

Vote:109 Law Development Centre

V1: Vote Overview

I. Vote Mission Statement

To promote the rule of law and access to justice through professional legal training, research, publications, community legal service and advocacy to legal practitioners, policy makers and the public.

II. Strategic Objective

- 1.To provide accessible and equitable legal training that is relevant and responsive to the needs of the labour market.
- 2.To promote a transparent and accountable financial system and expand revenue base by 2020.
- 3.To secure and sustain a competitive and motivated human resource.
- 4.To improve quality and efficiency through integration of ICT services and systems in all processes.
- 5.To provide legal aid to the indigent and vulnerable persons in all processes.
- 6.To enhance research capacity of the Centre to produce legal publications.

III. Major Achievements in 2020/21

Legal training

- 1680 Bar Course students of Academic Year 2019/2020 who failed to complete their studies in the last Financial Year because of the Covid-19 pandemic sat their final examinations in November 2019. Results are yet to be released.
- A total of 1840 students were admitted on the Bar Course at the three campuses of LDC as follows;
- 103- Kampala – started classes in October, 2020.
- 520 – Mbarara – started online classes on 4th January, 2021
- 290 – Lira – started online classes on 4th January, 2021
- 210 were admitted on the Diploma in Law course – first intake.
- Retreat marking was conducted for 1680 Bar Course students who completed their course in November, 2020.
- Digitizing and automating of Library record is ongoing.

Law Reporting

- Collected judgments from various courts of record
- Established a blog where lawyers are publishing articles on the relationship between COVID-19 and various legal aspects
- Updated the Laws of Uganda index
- Election Law Digest volume 1 and volume 2 were prepared and are ready for editing by the Editorial Board.
- 2019 HCB manuscripts were prepared and 200 copies are being printed.
- Uganda Law Reports (ULR) for 2017 and 2018 were proofread and manuscripts are ready for editing by the Editorial Board.
- Revision and publication of “Criminal law in Uganda”
- Work on publication of handbook on refugee rights is ongoing

Research

Researched and published articles/papers on COVID-19 Pandemic and its implications on Law and the Administration of Justice in Uganda. The articles are available on LDC Website under the COVID Portal.

Community Legal Service

- 1840 students were trained in Clinical Legal Education
- 400 Juveniles and petty cases were diverted.
- 780 walk in clients were provided with free legal aid services in terms of counseling, coaching and self
- Handled 208 cases of children in conflict with the law in Kampala, Jinja, Iganga, Masindi, Mbarara, Kabarole, Adjumani, Lira and Adjumani.
- 233 clients were coached to represent themselves in Court.
- 142 juvenile cases involving children at police and court handled, completed 113 successfully and 29 are still ongoing.
- Handled a total of 1,010 (424F) cases for both mediations and reconciliations. 491 of these were for mediation and 518 were for reconciliation. A total of 437 cases were completed successfully, 341 failed and 232 are still on- going.

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Human Resource and Administration

- Procurement process for purchase and implementation of human resource information system is ongoing.
- Extension of CCTV Surveillance System at LDC main campus and Mbarara has been completed.
- Procurement process for purchase of 30 desktop computers and 10 laptops is ongoing.
- Constructing of the 1st phase of the multistoried building has been completed.
- Procurement process for purchase of offset machine for printery is ongoing.
- 143 LDC Staff paid salary on time.
- 30 staff were trained on the LDC information systems
- Assets maintained in good conditions, and utility bills paid.
- Equipped the LDC Kampala and Mbarara campus clinics with equipment and medicine
- Procured 200 desks and 200 tables for students
- Finalized paving of the students car park.
- Auditorium and administration block have been renovated.
- Equipped 2 campuses with COVID 19 sanitary equipment
- Established the Lira Regional Campus
- Equipped the LDC Lira campus library with reference materials

IV. Medium Term Plans

- Establish fully fledged Regional Campuses in Mbarara and Lira by acquiring land and construction of buildings.
- Continue with fully fledged online courses for Diploma Courses running alongside physical courses.
- Full automation of all LDC Manual processes
- Procuring more books for the Main, Mbarara and Lira campus libraries to reduce on the ratio of 1 book to a student which is standing at 1:20 instead of the ideal 1:5.
- Complete construction of LDC multistoried building to provide more lecture rooms, administration offices, resource Centre, moot courts, main hall and bookshop. This will enable LDC to decongest lecture rooms and library, admit more students on all courses and introduce new courses.

