### March 2025 EAGLE Uganda Activity Report

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The report herein highlights activities conducted by EAGLE Uganda for the period from

 01st–31st March 2025.

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

Activities carried out are in correspondence with the respective operational departments

to include the Legal, investigations management, media and administration.

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

players for visible results regardless of numbers.

1. **INVESTIGATIONS**

EAGLE Uganda scope for investigations for the month of March covered diverse regions and districts without limiting investigations to the Central Business District.

In the effort to accomplish the mandate at hand, several missions where conducted within

Kampala and the neighbouring districts to included Nakasongoola, Wakiso, Mpigi and

Mityana, Rukunkigiri, Kihihi, Kanunugu and Bwambara.

Investigations yielded relevant information to aid future investigations with smaller

samples of contraband seen in the custody of potential traffickers with 5 investigators.

Two investigators were discontinued for not meeting the project expectations.

Some candidates for the investigations role were interviewed but didn’t measure up to the project qualifications

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| **INVESTIGATION INDICATORS** |
| **# of investigations** | **# of investigations that lead to operations** |  |
| **48** | **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**.

The section outlines all activities carried out in the legal department throughout the month under review:

1. Legal advisor attended team meetings held in the month of March on improving performance inline with the project’s objectives.
2. The legal department carried out three (3) jail visits to Luzira Women’s Prison to visit Najjemba Sharifah on the 6th,13th, and 20th/03/2025 For all the visits made, legal advisors confirmed the convicts presence in prison and no corruption attempt realized. It should be remembered that Nsambu Wilber & Geofrrey are on bail.
3. The legal advisor attended court and followed up on the case of Uganda vs Nsambu Wilber and Lukwago Geofrey on 3rd ,20, and 24th of march 2025 and in the last sitting the defense made their case to court and the parties were directed to file their submission and the matter is to come back to court for mention on 4th July at 9am
4. The Legal advisor analyzed the MOU with of EAGLE with UWA revising several sections that front our interests as a wildlife law enforcement project.
5. Legal advisor participated in various investigations simulations
6. Legal advisor participated in the women’s day celebrations activities i.e women’s day discussion, family meal and outreach.
7. Legal advisor carried out orientation for new team members on reporting lines, EAGLE chatter, hotel searches, cover stories among other activities.
8. Legal advisor participated in discussion on strategies for the various ongoing investigations and carrying out.
9. Legal advisor made research on what happens to contraband and confiscated wildlife products after arrest and what happens to the wild animals after capture from traffickers.
10. The legal advisor participated in discussion of the civic activism with team members.
11. The legal advisor also participated hotel searches for a possible operation in Bushenyi and also checked out the various hotels identified.
12. The legal advisor was involved in drafting and reviewing of the 3 docs for an ongoing investigation that’s likely to lead to an investigation.
13. The legal adviser was involved in reading the operations manual on the operation reporting lines.
14. 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 v Kwehayo John Baptist*** the accused was found in possession of hippo meat and impala meat weighing up to 70kgs and on this day prosecution was presenting its evidence through a forensic wildlife expert that confirmed the DNA of the meat to be from hippo and impala the prosecution case was closed and matter adjouned to 27th march 2025.

***UGANDA VS ONGEYUWUN SOLOMON*** the accused was charged with six counts in violation of the wildlife laws , he was found in possession of various wildlife items i.e a tail and sun dried meat of an elephant, skull of an antelope, skull of a warthog , teeth of a hippopotamus, and he admitted to having killed a baby elephant whose meat he was found in possession by use of a spear and all the other items that were found at his home. The matter was adjourned to 5th /03/2025 to listen to his allocutus and sentence however it was still adjouned to 26th march and legal advisor is yet to follow up on the developments in this case.

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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** | **18 months** | **02** | **01** | **03** |

1. **MEDIA**

1 Media personnel’s test period was suspended with the hope of modifying the mode of engagement in the near future.

1. **MANAGEMENT**

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| **MANAGEMENT INDICATORS** |
| **# investigators on test** | **5** |
| **# legal advisors on test** | **1** |
| **# advocates on test** | **0** |
| **# media journalists on test** | **1** |
| **# accountants on test** | **0** |
| **# internal trainings** | **0** |
| **# external trainings** | **0** |

* Individual evaluation meetings were held to aid weekly appraisals and the performance of different respective departments with a focus on pushing for performance within the first quarter of 2025 (January -March).
* EAGLE Uganda monthly reports were duly submitted ie the February financial report, ICS both legal and investigations and the activity report.
* EAGKLE Uganda joined the world in celebrating the international womens day on 8th March 2025 with a family meal on 7th with discussions on several aspects like womens rights, emancipation, the girl child among others. The team met with Mr Robert Paul Kyeyune Director Love Uganda Foundation (an orphanage with young boys and girls) and made food, cothes donations on 8th March, giving counselling and career guidance to the orphans….

 See photos in appendix 1.

* The Interim Coordinator held meetings and had phone interactions with potential recommenders as one of the main channels through which potential candidates for the different department positions have been filled. Key to note is that most of the recommenders are either active or ex law enforcement authorities (military and Police force)
* The Interim Coordinator worked with Brenda from NSSF on updating the EAGLE Uganda data in the NSSF system to reconcile with other government systems like Uganda Revenue Authority.
* The interim coordinator Attended a Uganda Revenue Authority Webinar on tax compliance on 14th March from 10am, where the government is encouraging entities and persons to apply for tax waivers before the financial year 20024/2025 ends.
* The Interim Coordinator visited the Financial Intelligence Authority following on the annual returns for accountable persons, however a bill had been passed by parliament exempting NGOs from filing these returns.
* The Interim Coordinator submitted the EAGLE Uganda MoU with UWA (Uganda Wildlife Authority) to CCU review.
* The Interim Coordinator had a session with Psychologist Marianne on 17th March as one way to allow for opening up and discussing potential remedies to some challenges that affect performance.
* With the operational permit renewal yet to start, the interim coordinator identified a law firm that will take on the entire process and discussions still ongoing.
* The Interim Coordinator analysed the changes to the MoU draft with UWA and resubmitted to CCU for further reviewing.
* 3 candidates were interviewed for the investigations and Legal roles but none met the project specifications.
* The Interim Coordinator met with a potential informant on 25th March 2025, a former trafficker arrested and later released after paying the penalty attached to his case, now wanting to come clean and work with EAGLE to crack down the network in western Uganda.
* The team has progressively worked on improving the format of 3 docs used for operations with step by step checks from CCU.
* Lydia, Rafusanjan and Shifah travelled to Ntungamo, Bushenyi and Rukungiri for hotels searches for future potential operational places.
1. **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

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| **EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS** |
| **# of external meetings**  | 0 |
| **# 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 |

1. **Activism**

The Mukono land case was closed after the police forensics report identified the author of the transfer of land agreement having been authored by the claimant her self.

Counsel Raff guided on the way forward on the matter and as a project we agreed to drop the matter.

Appendix 1. Photos from the womens day donations at Love Uganda Foundation

 