

CENTER FOR FOOD AND ADEQUATE LIVING RIGHTS

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“A greater purpose for
adequate living rights for all.”

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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The year 2023 started with our determination to use law and agroecology for sustainable livelihoods and a transformed food system. At CEFROHT, we continue to work towards a society whose adequate living rights are realized. With the use of legal tools, our work has promoted access to justice, seed and food equity and sovereignty, land rights, rights for persons working in investment schemes like palm oil plantations, awareness for food safety and rights, coherence between policy-law makers, community leaders and rights holders, capacity building in local governments for a human rights-based approach to development and rule of law.

In this period, CEFROHT has continued to advocate for adequate living rights of all people in communities especially vulnerable women and children in fostering a human rights-based approach to ensure a people-centered food system, environmental health, social accountability, legal empowerment and income security once the above are not realized then poverty eradication remains a theory that we shall forever discuss and do less about which eventually become a hindrance to adequate living. As CEFROHT, we take pride in the accomplishments which are; Legal support of over 52 women to access land as a right using the human rights enforcement law; defended seed and food sovereignty through several spaces, we've also promoted healthy diets and prevent NCDs using legal tools; presented its litigation experiences at Liverpool University on the right to food conference and Non-Communicable diseases; and won a strategic case for a lady who was denied her right to own land.

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 2023, with our willpower to use law and agroecology for sustainable livelihoods and a transformed food system. At CEFROHT, we continue to work towards a society whose adequate living rights are realized. With the use of legal tools, our work has promoted access to justice, seed and food equity and sovereignty, land rights, rights for persons working in investment schemes like palm oil plantations, awareness for food safety and rights, coherence between policy-law makers, community leaders and rights holders, capacity building in local governments for a human rights-based approach to development and rule of law.

CEFROHT is proud to have defended adequate living rights of persons affected by the EACOP project in the East African Court of Justice; legally supported over 300 women to access land as a right; defended seed and food sovereignty in the East African court of justice; has maintained a multisectoral/stakeholders platform to promote healthy diets and prevent NCDs; joined the right to food Bertha fellowship; launched an agroecology collaborative for a transformative food system using agroecology; legally supported two local governments to start levy free healthy food markets; maintained an agroecology learning center/community farm; won a strategic case for a lady who suffered grievous injuries by chemicals in a palm oil plantation; built human rights based approaches to local leaders and communities of over 500 people; launched a women human rights and income inclusion project in the Parish Development Model; grew the Uganda Law Society “Food and Agriculture Law cluster” and started an East African Network of lawyers against GMOs.

Our partnership list grew with addition of new strategic partners including PELUM-Uganda, ACSA and AFSA. Our dedication to grow and efficient and effective organization was enhanced through building capacity of 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.

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 strengthened the capacity of the media to advocate for policy, regulatory and fiscal measures that promote healthy diets has been. This has been demonstrated by the publication of four (4) articles on regulatory and fiscal measure to promote healthy diets on four (4) online news portals by the media practitioners that attended a media workshop organized by CEFROHT on 25 August 2023 at Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala. CEFROHT also strengthened Multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder advocacy for healthy diets through the Advocacy Working Group (AWG) meetings. The twelve AWG meetings discussed strategies for engaging duty bearers, justice actors and community members on the promotion of healthy diets and physical activity as well as the measures to increase tax on sugar sweetened beverages (SSBs).

Agroecology and the law: Panacea for climate change, income inclusion and health in Africa

CEFROHT uses legal tools like policy analysis and law to promote agroecology. To this end, in this quarter, we have participated in the 1st Eastern Africa Agroecology Conference where we demonstrated the role of the law and human rights in promotion of agroecology. It should be noted that Agroecology promotes a sustainable food system -from farm to fork. With rule of law, it promotes equity for women (who form majority farmers in Africa), Nutrition, income inclusion, health soils, healthy environment, health diets; and prevents Non Communicable Diseases.

Going forward, we are working with government and other non-state actors to have an enabling policy and legal framework, including both tech-nical MDAs and implementing ministries and government agencies like ministry of Local Government.

Communities need to understand and uptake clear opportunities of organic ecology like agro-forestry both in terms of premium markets, income security, environment health and climate change adaptation.



