



JUSTICE ACCESS POINT (JAP)

A Quest For A Just Society

Background

Justice Access Point (JAP) was established in 2018 and is duly registered with the National Bureau for Non-Government Organisations in Uganda. JAP is mandated to operate nation-wide to prevent atrocity crimes; countering hate speech and violent extremism; prevention of statelessness; and promotion of rule of law and human rights.

Our Vision

A society where every citizen is able to access and benefit from Justice

Our Mission

A one stop Justice center of excellence, enabling citizens and citizen organizations in fragile and post-conflict communities in Uganda to effectively and efficiently access and utilize the available justice mechanisms and meet their justice needs.

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Our Objectives

- a) To support the realization of the National targets towards the Global Sustainable Development Goals, especially programmes relevant to Access to Justice, Human Rights, Peace and security in Uganda;
- b) To popularize and encourage civil society engagement with the Peace and Justice Architecture within the East African Community, International Conference of the Great Lakes Region, African Union, and the United Nations;
- c) To advocate for State ratification and full Domestication of treaties relevant to prevention of and Accountability for International crimes and mass atrocities;
- d) To advocate for a conducive policy and legal framework for transitional justice for the war affected communities in Uganda;
- e) To build the capacity of citizens, civic groups and citizen organizations in the utilization of the available domestic, regional and international justice mechanism to meet the justice needs of citizenry in fragile and post-conflict communities ;

Programming Areas

1. Atrocity prevention Programme

This entails upstream, midstream and downstream interventions aimed at preventing break-out, escalation, continuation and recurrence of violent conflicts and the perpetration of atrocity crimes. The strategies employed includes capacity building, awareness-raising, research and documentation, utilization of regional and international mechanisms, and coalition-building.

2. Preventing and countering violent Extremism Programme

This includes a series of interventions aimed at supporting the state to actualize the UN Plan of Action against Violent Extremism. The strategies employed includes capacity building, awareness-raising, research and documentation, utilization of regional and international mechanisms, and coalition-building. JAP offers livelihood support as a strategy for countering the radicalization of vulnerable groups into violent extremism.

3. Prevention of Statelessness Programme

This includes interventions aimed at prevention of statelessness in Uganda in concert with the Global action Plan to End statelessness: 2014-2024. The strategies employed includes capacity building, awareness-raising, research and documentation, utilization of regional and international mechanisms, and coalition-building. JAP offers livelihood support vulnerable groups of statelessness

4. Countering Hate/Dangerous Speech Programme

This entails a series of interventions geared to monitoring, preventing and countering hate/dangerous speech in the difference media. The strategies employed includes capacity building, awareness-raising, research and documentation, utilization of regional and international mechanisms, and coalition-building.

5. Human Rights and Rule of Law Programme:

This is a cross-cutting programme aimed at supporting the rights-holders their human rights and duty bearers to respect, protect and ensure the realization of human rights as enshrined in the domestic, regional and international human rights treaties and rule of law. This programme is aimed at addressing the human rights concerns that give rise to the perpetration of mass atrocity crimes through the use of domestic, regional and international human rights mechanisms.

The core values of JAP

JAP is guided by the general principles of human rights which supports its vision, sharpens its culture and reflects its values. These include:

1. Participation: - JAP places great store on the participation of the different actors in the different atrocity prevention processes (upstream, midstream, and downstream) as well as the participation of its stakeholders internal processes.
2. Accountability: JAP's interaction with stakeholders is always guided by its commitment to being accountable to the different stakeholders

3. Non-discrimination: JAP does not exclude or discriminate any of the community member from partaking in its operations or benefiting therefrom based on social, economic, political, ethnic or sexual orientation

4. Dignity of the person: JAP considers that dignity of the person is inherent and defines our atrocity prevention interventions different stakeholders and community of practice especially in atrocity prevention, international criminal and transitional Justice through trainings or public lectures, exchange programmes and learning journeys, as well as sharing good practices.

Targeted Groups

The targeted groups for JAP are victims of atrocity crimes, violent Extremism, Statelessness, Hate/Dangerous speech; CSOs, MDAs, Security agencies, media, students, local authorities among others.

The geographical coverage:

The primary geographical coverage will include the fragile, conflict and post conflict Communities in Uganda

Partners/Members of Justice Access Point:

1. Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Crimes (GAAMAC)
2. CIVICUS : (World Alliance for Citizen Participation)
3. International Coalition on Responsibility to Protect (ICRtoP)
4. International Coalition on Sites of Conscience (ICSC)
5. Global Partnership for the prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC)
6. I Belong Campaign
7. African Network for International Criminal Justice (ANICJ)
8. National Alliance Against Atrocity Crimes (NAAAC)



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