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V. Snapshot Of Medium Term Budget Allocations

Table 5.1: Overview of Vote Expenditures (US\$ Billion)

	2019/20 Outturn	2020/21		2021/22	MTEF Budget Projections				
		Approved Budget	Expenditure by End Dec		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	
Recurrent									
Wage	5.143	8.443	3.852	8.443	8.865	8.865	8.865	8.865	8.865
Non Wage	8.329	15.248	5.504	15.248	15.248	15.248	15.248	15.248	15.248
Devt.									
GoU	3.773	4.393	0.893	4.393	4.393	4.393	4.393	4.393	4.393
Ext. Fin.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
GoU Total	17.244	28.084	10.249	28.084	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506
Total GoU+Ext Fin (MTEF)	17.244	28.084	10.249	28.084	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506
Arrears	0.000	0.077	0.075	1.760	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Budget	17.244	28.160	10.324	29.844	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506
A.I.A Total	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Grand Total	17.244	28.160	10.324	29.844	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506
Total Vote Budget Excluding Arrears	17.244	28.084	10.249	28.084	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506

Table 5.2: Budget Allocation by Programme (US\$ Billion)

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	2021/22 Draft Estimates		
	GoU	Ext. Fin	Total
Governance and Security	28.084	0.000	28.084
Grand Total :	29.844	0.000	29.844
Total excluding Arrears	28.084	0.000	28.084

VI. Budget By Economic Classification

Table V6.1 2020/21 and 2021/22 Budget Allocations by Item

<i>Billion Uganda Shillings</i>	2020/21 Approved Budget				2021/22 Draft Estimates		
	GoU	Ext. Fin	AIA	Total	GoU	Ext. Fin	Total
Output Class : Outputs Provided	23.690	0.000	0.000	23.690	23.690	0.000	23.690
211 Wages and Salaries	13.477	0.000	0.000	13.477	12.908	0.000	12.908
212 Social Contributions	0.864	0.000	0.000	0.864	0.919	0.000	0.919
213 Other Employee Costs	2.763	0.000	0.000	2.763	2.913	0.000	2.913
221 General Expenses	2.208	0.000	0.000	2.208	2.455	0.000	2.455
222 Communications	0.312	0.000	0.000	0.312	0.211	0.000	0.211
223 Utility and Property Expenses	1.284	0.000	0.000	1.284	1.295	0.000	1.295
224 Supplies and Services	0.410	0.000	0.000	0.410	0.610	0.000	0.610

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225 Professional Services	0.340	0.000	0.000	0.340	0.250	0.000	0.250
226 Insurances and Licenses	0.070	0.000	0.000	0.070	0.070	0.000	0.070
227 Travel and Transport	0.870	0.000	0.000	0.870	0.900	0.000	0.900
228 Maintenance	1.092	0.000	0.000	1.092	1.160	0.000	1.160
Output Class : Capital Purchases	4.393	0.000	0.000	4.393	4.393	0.000	4.393
312 FIXED ASSETS	4.393	0.000	0.000	4.393	4.393	0.000	4.393
Output Class : Arrears	0.077	0.000	0.000	0.077	1.760	0.000	1.760
321 DOMESTIC	0.077	0.000	0.000	0.077	1.760	0.000	1.760
Grand Total :	28.160	0.000	0.000	28.160	29.844	0.000	29.844
Total excluding Arrears	28.084	0.000	0.000	28.084	28.084	0.000	28.084