Hotspot partners meeting

CEFROHT shared experiences, challenges, opportunities and lessons learnt from the public interest litigation processes to other Hotspots members convened by Both Ends. This has enabled CEFROHT to reflect on its strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats while in the implementation of its activities and Hot-spots. Relatedly, CEFROHT was able to identify synergies with other members to work and sup-port each other over the shrunk civic space in Uganda and continue to push back against cor-porate and political elites' connivance and impu-nity for human rights violations. possible joint efforts towards promotion of adequate living rights were identified and incorporated into action plans.



Food security in Africa: Nexus between agriculture and climate change

CEFROHT hosted over 1,384 guests who discussed strategic ways for a transformative agrifood system in Africa. Consensus was built on the use of law as a golden tool for an enabling legal and policy environment in agroecology promotion and create massive public awareness to explore the opportunities in practicing agroecology. The discussions were based on food as a fundamental right anchored on the customary, national and international legal frameworks hence the need for enabling laws and frameworks on agroecology. The panellists also highlighted the need to embrace agroecology for sustainable food security. The dialogue was attended by over 1384 participants around the world.



Collaborative to Scale up agroecology for resilient food systems in Uganda-(CSAREF)

CEFROHT together with other agroecology actors have strategized on enhancing agroecology and resilient food systems in Uganda through creating the intersectionality of agroecology, law and human rights. The collaborative focuses on advancing agroecological practices (from joint interventions/activities to promoting agroecology in policies and practices). The main objective of the collaborative is to bring diverse actors together to scale-up agroecology using citizen agency and the law to influence policies, practice and community action. This collaboration recognizes the global challenges such as food and income insecurity, malnutrition and biodiversity loss being worsened by the unsustainable agriculture practices. With this collaboration, CEFROHT believes that knowledge exchange on agroecology practices amongst collaborative members will be enhanced given the experience and multidimensional approach applied by each member.



Agroecology Exchange learning

CEFROHT attended Agroecology learning exchange organized by slow food Uganda where small scale farmers especially women were empowered to establish and manage earth markets. During the exchange learning sessions, some of the cross cutting issues raised was the failure of local governments to prioritise sustainable agriculture practices (agroecology) and the limited awareness of the redress mechanisms in case of human rights violations especially land rights. To this end, CEFROHT created awareness on human rights and access to justice for adequate living rights especially land using the novel Human Rights (Enforcement) Act, 2019.



Use of a Human Rights Based Approach in Agrifood systems.

CEFROHT conducted advocacy through radio talk shows to create a basic understanding on the knowledge of sustainable agrifood systems and how to improve a safe food environment using the human rights-based approach as a tool to achieving food justice, climate justice and economic justice. CEFROHT has also continuously engaged the local government on creating enabling legal environments that promote agroecology especially for small holder farmers.

Adequate Living Rights: CEFROHT at the Netherlands embassy.

CEFROHT together with Both Ends engaged the Netherlands Embassy where we introduced our work to the Netherlands on the use of the human rights-based approach to promote access to justice to rights holders and duty bearers, agroecology and the women's rights to land to achieve an adequate standard of living. CEFROHT identified the areas of synergy with the Embassy's priority areas and strengthened the working relationship for future engagements.



Integrating a human rights based approach for women in implementing the Parish Development model

CEFROHT is implementing a project supported by GIZ to investigate community participation, equality and accountability mechanisms available for women in the community and the level of community and leaders' understanding of legality and the entire legal framework within which the Parish Development Model will be implemented. During this reporting period, CEFROHT has launched the project in the selected villages of Mulanda and Kyampisi sub-counties in Tororo and Mukono Districts respectively.



GMOs have no legal space in East Africa: CEFROHT defends food, seed security and rights in the East African Court of Justice (EACJ)

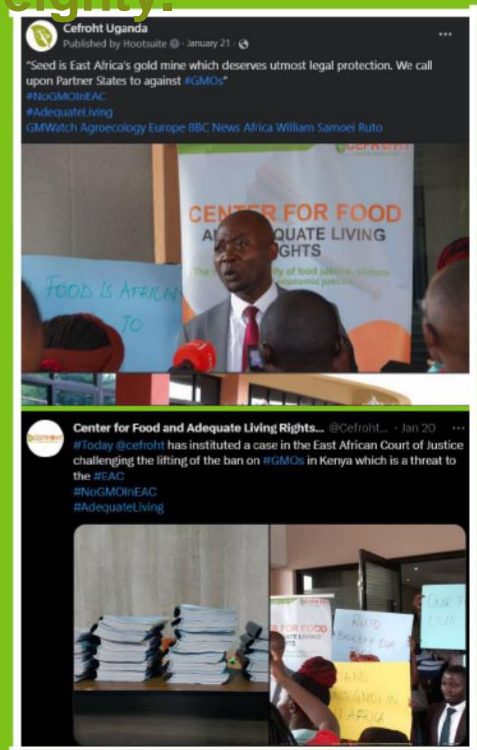
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Promotion of smallholder farmers right to seed, food security and food sovereignty.

