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Police Accountability & Reform Project In Uganda

[HURINET-U in partnership with the Uganda Police Force & The National Police Reform Coalition]

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It is the responsibility of every Ugandan to Contribute to the Police He/She Wants

THE POLICE REVIEW

The Police is Here to Stay, We can only Influence Its Working Methods

"A police force, wherever they are, is made up of amazing people, and I respect them a great deal."
Nancy McKeon

The Police Review Process in Uganda- An Update

The concept of conducting a comprehensive UPF Review Process was perceived by the IGP - Maj. Gen. Kale Kayihura, after realization that since the establishment of the force in 1906 and current national and global challenges, it was necessary to review the operations of UPF

The introduction of the multiparty dispensation, the negative image and perception of the police by the general populace, the increasing levels of poverty, social exclusion and rising population and their impact on crime prevention, as well as the challenges police is confronted with in the enforcement of law and order, have not been simple tasks in achieving the objectives of police.

In this regard, a Police Review Steering Committee, composed of members of the UPF was formed to spearhead the review process, and commenced its work in December 2006.

A Feasibility Study was conducted between Jan and May 2007 within five Police regions and ten Districts so as to establish whether there was a need to carry out a police review. Results of the study clearly indicated that the Review was long overdue.

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The Goal of the Uganda Police Force Review

The Review seeks to reinforce the centrality of UPF in achieving national development and the consolidation of democracy in Uganda based on Article 211 of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda and make the Force a relevant, professional and democratically accountable institution

The exercise is funded by the Netherlands Government of the United States of America, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development in Uganda ("USAID"). The consultations are facilitated by Akijul Consultants working in liaison with HURINET-U which has been engaged in the mobilization of the Civil Society Organizations to take part in the Review.

HURINET-U has also been providing publicity and public awareness through various radio talk-shows that have been organized in the various places that the consulting team has visited. The talk -shows have been platforms through which the members of the public have been expressing their views on how the police can be reformed through calling in by telephone.

The Panelists have in the past included HURINET-U and Working Group Representatives, Advocacy and Information Officer of HURINET-U, Mr. Tumwine Patrick; the Police Review Steering Committee Personnel mainly the Chairperson, AIGP Shariita Julius, his Deputy ACP Kamyia John and the Secretary General of the Steering Committee ASP Sewanyana Yusuf.

The Uganda Police Force (UPF) Review Process originated from the realization of the critical issues relevant in transforming the Force into a professional, accountable and a credible institution whose values are based on the philosophy and practice of Community Policing and human rights which would provide a firm foundation in the process of consolidating a peacetime Uganda.

Universal Truths on Police

'The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.'

Robert Peel

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*How can you/Your Organization Participate
Or Mobilize Others to Participate?*

1. You can submit views on observance of human right, crime prevention and management, public participation and involvement, and any other matter is related to the Uganda Police Force which you want to be addressed in the review process.

2. You can bring them directly to the Public Consultations Walk-in Office situated at Parliament Plaza (Eco Bank Building), Parliamentary Avenue, 1st floor P.O.Box 7055 Kampala Tel. 0414-598 058 Email: policereview2010@gmail.com or on the Uganda Police Force Website: www.upf.go.ug

3. They can be individual or Organizational in nature, written or oral.

The Police Coalition Google Groups

To enhance further discussion and debate on police reform and accountability in Uganda, there is another forum called the Police Coalition Group run online.

This is to remind you all to take part in these topical issues concerning the police in Uganda today. The 'discussion room' has been further strengthened and is now faster and easily accessible. The Project Database is also being updated and further invitees to join the discussion shall be sent out to you shortly through email. The Topic under Discussion for This Month is;

“The Kiboko Squad and Its Implications on Public Security and Safety in Uganda; Where is the Police in all this?”

Join in and make your views known as we contribute to a better Uganda through Police Reform and Accountability.

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Police Accountability & Reform Working Group

1. The African centre for the rehabilitation of torture victims (ACTV)
2. The Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)
3. Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE)
4. The Federecion International De Abogadas (FIDA)-U
5. Human Rights Concern (HURICO)
6. Uganda Prisons Aid Foundation (UPAF)
7. The African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF)
8. Common Wealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI)

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*'The police belong to the people and
the people belong to the police.'*

Todor Zhivkov

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