VII. Budget By Sub-Subprogramme , Department And Project

Table V7.1: Past Expenditure Outturns and Medium Term Projections by Sub-SubProgramme,Department and Project

Billion Uganda shillings	FY 2019/20 Outturn	FY 2020/21		2021-22 Proposed Budget	Medium Term Projections			
		Approved Budget	Spent By End Dec		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
54 Legal Training	17.244	28.160	10.324	29.844	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506
01 Administration	13.471	23.690	9.356	24.831	24.112	24.112	24.112	24.112
1229 Support to Law Development Centre	3.773	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
1640 Retooling of the Law Development Centre	0.000	4.470	0.967	5.013	4.393	4.393	4.393	4.393
Total for the Vote	17.244	28.160	10.324	29.844	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506
Total Excluding Arrears	17.244	28.084	10.249	28.084	28.506	28.506	28.506	28.506

VIII. Sub-SubProgramme Performance and Medium Term Plans

Table V8.1: Sub-SubProgramme Outcome and Outcome Indicators

Sub-SubProgramme : 54 Legal Training	
Objective :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide accessible and equitable legal training that is relevant and responsive to the needs of the labour market. 2. To promote a transparent and accountable financial system and expand revenue base by 2020. 3. To secure and sustain a competitive and motivated human resource. 4. To improve quality and efficiency through integration of ICT services and systems in all processes. 5. To provide legal aid to the indigent and vulnerable persons in all processes. 6. To enhance research capacity of the Centre to produce legal publications.
Responsible Officer:	Director,LDC
Outcome:	Skilled legal practioners
1. Infrastructure and access to JLOS services enhanced	

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Outcome Indicators	Performance Targets				
			2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	Baseline	Base year	Target	Projection	Projection
• Pass rate/Completion rate	70%	2020	71%	72%	73%
• Proportion of trained students to those that graduate	80	80	80	80	80
Department: 01 Administration					
Budget Output: 01 Legal Training					
% of students graduating in Administrative Law Course as a % of those who enrolled			90%	90%	86%
% of students graduating in Bar course as a % of those who enrolled			70%	70%	70%
% of students graduating in diploma in Human rights as a % of those who enrolled			90%	90%	90%
% of students graduating in diploma in Law as a % of those who enrolled			80%	80%	80%
Budget Output: 02 Law Reporting					
No of Law Reports Published (Volumes)			1,000	1,000	1,000
No. of Volumes of High Court Bulletins published			400	400	400
Budget Output: 04 Community Legal Services					
% of cases referred to Legal Aid Clinic for reconciliation that are concluded			65%	65%	65%
No. of juvenile diverted from the criminal justice system			1,000	1,000	1,000

IX. Major Capital Investments And Changes In Resource Allocation

Table 9.1: Major Capital Investment (Capital Purchases outputs over 0.5Billion)

FY 2020/21		FY 2021/22	
Appr. Budget and Planned Outputs	Expenditures and Achievements by end Dec	Proposed Budget and Planned Outputs	
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Sub-SubProgramme : 12 54 Legal Training			
Development Project : 1640 Retooling of the Law Development Centre			
Budget Output: 12 54 72 Government Buildings and Administrative Infrastructure			
Building Renovations	-Constructing of the 1st phase of the multistoried building has been completed.		
Replacement of chairs	-Finalized tarmacking of the students car park.		
Repair air conditioning	-Auditorium and administration block have been renovated.		
Floor re-works			
Plumbing works			
Replace windows			
Renovate electrical system			
Repainting			
Total Output Cost(Ushs Thousand)	3,843,304	619,456	3,343,304
Gou Dev't:	3,843,304	619,456	3,343,304
Ext Fin:	0	0	0
A.I.A:	0	0	0

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X. Vote Challenges and Plans To Improve Performance

Vote Challenges

- i. Poor quality of law graduates channeled out by Universities leading to high failure rate
- ii. Drop out of students from the various courses due to failure to raise fees to complete course. This affects the LDC projected budget for AIA.