CEFROHT carried out a social media campaign to create public awareness on smallholder farmers right to seed, food security and food sovereignty. In this campaign, we reached out to 3,801 and engaged 209 on Facebook, engaged 104,293 on Twitter and 469 website visits. The campaign was designed in relation to the case filed in the East African Court of justice against Kenya's cabinet decision of lifting the ban on the cultivation and importation of Genetically Modified Organisms. We believe that Kenya's decision will take away smallholder farmers right to seed, food security and food sovereignty in the sense GMOs are patented and require continuous purchase from the owner. In addition to the many disadvantages of GMOs, indigenous seeds will be contaminated by the GMO genes loosing ownership to the indigenous species.



Working with government of Uganda to push back GMOs.

CEFROHT is working with Uganda Parliament on the law prohibiting Genetically Modified Organisms in Uganda. This Bill aims at phasing out the already existing GMOs in Uganda.

CEFROHT contributed to the understanding of the law and human rights to the parliamentarians in support of the process of tabling the Bill prohibiting Genetically Modified Organisms in Uganda.



Sustainable access to adequate living justice in Uganda: The Human Rights (Enforcement) Act, 2019 is the tool for everyone.

CEFROHT held a Twitter space discussion in commemoration of the World Day of Social Justice. In it, CEFROHT created awareness on the use of the Human rights (Enforcement) Act, 2019 (HREA) as a tool to social justice. As a strategy to reach out to a diverse number of people, an article published in Swift media an online media platform a social media messages and fliers were posted on CEFROHT's media platforms. We maintain that everyone can access justice using the HREA.



Access to Justice – Land and other Adequate Living Rights

CEFROHT has continued to enhance access to justice for the vulnerable persons in communities through provision of legal services for the vulnerable persons for their adequate living rights violations in communities. CEFROHT through the established Community Advocacy Group (CAGs) has also continued to sensitize communities on the use of the Human Rights (Enforcement) Act for access to justice.



The need for Public Participation under PPPs

CEFROHT appeared before the Constitutional court of Uganda for the hearing of a Constitutional Petition that was filed challenging the constitutionality of the Public Private Partnerships Act of 2015 of Uganda which does not provide for public participation, the right to information in the process of making public private partnerships. Furthermore, the act is only limited to entities that deal in commercial transactions which leaves out entities like not-for-profit organizations. CEFROHT made oral submissions and clarities on the different provisions that are being challenged in the petition.

Bertha Challenge

CEFROHT hosts a Bertha Fellow – David Kabanda who has demonstrated to the world the justiciability of the adequate living rights using the novel Human Rights (Enforcement) Act, 2019. Through this fellowship, CEFROHT has engaged communities especially the women on their rights to land.



EACOP project must be implemented in a way that protects the right to food intergenerationally

In 2020, CEFROHT together with other Civil Society Organisation instituted a case in the East African Court of Justice challenging the actions of Uganda and Tanzania for entering into agreements for the construction of the EACOP before following the right procedures e.g. conducting an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment which action creates a risk of the pipeline to affect environmental conservation and livelihoods of the people in the EAC. The respondents raised Preliminary Objections challenging the legality of the case. Therefore, on 5 April 2023, CEFROHT legal team appeared before the East African Court of Justice for the hearing of the preliminary objections raised by the respondents in the case. Oral sub-missions were made to clarify on the written submissions that were already filed in court. CEFROHT is currently waiting for the ruling of court which shall be on notice.



Fostering Human Rights Based Approaches (HRBA) in Uganda through people-centered food systems.:



A group photo after the training workshop for Civil Society Organizations on including the agroecology collaborative members and farmers on fostering HRBA in Uganda through people-centred food systems.

