Refugee Eligibility Committee.
- 50 individuals assisted with registration and renewal of asylum seeker certificate
- 32 individuals assisted before the Refugee Appeals Board
- 25 referral cases from OPM identified for Judicial review

# ACTIVITY 7: PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

## TARGET: 600 BENEFICIARIES

Output :1,973 (966 M and 1,007 F) refugees/ asylum seekers benefitted from psychosocial support

Key Issues Presented:	
Insecurity	Confusion and Anxiety
Depression	Rape
Family Disputes and re-unification	PTSD
Education	Child Neglect
Medical Issues	Discrimination
Torture effects	Detention related stress
Child disappearance	Livelihood

Type of support	Number
Individual counseling	704 (314 M, 390 F)
Family counseling	224 (114 M, 110F)
Couple counseling	72 (52 M, 20 F)
Group counseling	799 (435 M, 364F)
Home Visits Conducted	171(88M, 83 F)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,973 (966 M,1007 F)</b>



**OBJECTIVE 3:  
TO ADVOCATE FOR  
REFORM IN LAW, POLICY  
AND PRACTICE**

# ACTIVITY 1: HOSTING AND PARTICIPATING IN MEETINGS

MEETING	OUTCOMES
Meeting with SGBV working group	Developed and finalized standard operating procedures for SGBV cases
Annual consultations with NGOs in Geneva under the theme, “Putting people first”	Critical issues on the comprehensive Refugee Response Framework discussed
Meeting with stakeholders and the Judge at the Masindi High Court	Discussion about overstay on remand for refugees in Masindi prison resulted into a special criminal session for 40 cases benefiting 52 (31 refugees, 21 nationals)
Participation in Stakeholder meetings concerning the mobile court session	Launch of the mobile courts in Nakivale and commencement of the court sessions
Meeting with Uganda Law Reform Commission on review of the Refugee Act 2006	Recommendations made including enacting a clause on naturalization, Central government to work closely with local government, work permits issue

## 2<sup>ND</sup> REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON FORCED MIGRATION

### EMERGING ISSUES FROM THE CONFERENCE

- Limited coordination between central and the Local Governments
- Acknowledgement of the impact of the refugee community on environmental degradation and climate change
- The need for integration of refugees into the government's programmes
- The need to increase participation of the local governments in implementing the CRRF and ReHope



## EMERGING ISSUES FROM THE CONFERENCE (CONT'D)

- The need to create self-reliance amongst refugees so that they can survive on their own without resorting to government and the humanitarian agencies e.g through technical education
- The settlement model makes the host population think that the settlements are more privileged
- Most of the RLP clients present medical issues that require a one-stop health facility that addresses both medical and psychological issues

## ACTIVITY 2: COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL DAYS

- International women's day theme empowerment of rural women & girls, challenges and opportunities
- World Refugee Day celebrations
- International day in support of torture victims
- International day of the elderly
- International Human Rights
- International day on Elimination of sexual violence in conflict
- International day for the Elimination of Violence against women
- International literacy day

## **ACTIVITY 3: DEVELOPING INFORMATIVE ARTICLES, BRIEFS, WORKING PAPERS ON FORCED MIGRATION**

- Research on access to justice challenges faced by forced migrants and the possible solutions with the school of law at MUK in Lamwo, Adjumani and Kiryandongo
- Research in Nakivale refugee settlement, “livelihood of refugees with disabilities”
- Blog article: “after literacy, what next: emphasis on skills development”



**OBJECTIVE 5:  
TO ENSURE PROGRAM  
SUSTAINABILITY TO DELIVER ON ITS  
MISSION**

# GRANTS RECEIVED

- Funding from UN Women to implement the LEAP project in Yumbe & Adjumani(32 months)
- Funding from UN Women to implement the CERF project in Moyo(8 Months)
- KIOS grant received for screening survivors of sexual violence and provision of Legal aid for Burundian refugees
- DGF to implement “supporting justice through formal, informal and transitional justice mechanism”



## PROG SUSTAINABILITY CONT'D

- Finalized work plan and Budget for extension of Legal aid in Moyo for one year- being funded by UN Women-USD 105,948
- Working on proposal to support Legal aid in Yumbe- USD 250,000- being funded by UN Women
- UN women M & E team visited Moyo, Adjumani and Yumbe
- FGHR proposal submitted

## IN-HOUSE TRAININGS

- Training on the prevention & prohibition of torture regulations on 10<sup>th</sup> august 2018 organized by MHPWB and A2J.
- Curriculums development training on women empowerment and leadership

## CHALLENGES

- Absence of chief magistrates leaves most of the inmates on long periods of remand (kiryandongo, lamwo & moyo)

***THE END***

***THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!***