



RICE WEST NILE

Striving for Self Reliance

CONFLICT RESOLUTION GUIDE



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ABOUT US



Starting from humble beginning, Rural Initiative for Community Empowerment (RICE West Nile) has grown to acquire the status of a national NGO with a mandate to operate in any part of Uganda. Currently, RICE West Nile operates in Arua City and 10 districts of West Nile including Pakwach, Nebbi, Madi-Okollo, Arua, Terego, Maracha, Koboko, Moyo, Obongi and Adjumani. We envision a self-reliant, sustainable and holistically transformed society through three strategic aims namely; 1. Protection and preservation of nature, 2. Household resilience and well-being and 3. Leading sustainably. Our mission as per the 2020-2024 strategic plan is to kindle and facilitate a people led and sustained protection of nature and wellbeing of humanity.'

INTRODUCTION

Since 2014 RICE West Nile has implemented peaceful coexistence projects in Rhino camp and Imvepi refugee settlements and thus has impacted on the relationships between the refugees and their host communities.

This booklet is produced to ease the work of complainants, victims, and different stakeholders involved in conflict resolution in consultation with the Police and Community leaders.

It is intended to give direction of what, where, when and how to report, handle, refer conflict cases when they occur. These procedures also indicate preventive measures of avoiding eruption of conflicts in the communities. It is hoped that its production will simplify the complicated and long channels of conflict resolution which discourage many victims and hence sit back on conflict leading to eruption in violent manner.

THE COMMON CAUSES OF CONFLICTS IN THE REFUGEE SETTLEMENTS AND THE HOST COMMUNITIES

- ▲ Access to natural resources such as land, springs, communal grazing places among others.



- ▲ *Stray domestic animals and poultry.*



- ▲ Domestic violence.



Child neglect.



Excessive consumption of alcohol.



OTHER COMMON CAUSES OF CONFLICTS

- Intermarriages.
- None payment of rent.
- Differences in cultures.
- Ignorance about the laws.

KEY LEGAL FRAME WORK ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN UGANDA

- The constitution of the republic of Uganda 1995 as amended.
- The Penal Code Act Chapter 120 as amended.
- The Children Act Chapter 59 as amended.
- The Domestic Violence Act, 2010.
- The land Act Cap 227 as amended.
- The Registration of Persons Act, 2015.
- International treaties.

POSSIBLE AVENUES FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- Police handles criminal investigations, effects arrests and keeps law and order.
- Court presides over criminal and civil cases.
- Local Council courts for land disputes, petty children matters violations of bye-laws.
- Legal Aid service Providers provide free legal aid and representation.
- Arbitration is provided by trusted persons chosen by the two conflicting parties.
- Community Legal Volunteers (peace ambassadors, peace promoters, peace monitors among others) these are trained members of the society who are trained to resolve conflicts in the community.
- Qadhi Courts for Muslim marriages and Divorce.

CONFLICT REFERRAL CHART

Crime Scene.



Reported to police.



Presented to courts of law.



Acquitted if found not guilty.



Jailed if found guilty.

CONFLICT REFERRAL CHART



Civil matter Scene.



Reported to community legal volunteer.



Presented to courts of law.



Reported to community council.



Acquitted if found not guilty.



Jailed if found guilty.

PUNISHMENTS FOR COMMON CRIMINAL OFFENCES

| Sno | OFFENCE | PUNISHMENT |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| CRIME OFFENCES | | |
| 1 | Terrorism. | Imprisonment for life. |
| 2 | Affray. | Imprisonment for one year (1). |
| 3 | Incitement of violence. | Imprisonment for not exceeding five years (5). |
| 4 | Murder. | Suffer death. |
| 5 | Rape. | Death sentence. |
| 6 | Attempt to rape. | Imprisonment for life. |
| 7 | Abduction. | Imprisonment for seven years (7). |
| 8 | Indecent assault. | Imprisonment for fourteen years (14). |
| 9 | Simple defilement. | Life imprisonment. |
| 10 | Attempt to defile. | Imprisonment not exceeding eighteen years. |
| 11 | Aggravated defilement. | Death sentence. |
| 12 | Defilement of idiots and imbeciles. | Imprisonment for fourteen years (14). |
| 13 | Prostitution. | Imprisonment for seven years (7). |
| CIVIL OFFENCES | | |
| 1 | Neglect of duty. | Imprisonment not exceeding five years. |
| 2 | Incest. | Imprisonment for life when the offence is committed against a person below 18 years and if the victim is 18 years and above age of the victim punishment is imprisonment for seven years. |
| 3 | Child stealing. | Imprisonment for seven years. |
| 4 | Murder. | Suffer death. |
| 5 | Attempted murder. | Imprisonment for life. |
| 6 | Common assault. | Imprisonment for one year. |
| 7 | Theft. | Imprisonment for ten years. |
| 8 | Arson. | Imprisonment for life. |

GLOSSARY

Affray _____ an instance of fighting in a public place that disturbs the peace of the people.

Rape _____ Committing asexual assault that involves penetration carried out against a woman without her consent.

Incitement of violence _____ a person (the inciter) urges another person or persons (the incite (s)) to commit a criminal offence.

Abduction _____ to seize and take away a person by force or without their consent.

Terrorism _____ the unlawful use of violence and intimidation especially against civilians.

Defilement _____ Having any sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 18 years old whether or not the child consents.

Arson _____ criminal act of deliberately setting fire to property.

Incest _____ sexual relation between people classed as being too closely related to marry each other.

Common assault _____ a person inflicts violence on someone else or makes them think they are going to be attacked. It does not have to involve physical violence or a raised fist is enough to be a crime.

Defilement of idiots and imbeciles

_____ Having sexual intercourse with a person who is mentally impaired or a person of unsound mind.

Simple defilement _____ Having sexual intercourse with a person who is from the age of 15yrs to 17yrs.

Aggravated

defilement _____ Having sexual intercourse with a person within the age of 0- 14 years.

Acquitted _____ Free (someone) from a criminal charge by a verdict of not guilty.

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