In this period, CEFROHT together with International Institute for Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) hosted a training workshop for Civil Society Organizations including the agroecology collaborative members and farmers on fostering HRBA in Uganda through people-centred food systems. The workshop focused enhanced the understanding of the concept of a people-centered food system. The workshop further enhanced the understanding of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP) and Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN) instruments in fulfilling the right to food, health diets, better work environments, food systems, opportunities, and level of implementation or realization in the Ugandan context. Participants received simplified version of the UNDROP to facilitate further more trainings.

A Human Rights Based Approach in the implementation of the PDM

CEFROHT has strengthened its working relationship with Parish Development Model (PDM) Secretariat. This was as a result of the strategic meeting held between CEFROHT and the PDM secretariat to present the findings from the pilot study conducted on the integration of the human rights-based approach and women inclusion in the PDM. From this meeting, the PDM secretariat was in agreement to utilise CEFROHT's report and expertise during the PDM implementation.




A team from CEFROHT led by the Executive Director handing over copies of the report to Mr. Nnyombi Egumire Siliver the Public relations Officer, OPM secretariat.

CLE on using the law to promote food and seed sovereignty for healthy diets.


5 CLE POINTS

CLE Training:
Legal and Regulatory Measures to Promote Healthy Diets & Physical Activity and its Legal Implications


know your speakers



Silver Kayondo
Partner, Ortus Advocates



David Kabanda
Executive Director CEFROHT




Ruth Seekindi
Director Monitoring & Inspections UNHCR


14th July 2023 9:00 Am

• Virtual event

UGX 70,000 (Young Lawyers)
UGX 100,000 (Other Lawyers)



Dr. Peter Milson
Bukende Health Centre
Dietician & Senior Lecturer Kyambogo University



Lubega Jonathan
Programs Coordinator CEFROHT-MODERATOR

CEFROHT

VIRTUAL EVENT **JULY 14TH 2023** **9:00AM**

CLE TRAINING
LEGAL AND REGULATORY MEASURES TO PROMOTE HEALTHY DIETS & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND ITS LEGAL IMPLICATIONS.



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Flyers showing the speakers

CEFROHT through the Uganda Law Society – Food and Agriculture Law cluster conducted a Continuous Legal Education (CLE) for 60 lawyers on legal and regulatory measures to promote healthy diets and physical activity and its legal implications.

With this particular interest, CEFROHT emphasised the relevance of using the law to promote food and seed sovereignty towards promoting small scale farmers right to food and nutrition security. This was in light of the case filed by CEFROHT in the EACJ against the Republic of Kenya arising from the cabinet's decision of lifting the ban on the cultivation and importation of GMOs.

Promoting adequate living rights of small holder farmers through syntropic agroforestry

As CEFROHT, our work is to promote the right to adequate food especially of small holder farmers.

We are excited to report that in this period, the pilot syntropic agroforestry demonstration garden which CEFROHT set up at one of the beneficiary farmer's garden has started realizing returns to the household from income generated after selling the vegetables in the earth market at a premium price. The household has also managed to experience an improvement in nutrition and food security with the addition of vegetables to the daily menu.



Photos from CEFROHT's pilot Syntropic Agroforestry demonstration garden

Gayaza Earth market

CEFROHT has facilitated the operationalization of the Gayaza earth market where farmers who grow crops agro-ecologically sell their produce at a premium price. We have engaged the farmers who grow and sell the produce in the earth market and they have registered an increase in income at household level as well as food security. Through the continuous engagements with the local governments and communities on food safety and healthy food environments; there is a growing demand for safe food products from the market. Although the market still faces a big challenge of un met demand for safe produce.



Photos from the Gayaza Earth Markets

Adequate living rights for persons with special needs

CEFROHT has also engaged the mainstream media as a strategy to create awareness and enhance the rights of persons living with mental disability to access the highest attainable standard of health and to demand for the expedited conclusion of the Benon Kabale case in the fight to realise the human rights for persons with mental disability.

Links to the TV talk shows:

<https://youtu.be/3UAGNodwVfY>

https://www.youtube.com/live/_-coberkLEU?feature=share



Ms. Kagoya Maria, a legal officer in CEFROHT during a talkshow on NTV Uganda.

