### November 2024 EAGLE Uganda Activity Report

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The report herein covers the period from 01st–30th November 2024.

The project focused on deterring wildlife crime as it’s core goal/objective.

Activities carried out corresponding to respective operational departments ranging from

the Legal, investigations management and administration.

The project’s interests are in staffing a dynamic, proactive, flexible and aggressive team

players for visible results regardless of numbers. Contangious

1. **INVESTIGATIONS**

EAGLE Uganda scope for investigations is not limited to Kampala but cuts across districts

in trying to accomplish their mandate. Several missions where conducted within Kampala

and the neighbouring districts which included Mukono, Entebbe, Wakiso.

Investigations yielded relevant information to aid future investigations and this was done by the 2 investigators.

Investigator interviews were conducted and with most applicants not meeting the project expectations, however 2 candidates started their test period on 25th November 2024, of which one was female..

More applicants received to be interviewed in November 2024.

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| **INVESTIGATION INDICATORS** | | |
| **# of investigations** | **# of investigations that lead to operations** |  |
| **40** | **0** |  |

1. **OPERATIONS**

No operations registered for the October month.

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| **OPERATION INDICATORS** | | | |
| **# of operations** | **# of operations that lead to arrests** | **# suspect traffickers arrested** | **Contraband (specify units)** |
| **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** |

1. **LEGAL**

This section outlines activities carried by the legal advisor for the month of November 2024 as detailed below,

* Attended court hearing at the Anti-Corruption Court on the 04th and 18th November 2024, in the

**Case of Uganda Vs Najjemba Shairfha (Case No. HCT-00-AC-CO-0093-2024.** Before H/W Aciro Joan, Chief Magistrate Anti-Corruption Court, where the accused was found in possession of 3 lion skins. She applied for bail, which was granted on a 7 million cash bond and 100 million non-cash for each surety. The accused is yet to raise the cash bail bond and still in prison, the case was called for mention and magistrate was notified that the accused prays for a reduction in the bail amount because she failed to raise the 7 million shllings. Matter was adjourned to 3rd December 2024.

* Legal advisor conducted research and made a write up on the grounds of objecting the reduction of the bail amount from 7million shillings in the case of Najjemba Shairfha.
* Legal advisor attended 3 weekly team meetings and compiled minutes for one of the meetings
* The legal advisor conducted three (3) jail visits to Luzira Women’s Prison to visit Najjemba Sharifah on the 7th,, 20th, and 26th/11/2024, For all the visits made, the legal advisor confirmed the accused’s presence in prison and no corruption attempt realized. It should be remembered that Nsambu Wilber & Anor are on bail.
* Legal advisor participated in the civic activism discussion
* Legal advisors worked on the October activity report
* The legal advisors conducted research on the case of an Elephant that was knocked down in Murchison falls national park in pakwach understanding the cause, action against the truck driver and measures to ensure it does not happen again and the whereabouts of the caucus and ivory.
* The legal advisor carried out research and analyzed a high court case on the legality of using WhatsApp in serving court sermons .
* Legal advisors were involved in field investigations.
* Legal advisors attended several court sessions at the specialized Standards, Wildlife and Utilities Chief Magistrate Court. Wildlife sessions are scheduled Wednesday and Thursday of every week. Some of the cases attended included but not limited to

***UGANDA VS OCHIENG PETER & 3 OTHERS*** the accused convicted were found in possession of 13 kgs of ivory and were sentenced to 2 years imprisonment.

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| **LEGAL INDICATORS** | | | | | |
| **# of court prosecutions** | | **Maximum sentence given** | **# of cases followed** | **# hearings visited** | **# jail visits** |
| **Court of first instance** | **Appeal court** |
| **0** | **0** | **2 years** | **02** | **03** | **03** |

1. **MEDIA**

The Interim Coordinator met a potential media personnel and will start his test period in January 2025.

1. **MANAGEMENT**

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| **MANAGEMENT INDICATORS** | |
| **# investigators on test** | **4** |
| **# legal advisors on test** | **1** |
| **# advocates on test** | **0** |
| **# media journalists on test** | **0** |
| **# accountants on test** | **1** |
| **# internal trainings** | **0** |
| **# external trainings** | **0** |

* Individual evaluations of all candidates on test was done aiming at improving performance, creating room for new candidates on test and making discontinuations for non performing candidates. One legal advisor’s and investigator’s contract were not renewed.
* The Interim Coordinator followed up on suspect Jingo’s call logs which were not helpful and another batch of print out will done for comparison purposes.
* A followup and feedback on EAGLE Uganda Audited financial reports for the years from 2018 to 2023 was submitted to the appointed audit firm (RONA and Partners), the report should be ready by 15th December 2024.

* Afew meetings with potential recommenders, and interviews were conducted that saw 2 investigators start their test period. More applicants to be interviewed in the month of December 2024 for placement in 2025.
* The team held a family meal on 29th November as part of the projects team building activities.
* In a meting held on 11th November 2024 and communication with CCU, it was agreed that EAGLE Uganda project will be officially closing for the annual leave on 16th December 2024 and report back on 09th January 2025. However different teams will be working remotely.
* Discussions on the civic activism manual was a task well done potential ideas for implementation discussed for future integration into the teams activities.
* October ICS investigations and legal, and Field Investigation reports were compiled and submitted to CCU.
* The projects mandatory financial monthly reports were submitted to the respective offices.
* The Interim Coordinator met office Charles Olet, Uganda Police Forensics department and discussing some of the reasons that cause delay in the production forensic reports as she followed up on activism land case.
* Several correspondences with CCU that aided working effectively on monitoring reports, responding to emails and real-time calls where necessary.

1. **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

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| **EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS** | |
| **# of external meetings** | 1 |
| **# of requests for collaboration or support** | 0 |
| **# follow-up meetings related to ongoing agreements/ collaborations** | 0 |
| **# meetings to renew agreements/ collaborations** | 0 |
| **# EAGLE trainings requested from external parties** | 0 |
| **# EAGLE trainings carried out for external parties** | 0 |
| **# EAGLE presentations requested from external parties** | 0 |
| **# EAGLE presentations carried out for others** | 0 |