Plans to improve Vote Performance

- i. Continuous training of lecturers in student oriented teaching methods.
- ii. Decongesting the firm rooms to allow enough interaction between students and lecturers.
- iii. Conduct meetings with representatives of University Law faculties to discuss ways of improving standards of legal education.

XI Off Budget Support

Table 11.1 Off-Budget Support by Department and Project

N/A

XII. Vote Cross Cutting Policy And Other Budgetary Issues

Table 12.1: Cross- Cutting Policy Issues

Issue Type: HIV/AIDS

Objective :	Increase awareness on HIV/AIDS among the staff and students of LDC
Issue of Concern :	Create awareness of HIV/AIDS within the LDC community
Planned Interventions :	Create awareness through online communication to staff and students of LDC
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.002
Performance Indicators:	Rate of awareness created within LDC
Objective :	Medical support provided to all staff including those living with AIDS/HIV
Issue of Concern :	Productivity of staff of LDC including those living with HIV/AIDS
Planned Interventions :	Provide medical insurance to staff of LDC
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.270
Performance Indicators:	Number of staff that are provided medical insurance/support

Issue Type: Gender

Objective :	Gender equality and equity
Issue of Concern :	Promotion of gender equality and equitable access to LDC services
Planned Interventions :	-Procure and set up more devices and services (visual impairment aids, fluent interpreters/signers with appropriate academic background) to attract people with disabilities to cover all LDC campuses.
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.080
Performance Indicators:	-No of devices introduced/set up No of interpreters provided -Breast feeding room furnished and attendant hired.
Objective :	Integrate gender in the curriculum of all LDC courses
Issue of Concern :	Promotion of access to legal aid by providing legal aid to the indigent

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Planned Interventions :	Attach Bar course students to hard to reach areas for clerkship, coaching litigants, representing the poor in court, counseling, diverting juveniles from the criminal justice system.
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	1.719
Performance Indicators:	-No of Bar Course students attached to hard to reach areas, -No of walk in clients that access legal aid -No of juveniles diverted -No of litigants coached for self-representation

Issue Type: **Environment**

Objective :	Prevent environmental degradation within the centre
Issue of Concern :	Proper conservation of the environment
Planned Interventions :	Sensitize the staff and students of LDC and its campuses on how to conserve the environment
Budget Allocation (Billion) :	0.003
Performance Indicators:	Number of sensitization campaigns carried out

XIII. Personnel Information

Table 13.1 Staff Establishment Analysis

Title	Salary Scale	Number Of Approved Positions	Number Of Filled Positions
Director, LDC.	LS 1	1	1
Deputy Director, LDC.	LS 2	1	1
Academic Registrar	LS 3	1	1
Head Dep't of Law	LS 3	1	1
Head Finance and Planning	LS 3	1	1
Head Library Department	LS 3	1	1
Head Post Graduate Studies	LS 3	1	1
Head, Dept. of Law Reporting, Research and Law Reform	LS 3	1	1
Secretary/Head Human Resource and Administration	LS 3	1	1
Administration Manager	LS 4	1	1
Head of Subject	LS 4	1	1
Human Resource Manager	LS 4	1	1
Manager, LAC	LS 4	1	1
Manager, LDC Publishers	LS 4	1	1
Accountant	LS 5	3	3
Assistant Academic Registrar	LS 5	3	3
Editor Law Reports	LS 5	1	1
Procurement Officer	LS 5	1	1
Senior Legal Officer	LS 5	1	1
Systems Analyst/ICT officer	LS 5	1	1

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Assistant Librarian	LS 6	1	1
Estates Officer	LS 6	1	1
Human Resource Officer	LS 6	1	1
Legal Officer, LAC	LS 6	4	4

Table 13.2 Staff Recruitment Plan

N/A

Table 14.1 NTR Forecast