The role of law for an enabling legal and policy environment in the EACOP

CEFROHT has continued to utilise social media as a tool for promoting food justice and adequate living rights. In this reporting period, CEFROHT hosted a Twitter space of over 1595 participants who discussed the danger posed by Fossil oils to Humanity as well as CEFROHT's interest in safeguarding livelihoods including the sensitivity of the Lake Victoria basin and biodiversity.

The discussions were premised on the use of law as a tool for an enabling legal and policy environment in implementing the EACOP which is crucial to safeguard the adequate living rights of the affected persons. The government was also engaged on the expedition of the compensation of affected persons but also ensure environmental sustainability in the implementation and create massive public awareness to explore the opportunities in the project.



Social Media Flyer with the different Twitter Space panelists.

The role of law on promoting sustainable food systems in Uganda.

CEFROHT together with IIRR held a twitter space on sustainable food security. The space addressed the question how do to design a people centered food system with a Strategic National Food Reserve with several stakeholders, including CSOs, and Farmers' Organisations, among others. The question of creating inclusive food systems can contribute to more food security at a global, regional, national and household level. With the growing food demand and future food supply uncertainties, it was consented that a people centered food systems have to play a critical role in managing both short-term and long-term imbalances which requires a human rights-based approach (HRBA).



Social Media Flyer with the different Twitter Space panelists.

Women justice for the right to land

In the implementation of the Community Justice Project, CEFROHT has demonstrated the effectiveness of the Human Rights (Enforcement) Act (HREA), 2019 towards promoting sustainable access to justice. In this period, we secured a judgement passed in 1 month where court ordered that the vulnerable woman and her 2 children continue using the Kibanja for cultivation, and later the respondent to transfer land in her and the children's names. Court also ordered that the respondent gives the applicant 2 rooms in the commercial building to derive sustenance. The same court also ordered the respondent to provide school fees and maintenance to the 2 children. This is a clear demonstration of how the HREA, 2019 is a tool for promoting adequate living rights for everyone especially the vulnerable persons.

CEFROHT has continued to use the Human Rights Enforcement Act to pursue access to justice for the vulnerable women. In this period, we have won over 21 cases both in court and mediation, including the recent landmark ruling in the Proscovia Nassuna Case, a vulnerable mother of two children from Kyankwanzi who was chased out of the house with her children by their father and also evicted from the garden which was her only source of sustenance. With the legal support from Center for Food and Adequate Living Rights the vulnerable mother of two had a smile in her life once more with the decree from Court which guaranteed Nassuna's right to land. She now has security of tenure because of the land will be registered in her names for her benefit and the children. The resultant effect is that the mother will have income security as she will be able to grow crops retain some for domestic consumption and sell the excess.



Counsel David Kabanda outside Kiboga Magistrate's Court with one of the beneficiaries after receiving a consent judgement in her favor.

Strengthening social accountability mechanisms in communities

CEFROHT has continued to engage communities on legal empowerment and social accountability mechanisms to promote adequate living rights. This has been done through continuously engaging the Community Advocacy Group (CAGs) on a Human Rights Based Approach for sustainable development, access to justice and adequate living including rights to food and climate change adaptation. We have held three Community Advocacy Groups workshops in Buyende, Kiboga and Kiboga districts to strengthened social accountability mechanisms and social mobilisation of the CAGs.



Workshops and knowledge sharing sessions with Community Advocacy Groups in the different districts in which we operate.

Staff beginning of year staff retreat

CEFROHT held the beginning of year staff retreat where staff got the opportunity to reflect on achievements, lessons and challenges from the previous work done. This retreat also provided an opportunity for staff to develop work plans and budgets and set priorities for the year 2023. During the retreat, staff were also engaged on team building and growing as a team, principles of litigation, the power in telling a story and ideating content for advocacy.



CEFROHT with partners

We were delighted to have several livelihood rights promotion discussions with partners. This includes theory of change of using legal approaches to sustainable development, access to justice and adequate living especially the right to adequate food. A multi-sectoral and stakeholder approach with local government leaders' capacity building in Human Rights based approaches; and advocacy at East Africa Community, Africa and global level.



Partnership with Porticus Foundation

During this reporting period, CEFROHT has created a working relationship with Porticus foundation where they were engaged in areas of synergy including promotion of agro-ecology, syntropic agroforestry and sustainable livelihoods for vulnerable persons in communities.



A team from PORTICUS visiting our office and the Ddundu Agroforestry demonstration farm